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# Woman killed in jet-ski horror

**'FUMES' REPORTEDLY DETECTED ON LONDON TO NASSAU FLIGHT**

DELAYS experienced by British Airways passengers travelling from London to Nassau on Friday were put down to "technical issues" by an airline spokeswoman.

According to unconfirmed reports, fumes were detected in the cockpit on flight BA235 two and a half hours after it took off from Heathrow.

The flight, which originally took off at 10.30am, returned to the airport in order for the aircraft to be checked by engineers.

After a detailed inspection, and a decision to use a substitute aircraft, passengers eventually took off at 9pm and arrived in Nassau at 1am on Saturday.

A passenger who was on the troubled flight told *The Tribune*:

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## Eyewitnesses tell of fatal collision

By MEGAN REYNOLDS  
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A WOMAN tourist has died after suffering horrific injuries in a jet-ski accident.

The 27-year-old from Florida was with an American man, also in his late 20s, when the jet-ski they were riding crashed into a boat near the entrance to Nassau Harbour at around 5pm, police say.

Eyewitnesses said the collision was near The Narrows, between Paradise Island and Atol Island, off the Montagu Foreshore, and people gathered on the ramp watched as the couple were brought in by boat.

An ambulance waited at the dock and paramedics boarded

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## FAMILY MAKES MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR MISSING WOMAN

By AVA TURNQUEST  
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FAMILY members of a missing young mother continued their appeal for her safe return home as her two daughters spent their first Mother's Day without her.

Every Saturday, the loved ones of 21-year-old Krishanna "Shanna" Higgs - who disappeared in January after travelling to Grand Bahama from New Providence -

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**MISSING:** Krishanna 'Shanna' Higgs

## A NEW LOOK AT RE-BRANDING EVENT



**FACE PAINTING:** A youngster gets her face painted yesterday at a special Cable Bahamas event on Saturday. The company celebrated its re-branding and product upgrades at its main office on Robinson Road with entertainment, food and drink, fireworks and junkanoo.

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## PLP CALLS FOR PM APOLOGY FOR URCA CHIEF APPOINTMENT

THE Progressive Liberal Party called on Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham yesterday to apologise to the Bahamian people for appointing Usman Saadat the former chief of the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA), who ultimately resigned from his post last week.

Citing "personal attacks on him and his family", Mr Saadat submitted his resignation to the Board on May 2.

Pointing out they had been at odds with Mr Saadat's appointment from the very beginning, the PLP said his resignation underscores the importance of a formal public inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the sale of BTC to CWC.

This inquiry, the PLP promised, will come should they form the next government of the Bahamas at which time they said they hope Mr Saadat will make himself available "for questioning".

"There existed a conflict between Mr Saadat's duty to protect the public interest and his loyalty to Cable and Wireless, his former employer. The employment of Marsha Lewis, another former Cable and

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## POLICE STEP UP PATROLS, MAKE MULTIPLE WEEKEND ARRESTS

INCREASED police patrols led to a number of people being arrested on gun possession and drugs charges over the weekend.

On Saturday, Fox Hill police detained a 21-year-old man at St Augustine's College annual fair.

While at "SACORAMA", the man was seen throwing an object into bushes shortly before 11pm. Officers arrested the Kemp Road resident after a search of the area recovered a handgun with ammunition.

Earlier that day, mobile patrol officers arrested two men who were found in possession of a quantity of marijuana.

In separate cases, police apprehended a 31-year-old man of Commonwealth Boulevard, Elizabeth Estates, and a 21-year-old man of Ethel Street, Montel Heights.

Investigators are also appealing for witnesses to an armed

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## SHOOTING REPORTS

REPORTS reached *The Tribune* late last night of a shooting at Harrold Road near Burger King. Up to press time, the male victim was said to be in serious condition. Police investigations continue.

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## Beware of promises that can't be fulfilled

IT IS good that young Bahamians are starting to take an interest in politics. However, it is dangerous when they believe that without political experience and knowing how the system works they can promise voters "all the world and more besides" if elected.

We do not doubt that Renaldo Curry, the newest face on the political canvass, whose ambition is to overthrow the Prime Minister in his North Abaco constituency, is all that he says he is — a part of "a new youthful, energetic, and progressive breed of PLPs, who are a very powerful force to reckon with."

He believes that his experience in his community and his work with the church has prepared him for the challenge of becoming the next MP for North Abaco.

We don't denounce any young person who believes in his own abilities, but we do take issue with this young man in the promises he is already making to his constituents — promises he will not be able to keep because what he, and many others don't seem to understand is that old Mother Hubbard's cupboard is bare.

He says that among North Abaco's pressing issues — many of them long overdue — are healthcare upgrades, including a mini hospital, reliable and affordable electricity, better education and housing, a modern terminal for the Marsh Harbour airport, new sporting facilities, and better support for local businesses. These happen to be the needs of all of the 30 inhabited islands of this nation's 700-island archipelago. What is not fully appreciated by most Bahamians is that an archipelagic nation is very expensive to administer because there is so much duplication of services. Every island needs a mini hospital, a school and teachers, an airport, water and sewerage facilities, electricity, telecommunications, good roads, a support staff and the list goes on. An archipelagic nation is far more expensive to administer than a single land mass.

In the same issue of The Tribune — in fact on the same front page — that Mr Curry announced his candidacy and listed the needs of his constituents,

Health Minister Dr Hubert Minnis announced that government did not have the funds to build a new hospital in New Providence — a hospital that services patients from New Providence, as well as the Family Islands.

Before the international financial crash, which took all nations down, including the Bahamas, Prime Minister Ingraham had hoped to replace the time-worn Princess Mar-

garet Hospital with funds from the sale of BTC. However, after the economic crash, and even before the BTC sale had been completed, he announced that these funds would now have to be diverted from the hospital to pay down the national debt. And so Dr Minnis' announcement was just official confirmation of an old reality.

Politicians must also understand that in future it will not be so easy for the Bahamas to get loans from such international institutions as the IDB. Compared with poorer countries — and despite the arguments put up by the Bahamas that it should qualify for loans — it is felt that the Bahamas' high per-capita income takes it from the ranks of a poor and needy country.

In March Prime Minister Ingraham warned that the day was coming when the Bahamas might no longer be able to tap the IDB for funding. He said that for some countries loans from institutions like the IDB are the primary source of their income.

He said, for example, countries like the US believe that places like the Bahamas can get funding from the commercial international financial market and as a result the IDB ought to limit whatever funds it grants them.

Already, said Mr Ingraham, the Bahamas has been graduated from being eligible to get loans from the World Bank. He now fears the day will come when the IDB might also graduate it from its books. When that day comes — and if the EU loans also go — then the loan market on favourable terms will dry up for the Bahamas.

Maybe some of these young Turks should figure out how to increase business and revenue so that some of the promises they are bound to make to the electorate can be fulfilled. Meanwhile, the electorate should take these promises with a grain of salt and understand why many of them cannot be fulfilled.

Mr Ingraham pointed out that many countries in the Caribbean are "elated" that they can now get loans from the Chinese.

This is a situation that has to be closely watched by the Ingraham government to make certain that all Chinese labour brought to this country on work permits for the Baha Mar project and the various other projects now underway are returned to China on completion of their contract. Otherwise, we shall be building a problem for future generations similar to the problem now faced by many parts of Africa where the Chinese have gone to work, then settled and have so smothered Africans with their presence that they are no longer welcome.

# The high price of phone calls that don't get through

EDITOR, The Tribune.

It is expensive when trying to call Cuba. This becomes even more expensive because when someone phones, many times one does not make contact but they still have to pay.

Sometimes if you wait a couple of minutes, it will ring. So one waits and is charged for one to two minutes.

I have paid hundreds of dollars this past year alone for calls that did not get through.

Occasionally a recording comes on and says it is busy.

I spoke to Mrs Toni Lewis at BTC and she said that I

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have to pay even though the call did not go through. This is the same with other countries.

After I left I thought about it and remembered when I am in the US and don't contact my party, or the phone is busy, my money is refunded.

Also I don't know anywhere that is bad like Cuba. This happens too often.

Some people are lazy, some are not interested.

It is my understanding that BTC shares this money with Cuba, which is a lot. No one is interested in correcting this, so in the meantime they are sharing a lot of money. People call here from Cuba and allow the phone to ring long enough, so that one can see the number, so that they can call them back. They don't have to pay, because no one answers.

Something should be done about this, because this happens too often and people are paying a lot of money.

EDNOLD THOMPSON  
Nassau,  
May 5, 2011.

# Does anyone in Govt know who is in these racing SUVs?

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I'm rolling on the floor laughing now!

I hear they finally managed to tip one of the prison buses over just now on Bernard Road and some fifty of the Bahamas' finest are now out free without bail.

Does anyone in Government know who is in the two black SUV's that race up East Bay Street and Eastern Road at about 6pm every day? Completely unmarked (civilian plates) Black SUV's with fully tinted windows, blaring sirens and telling specific cars to moodayass.

If the Paki's didn't know Bin Laden was on their capital's doorstep maybe our government has no idea who

these vehicles belong to either.

Must be some pretty impotent personages though as even our Governor General don't have to race around the country with a siren going. Maybe its the numbers people taking the cash somewhere?

What a marvelous little country we have become.

BRUCE G RAINE  
Nassau,  
May 5, 2011.

(As everyone knows by now, no prisoners escaped from the collision of the prison buses.— Ed).

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# PLP wants Minister of National Security fired

THE Progressive Liberal Party has called on Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham to fire Minister of National Security Tommy Turnquest, who they described as being "laughably incompetent" in his attempts to tackle the country's escalating crime.

Taking aim at the Minister's most recent comments that the government has not 'failed on crime', the PLP said they were 'shocked' Mr Turnquest could be so "brazen" to make such a statement.

"Characteristics of a failing state include a central government so weak or ineffective that it has little control or no control over widespread criminality," the party said.

"The crime statistics which highlight the increasing murder rate during the past four years, speak for themselves. The Bahamas' murder rate per capita exceeds that of the United States of America. The murder rate for the first



THE PLP criticised FNM Minister Tommy Turnquest

quarter of 2011 is substantially higher than for the same period of 2010. The murder rate so far in 2011 is already on target to exceed 2010's record. 2010's record exceeded the 2009 record.

"The Supreme Court has been broken into and the perpetrators of this attack on the seat of justice have yet to be brought to trial. Witnesses in trials are

being gunned down. Persons out on bail are committing murders and being murdered.

"The foreign Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) brought to the Bahamas to expedite criminal trials, streamline the system and assure convictions has failed hopelessly! The press has reported that 'for the third time in less than two weeks, a murder case has been thrown out of court'.

Experienced observers point out that the FNM has set another record, 'three murder cases thrown out of court in less than two weeks', the PLP said.

The Opposition said that whatever yardstick is used, the FNM has been an "abysmal failure" in addressing crime and the fear of crime.

"No logical thinking Bahamian from any sector of the political divide would agree that the FNM Government has been successful since 2007 in its efforts to stem the relentless and unremitting tide of crime in the Bahamas.

"Bahamians are suffering gravely from record levels of crime and the fear of crime.

"Bahamians know that the FNM's stop, review and cancel policy visited upon the award winning and successful Urban Renewal Project and the successful Swift Justice programme have had a direct impact upon the increase in crime. The PLP will re-implement both programmes.

"The PLP again calls upon the Prime Minister to fire Tommy Turnquest who as well as being laughably incompetent has now taken to extraordinary attempts to mislead Bahamians and the world," the party said.



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# Community clean-up targets Nassau Harbour

By MEGAN REYNOLDS  
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A COMMUNITY clean-up project in Nassau Harbour removed 18 sunken boats and truckloads of debris from the city coastline this weekend.

Volunteers working with the National Coastal Awareness Committee (NCAC) - a group of stakeholders from the private and public sectors - focused their energy and their efforts on Nassau Harbour this week working from Thursday to Saturday in the area between Malcolm Park, west of the bridge to Paradise Island, and Williams Street across from the Nassau Yacht Haven.

Committee chairman Earlston McPhee said the team of around 30 volunteers working on Thursday and Friday removed up to 14 submerged vessels, and they continued with the renewed energy of fresh volunteers on Saturday to bring that number up to 18.

The teams of volunteers included employees of the Nassau Airport Development company (NAD), the Water and Sewerage Corporation, the Learning Resource Centre, and GGYA.



**PRESIDENT AND CEO OF NAD** Steward Steeves and his son participating in the cleanup.

Heavy equipment was donated to the cause free of charge, and divers from Stuart Cove's Dive Centre, Kerzner International and Dolphin Encounters helped to identify and remove more waste from the ocean floor.

Although the government Ministry for the Environment is working with the NCAC to clean up Nassau Harbour, Mr McPhee said most of the work is being done by people

who have donated their time and their equipment for free. Many of those volunteers, including sub-chairman Stuart Cove, deserve awards for their work, Mr McPhee said.

"We have some Bahamians who love this country and who are putting action where their mouth is. If we can get five or six more individuals like that the we will be well on our way," he said.

"For persons to give their equipment so we don't have to buy manpower, we really need to recognise people who are giving back to their communities and we need to encourage them."

However dumping in the harbour needs to be pre-



**STUART COVE DIVERS** with other divers from Kerzner International and Dolphin Encounters collect debris from the ocean floor.



vented in order for its new cleaner space to be maintained, and Mr McPhee trusts the new director of ports Patrick McNeil will ensure the laws are enforced.

"We hope there will be strict enforcement to ensure people don't come back with those derelict boats," Mr McPhee said.

"We have to really take some strict measures to ensure that the law is enforced."

"We have citizens giving their time for free, also their

equipment, so we have to ensure once we make those commitments and encourage others to do the same."

The NCAC was established four years ago with a motive to maintain the integrity of coastal areas in the Bahamas.

Last week a team of 30 to 40 people, including pupils from Lyford Cay School, flew to Crooked Island, courtesy of Pineapple Air, and worked with locals to clean up the coastline, collecting over 300 large garbage bags of waste

over two days.

That was just weeks after they had visited Cat Island to clean up the northern beaches where waste dumped at sea washes up on the otherwise pristine sandy beaches with help from students at Kingsway Academy.

Mr McPhee said the NCAC works closely with locals and local schoolchildren by establishing Bahamas National Trust (BNT) Discovery Clubs on the islands to raise awareness among the future generations.

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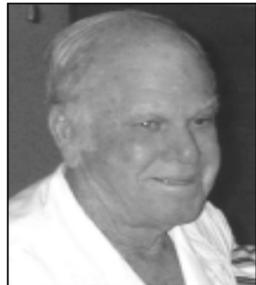
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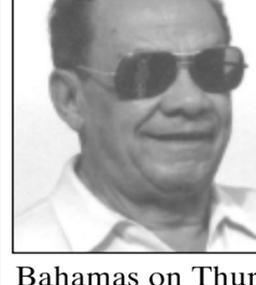
Donald was born October 25, 1928 in Nassau to the late Captain Christopher Morgan Brown and Agnes Kemp Brown of Lightbourn Lane, East Bay Street. Donald grew up on the water and spent many a day in the harbour and Hog Island. He started Brown's Boat Basin at a young age in 1951 and his brother, Sidney joined him shortly after and it continues to be a family tradition.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Beatrice E. Brown (née Scott) formerly of Ridgefield, Connecticut; two sons, Tommy and Scotty (Butch) Brown, two daughters, Marie Souder and Mary-Jane Sands; one son-in-law, William Sands, daughter-in-law Linda Thompson Brown, Cathy Smith; six grandchildren, Ashley Brown, Melissa Sands, Scott Brown, Jr., Christopher Sands, Morgan Souder and Brittany Souder. One sister, Thelma Knowles and a brother, Christopher L. Brown and numerous nieces, nephews, many relatives, especially lifelong friends, Reg Lightbourn, David Kemp, and Sammy Sawyer. Family Friends: Naomi Curtis and Sonia Reid Evans. The family would like to thank the many Caregivers: Nurses Now, Joan, Vilma, Sandra, Karen and Janet.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to be sent to Parkinson's Foundation, P. O. Box N-1463, Nassau or BASRA, P. O. Box SS-6247, Nassau.

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of Sulgrave Manor, Cable Beach, Nassau, The Bahamas, who died peacefully at his residence, on Wednesday, 4th May, 2011, will be held at Ebenezer Methodist Church, East Shirley Street, Nassau. The Bahamas on Thursday, 12th May, 2011 at 11:00a.m.

Reverend Godfrey A. Bethel, will officiate and interment will follow in Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery, East Shirley Street, Nassau.

Mr. Key was predeceased by his wife, Ruthwell Key and his son, Rudolph W. Key.

He is survived by his son, Anthony Key and his wife, Virpi Hartikainen-Key; daughter-in-law, Georgette Clave-Key; grandsons, Rudolph C. Key, Herbert W. Key and his wife Theresa; grand daughter, Jacqueline Nygren and her husband Blair; great grandchildren, Chantal and Leigh Nygren and his dear friend, Mr. Oswald Isaacs.

The family would like to thank Sheila Gomez, Paula Grant, Sandra Rolle, Yvette McKenzie and Doctor Lisa Rolle-Smith.

Instead of flowers the family request that donations be sent to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box N. 205, Nassau, The Bahamas, in memory of Mr. Shepherd L. Key.

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LOCAL NEWS



**SHELTON AND JUSTINA MILLER** will finally take their honeymoon - thanks to Tribune Trivia!

# Tribune Trivia winners set for their honeymoon at last

By **MEGAN REYNOLDS**  
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A LUCKY couple will take their honeymoon one year after their wedding courtesy of Tribune Trivia after they each won *The Tribune's* daily online game.

Shelton and Justina Miller, of Pinewood Gardens, could not afford a honeymoon after they splashed out on their wedding in April last year, and although Mr Miller said it was \$18,000 well spent for him, and his wife, to have a special day, the couple would have liked to have some time alone together.

Mr Miller, a professional fisherman, and his wife, a security officer at Clifton Pier, have four children and little time alone together.

So when Mrs Miller, 30, won the monthly Tribune Trivia prize in February - a return flight to Miami, one night in a hotel and a free car rental - the couple held out to try to win a vacation together.

Mr Miller, 36, played Tribune

Trivia daily throughout the month of March, diligently answering each question posted on Facebook by Tribune News Network at 3pm, and emailing his answer in by 12pm the following day. His correct answers were randomly selected enough times to win him and one other player the most amount of points by the end of the month, but sadly, Mr Miller was knocked out in a tie-breaker by March winner Tangy Cartwright.

The dutiful husband kept playing, however, and continued to answer the trivia questions correctly throughout the month of April.

Yet again he accumulated the most amount of points - and yet again, another player did too.

But this time Mr Miller got lucky.

"When I saw there was a private number calling my phone I started screaming," he said, as he recalled the moment *The Tribune* called on Tuesday to inform him he had won April's Tribune Trivia.

The last time he went to Miami

was in December, when he went on a Christmas shopping trip alone to buy presents for his wife and their four kids.

This time, the children will stay at home with their grandmother, and leave the still-quite-newlyweds to enjoy a holiday alone together.

"When we got married we paid for our wedding out of our own pockets and it cost us close to \$18,000 so it just wasn't possible to go on a honeymoon at the time," Mr Miller said.

Now they will fly to Miami courtesy of Bahamasair, enjoy a free night in a hotel, and each are entitled to a free day's car rental courtesy of Dollar Rent-a-car.

"I just want to go to Red Lobster," Mrs Miller said.

To play Tribune Trivia join The Tribune News Network on social networking website Facebook and email your answer to [tribunetrivia@tribunemedia.net](mailto:tribunetrivia@tribunemedia.net) including your full name and phone number. Answers to all questions can be found in that day's *Tribune* or on [www.Tribune242.com](http://www.Tribune242.com)

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# Dominica: The world's leading eco-tourism destination?

By SIR RONALD SANDERS

(The writer is a Consultant and former Caribbean diplomat)

## insight WORLD VIEW

OF THE 249 places in the world in which human beings live and work, the small Caribbean island of Dominica (751 sq km) ranks at 187 in size.

Even so, it is bigger than well-known Caribbean tourism destinations such as St Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Cayman Islands, St Kitts-Nevis, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, and St Marten.

Two reasons account for Dominica being left behind by neighbouring Caribbean islands in the development of tourism. The first is that it has no white, sandy beaches – the iconic symbol of “Caribbean tourism”; and, second, it doesn't have an international airport. It is served by small aircraft operated by American Eagle from Puerto Rico, and LIAT for inter-island transportation.

Nonetheless, the island is a veritable garden of trees, plants, and colourful flowers. Much of it is luxuriant rain forest, majestic in its spread over mountain ranges and into lush valleys. The entire terrain is adorned by gushing waterfalls; narrow, flowing rivers and hot sulphur springs. Not surprisingly, it is home to hundreds of species of birds. Private operators in Dominica have also developed a vibrant whale-watching industry, taking advantage of the country's marine life, and providing an added attraction for its visitors. The island, therefore, is as an eco-tourism paradise.

In an effort to expand the tourism plant on the island, the government has considered borrowing US\$60 mil-

lion from the Export-Import Bank of China. The loan would amount to 16 per cent of GDP and, if it is consummated, Dominica would not achieve the debt to GDP ratio of 60 per cent which the IMF considers desirable. For the time being, this potential borrowing from China is on hold unless a private sector partner can be identified.

But, millions of dollars have already been ploughed into spectacularly natural eco-tourism resorts in Dominica by dedicated private investors, and there could be even more financiers if the country's future as a desirable eco-tourism destination had a greater level of confidence than now exists.

### Market

Dominica is agriculturally well-endowed. But that endowment is in the ground and doesn't translate itself into income and employment. The island's last viable agricultural product, bananas, was dealt a mortal blow by a combined US-Latin America challenge at the World Trade Organization to its traditional preferential market in the European Union. A once vibrant small farmer community of some 9,000 persons has been reduced to about 500.

Still, Dominica has the capacity to supply neighbouring Caribbean islands with fresh fruit and vegetables in abundance if it can overcome two constraints: no regular and scheduled refrigerated-transportation; and high qual-

ity packaging that satisfies the requirements of the tourist markets in these islands. Both are a tall order, and beyond the resources of the Dominica government alone.

Therefore, eco-tourism is the star that shines brightly in Dominica's economic sky. It could guide the country to a prosperous future, but this will depend substantially on the ecological policies that any government of the country pursues.

Among those policies should be a serious and unshakeable commitment to maintaining Dominica as an environmentally friendly island. This means any government there will have to adopt and maintain international best practices with regard to the island's maritime and land resources, creating both as sanctuaries.

It will also have to instil in its young people, from kindergarten to tertiary education, that a foremost value of Dominican society and culture must be the protection and preservation of the environment.

Already the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) – an influential conservation organisation with a global outreach – is working with the Ministry of Education in a very popular “Floating Classroom” project in which fifth graders study the ocean as an integrated part of their school curriculum. The project combines cross disciplinary classroom study, hands-on learning during an ocean excursion, and a student-led conservation initia-



tive. Children who undertake the programme have become the custodians of their heritage in the sea, and are strong advocates of conservation, showing their elders the benefits of protecting and preserving their natural environment.

### Support

It is also in Dominica's national interest for the government to assert itself as a Champion of the environment in the international community. In return, Dominica would earn the respect of the world's environmental and conservation organizations, and the support of their millions of members worldwide.

As an example, after the Prime Minister, Roosevelt Skerrett, moved his government away from supporting Japan's continuing determination to overturn rules at the International Whaling Commission so as to legitimize killing of hundreds of whales, including endangered species,

Greenpeace – another major international conservation organization with regional offices in 48 countries – told its millions of supporters: “If you are going to spend your hard-earned cash on a vacation to a Caribbean island, why not make it to one that has made the commitment to ending whaling.”

That is a mighty message, one that has already brought many new Eco-tourists to Dominica and could bring thousands more every year, particularly if the call is repeated by every major conservation organisation in the world. Such support is possible if Dominica demonstrates that in all aspects of conservation it will be amongst the first countries to stand-up. Undoubtedly there would be a coalition of international groups ready to reward the Dominican people by putting their millions of members behind them.

If only a small percentage of the worldwide supporters of conservation and environmental groups said “Yes to

Dominica” for their vacations, its tourism would boom and contribute substantially to the country's GDP and to employment and foreign exchange earnings.

The demand for seats into Dominica would encourage large airlines to allocate much more space to the island on their flights into Caribbean hubs such as Antigua, Barbados, Guadeloupe and Martinique.

In light of the money that could be made, feeder carriers, such as LIAT, might then be ready to schedule pick-up flights from the hubs into Dominica.

The potential for sustainable economic growth, led by eco-tourism, is great. Dominica could become the world's leading eco-tourism destination. Sustainable environmental policies by its government and strategic alliances with global environmental bodies could take it there.

Responses and previous commentaries at: [www.sirronaldsanderson.com](http://www.sirronaldsanderson.com)

## Bahamas Law Enforcement Co-operative Credit Union Ltd



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Due to the lack of a quorum, the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Bahamas Law Enforcement Co-operative Credit Union Ltd will be held on

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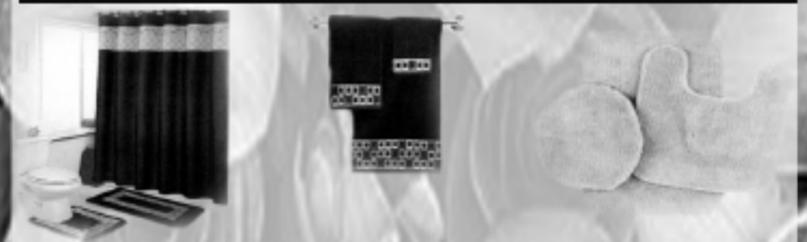
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LOCAL NEWS



EMPRESS, Jamz on-air personality with Kaylor Douglas, \$1,900 cash winner.

# 100 Jamz' listeners spend a little, win a lot

VETERAN nurse Kaylor Douglas ran into Jamz waving a dollar bill on Friday as if summoned to a medical emergency ... and soon exchanged that magic dollar for \$1,900.

Prompted by a premonition based on the old adage, Kaylor knew her consistently itching hand would yield her some big bucks, and since pay day had passed, she was on the lookout for an alternative source of income.

Kaylor received the magic dollar as part of her change during a recent visit to the Beauty Shack for a bar of soap and some eye shadow.

An avid Jamz listener, she listened to Jamz during a break in one of her classes at the nursing school believing out loud she would win in spite of the naysayers who surrounded her.

Kaylor needed the money to help pay her daughter's COB tuition, so she kept the faith. Indeed, the dollar she had, matched the serial number Jamz personality Empress announced, so she rushed over to Jamz on Shirley Street, gasping for breath.

Yesterday Kaylor and her daughters celebrated by dining out on Mother's Day.

The Beauty Shack Be-Dazzled Ultra Double Platinum Collection Magic Money Promotion, which began on Monday, April 18, on 100 Jamz,



SPECIAL K, JAMZ on-air personality with Rhonda Ranger, \$3,100 cash winner.

encourages listeners to retain their dollar bills and listen to 100 Jamz daily for serial numbers. Once a serial number is called, anyone with the corresponding dollar has 100 minutes to present that dollar to the station and claim his/her cash prize.

A new serial number is called during each shift on 100 Jamz beginning with C-Note in the mornings and ending with Reality at nights.

The jackpot starts at \$100, increasing by one hundred with each failure to present a win-

ning dollar in the time allotted. It returns to \$100 with every win.

The promotion continues weekdays on 100 Jamz and involves Bahamian currency only, while dollar bills are publicly circulated, they are initially generated as change from purchases at the Beauty Shack.

Kaylor joins Rhonda Ranger who presented a "magic" dollar to 100 Jamz on April 29 and received \$3,100 in return; she too was overwhelmed with excitement.

## Royal Bahamas Police Force National Crime Prevention Office: Employee theft prevention tips

By CONSTABLE 3011  
MAKELLE PINDER

THE ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE would like to offer some advice to our commercial business community with regards to preventing employee theft.

It is estimated that approximately 75%-80% of all inventory loss is a result of employee theft.

The rest of the loss can be attributed to shoplifting.

Therefore listed below are a few tips that can help to minimise employee theft.

Develop policies that specify how an employee may return items. Employees should not be allowed to process their own personal transactions.

Provide lockers for employees and indicate through policies that purses, gym bags, backpacks, briefcases, etc. are not to be brought into merchandise area.

Supplement surveillance of the premises with CCTV, digital systems are preferred.

Develop a policy for trash removal. Spot check trash containers and flatten boxes. Use transparent trash bags.

Returned items should be inspected by someone other than the person who conducted the sale.

Develop strict security policies related to audits and inventory.

Persons responsible for payroll should not be directly involved in its distribution.

Management should conduct spot inspections of areas suspected of being used as a cache, delivery trucks, etc.

Background checks should be conducted on all employees PRIOR to Point Of Hire and anytime employees are suspected of theft unless termination is in order. Sometimes employees have legal issues after they have been hired.

Limit the amount of cash allowed to accumulate in the registers.

Mandate immediate "over ring" notification with receipts to be signed by a manager.

Develop policies/procedures for key control and access management that includes key audits. Electronic access and key control should only be granted to those who



CONSTABLE 3011 Makelle Pinder

NEED it for job performance. Ensure key/access control return by using a policy for retrieval (holding onto the last paycheck is one method).

Conduct audits by outside auditing agencies.

Mandate that employees take their vacations-this may reveal a trend when theft stops during these times.

All shortages should be immediately and aggressively followed up on.

Should you need more information on Employee Theft or if you have information pertaining to any crime, please do not hesitate to contact the police at '919' or Crime Stoppers at 328-tips (New Providence), 1-300-8476 (Family Island)

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LOCAL NEWS

## Woman killed in jet-ski horror

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the boat, put the woman on a stretcher, and carried her into the ambulance. The man, who sustained serious head injuries in the collision, walked to the ambulance with help from paramedics, witnesses said.

According to police, the woman died soon after she arrived at hospital. The man was detained in serious condition.

Police press liaison officer Sgt Chrislyn Skippings said investigations are still under way, and police are working to determine who was driving the jet-ski, where the tourists had acquired it, and other details of the circumstances leading up to the fatal accident.

She also warned visitors and residents to take care on the water.

"We always try to encourage people when you come here to enjoy our seas, but wear a life vest," Sgt Skippings said.

"While you enjoy yourself, take the necessary precautions."

Concerns over the dangers of the jet-skis have been repeatedly raised as tourists and residents have suffered fatal and life-changing accidents.

Legislation governing the use of jet-skis was revised in the Commercial Recreational Watercraft Regulations Act 2006.

Operators must be licensed, trained in rescue procedures, First Aid, "rules of the road", and vessel maintenance.

They must also have a safety inspection certificate for their watercraft issued by the Port Department.

And according to the law, an owner or operator of a jet-ski should provide a 15-minute orientation training session with anyone who hires the watercraft, guiding them in operation and safety instruction, before letting them drive it alone.

An owner or operator who contravenes or fails to comply with this regulation is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of up to \$5,000, two years imprisonment, or both.

Reno Deveaux, of Reno Water Sports, criticised authorities for failing to adequately regulate watersports on Bahamian waters and argues jet-ski operators should be required to use machines with four-stroke engines rather than the two-stroke engines used in Nassau and Paradise Island, as he said they are safer.

Mr Deveaux has said that unlike the two-stroke jet skis, the four-stroke allows for turning while slowing down.

"The two-stroke had design faults since the seventies," said Mr Deveaux.

"They upgraded that in the four-stroke by putting in a sensor, where once the gas is let go there is still turning ability, but in the two-stroke if you're doing full speed and coming up to an object and you need to slow down and turn, you have to be giving it gas in order to turn.

"That is the reason most of the accidents happened on Paradise Island."

Police have not confirmed the type of jet-ski involved in Friday's fatal collision.

# Police step up patrols, make multiple weekend arrests

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robbery at a bank parking lot.

The woman victim was approached by a silver Honda car, occupied by a man and a woman, while at First Caribbean Bank, Madeira Street, on Friday morning.

According to police, the pair demanded cash as the woman was walking to her car and one person was armed with a handgun.

The culprits fled the area in an unknown direction after taking an undetermined amount of cash.

Several hours later, Southeastern Division officers arrested two women, aged 54 and 18, and two men, aged 27 and 24, in connection to firearms, ammunition, and suspected drugs.

The arrests were made at around 5.30pm at a building on Buttonwood Street, Pinewood Gardens.

Later that day, Central Detective Unit officers recovered a handgun after a search of Fox Hill Park, Fox Hill Road. The officers were on routine patrol sometime around 9pm when they discovered the weapon. Meanwhile, CDU officers also on Fox Hill Road arrested three men, aged 27, 26, and 18, after a search recov-

ered a quantity of suspected marijuana.

In addition to the widespread arrests, police are also questioning a man believed to be involved in a shooting incident at Brougham Street on April 30.

Ahmad Babbs, a 24-year-old Yellow Elder Gardens resident was arrested sometime on Friday.

Persons with any information that may assist police with ongoing investigations, or who may have information on illegal firearms, are asked to call police at 919, 911, 322-3333, CDU 502-9991, 502-9910, Crime stoppers at 328-TIPS.

## Family makes Mother's Day appeal for missing woman

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conduct a walkabout to raise awareness and expand their search.

The family plans to extend their efforts into New Providence and the Family Islands as they continue their probe into her disappearance.

Shanna's two girls, aged three and two, have different fathers, and due to the ongoing investigation, have been living separately for nearly four months.

Marina Bethel, Shanna's grandmother, said: "Right now it's a nightmare I hope will end soon. This is an extremely sad time.

"Thinking about the times we spent since she became a mother, and how we spent the first Mother's Day together - it was such a great day."

Ms Bethel added: "Just thinking about her life, it just doesn't

make any sense - this whole ordeal we're going through right now. I appeal to anyone who can tell us anything right now. It's so sad, two little girls who are always with their mom on Mother's Day."

According to relatives, Shanna moved to Nassau last year in search of a job and was staying with her mother, Krista Fox.

The young woman travelled to Grand Bahama on January 12, and was reportedly last seen in a blue-coloured Chevy Suburban. Shanna was wearing a black fitted top with a gold design, dark blue jeans and gold heeled sandals. Since Shanna's disappearance, her family has received a number of text messages from her cell phone; however, relatives believe they were not sent by the young mother. Ms Fox filed a missing person's report on March 29.

Rowena Poitier, an aunt, said: "They [Krishanna's daughters]

ask for her every day. They cry for her every day. It's hard."

After Krishanna's disappearance, Ms Poitier returned to Freeport from Los Angeles to assist in the search for her niece. In addition to internet search efforts, Ms Poitier also coordinates the community walkabouts on Grand Bahama.

Ms Poitier said: "People have been really supportive, we haven't gotten any more information about her on that day at all and that is just really curious.

"While [Grand Bahama] is large, it feels like it's a small community and we're appealing for anyone who knows anything to come forward."

Police have issued an all-points bulletin for Ellie's father, 25-year-old Charles Tony Fitzgerald, whom they want to question concerning the matter. Fitzgerald, also known as Gary Cooper, is described as brown-skinned with dark brown eyes, about 5ft

10ins tall, of average build and weighs 170 to 180 pounds.

Anyone with information which might assist police investigations is asked to contact the Central Detective Unit at 350-3106 to 9, or 352-9774/5 in Grand Bahama. Police control rooms in Grand Bahama or Nassau can be reached at 911. Persons can also contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 328-8477.

"We're determined to find her and we're going to," Ms Bethel added. "I know it's going to be soon, we're not going to give up and we will never give up. I'm clinging to that hope that someone will be able to shed some light on this. I'm not giving up even, if it takes our last breath we are going to keep on searching for her."

The family can be reached via email at helpusfindshanna@gmail.com or on the Facebook community page "Find Shanna and Ellie".

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# Trivia WINNER

*Shelton Miller, left, is all smiles as he receives his Tribune Trivia prize from Tribune Advertising Manager Godfrey Arthur.*

A year after they got married, Shelton and Justina Miller are finally going to have their honeymoon thanks to The Tribune, Dollar Rent-a-Car and Bahamasair. Justina won The Tribune's daily trivia game Tribune Trivia in February and her husband of one year, Shelton Miller, was declared April's winner following a double tie breaker. They each won a return flight from Nassau to Miami on Bahamasair, a one-day car rental from Dollar Rent-a-Car and a night's hotel stay and decided to turn the unexpected trip into a long overdue honeymoon. Each weekday at 3pm a trivia question is posted on The Tribune's Facebook page. Participants have until noon the following day to email their answer. Answers to all questions can be found in that day's Tribune or on [www.Tribune242.com](http://www.Tribune242.com).

LOCAL NEWS

# TRAIN CRASHES PULLING INTO NJ STATION, HURTING 34



**CASUALTY:** An unidentified man, who was injured during a PATH train crash at the Hoboken Terminal, is seen on a stretcher as medical officials prepared to take him to the hospital, Sunday, May 8, 2011, in Hoboken, N.J.

**DAVID PORTER, Associated Press HOBOKEN, N.J.**

A commuter train from New York pulling into a station for its final stop crashed into the bumpers at the end of the tracks Sunday morning, injuring 34 people, shutting down service and putting Monday morning's commute in jeopardy.

None of the injuries in the PATH train's 8:30 a.m. crash was considered life-threatening, though several victims were taken away on stretchers or put in neck braces as a precaution, Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer said. The injured, who mostly sustained cuts and bruises, were taken to three area hospitals for treatment, and most, if not all, were expected to be released later in the day.

The cause of the crash remained under investigation, but city police said it appeared that a mechanical failure was to blame. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey were investigating, and officials said train service would remain suspended until the NTSB completed its initial review, which was ongoing late Sunday afternoon as crews worked feverishly to repair damaged tracks.

Port Authority and city officials said crews would be working through the night to make repairs at the station in Hoboken, just across the Hudson River from New York City. It was hoped that one of the three tracks would be reopened by Sunday night and that a second would be ready for the Monday morning commute, but it was unknown when the remaining track might reopen. To help deal with the potential travel woes on Monday, transit officials said additional bus and ferry service would be provided, and most agencies planned to honor each other's tickets.

The PATH, or Port Authority Trans-Hudson, system is the main transit link between Manhattan and neighboring New Jersey urban communities and suburban commuter railroads. It handles nearly 250,000 passenger trips each weekday, fewer on weekends.

Officials said the motorman on Sunday's train would be tested for drugs and alcohol, which is standard policy in such crashes. They said there was no reason or evidence to suggest that the motorman had been impaired at the time of the crash. Passengers on the train, which had departed earlier in the morning from New York City, said it had been a routine trip until they suddenly were knocked around by the impact.

"People were stunned, but nobody was really going crazy or anything," said Tom Gordon, of Jersey City, who was riding in the train's front car with about 15 other people. "I didn't know what had happened at first."

Gordon, who was headed home from his security job at a New York City apartment building, said he was half-asleep as the train pulled into the station on track No. 2. But he was quickly awakened and jolted from his seat by the crash.

He was taken to Hoboken University Medical Center for treatment of minor arm and rib injuries and left the hospital Sunday afternoon with his arm in a sling. "I just want to get home," he said while waiting for his wife to pick him up.

Witnesses described the scene as the station as "controlled chaos," saying people were mostly calm but very concerned for the injured. Zimmer praised the efforts of emergency responders from Hoboken and surrounding communities who answered their call for assistance.



# FNM HOLDS TORCHBEARERS YOUTH CONCLAVE

THE Free National Movement held a Torchbearers Youth Conclave on Saturday at the Kem En Het Heritage Centre Fox Hill Under the theme 'Fired Up and Ready to Vote!'.

Over 200 delegates from from New Providence, Grand

Bahama, Eleuthera and Abaco were in attendance.

Speakers included Minister Loretta Butler Turner, Minister Tommy Turnquest, Party Chairman Carl Bethel, Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette and a cadre of youth speakers.



# PLP calls for PM apology for URCA chief appointment

FROM page one

Wireless employee, by Mr Saadat to head Human Resource not only violated Bahamian law, but it further compounded the conflicts of interest at URCA.

"The blame for this sordid affair at URCA rests squarely at the feet of the Prime Minister who is the substantive minister responsible. The Prime Minister demonstrated incredibly poor judgment in not only approving this appointment, but in failing to act in the public interest when legitimate questions were raised in the public domain about possible conflict of interest connected with this appointment," the PLP said.

In keeping with their promise of "putting Bahamians first", the PLP said that at

the very least the Prime Minister should apologise to the Bahamian people and "right this wrong by ensuring that suitably-qualified Bahamians are given a fair opportunity to fill this important position according to Bahamian law".

In compliance with the terms of his contract, and in order to facilitate the transition to a successor, Mr Saadat will stay on in his post until August 31.

In a statement to the media, Mr Saadat said he has enjoyed the challenge of leading various aspects of change both external and internal over the last two years.

"At the time I was appointed as DPR, I then understood my broad mandate as helping to transform the legacy regulator (PUC), implement the new regulatory regime, effectively regulate under the new framework, local capacity building,

and providing the certainty and predictability in the regulatory regime that is conducive to investment through new operators and via privatisation.

"I feel satisfied that I have fulfilled a large part of that mandate.

"I want to express my sincere thanks to the Board, who have backed me through some challenging times recently. Finally, I want to thank my colleagues at URCA who have endured major changes but delivered the necessary outputs and outcomes under demanding circumstances," he said.

Mr Saadat was hired in April 2009 after an international search for a director of policy and regulation.

He was subsequently appointed CEO, following another competitive selection process in October 2010.

# 'FUMES' REPORTEDLY DETECTED ON LONDON TO NASSAU FLIGHT

FROM page one

"We had been flying for two and a half hours when it was announced there were fumes in the cockpit. The passengers were told it was nothing to get alarmed about, but the pilots had decided to

return to London. The fire engines were waiting for us at Heathrow on our arrival.

"We were told to disembark and go through security again while the aircraft was being checked. Staff told us it should be ready for a 4pm takeoff.

"Eventually it was decided a substitute aircraft had to be used and we boarded the second aircraft at 7.30pm. We had to sit on the runway until about 9pm when the aircraft was cleared for take off.

"There was no panic among passengers."

Michele Kropf, the airline's duty press officer, refused to release details of the mid-air drama.

She said: "We are very sorry for the delay. We always prioritise the health and safety of our customers and crew."

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## BTC demands no 'under-recovery' on connect costs

\* Carrier says total capital deployed on joining services is \$101m

\* Regulator's mark-ups 'a factor five higher' than its own

\* URCA's monthly operating cost benchmarks between 73-150% higher than BTC's

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) has urged regulators to ensure it does "not under-recover" costs associated with providing interconnection joining services for rival carriers, noting that it has employed \$101 million in capital on this to date.

Responding to the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority's (URCA) consultation on its proposed charges for interconnection joining services, the newly-privatised carrier said its separated accounts showed it spent a total \$63 million on providing interconnection joining circuits during its 2009 financial year.

Splitting that figure into \$30 million of maintenance, network operations and support costs, and \$33 million in common costs, BTC added that total network capital costs amounted to \$37.1 million - taking its total interconnection joining services outlay to between \$100-\$101 million.

"The total capital employed in the accounts relating to joining circuits amounts to \$101 million, so

# \$400m expansion kick-off at BORCO

■ New owner approves two-phase, 7.9m barrel capacity addition to start this quarter

■ Expansion projected to boost annual operating income at Grand Bahama storage facility to \$70-\$80m

■ Annual income could hit \$130-\$140m when BORCO reaches full capacity potential

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

The Bahamas Oil Refining Company's (BORCO) new owner has unveiled plans to launch a phased \$350-\$400 million expansion of its tank capacity this quarter, adding that it still expects the Grand Bahama-based facility to generate between \$130-\$140 million in annual operating income once various projects are completed.

Addressing a conference call to discuss Buckeye Part-

ners' 2011 first quarter results with Wall Street analysts, Forrest E. Wylie, the company's chairman and chief executive, described the 7.9 million barrel capacity expansion at BORCO as "our biggest actual capital growth project".

Having reevaluated the expansion plans left in place by the previous First Reserve Corporation/Vopak ownership, Mr Wylie said Buckeye Partners had "decided to structure the project in various phases", with the first phase - involv-

ing a 3.5 million barrel capacity expansion - to start in the 2011 second quarter and be operational by end-2012.

The extra capacity will be used for "additional clean products and fuel storage", Mr Wylie explained, with the second expansion phase involving a 3.4-3.5 million barrel capacity expansion. He added that the total expansion will encompass 7.9 million barrels of stor-

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## Business Licence backlog 'sorted within the week'

\* 10,000 licence applications processed since January, but 300-strong two-week backlog remains

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The Ministry of Finance is "reasonably satisfied with progress being made" at the Business License Unit, although admitting that a "three-week backlog of around 300 applications" currently remains.

Minister of State for Finance, Zhivargo Laing, said late last week that the unit has "processed and completed about 10,000 applications" for business licenses since January 2011.

He said that of those outstanding applications received by the department, "some of them have to do with people who have not submitted all of the information they were required to, but most of them have to do with vol-

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Zhivargo Laing

## MARITIME AUTHORITY A GOV'T AGENCY MODEL

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The Bahamas Maritime Authority's (BMA) success in growing this nation's shipping registry, and paying dividends to the Government, should be viewed as an incentive for other public corporations/agencies to be given the same semi-autonomous status, its chairman has argued.

Ian Fair said that as a statutory corporation the BMA is a "very effective model" for how other government entities could be operated, having returned dividends to the Government "in excess of \$50 million (in 16 years), and all with a staff of 75".

"The Government wanted the BMA to operate as a private sector entity, and the model has worked very effectively. I would submit it is an excellent example for other entities."

"It had sat under the Ministry of Transport for many years until it was formalised in 1995, and it's just been a huge success. We've returned a lot of money to the Government in dividends, but we are also able to use our own resources for the good of the Bahamas as well in various aspects. We don't have to worry about going cap in hand to the Government to raise money," said Mr Fair, adding that he believes the Government "should not be in the business of doing business".

He was addressing the Rotary Club of East Nassau on Friday at the Nassau Yacht Club.

Mr Fair said that today the Bahamas is a "significant player" in the "open register" business, which allows owners whose principal place of business is not in a particular country to register their vessel here.

Open -register registration is growing in popularity, suggested Mr Fair, noting that the number of vessels attached to "open registers" has grown in 10 years from 30 per cent to over 50 per cent.

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As the third largest ship registry in the world, this nation presently has some 1,650 vessels on its register

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## CABLE URGES ONE MONTH TARGET FOR BTC INTERCONNECT

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

Cable Bahamas has urged sector regulators to ensure that the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) finalises interconnection agreements with it within one month of approving the latter's Reference Access and Interconnection Offer (RAIO), demanding that no delay in introducing fixed-line voice competition be "tolerated".

The BISX-listed commu-

Calls on URCA not to 'tolerate' any competition stalling tactics by incumbent

nications operator, in its response to the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority's (URCA) con-

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## Kelly's in Customs appeal victory

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

A leading Freeport wholesaler has been granted leave to appeal a Supreme Court ruling that dismissed its Judicial Review application over Customs' demands for a monthly 'bonded goods sales report', with the latter's undertaking that it would not take action against the company also remaining in place.

Fred Smith QC, the Callender's & Co attorney and partner who acts for Kelly's (Freeport), said Appeal Justice John during an in-chambers hearing granted the company leave to appeal a ruling by Justice Hartman Longley, who dismissed its Judicial Review application on the grounds that it had failed to file a mandatory Notice of Motion within the required timeframe for no good reason.

"The result is that we were given leave to appeal Justice Longley's dismissal of Kelly's action, and the Appeal Justice also stayed his ruling, so Customs' undertaking remains in place. Nothing changes until the determination of the appeal," Mr Smith told Tribune Business.

He added that Appeal Justice John's decision "has



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BUSINESS

By ROYALFIDELITY CAPITAL MARKETS

# RoyalFidelity Market Wrap

It was moderate week of trading in the Bahamian stock market. Investors traded in eight out of the 24 listed securities, with two advancers and three decliners.

**EQUITY MARKET**

A total of 43,745 shares changed hands, representing a decrease of 76,972 shares compared to the previous week's trading volume of 120,717. Famguard Corporation

(FAM) was the big advancer, trading a volume of 14,110 shares to see its stock price climb \$0.20 to close at \$5.40.

Bank of the Bahamas (BOB) traded a volume of 5,150 shares, its share price increasing by \$0.01 to close at \$6.89.

FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas) (CIB) was

the volume leader, trading a volume of 14,467 shares, its stock price decreasing by \$0.15 to close at \$8.60.

Finance Corporation of the Bahamas (FIN) was the big decliner, trading a volume of 1,000 shares to see its stock price fall by \$0.50 to close at \$6.

Doctors Hospital Health Systems (DHS) traded a volume of 5,200 shares, its stock falling by \$0.04 to close at \$1.31.

Focol Holdings (FCL) traded a volume of 2,000 shares to close unchanged at \$6.

Cable Bahamas (CAB) traded a volume of 1,000 shares to close unchanged at \$8.74.

Colina Holdings (CHL) traded a volume of 818 shares to close unchanged at \$2.55.

Gross profit was \$9.4 million compared to \$23.9 million in the prior year. BSL's operating and administrative expenses were \$20.1 million, while interest expense/finance charges stood at \$793,000.

Total assets and liabilities at March 9, 2011, were \$12.9 million and \$10.7 million, respectively, compared to \$15.1 million and \$16.6 million at the previous year-end, January 30, 2010.

**BOND MARKET**  
No notes traded during last week.

**COMPANY NEWS**

**Earnings Releases:**  
Bahamas Supermarkets (BSL) released its unaudited results for the quarter ended March 9, 2011. BSL reported a net profit for the quarter of \$3.9 million after extraordinary income of \$15.5 million.

It was noted that before the extraordinary income was declared there was a loss of \$11.5 million. Net sales stood at \$43.7 million, while cost of goods sold was \$34.2 million.

Commonwealth Bank (CBL) released its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended March 31 2011, reporting a total comprehensive income available to common shareholders of \$12.9 million. That was an increase of \$927,000 from the \$12 million reported in the same quarter in the previous year.

Net interest income of \$28.1 million increased by \$1 million, from \$27.1 million in the comparative quarter, while loan impairment expense fell by \$0.7 million - from \$5.8 million to \$5 million. CBL's non-interest

expense of \$13.1 million increased by \$0.6 million year-over-year, due primarily to higher general and administrative expenses.

Earnings per share for the quarter were \$0.12, compared to \$0.11 in the 2010 first quarter, an increase of \$0.01.

CBL's total assets and liabilities at September 30, 2010, were \$1.43 billion and \$1.18 billion, respectively, compared to \$1.41 billion and \$1.16 billion at year-end December 31, 2010.

**Dividend Notes:**

AML Foods (AML) has declared a dividend of \$0.04 per share, payable on May 6, 2011, to all ordinary shareholders of record date April 29, 2011.

**AGM Notice:**

Colina Holdings (CHL) has announced its AGM will be held at the J.W. Pinder Building on Collins Avenue on May 12, 2011, at 5.30 p.m.

Bahamas Waste (BWL) has announced its AGM will be held at the National Tennis Centre on May 18, 2011, at 6pm.

Commonwealth Bank (CBL) has announced its AGM will be held at SuperClubs Breezes on May 18, 2011, at 5pm.

**EQUITY MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS**

Week ending 06.05.11

BISX SYMBOL	CLOSING PRICE	WKLY PRICE CHANGE	VOLUME	YTD PRICE CHANGE
AML	\$ 1.18	\$-	0	21.65%
BBL	\$ 0.18	\$-	0	0.00%
BOB	\$ 6.89	\$0.01	5,150	40.61%
BPF	\$ 10.63	\$-	0	0.00%
BSL	N/A	\$-	0	0.00%
BWL	\$ 2.70	\$-	0	0.00%
CAB	\$ 8.74	\$-	1,000	-16.44%
CBL	\$ 6.98	\$-	0	-0.29%
CHL	\$ 2.55	\$-	818	6.25%
CIB	\$ 8.60	\$-0.15	14,467	-8.41%
CWCB	\$ 1.86	\$-0.10	0	1.64%
DHS	\$ 1.31	\$-0.04	5,200	-18.13%
FAM	\$ 5.40	\$0.20	14,110	-11.04%
FBB	\$ 1.96	\$-	0	-9.68%
FCL	\$ 6.00	\$-	2,000	9.89%
FCLB	\$ 1.00	\$-	0	0.00%
FIN	\$ 6.00	\$-0.50	1,000	-17.01%
ICD	\$ 7.30	\$-	0	-1.35%
JSJ	\$ 9.82	\$-	0	0.00%
PRE	\$ 10.00	\$-	0	0.00%

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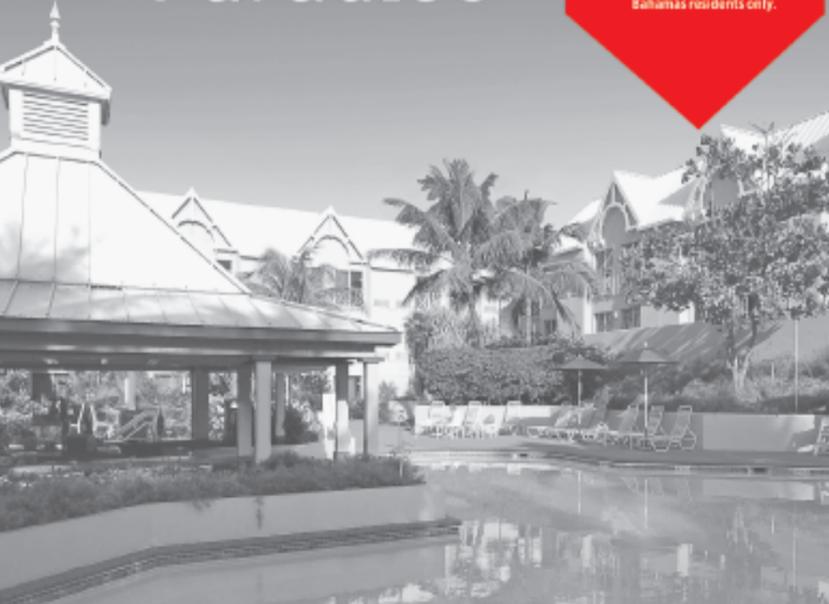
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## BUSINESS

# Maritime chief calls for better sector integration

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The Bahamas Maritime Authority's (BMA) chairman has called for greater harmonisation in the sector, suggesting that this could lead to "future growth and innovation" for both the industry and economy overall.

Ian Fair said the BMA considers Denmark an excellent model for how this nation could form a "cluster" of maritime-related government and private sector entities.

"To be clear, I am not proposing any form of mass consolidation, as many parts need to retain their own identity. What I am saying is that, in line with the Danish model, we have the various elements work much more closely together so that the sum of the whole is greater than the parts," he explained. Mr Fair, also deputy chairman of Butterfield Bank (Bahamas), listed some of the many segments of the maritime industry as including: the BMA and the ship registry, inter-island and overseas shipping, general maritime services, resident shipping companies, overseas shipping companies based here, the Freeport Container Port, the shipyard in Freeport,

the various yacht services centres especially in Freeport and Abaco, other ports and marinas, the Port Department, the RBDF, the fishing industry, the maritime leisure and sportfishing business, suppliers, sub-contractors and professional advisers.

Underlining the incentives for such harmonisation, Mr Fair noted that while many people speak of the need for "diversification" away from tourism and financial services as pillars of the economy, he sees such a "third leg" already existing in the form of the maritime industry. However, its "fragmentation" means that it has traditionally not received the recognition or been "marketed as extensively as it deserves".

"Taken as a whole the maritime industry is the third largest contributor to our economy, and rivals the financial services industry in size. In my view this is one of our lesser known stories and needs to be promoted to a much larger extent," said Mr Fair. He was speaking on the role of the BMA and the maritime industry in the Bahamas to the Rotary Club of East Nassau on Friday.

He believes his "harmonisation" proposal would, if implemented, "raise the profile of

the maritime industry and [ensure that it] contributes even more to our economy".

"I believe the sum of the parts will be greatly enhanced if they were put together in a more integrated manner. Let us grasp the moment and make an even greater contribution to our economy in the years to come," charged Mr Fair.

## Mariners

He also made the case for greater emphasis on creating conditions that would allow more young Bahamians to enter into careers in the maritime industry, as mariners on board vessels sailing the world.

Although the Bahamas is the world's largest ship registry in the world (1650 vessels), very few Bahamians sail onboard Bahamian-flagged vessels. While there is significant potential for meaningful marine careers for trained and certified Bahamians, there is no maritime training institution in the Bahamas that can offer the required international certifications. Many Bahamians who have an interest in the field cannot afford the tuition and other costs associated with studying abroad.

Mr Fair reflected upon "one

of the best days of his life" in recent years having been the day that he presented graduation certificates to graduates of the Bahamas Maritime Cadet Corps, recalling the unparalleled "energy and enthusiasm of the kids and their parents" present.

"One of the challenges we've had is that the kids go away to a summer course at Holland College on Prince Edward Island, but they haven't got the money to go away and get their four-year degrees, so we haven't got as many Bahamians going away and getting their degrees and going away to sea," Mr Fair said.

"That's the reason why we are now pushing a maritime school at the College of the Bahamas. That will give a huge opportunity to more Bahamians to at least get those two years, and possibly their full four-year degrees, so basically we can get way more Bahamians becoming fully qualified mariners.

"People can go to sea from anywhere from one to ten years, and when they come to shore they're an expert mariner.

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but globally. "Why shouldn't we become known in a few years' time as one of the maritime schools of the world?", he said.



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### BOND MARKET - TRADING STATISTICS

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FBB15	FBB Series D Notes Due 2015	0	\$1,000
FBB17	FBB Series A Notes Due 2017	0	\$1,000
FBB22	FBB Series B Notes Due 2022	0	\$1,000

International Stock Market Indexes		
Index	Weekly	% Change
DJIA	12,638.81	-1.34
S&P 500	1,340.20	-1.72
NASDAQ	2,827.56	-1.60
Nikkei	9,859.20	0.10

### INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

FOREX Rates		
Currency	Weekly	% Change
CAD	1.0346	-2.17
GBP	1.6404	-1.84
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Commodity	Weekly	% Change
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# Morton Salt union eyes court action

By ALISON LOWE  
Business Reporter  
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The attorney representing workers at Morton Salt (Bahamas) has accused the company of union busting, and said the union has no option but to go to court after it announced plans to

"unilaterally apply" new conditions of employment before a deal on an industrial agreement had been reached.

Obie Ferguson, legal adviser to the Bahamas Industrial, Manufacturing and Allied Workers Union (BIMAWU), alleged that Morton Salt's move,

announced in a statement issued to the press on Thursday, was not lawful.

Morton Salt (Bahamas) said the decision, the legality of which it defended on the basis that the deal being offered to employees was "more favourable" to workers, came after an "impasse" had been reached following more than a year of negotiations with the BIMAWU.

The BIMAWU president, Ronald Roker, denied the impasse and called for the company to again sit down at the negotiating table.

## Concerned

In an interview with Tribune Business late Friday, Mr Ferguson said he and the union were particularly concerned about the fact that the company is asking the workers to increase their contribution to their healthcare insurance costs.

He said he would be seeking an injunction as soon as

possible to prevent Morton Salt implementing the proposed changes to the workers' terms, as this would "negatively impact" them, including the healthcare contribution increase.

The company stated that it intended the changes to come into effect on June 1, 2011. It cited the rising cost of health insurance as the motivation behind the increase, adding that with the increase the total contribution would be "in line or below that required by other employers in the region", while "85 to 90 per cent" of the increase would be covered by the company.

Mr Ferguson said: "What they are trying to do is against the law. The union is a bargaining agent. The relationship between the employer and those employees have been abrogated."

"The union is the agent, and so they cannot - without the consent of the worker - enter with a view to decrease their salaries. The effect of the increase to take effect on March 1 would be to decrease their salaries, and it would be a unilateral variation of their contract."

The last industrial agreement between the BIMAWU and Morton Salt expired in April 2010. The company and the union have been negotiating since January 2010 for a new deal. The company accused the union of not having negotiated in good faith - accepting and then rejecting offers, and not living up to commitments made.

It said it needed to impose the new terms in order to provide "certainty" both for workers and for its own business.

Mr Ferguson denied that the union had not been negotiating in good faith. He said the old industrial agreement would continue to apply until a new one was reached.

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"The Department of Statistics will carry out its Annual Household Survey during the period of May. Enumerators with official identification cards from the Department of Statistics will visit selected households in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco and Exuma and will be calling upon residents to complete the questionnaires honestly and accurately. The information obtained will be handled in the strictest confidence and will be used to maintain essential statistical data."

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS 2008  
IN THE SUPREME COURT No. 1323  
Equity Side

IN THE MATTER of a property containing Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eight (7,608) square feet situate on the Eastern Side of Minnie Street North of Cordeaux Avenue adjacent to a building known as "My 3 Queens" Restaurant/Take-Away in a Subdivision called and known as Englerston Subdivision 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 Quieting Titles Act, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of Leyvon and Joycelyn Miller

### NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE the hearing of this matter will be heard before the Honorable Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett, Chief Justice of The Supreme Court, Nassau, Bahamas on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D., 2011 at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2011.

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Chambers

Mount Royal Avenue  
Nassau, Bahamas

Attorneys for the Petitioners

## INSIGHT

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BISX LISTED & TRADED SECURITIES AS OF: FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2011											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX: CLOSE 1,435.03   CHG -6.92   %CHG -0.48   YTD -64.48   YTD % -4.30											
FINDEX: YEAR END 2008 -12.31%											
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52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Previous Close	Today's Close	Change	Daily Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
1.19	0.95	AML Foods Limited	1.18	1.18	0.00		0.155	0.080	7.6	6.78%	
10.63	9.05	Bahamas Property Fund	10.63	10.63	0.00		0.013	0.200	817.7	1.88%	
7.00	4.40	Bank of Bahamas	6.89	6.89	0.00		0.213	1.100	32.3	1.45%	
0.53	0.17	Benchmark	0.18	0.18	0.00		-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
2.84	2.70	Bahamas Waste	2.70	2.70	0.00		0.047	0.090	57.4	3.33%	
2.20	1.96	Fidelity Bank	1.96	1.96	0.00		0.016	0.040	122.5	2.04%	
12.00	8.69	Cable Bahamas	8.74	8.74	0.00	1,000	1.050	0.310	8.3	3.55%	
2.85	2.35	Colina Holdings	2.55	2.55	0.00		0.459	0.040	5.6	1.57%	
7.00	5.80	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	6.98	6.98	0.00		0.496	0.260	14.1	3.72%	
2.53	1.86	Consolidated Water BDRs	1.86	1.86	-0.02		0.111	0.045	16.8	2.42%	
2.54	1.31	Doctor's Hospital	1.31	1.31	0.00		0.107	0.110	12.2	8.40%	
5.99	4.75	Famguard	5.40	5.40	0.00	2,000	0.357	0.240	15.1	4.44%	
9.00	6.65	Finco	6.50	6.50	0.00	1,000	0.682	0.000	8.8	0.00%	
8.85	8.60	FirstCaribbean Bank	8.60	8.60	0.00	1,000	0.494	0.350	17.4	4.07%	
6.00	4.57	Focol (S)	6.00	6.00	0.00		0.435	0.160	13.8	2.67%	
1.00	1.00	Focol Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00		0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
7.30	5.50	ICD Utilities	7.30	7.30	0.00		0.012	0.240	608.3	3.23%	
10.50	9.80	J. S. Johnson	9.82	9.82	0.00		0.859	0.640	11.4	6.00%	
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00		1.207	0.200	8.3	2.00%	
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing basis)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
99.46	99.46	Bahamas Note 6.95 (2025)	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			
RoyalFidelity Merchant Bank & Trust Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Daily Vch.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
10.06	5.01	Bahamas Supermarkets	N/A	N/A	14.00		-2.945	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
CFAL Securities Ltd. (Over-The-Counter Securities)											
41.00	29.00	ABDAB	30.13	31.59	29.00		4.540	0.000	9.03	0.00%	
0.55	0.40	RND Holdings	0.45	0.55	0.55		0.002	0.000	261.90	0.00%	
BISX Listed Mutual Funds											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Fund Name	NAV	YTD%	Last 12 Months %	NAV 3MTH	NAV 6MTH	NAV Date			
1.5487	1.4525	CFAL Bond Fund	1.5487	1.48%	6.06%	1.528164	1.505557	31-Mar-11			
2.9814	2.8300	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.9814	1.16%	2.40%	2.947425	2.918897	31-Mar-11			
1.5920	1.5141	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.5920	1.14%	4.53%	1.574964	1.555464	1-Apr-11			
3.2025	2.8522	Royal Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	2.7049	-0.56%	-15.54%			31-Jan-11			
13.6388	13.0484	Royal Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.5016	1.08%	0.02%			31-Mar-11			
115.7622	101.6693	CFAL Global Bond Fund	115.7622	9.58%	9.58%			31-Dec-10			
111.4697	99.4177	CFAL Global Equity Fund	111.4697	11.32%	11.32%	114.368369	109.392860	31-Mar-11			
1.1608	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.1608	1.25%	5.20%	106.552835	100.183340	31-Mar-11			
1.1214	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.1214	0.26%	4.18%			31-Mar-11			
1.1620	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.1620	1.12%	5.24%			31-Mar-11			
9.9952	9.5078	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 1	9.9952	1.51%	6.08%			31-Mar-11			
11.2173	10.0000	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 2	11.2173	1.50%	6.41%			31-Mar-11			
10.4288	9.1708	Royal Fidelity Bah Int'l Investment Fund Principal Protected TIGRS, Series 3	10.4288	4.03%	4.29%			31-Mar-11			
8.4510	4.8105	Royal Fidelity Int'l Fund - Equities Sub Fund	8.5559	1.88%	8.41%			31-Mar-11			
MARKET TERMS											
BISX ALL SHARE INDEX - 19 Dec 02 = 1,000.00											
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## BUSINESS

By NEIL HARTNELL  
Tribune Business Editor

## 'Stability' concern over departure of URCA's top man

A leading Bahamian communications player has expressed concern that the resignation of the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority's (URCA) chief executive could undermine "continuity and leadership" at the regulator during a crucial period in its development and that of the overall market.

Describing Usman Saadat's imminent departure as "unfortunate", Anthony Butler, president and chief executive of BISX-listed Cable Bahamas, indicated to Tribune Business his concern that the resignation might "derail or hinder" URCA's current work, which includes several consultations vital to creating the framework for sustainable competition in the Bahamian communications industry.

Of particular concern to Cable Bahamas, given last week's re-branding and its launch into the fixed-line voice telephone market via its \$10 million Systems Resource Group (SRG) acquisition, is URCA's number portability consultation, currently out in the market for consultation.

Number portability is viewed as critical to creating sustainable competition in the Bahamian fixed-line voice market as it allows customers to keep the same number when they switch carriers, thus making it more attractive for people to move from the incumbent Bahamas Telecommunications Company (BTC) to Cable Bahamas/Indigo Networks.

"It's very unfortunate," Mr Butler said of Mr Saadat's resignation, "because URCA really now has 24 months under its belt and this will be the second chief executive in such a short period of time."

"You need to have continuity and leadership at the regulator at this early stage in its, and the market's, life."

Focusing on the practical issues stemming from Mr Saadat's departure, Mr Butler told this newspaper: "I hope it doesn't derail or hinder the current plans for the number portability consultation that is currently out for discussion and comment. We believe that is one area that is

necessary for true competition in the voice market, and the Bahamian consumer expects it. It has been demonstrated in all areas where competition has been created."

Paying tribute to Mr Saadat's time at URCA, where he was initially director of policy and regulation before rising to the top post, the Cable Bahamas chief added: "If you look at the period from the summer of 2009 to this summer, URCA has completed a significant amount of work on the new legislation and the consultations."

"They've done the two under his stewardship, met their obligations and commitments to the sector, and obviously some credit has to be given under his leadership."

The URCA release announcing Mr Saadat's resignation said it was a personal decision, citing "personal attacks on him and his family". Mr Saadat became a focus for those opposed to the BTC privatisation, the opposition Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) citing a supposed 'conflict of interest' created by his former career as a Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC) executive in the Caribbean region, despite the fact he had left this post several years before joining URCA.

Another angle of attack was the link between Mr Saadat and Marsha Lewis, another former CWC executive who was subsequently hired as a human resources consultant to URCA. Again, unproven 'conflict of interest' claims were raised when it was learnt that Ms Lewis would have vetted Mr Saadat's application for the chief executive post, despite the final decision resting with the Board.

Once URCA's role in approving CWC's majority purchase of BTC became known, it was targeted by demonstrators and for public attack. URCA initially appeared intimidated by what many in the communications industry believe was a campaign to do just that, the ultimate goal being to block

and disrupt the privatisation approval process.

URCA has "reluctantly" accepted Mr Saadat's resignation, and its chairman, Wayne Aranha, said: "The Board would have wished Mr Saadat to stay for the length of his tenure, until 2013, given that it has full confidence in the ability, integrity, and leadership of its chief executive."

"However, noting that this is a personal decision, which has been directly influenced by the recent unfortunate and unwarranted personal attacks on him and his family in different media, the Board has reluctantly accepted his resignation."

"He has contributed significantly to the development of URCA and the advancement of the regulation of the communications sector in the Bahamas. He will be leaving URCA at a critical juncture as it seeks to ensure that the full benefits to be derived from the newly liberalised sector accrue to all Bahamians."

Mr Saadat added: "I have enjoyed the challenge of leading various aspects of change - external and internal - over the last two years. At the time I was appointed as director of policy and regulation, I then understood my broad mandate as helping to transform the legacy regulator (PUC), implement the new regulatory regime, effectively regulate under the new framework, local capacity building, and providing the certainty and predictability in the regulatory regime that is conducive to investment through new operators and via privatisation."

"I feel satisfied that I have fulfilled a large part of that mandate."

"I want to express my sincere thanks to the Board, who have backed me through some challenging times recently. Finally, I want to thank my colleagues at URCA who have endured major changes but delivered the necessary outputs and outcomes under demanding circumstances."



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## BUSINESS

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age capacity, and cost between \$350 million to \$400 million.

BORCO was in Buckeye's portfolio for less than the entire 2011 first quarter, the company having acquired First Reserve's 80 per cent stake on January 18, and only completing the purchase of Vopak's 20 per cent equity holding in February.

Together with Buckeye's terminal in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, BORCO has been placed in the company's newly-created international operations segment - one of five business segments.

# \$400m expansion kick-off at BORCO

Keith StClair, Buckeye's chief financial officer, said that despite not having 100 per cent BORCO ownership for a full quarter, the inter-

national operations segment had generated \$25.5 million in adjusted first quarter operating income - "a large amount" of the overall increase in the company's adjusted operational income. This rose by 36.6 per cent year-over-year, growing from \$89.5 million to \$122.2 million.

"Our annual expectations for BORCO were between \$130-\$140 million of adjusted EBITDA [operating income], and that's still the level we would expect them to perform at on an annual basis," Mr StClair said of projections for the Grand Bahama-based petroleum products facility once all expansion initiatives are completed.

The 7.9 million barrels of additional capacity are

merely the first stage in what could ultimately be an almost-doubling of its existing 21.6 million barrel capacity. Mr StClair said Buckeye had "reached commercial terms for the majority" of the first phase 3.5 million barrel expansion with various oil and petroleum companies. He indicated that BORCO's adjusted operating income would reach \$70-\$80 million on an annual basis "when we have the full [7.9 million barrel] expansion up and running".

Clark Smith, Buckeye's president and chief operating officer, told Wall Street analysts that the capacity expansion was being structured in phases to ensure that BORCO did not get ahead of market demand.

Adding that Buckeye

expected the first 3.5 million barrels "to be operational by the close of 2012", Mr Smith said the installation of a new offshore jetty at BORCO was expected to be completed and operational by the 2011 fourth quarter.

Mr Smith said this would give BORCO three offshore jetties with six berths, while a new inland dock was expected to become operational this quarter.

The latter move, Mr Smith said, would provide the Grand Bahama-based storage facility with two sheltered berths in an inlet near its storage facilities, capable of handling Panamax vessels.

Describing BORCO's integration into Buckeye's operations as having "gone very smoothly", and prais-

ing the "talented team of people" at the Grand Bahama facility, Mr Smith added: "We are moving forward on the major expansion projects. Our newly-formed international operations segment has expansion and operational improvement opportunities."

He noted that BORCO recently completed one million man hours "without an operational loss of time incident".

"We expect to see additional growth in this segment as we bring on additional storage capacity in the next few years and achieve operational efficiencies," Mr StClair added of the international operations category, which includes BORCO.

Mr Wylie said Buckeye would also seek to introduce "best practices" into this category.

BORCO's importance to Buckeye cannot be overstated, the company's 2011 first quarter press release describing it as its "largest acquisition to date" and a "premier marine terminal".

"Buckeye's flagship marine terminal in the Bahamas, BORCO, is one of the largest oil and petroleum products storage facilities in the world, serving the international markets as a premier global logistics hub," Buckeye said.



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Nassau, Bahamas  
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Tenders are to arrive at the Public Hospitals Authority no later than 4:00pm Friday 20th May 2011; and shall include the required BS500.00 payment for the Tender Document Package.

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sultation on BTC's proposed charges for interconnection joining services, also called upon the regulator to ensure BTC began construction of requested joining paths "as soon as possible" after the latter's RAIO was approved.

In its May 4 submission, Judith Smith, Cable Bahamas' in-house legal counsel, wrote: "Given the long period of time that has elapsed since BTC first proposed its RAIO, Cable Bahamas calls upon URCA to ensure that BTC adheres to a strict timetable (no more than one month following approval of the final RAIO) to finalise its contractual arrangements with Cable Bahamas."

"Furthermore, URCA should take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that BTC moves forward with the construction of request-

## CABLE URGES ONE MONTH TARGET FOR BTC INTERCONNECT

ed joining paths as soon as possible following URCA's approval of the final RAIO."

Arguing that there was "no justification" for any delay, Ms Smith said BTC should not even be allowed to use the excuse that no agreement had been reached for the termination of its traffic on Cable Bahamas' network or that of another carrier.

"If BTC understands that it can delay a competitor's provision of voice services simply by prolonging the negotiations, it will have every incentive to delay reaching an agreement ad infinitum," Ms Smith said.

"If the parties cannot agree on all of the terms and conditions that will apply to the termination of BTC's traffic, an interim solution can and should be put in place at URCA's direction pending final resolution. URCA should make clear in its final decision that it will not tolerate further delay by BTC in introducing voice competition to the Bahamas."

### Competition

Cable Bahamas' interest in the issue is obvious, given that interconnection is key to facilitating fixed-line voice telecoms competition in any market.

This allows traffic originating on one carrier's network to terminate on that of a rival, thereby allowing customers of two different carriers to talk to one another.

Cable Bahamas is especially keen for interconnection, and competition, to occur as quickly as possible, given last week's re-branding and its entry into the fixed-line voice market with the \$10 million acquisition of Systems Resource Group/IndiGo Networks.

Elsewhere in its response

to URCA's consultation, Cable Bahamas urged the regulator to monitor how BTC implemented interconnection joining circuit charges in practice, calling upon it to intervene if competition was impacted.

Backing URCA's proposal on how joining circuits should be measured and charged, Cable Bahamas said spreading installation/maintenance costs for ports and terminating cards over five years was "considered best practice in Europe".

"Cable Bahamas also questions whether it is appropriate for BTC to impose a relatively high recurring monthly charge for footway boxes of \$38," the company said. "It is Cable Bahamas' understanding that in Jamaica, the RAIO includes a one-time charge of \$38 per box up-front, and a significantly lower recurring monthly charge of around \$9."

When it came to duct charges for interconnection joining paths, Cable Bahamas said these should be determined on "a case-by-case" basis, as such costs were likely to be higher in New Providence and Grand Bahama than islands such as Abaco.



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- (b) detailed resume with cover letter (c) copies of degrees/certificates
- (d) recent photograph (e) police record (f) health certificate (g) three (3) reference letters, one (1) being from your church's minister
- (h) legible e-mail address and working telephone contacts

**Note:** All documents should be submitted at the same time.

Please forward to:  
Kingsway Academy Employment Application  
Kingsway Academy  
Box N-4378, Bernard Road  
Nassau, The Bahamas  
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# MARITIME AUTHORITY A GOV'T AGENCY MODEL

with a gross tonnage of more than 53 million tons. The Bahamas has the largest number of cruise ships on its register of any country, although these in fact only make up 11 per cent of its overall numbers.

Because contributions to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) are based on the tonnage attached to one's register, the Bahamas makes a greater contribution than much larger and more developed countries, such as the US or the UK, at \$1.1 million a year, noted the chairman.

Mr Fair, who summarised the BMA's role as to register vessels, enforce ship safety requirements and constantly monitor and improve standards in sector, told the Rotary group that he could "tell you with some pride that we punch well above our weight" in global shipping fora.

"We have a powerful voice in world shipping and have

the ability to influence the development of policies and legislation both nationally and on the international stage," he added.

Mr Fair said the BMA is constantly looking for ways to grow its business and seek new revenue streams for the Bahamas in the maritime industry.

In this regard, the Bahamas' yacht registry is now up and running, with regulations having been established allowing it to be opened to the public "within the last month", said Mr Fair.

The yacht registry "complements our overall offering and enhances the profile of our nation," he suggested.

"From a concentration on the large ship sector, we now realise our wealthy financial services clients might want to have a 'one-stop shop' for their financial assets and their

leisure assets. We are continually looking at ways to further develop our business model, not only to service our existing customers but also to attract new business.

We're not expecting a flood of registrants in the first year but it had to be one of the offerings we gave."

Meanwhile, having opened a BMA office in Hong Kong last year, Mr Fair said the office - which has three staff and a Bahamian registrar - has been bearing fruit. Mr Fair said he expects the Hong Kong office will also be "an outlet for other Bahamas offerings".

The BMA is now hoping to establish the conditions which would enable the Hong Kong office to go out and seek to do business with China.

"We've got our staff (in Hong Kong) and they are out knocking on doors. Our

Bahamian registrar is there doing business already; she's already done some closings and we're very happy," said Mr Fair.

"We're going to be in Beijing and Hong Kong in June. Having established an office in Hong Kong, we can't actually start marketing in China until such time as we present our credentials to the government, so it's a formal visit to the ministries and, hopefully, because of the relationship the Bahamas has with China they may open a few doors for us."

The BMA is also looking to expand its reach further into Europe by establishing a "long overdue" full office in Greece later this year in an effort to capture more business. Forty per cent of ship

owners on the Bahamian registry are from Greece, Norway and the UK.

"They (the Greeks) are the largest ship owning group by far. It's a major maritime nation, and the Bahamas has such close ties to Greece already. We've got a Greek diaspora in the Bahamas; we can build on that," said Mr Fair.

He also heaped praise on present director of the BMA, former defence force commander, Davy Rolle. A "great success" during his time as chairman was the appointment of a Bahamian director, after years in which the post was held by British nationals who were not greatly "exposed" to the Bahamas and, while diligent, saw the post as a "job".

"Having a Bahamian, Davy Rolle, has been a huge step forward. The level of diligence and commitment he's given to this organisation, I can't begin to tell you. He called me at 12.45am the other day from his office because he was putting together stuff for our next Board meeting. And this is not a young man; he's a former commander of the Defence Force. He's doing a great job," said Mr Fair. Given that shipping is the primary facilitator of world trade, it is by and large a stable industry with numerous opportunities for growth.

Short of a "massive economic contraction", Mr Fair said the primary threat to the continued growth of the maritime industry was piracy, such as that which is current-



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- Assists with operating all plants (e.g., engines, exhaust gas boilers). This involves assisting with starting up, synchronizing and shutting down available plant;
- Cleans engines, gas and steam turbines by disassembling and replacing fluids, and assists with the change over and cleaning of coolers and filters;
- Cleans work area and maintains good housekeeping throughout the generating units. This involves maintaining all operating plant so that they are safe or hazard free (free of grease, dirt and grime) and includes sludge disposal. May be required to perform touch-up painting during engine shut down;
- Assists with troubleshooting problems on back-start and starting diesel engines, turbine units and generators; and
- Assists operations and maintenance lead staff with engine maintenance (associated auxiliary and ancillary equipment).

**Job requirements include:**

- High school graduate with a minimum of six (6) months experience or Industrial certificates and/or a College of The Bahamas Pre-technology diploma; and/or at least five (5) BJC's including Mathematics and English Language
- Basic knowledge of mechanical and electrical schematics and;
- The ability to operate tools, measuring devices and use chemicals appropriately.

The post is a **SHIFT ROTA** job; therefore the successful candidate will be required to work shift.

Interested persons should apply by completing and returning an Application Form to: **The Assistant Manager-Human Resources, Bahamas Electricity Corporation, Blue Hill & Tucker, P. O. Box N-7509 Nassau Bahamas on or before: May 13, 2011.**

**Human Resources Department  
April 29, 2011**



#### INVITATION TO AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION

##### Marketing Consultant

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
BAHAMIAN CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION (BCA)  
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION  
PROJECT No: BH-M1006

The Government of The Bahamas has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the Project *Strengthening the Bahamian Contractors' Association*, for the services of a Marketing Consultant to conduct a diagnostic study of the construction industry in the Bahamas.

The Marketing Consultant will be required to:

- Organize an industry wide diagnostic to garner more precise data on the numbers, skill and qualification levels, within the construction industry and to identify the critical areas of concern amongst industry partners.
- Collaborate with BCA personnel to prepare appropriate data collection instruments and procedures and make preparations for administration of the instruments.
- Participate in diagnostic exercises on New Providence and four major family islands.
- Develop an action plan to address concerns identified from the diagnostic analysis.
- Prepare a final report that can be utilized to design a training program which caters to the skill requirements of the industry.

The Bahamian Contractors' Association now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested candidates must provide information along with a detailed resume establishing that they are qualified to perform the services. The Criteria for Selection will be based on the following qualifications and experience;

- General Qualifications:** At least a Bachelor's degree in Marketing or in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations or Communications. An M.S. in marketing, public relations, or strategic communications or a MBA with a marketing concentration is preferred.
- Work Experience:** Extensive, proven experience in conducting a diagnostic and sector mapping at the national and/or international level in the field of marketing. Proven experience in training and development needs analysis.
- Adequacy for the assignment:** At least 10 years of professional experience in the marketing field. Knowledge of training and development needs analysis. Knowledge of the construction industry or the ability to thoroughly research the construction industry will be an asset.

The services of the consultant will be required for a period of six weeks and all deliverables must be received within that time frame.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (GN-2350-7) and this opportunity is open to all eligible consultants as defined in the policies. Applications are invited from both local (Bahamian) and international (Non-Bahamian) consultants.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours of 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. EST.

Communications with above indicated information must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail to the address indicated below by 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

Bahamian Contractors' Association  
Attn. Mrs. Dominique Martin  
Caribbean Business Park  
Suite #41  
Tonique Williams Darling Highway  
P.O. Box N-9286  
Tel: 325-7524  
Fax: 325-7524 (please provide notification prior to sending facsimiles)  
E-mail: [bca@bahamascontractors.org](mailto:bca@bahamascontractors.org)

## BUSINESS

# Kelly's in Customs appeal victory

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the result of maintaining the position as it was before his ruling. Effectively, Customs' undertaking has been reinstated.

"We're looking forward to the hearing of the appeal, and hopefully that will occur in the near future."

In his submissions to the Court of Appeal, Mr Smith argued that the Judicial Review was in the public interest, adding: "All GBPA (Grand Bahama Port Authority) licensees are affected by Customs' first decision, to demand additional paperwork in respect of goods sold over the counter."

"All GBPA licensees are also affected by the manner and legality of the enforcement mechanisms which Customs chooses to deploy to enforce its demands. Significant numbers of persons

and corporations are therefore potentially affected by the outcome of these proceedings.

"Thirdly, while the first decision may be subject to nice arguments of law, the second decision – relating to Customs' enforcement action – is a manifest abuse of power by Customs which it has not sought to explain or attempt to justify in evidence. The allegation is serious and should be determined."

And he further alleged: "Customs' arbitrary decisions to seize goods and refuse paperwork has led to uncertainty and extra costs, and damaged the applicant's (Kelly's Freeport's) business."

"This will lead to loss of profit, not to mention damage to goodwill and future loss of business if and when it is unable to fulfil existing contracts and/or customers go elsewhere."

"The applicant is fearful, and for good cause, that these arbitrary seizures and fits of non co-operation will continue."

"The current uncertainty affects many licensees in Freeport to the general detriment of the construction and other industries which rely on businesses such as the applicant's for their supplies."

"On the basis of Customs' past behaviour, as set out in the Application for Leave, there is every reason to believe that, unless

restrained, the respondent will seek to continue its pattern of oppressive and prejudicial conduct by seeking to arbitrarily detain goods, or refuse to process imported goods for entry in the usual way, or refuse to accept returns for duty paid sales, or otherwise take enforcement action against the applicant or other Grand Bahama Port Authority licensees, on the basis of non-receipt of duty exempt bonded sales reports or on any other basis not sanctioned by law."

## Business Licence backlog 'sorted within the week'

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ume (of applications) we had to deal with".

His comments came as Tribune Business continues to receive calls from concerned business owners, who said they had been unable to obtain their Business License since applying, completing the procedures and paying for the document prior to the March 31 deadline.

"They said they couldn't do anything for us and we should come back next week," said one businessman.

Mr Laing said: "We are reasonably satisfied with the progress being made, considering there were 10,000-plus applicants. We hired 12 additional people to assist with this, who came on a month-and-a-half ago. There are some (applicants) who have been waiting around three weeks now. We are processing the applications and we have people working overtime, working weekends."

"The backlog of applications should be sorted out within the next week."

The backlog at the Business License Unit appears to have taken longer than the unit anticipated to resolve.

Three weeks ago, in response to complaints about delays in receiving Business Licences after applications were made, Athena Marche, deputy controller of inland revenue with responsibility for the Business License/Valuation Unit, said the issue had been "largely resolved" with just a small number of applications still waiting to be processed.

Ms Marche suggested the remaining applicants could expect to be called to pick up their licenses by the end of that week.

The official attributed the delay in processing some applications to the fact that many business operators left it until within a week of the deadline to apply, while others who had not been in compliance for "many years" finally felt compelled to register.

Ms Marche suggested the fact that the deadline for applications under the new Business License Act is now the end of March, whereas the former Act stipulated an end-of-April deadline, caught some people off guard, despite the Ministry of Finance's publication of the deadline for several months in the media.

"The crowd that came in was not the normal crowd. Everyone rushed at the end of period. They don't normally do that. You had persons who did not apply for up to a decade coming in to apply," said Ms Marche.

# BTC demands no 'under-recovery' on connect costs

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at an assumed weighted average cost of capital (WACC) of 10 per cent, ROCE (return on capital employed) for these services amounts to around \$10 million in 2009," BTC told URCA. "From the accounts we can also obtain a total depreciation amount for relevant assets of \$27 million, giving total capital costs of around \$37 million."

Treating both common costs and indirect network costs as mark-up capital costs gave percentages of 88.95 per cent and 80.86 per cent, BTC said, making for a cumulative 169.81 per cent. The carrier, now majority-owned by Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), said these mark-ups were "around a factor five higher" than the ones it had originally proposed.

Comparing its proposed monthly joining services operating costs with those suggested by URCA, which had used a different benchmark, BTC said the regulator's were between 72.58 per cent to 140 per cent higher than its own.

"BTC has provided operational expenditure estimates that are significantly below the benchmark that URCA deems reasonable for services of this type," BTC said.

## Concern

"This suggests that the principal area of concern for URCA should be to ensure that BTC does not under-recover against incurred costs for the service. URCA's comments suggest that the real risk associated with BTC's tariff proposals is that they are below the reasonable cost levels observed in other markets."

This table and the [UK] benchmark suggest that the mark-ups proposed are too conservative, so BTC's suggestion would be to use URCA's suggested benchmark to set the final rates for the time being."

Decrying URCA's use of the UK as a comparison on how interconnection services are provided, BTC questioned how the regulator would treat under-used interconnection capacity, since this was still likely to be included in its service tariffs.

"All operators are likely to require interconnection capacity from BTC, while not all operators will require interconnection with each other, perhaps preferring to use BTC as a transit operator," BTC added.

"BTC is therefore likely to require a higher degree of spare capacity in order to prevent shortages. It is also clear that these costs are incurred by BTC because of the provision of interconnection joining services, and they should therefore be recovered from tariffs for joining services."

However, acknowledging that rival licensed carriers might pay for "unnecessarily high spare capacity" if tariffs were not limited, BTC said it proposed to include a 25 per cent 'spare capacity' mark-up in the equipment calculations to ensure it recovers legitimate costs.

Proposing to review joining services tariffs after a "reasonable number" of rival carriers have made separate proposals, BTC said that not charging mark-ups on indirect and common costs "would result in inefficient allocation outcomes and, in the long run, undermine the financial viability of a regulated firm like BTC".

### NOTICE

#### SMINO LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

(a) SMINO LIMITED is in voluntary dissolution under the provisions of Section 137 (4) of the International Business Companies Act 2000.

(b) The dissolution of the said company commenced on the 6th May, 2011 when the Articles of Dissolution were submitted to and registered by the Registrar General.

(c) The Liquidator of the said company is Dizame Consulting SA, Pasea Estate, Road Town, Tortola, BVI

Dated this 9th day of May, A. D. 2011

**Dizame Consulting SA**  
Liquidator

COMMONWEALTH  
OF THE BAHAMAS 2009/CLE/qui/06890  
IN THE SUPREME COURT  
Equity Division  
BETWEEN

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE QUIETING TITLE ACT, 1959

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Petition of  
VINCENT CARTWRIGHT

AND

IN THE MATTER of that tract of land known as Allotment No. 27 of "Sandilands Village Allotments" situate in the Southern side of the Sandilands Village Road approximately Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Two Hundredths feet (3,542 ft) west of Fox Hill Road in the Eastern District of the Island of New Providence and which said piece parcel or lot of land is bounded on the North by Sandilands Village Road and running thereon One Hundred and Thirty Two Hundredths Feet (132ft) on the East by a 20ft wide dirt road and running thereon Six Hundred and Seventy one and Seventy Seven Hundredths feet (671.77) on the South by Lot No.44 and running thereon One Hundred and thirty two and Seventeen Hundredths feet (132.17) and on the West partly by a portion of Lot No.28 and running thereon Eighteen and Seventy Three Hundredths Feet (18.73ft) and partly by a wide 30 feet wide road in reservation and running thereon by Six Hundred Fifty Three and Twenty Seven Hundredths (653.27)

### NOTICE

The Petitioner Vincent Cartwright claims to be the owner of the fee simple lot of land in possession the tract of land hereinbefore described free from encumbrances.

And the Petitioner has made application to the Supreme Court of the aforementioned Commonwealth of The Bahamas under Section 3 of the Quieting Titles Act, 1959 in the above action, to have this title to the said tract of land investigated and the nature and extent thereof determined and declared in a Certificate of Title to be granted in accordance with the provision of the said Act.

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

Copies of the said plan may be inspected during normal hours at the Registry of the Supreme Court, East Street North, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas or the Chambers of C. Yvette McCartney, Building No.10, Seventh Terrace West, Centreville, Nassau, Bahamas.

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Attorneys for the Estate

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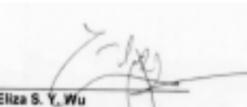
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No. 45 of 2000  
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Eliza S. Y. Wu  
Liquidator

## BUSINESS

# Why junk bond rally should be cheered – and feared

BERNARD CONDON,  
AP Business Writer  
NEW YORK

Here's a markets riddle for you: What has jumped in value more than its biggest fans expected and withstood worries like slowing U.S. growth, European debt woes and even the specter of the U.S. losing its top credit rating?

No, it's not the stock market. Stumped? It's junk bonds, a sort of IOU from risky companies thought most likely to not pay back their debt.

Junk has gained 55 percent the past two years, 5 percentage points more than stocks. That's good for the many brave investors who've bought junk bonds. And good for the economy, too. The hot market for junk means companies that once seemed close to bankruptcy can sell these bonds with ease and use the proceeds to run their businesses.

"Companies struggling during the recession have been able to borrow, and that's given them time and that's good," says George Cipolloni, co-manager of Berwyn Income, a mutual fund that holds junk.

The latest sign of this economic elixir at work came Wednesday. While stocks were in a two-day decline, research firm Dealogic published a report showing a record amount of junk bonds has been sold so far this year — \$158 billion, nearly double what was sold during the same period in 2007, when the economy was still booming.

But this rally is not without its critics. Junk is up partly because companies are more likely to pay back their bonds and other debts now that the Great Recession is over. But Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has also played a role in rising junk prices. That worries investors who think the Fed has a habit of inflating bubbles.

The Fed's policy of setting



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benchmark interest rates at zero and buying government securities has frustrated investors who are getting miserly interest payments on those and other conservative assets. That led many to rush into risky investments. To some extent, that's exactly what the Fed wanted. The hoped-for result is that money will flow more freely to companies and that investors will feel richer — and that both will spend more. Bernanke's efforts were mostly designed to push investors into stocks after many pulled money out of stocks during the financial crisis. They've fled into all sorts of assets including tradable bank loans, heating oil futures, carbon-emission credits and, yes, junk bonds.

A revived economy may justifi-

fy the higher assets prices on junk that Fed policy has facilitated. But critics of the Fed note that such easy-money policies have helped lead to two stock bubbles in a decade, a credit market bubble and a housing bubble — all of which burst, socking investors with hundreds of billions in dollars in losses. When junk bonds imploded in 2008, for example, investors in mutual funds holding them lost 26 percent, according to Morningstar. Buyers were so scared that bond yields, which move in the opposite direction from their price, spiked to over 20 percent.

The big appeal of junk now is that safer assets are so unappealing.

Holders of five-year Treasuries get 2 percent annually for their money now. Put cash in five-year certificates of deposits instead and you might get 2.6 percent. Junk bonds? They'll give you 6.7 percent, according to Barclays Capital.

That sounds great, but in reality, junk bond yields are near record lows and they're down 1.75 percentage points in just a year.

"Companies are more healthy now, but I'm not getting paid as much," says Andrew Smock, co-chief investment officer at Merganser Capital, a money manager that has been selling junk for several months as investors have piled into the market. "It's junk, it's risky. I can't get excited."

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Nassau, Bahamas  
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## URCA BOARD RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTS CEO'S RESIGNATION

Mr. Wayne Aranha, Chairman of the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA), has announced that Mr. Usman Saadat, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of URCA, submitted his resignation to him on 2nd of May, 2011. In compliance with the terms of his contract, and in order to facilitate the transition to a successor, Mr. Saadat has agreed to stay until August 31, 2011.

Mr. Saadat was hired in April 2009, after an international search, for the role of Director of Policy and Regulation (DPR). He was subsequently appointed CEO, following another competitive selection process, in October 2010.

Mr. Aranha commented that "The Board would have wished Mr. Saadat to stay for the length of his tenure, until 2013, given that it has full confidence in the ability, integrity, and leadership of its CEO. However, noting that this is a personal decision, which has been directly influenced by the recent unfortunate and unwarranted personal attacks on him and his family in different media, the Board has reluctantly accepted his resignation. He has contributed significantly to the development of URCA and the advancement of the regulation of the communications sector in The Bahamas. He will be leaving URCA at a critical juncture as it seeks to ensure that the full benefits to be derived from the newly liberalized sector accrue to all Bahamians. We wish him well in his future endeavours and the Board will now focus on engaging a new CEO."

Mr. Saadat noted that, "I have enjoyed the challenge of leading various aspects of change – external and internal - over the last two years. At the time I was appointed as DPR, I then understood my broad mandate as helping to transform the legacy regulator (PUC), implement the new regulatory regime, effectively regulate under the new framework, local capacity building, and providing the certainty and predictability in the regulatory regime that is conducive to investment through new operators and via privatisation. I feel satisfied that I have fulfilled a large part of that mandate. I want to express my sincere thanks to the Board, who have backed me through some challenging times recently. Finally, I want to thank my colleagues at URCA who have endured major changes but delivered the necessary outputs and outcomes under demanding circumstances."

**For media queries, please contact:**  
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## INSIGHT

# CHURCH BURNING DEEPENS TUMULT OF EGYPT TRANSITION

## 12 dead after clashes between Muslims and Christians

CAIRO  
Associated Press

RELATIONS between Egypt's Muslims and Christians degenerated to a new low Sunday after riots overnight left 12 people dead and a church burned, adding to the disorder of the country's post-revolution transition to democracy.

The attack on the church was the latest sign of assertiveness by an extreme, ultraconservative movement of Muslims known as Salafis, whose increasing hostility toward Egypt's Coptic Christians over the past few months has met with little interference from the country's military rulers.

Salafis have been blamed for other recent attacks on Christians and others they don't approve of. In one attack, a Christian man had an ear cut off for renting an apartment to a Muslim woman suspected of involvement in prostitution.

### Violence

The latest violence, which erupted in fresh clashes Sunday between Muslims and Christians who pelted each other with stones in another part of Cairo, also pointed to what many see as reluctance of the armed forces council to act. The council took temporary control of the country after President Hosni Mubarak was deposed on Feb. 11.

After the overnight clashes in the slum of Imbaba, residents turned their anger toward the military. Some said they and the police did almost nothing to intervene in the five-hour frenzy of violence.

Analysts warned of signs of Coptic violence, especially with reports that some Christians have opened fire at Muslims.

"The Coptic volcano is exploding," Coptic expert Youssef Sedhom said. "How would Copts respond if they find their back to the wall facing guns? They

would have no option but self defence," adding, "don't blame Copts for what they do."

Six Muslims were among the dead, according to Egypt's state-run news agency.

The bloodshed began Saturday around sundown when word spread around the neighborhood that a Christian woman who married a Muslim had been abducted and was being kept in the Virgin Mary Church against her will.

Islamic extremists declared the crowded district a state within a state in 1990s, calling it "the Islamic Republic of Imbaba," one of the country's hottest spots of Islamic militancy.

The report of the kidnapping, which was never confirmed by local religious figures, sent a large mob of Muslims toward the church. Christians created a human barricade around the building and clashes erupted. Gunfire sounded across the neighborhood, and witnesses said people on rooftops were firing into the crowd.

The two sides accused each other of firing first.

Crowds of hundreds of Muslims from the neighborhood lobbed firebombs at homes, shops and the church. Residents say Christians were hiding inside. Muslims chanted: "With our blood and soul, we defend you, Islam."

Rimon Girgis, a 24-year-old with a tattoo of a Coptic saint on his arm, was among the Christians who formed a human shield around the church.

"They were around 40 bearded men chanting slogans like 'There is no God but Allah.' After rallying Muslim residents, they opened fire," he said. "We Copts had to respond, so we hurled stones and pieces of broken marble."

Some of the wounded were carried to the nearby St. Menas Church, where floors were still stained with blood hours later.

"Every five minutes, an injured person was rushed into the church," said a Father Arshedis. "We couldn't reach ambulances by phone. We called and no one answered. We tried to treat the injured. We used the girls' hair clips to extract the bullets."

"The army is responsible because they took no action," he said.

Later the same night, the Muslim crowd moved to a Christian-owned apartment building nearby and set it on fire. Piles of charred furniture, garbage and wood were mixed with remains of clothes, food and shoes. Shops on the ground floor of the buildings were destroyed.

### Soldiers

Some soldiers and police did fire tear gas, but failed to clear the streets for hours.

By daybreak, the military had deployed armored vehicles and dozens of troop carriers to cordon off a main street leading to the area. They stopped traffic and turned away pedestrians. Men, women and children watching from balconies took photos with mobile phones and cheered the troops.

Across the Nile river, in downtown Cairo, clashes broke out on Sunday afternoon. Muslim youths attacked Coptic Christian protesters, said Christian activist Bishoy Tamri.

TV images showed both sides furiously throwing stones, including one Christian who held a large wooden cross in one hand while flinging rocks with the other.

Scores were injured, but an army unit securing the TV building did nothing to stop the violence, Tamri said.

Late Sunday thousands of Copts decided to camp out in front of the TV building overnight to press demands to bring the arsonists to jus-



EGYPTIAN COPTS, one holding a cross and a picture of Jesus Christ and Coptic Pope Shenouda III with writing in Arabic reading "Your salvation is in my hands, God is here", demonstrate against the overnight sectarian violence, in downtown Cairo, Egypt Sunday, May 8, 2011. Christians and Muslims throwing rocks clashed in downtown Cairo on Sunday, hours after ultraconservative Muslim mobs set fire overnight to a church and a Christian-owned apartment building in a frenzy of violence that killed 12 people and injured more than 200. (AP)

tice and to make religious instigation a criminal offense.

Islamic clerics denounced the violence, sounding alarm bells at the escalating tension during the transitional period following Mubarak's Feb. 11 ouster by a popular uprising.

"These events do not benefit either Muslim or Copts," Ahmed al-Tayyeb, the sheik of al-Azhar, told the daily Al-Ahram.

### Spirit

During the 18-day uprising that ousted Mubarak, there was a rare spirit of brotherhood between Muslims and Christians. Each group protected the other during prayer sessions in Cairo's Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the revolution.

But in the months that

followed, there has been a sharp rise in sectarian tensions, as the once quiescent Salafis have become more forceful in trying to spread their version of an Islamic way of life. In particular, they have focused their wrath on Egypt's Christians, who make up 10 percent of the country's 80 million people.

On Friday, a few hundred Salafis marched through Cairo to praise al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and condemning the U.S. operation that killed him.

Critics say Egyptian military authorities have done too little to stem the religious violence. But authorities arrested 190 people after the church attack, sending them to military prosecutions and threatening the maximum penalty against anyone attacking

houses of worship.

Copts complain of widespread discrimination, including tight restrictions on building or repairing churches, while Muslim places of worship do not face such limits.

In one of the worst attacks against them, a suicide bomber killed 21 people outside a church in the port city of Alexandria on Jan. 1, setting off days of protests. Egypt made some arrests but never charged anyone with the attack.

Tensions have been building for the past year as Salafis protested the alleged abduction by the Coptic Church of a priest's wife, Camilla Shehata. The Salafis claim she converted to Islam to escape an unhappy marriage — a phenomenon they maintain is common.

### Divorce

Because divorce is banned in the Coptic Church, with rare exceptions such as conversion, some Christian women resort to conversion to Islam or another Christian denomination to get out of a marriage.

Shehata's case was even used by Iraq's branch of al-Qaida as a justification for an attack on a Baghdad church that killed 68 people and other threats by the group against Christians.

On Saturday just before the violence erupted in Imbaba, Shehata appeared with her husband and child on a Christian TV station broadcast from outside of Egypt and asserted that she was still a Christian and had never converted.

"Let the protesters leave the Church alone and turn their attention to Egypt's future," she said from an undisclosed location.

In the Egyptian Sinai desert, hundreds of Bedouins forced authorities to set free a prisoner after laying siege to the main courthouse, firing gunshots in the air and burning tires, witnesses said.



EGYPTIAN COPTS, one holding a banner with a picture of Jesus Christ and writing in Arabic reading "Christ, Our God, is alive", demonstrate against the overnight sectarian violence, in downtown Cairo, Egypt Sunday. (AP)

INSIGHT

# 'Raid was the longest 40 minutes of my life'

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istan, an inconstant ally in the long struggle against terrorists.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said: "Everybody has to understand that even in the getting of Osama bin Laden, the Pakistanis were helpful. We have people on the ground in Pakistan because they allow us to have them."

"We actually worked with them on certain parts of the intelligence that helped to lead to him, and they have been extraordinarily cooperative and at some political cost to them in helping us to take out 16 of the top 20 al-Qaida leaders with a drone programme that we have in the western part of the country," he said.

The senior Republican on the committee, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, said: "Pakistan is a critical factor in the war against terror, our war, the world's war against it, simply because there are a lot of terrorists in Pakistan." He also noted that the nation possesses nuclear weapons, and said a cut-off in aid could weaken the United States' ability to make sure they do not fall into the hands of terrorists.

Kerry strongly defended the president's decision to order the raid, and the

shooting death of bin Laden.

The administration has offered shifting accounts of the events that unfolded in the 40 minutes the Navy SEALs were inside bin Laden's compound, most recently saying the terrorist mastermind was unarmed but appeared to be reaching for a weapon when he was shot in the head and chest.

"I think those SEALs did exactly what they should have done. And we need to shut up and move on about, you know, the realities of what happened in that building," Kerry said.

National security adviser Tom Donilon said, "I've not seen evidence that would tell us that the political, the military, or the intelligence leadership had foreknowledge of — of bin Laden" being in the country. He said the U.S. has asked the Pakistani authorities for access to people whom the SEALs left behind in the compound, including three of bin Laden's wives. The U.S. also wants access to additional materials collected there, he said.

Officials have said the SEALs took voluminous computerised and paper records when they chopped out of bin Laden's compound.

Donilon likened the amount of information retrieved to the size of a



IN THIS IMAGE released by the White House and digitally altered by the source to diffuse the paper in front of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with with members of the national security team, receive an update on the mission against Osama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House, Sunday, May 1, 2011, in Washington. The White House, Pete Souza/AP

small college library.

Donilon also sidestepped when asked if waterboarding and other so-called enhanced interrogation of detainees had produced information that led to the successful raid against

bin Laden's compound. "No single piece of intelligence led to this," he said.

The national security adviser appeared on ABC, NBC, CNN and Fox. Lugar was on CNN, and Kerry spoke on CBS.

## US SAYS IT WANTS ACCESS TO BIN LADEN WIDOWS

ISLAMABAD Associated Press

THE United States wants access to Osama bin Laden's three widows and any intelligence material its commandos left behind at the al-Qaida leader's compound, a top American official said in comments broadcast Sunday that could add a fresh sticking point in already frayed ties with Pakistan.

Information from the women, who remained in the house after the commandos killed bin Laden, might answer questions about whether Pakistan harbored the al-Qaida chief as many American officials are speculating. It could also reveal details about the day-to-day life of bin Laden, his actions since the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and the inner workings of al-Qaida.

The women, along with several children also picked up from the house, are believed to be in Pakistani army custody. A Pakistani army official declined to comment Sunday on the request, which U.S. National Security Adviser Tom Donilon revealed on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The CIA and Pakistan's spy agency, known by the acronym ISI, have worked uneasily together in the past on counterterrorism, but the unilateral U.S. raid — done without Pakistan's advance knowledge — has exposed the deep mistrust that scars a complicated if vital partnership for both nations.

### Pressure

Even before the May 1 raid, the ISI said it was cutting cooperation with CIA to protest drone strikes close to the Afghan border, among other things. In the current environment, Pakistan could use the fact it has something Washington wants — bin Laden's widows — as leverage to reduce some of the pressure it is under.

Bin Laden was found in a large house close to a military academy in the army town of Abbottabad where he had been living for up to six years. His location raised U.S. suspicions that he had help from some Pakistani authorities, possibly elements of the powerful army and intelligence services. Donilon said Washington had seen no evidence that the Pakistani government had been colluding with bin Laden — the public line taken by most U.S. officials since the raid, including President Barack Obama in comments also broadcast Sunday.

"But they need to investigate that," Donilon said. "And they need to provide us with intelligence, by the way, from the compound that they've gathered, including access to Osama bin Laden's three wives, whom they have in ... custody."

Donilon also said Pakistani authorities had collected other evidence from the house which the United States wanted to "work with them on assessing." U.S. commandos managed to seize a large and valuable intelligence haul that included videos, telephone numbers and documents, along with the body of bin Laden, before flying back to Afghanistan, accord-



PAKISTANI YOUTHS view the house, background, of former al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan on Sunday, May 8, 2011. Osama bin Laden was killed by a helicopter-borne U.S. military force on Monday, in a fortress-like compound on the outskirts of Pakistani city of Abbottabad. (AP)

ing to U.S. officials.

The Pakistani government has strongly denied it knew of bin Laden's whereabouts, but Western governments have long regarded Islamabad with suspicion. Its armed forces have historical — some say ongoing — links with Islamist militants, which they used as proxies in Afghanistan and India.

The allegations of Pakistani collusion pose an acute problem for the Obama administration because few can see any alternative but to continue engaging with the country. Unstable and nuclear-armed, it remains integral to the fight against al-Qaida as well as to American hopes for beginning to draw down troops in Afghanistan later this year.

"We need to act in our national interest," Donilon said. "We have had difficulty with Pakistan, as I said. But we've also had to work very closely with Pakistan in our counter-terror efforts."

The American commandos killed bin Laden and up to four other people, including one of his sons, at the compound.

Pakistani officials have given little information, some of it conflicting, about the identities of the women and children left behind, including exactly how many there are and what they allegedly have been saying. One of the wives is Yemeni, Pakistani officials have said. A copy of her passport, leaked to the local media, identifies her as Amal Ahmed Abdullfattah. She has allegedly told Pakistani investigators that she moved to the home in 2006 and never left the upper floors of the three-story compound, where bin Laden was living.

She is from the southern Yemeni province of Ibb, about 120 miles (193 kilometers) south of the capital, Sanaa. A family member there has sought a meeting

with Pakistan's ambassador to Yemen to ask about her fate and whether she is to return to Yemen. The relative, a cousin named Walid al-Sada, said the ambassador did not know and promised to get back to the family.

Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Tahmina Janjua said no countries have asked for the return of bin Laden's relatives. The Foreign Ministry in a statement last week said they were being well looked after and will be returned to their countries of origin.

### Videos

When the Navy SEALs raided bin Laden's compound, they collected computer equipment and videos, including one that showed bin Laden huddled in a blanket and wearing a knit cap while seated on the floor watching television — an image that contrasts with the bin Laden seen in propaganda videos released over the years, which depicted him as a charismatic religious figure unaffected by the world's scorn.

But many Pakistanis, who are routinely misled by their government and live in a country where television and newspapers report conspiracy theories about the malign intentions of the United States uncritically, don't believe bin Laden has died.

"I think Osama did not die," said Mohammad Khan at a newspaper kiosk in Rawalpindi city. "I don't believe even 1 percent that he was martyred in Abbottabad. The making of a video is not a big thing for America. They can do what they want because they have the latest technology. They can make impossible things seem possible."

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# INSIGHT

THE STORIES BEHIND THE NEWS

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

## 'Bin Laden raid was the longest 40 minutes of my life'



US PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA boards Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. last week before heading to New York City to visit Ground Zero and meet with first responders and family members of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. (AP)

### Obama: 'Getting our man' outweighed the risks

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Barack Obama ordered the commando raid that killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden after deciding the risks were outweighed by the possibility "of us finally getting our man" following a decade of frustration, he said in a Sunday broadcast interview, according to Associated Press.

The helicopter raid "was the longest 40 minutes of my life," Obama told CBS' 60 Minutes, with the possible exception of when his daughter Malia became sick with meningitis as an infant.

Monitoring the commando raid operation in the White House Situation Room a week ago, Obama said he and top aides "had a sense of when gunfire and explosions took place" halfway around the world, and knew when one of the helicopters carrying Navy SEALs made an unplanned hard landing. "But we could

not get information clearly about what was happening inside the compound," he said.

Public opinion polls have shown a boost in Obama's support in the days since the raid, and his re-election campaign was eager to draw attention to the interview.

Jim Messina, the president's campaign manager, emailed supporters encouraging them to watch the programme. The note included a link to a listing of all of the network's local affiliates around the country — and another one requesting donations to Obama's re-election effort.

In the interview, Obama said that as nervous as he was about the raid, he didn't lose sleep over the possibility that bin Laden might be killed. Anyone who questions whether the terrorist mastermind didn't deserve his fate "needs to have their head examined," he said.

Obama said bin Laden had "some sort of support network" inside Pakistan to be able to live for years at a high-security compound in Abbottabad, a city that houses numerous military facilities. But he stopped short of accusing Pakistani officials of harbouring the man who planned the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks that killed nearly 3,000.

"We don't know who or what that support network was. We don't know whether there might have been some people inside of government, people outside of government." He said the United States wanted to investigate further to learn the facts, "and more importantly, the Pakistani government has to investigate."

Some members of Congress have called for a cessation of U.S. aid to Pakistan, at least until it becomes clear what role, if any, the government played in bin Laden's ability to

avoid detection for years. But Obama said that since the Sept. 11 attacks, "Pakistan has been a strong counter-terrorism partner with us" despite period disagreements.

The president was guarded in discussing any of the details of the raid, and offered no details that have not yet been made public.

Discussing his own role, he said the decision to order the raid was very difficult, in part because there was no certainty that bin Laden was at the compound, and also because of the risk to the SEALs.

"But ultimately, I had so much confidence in the capacity of our guys to carry out the mission that I felt that the risks were outweighed by the potential benefit of finally getting our man," he said.

Two influential lawmakers rebutted calls for a cut-off in American aid to Pak-



OSAMA BIN LADEN was killed by US forces last weekend. (AP)

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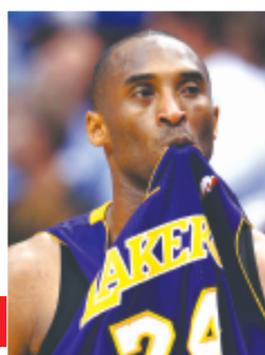
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Mavs sweep Lakers, into Western finals

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# Chris Brown wins 400 in JA

By BRENT STUBBS  
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It's still early, but Chris 'Bay' Brown feels his 400m triumph at the Jamaican Invitational will set the tone for bigger and better things for him this year.

In one of his defying moments, Brown powered from behind and held off a strong field to pull off the one-lap race in 45.37 to place him eighth on the IAAF world list.

The top Bahamian, however, is Texas A&M's senior Demetrius Pinder of Grand Bahama at No.4 in 45.06.

Also at the meet on Saturday at the Jamaican National Stadium in Kingston, sprinter Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie had to settle for third in the women's 200 in 22.78.

Jamaica finished with a 1-2 punch with Shelly-Ann Fraser in 22.10, followed by compatriot Veronica Campbell-Brown in 22.37.

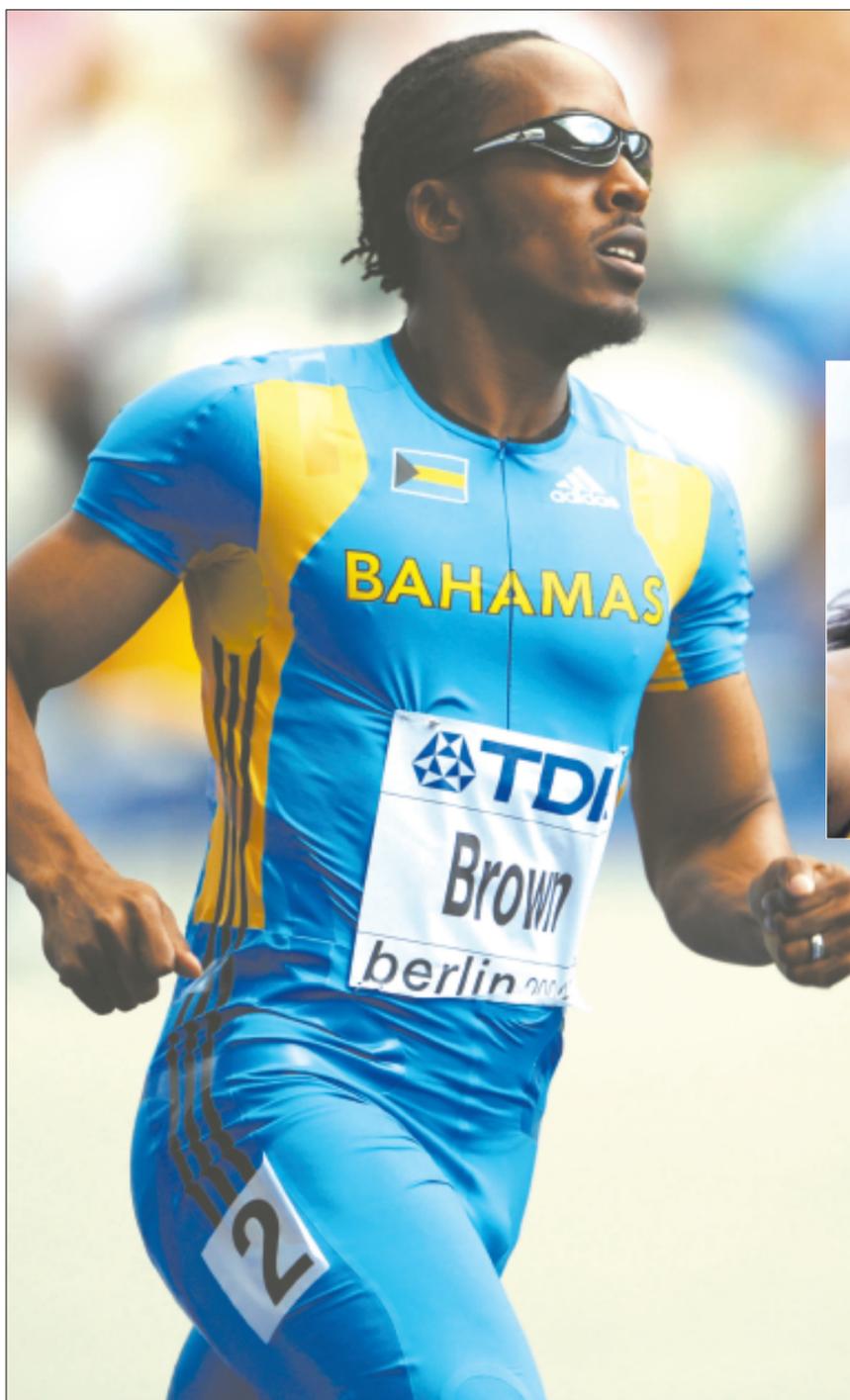
For Brown, in an interview yesterday on his return home, he said the meet was a pretty good one and he thanked God for allowing him to display his skills.

"It was my first one for the season and I wanted to get off to a good start," he said. "I wasn't concerned about the time I was going to run. I just wanted to win, which was most important."

After getting out pretty good, Brown stayed in the pack on the back stretch, but coming off the final curve, he exerted just enough energy to surge ahead of Trinidad & Tobago's Renny Quow, who trailed in 45.43. Jamaican Jermaine Gonzales settled for third in 45.52.

"I'm very pleased with the time and very pleased with my performance. To go to Jamaica and to come out with a victory is very huge," he said.

"The stadium was filled to capacity and they were rooting for their home town favourites, but I had God on my side and I had some fans there cheering for me, so I just went out there and do battle because I know no weapons formed against me shall prosper."



**BIG WIN:** Chris 'Bay' Brown (file photo) powered from behind and held off a strong field to pull off the one-lap race in 45.37 at the Jamaican Invitational. He is ranked 8th of the IAAF world list. Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie (file photo top right) placed third in the 200.

shall prosper."

Brown, 32, will now head to Europe for two meets in

Rome, Italy, on May 26 and in Ostrava, Czech Republic, on May 31 before he returns

to the US to compete in New York and then he will head home for BAAA Nationals

## 'Golden girl' Debbie third in the 200m



compete in her next meet this weekend.

With the new national stadium expected to be completed by June, Ferguson-McKenzie said she longs for the day when the Bahamas can host an international meet.

"A lot of the athletes went to Jamaica to compete, but they also enjoyed the food and the whole atmosphere of being on the island where it was more laid back," she said.

"So I think it will be a good thing for us to follow in Jamaica's footsteps. Hopefully, we can have one that is close enough so that when they finish in Jamaica they can come to the Bahamas. It would be awesome."

Elsewhere over the weekend, two Bahamian sprinters competed at the Bob Pollick Spring Invitational at Clemson University where they went head-to-head in the men's 100.

Jamial Rolle, competing unattached, got second in the straight away race in 10.26 with Warren Fraser of Clemson coming in third in 10.28. American Travis Padgett won in 10.11.

Rolle, 31, also contested the 200 where he posted a victory in 20.91 with Fraser ending up fourth in 21.24.

"I'm happy with it, especially with my training that I'm doing right now," Rolle said. "I was just happy that everything is coming alone, but I still have a lot of things to work on technically."

"I'm capable of running a lot faster. That's the technical flows that I have to work on before I get in peak form. But I'm in shape right, so I'm happy that it's early May and I'm running fast. So the sky is the limit."

in June.

Ferguson-McKenzie, on the other hand, said her performance was a start but she admitted that while she was disappointed in her start, there were three different races within the half-lapper.

"She was gone," said Ferguson-McKenzie, referring to Fraser, who bolted like a lightning from behind to surge ahead of the field off the curve for an impressive win.

"She was gone. She was gone from the get go. It was like there was three different races. Shelly-Ann was in a race by herself and I was in a different race. She was gone. She was gone," said Ferguson-McKenzie.

She said once she can get in some speed work and some more races between now and the World Championships, she will be ready to contest for another medal. "It's still early," she said. "So I'm not too concerned."

Ferguson-McKenzie, 35, will travel to Puerto Rico to

## 'We've agreed in principal that Nationals will be held in Grand Bahama'

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IN principal, the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations is set to stage its 2011 National Track and Field Championships at the Grand Bahama Sports Complex June 24-25.

BAAA president Mike Sands confirmed the speculations circulating that the Nationals will be moved from Thomas A Robinson Track and Field Stadium to the nation's second city.

"We've agreed in principal that the nationals will be held in Grand Bahama," Sands stated in an interview on Sunday. "As an executive, we have agreed in principal and I have to stress that."

But in order for the Nationals to return to Grand Bahama, Sands indicated that there are several logistics that have to be sorted out before a final decision is made.

"We have to make an assessment of the facilities, particular the equipment needs, which is most critical," Sands said. "Bear in mind that the Nationals is a qualifying meet for the World Championships, the Pan American Games and the CAC Championships."

Once they complete their assessment this week, Sands said by the end of the month the BAAA would confirm whether or not they will eventually stage the Nationals there.



**JAMIAL ROLLE** competes in the 100m at the Bob Pollick Spring Invitational.

"We can not just say that the nationals will be there until we have all the ducks in the pond," Sands said. "But we are satisfied that whatever needs will be done in time to have the nationals there."

Sands said the BAAA has also approached the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture to assist in pulling off the meet, which he feels will be the biggest to hit Grand Bahama.

And they are also looking forward to securing a principal sponsor, hopefully from Grand Bahama where the economic boost is far fetching, considering the fact that there are so many elite athletes that have not had the chance to compete at home in

quite some time.

Sands was referring to quarter-milers such as Demetrius Pinder, Michael Mathieu, Andrea Williams and Lato Williams, high jumper Donald Thomas and sprinter Nivea Smith, just to name a few.

But he pointed out that the majority of the athletes, who are from New Providence and who are based in the United States, will just simply make arrangements to travel directly to Grand Bahama instead of coming here.

"There maybe some minimum inherent cost, such as accommodations, but again, we are working on making that as economically feasi-

ble as possible on their behalf," Sands said.

"It's a mandatory meet for all the athletes wishing to make any of the national teams, so we're satisfied that the event will be fully subscribed and it will bring a level of excitement to Grand Bahama that they have never seen before in track and field," he said.

Additionally, Sands said if time permits, the BAAA intends to put on a special 4 x 400 relay dubbed Grand Bahama versus the rest where the Grand Bahamian quarter-milers will team up to compete against a team made up of the other quarter-milers, led by Chris Brown.

In a bid to try and see if both the 4 x 4 and the women's 4 x 100 relay team get a chance to qualify for the World Championships, Sands said they intend to invite a couple of Caribbean nations to compete.

"To use it as a qualifier for the World Championships, you must have three countries compete," Sands said. "Unfortunately, most of the region will be having their nationals as well, but we will invite any country who is looking for a meet to try and qualify their relay teams."

When contacted, a couple of the athletes pointed out that a change in venue for the Nationals will be just what they need.

"It's okay. We were asking if the Nationals would be at the main stadium, which they told us won't hap-

pen," said sprinter Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie.

"So in a way, I think it's kind of good that it will be in Grand Bahama. As much as we usually have more crowd in Nassau, I think we just want a change. Since it's not the new stadium, let's just take it somewhere different."

Sprinter Jamial Rolle weighed out the situation. "Being from Nassau, I have a preference competing there," Rolle said. "But it's the Bahamas Nationals, not Nassau Nationals, so it is what it is. Be honest, I probably would want to compete in Nassau because it's my home."

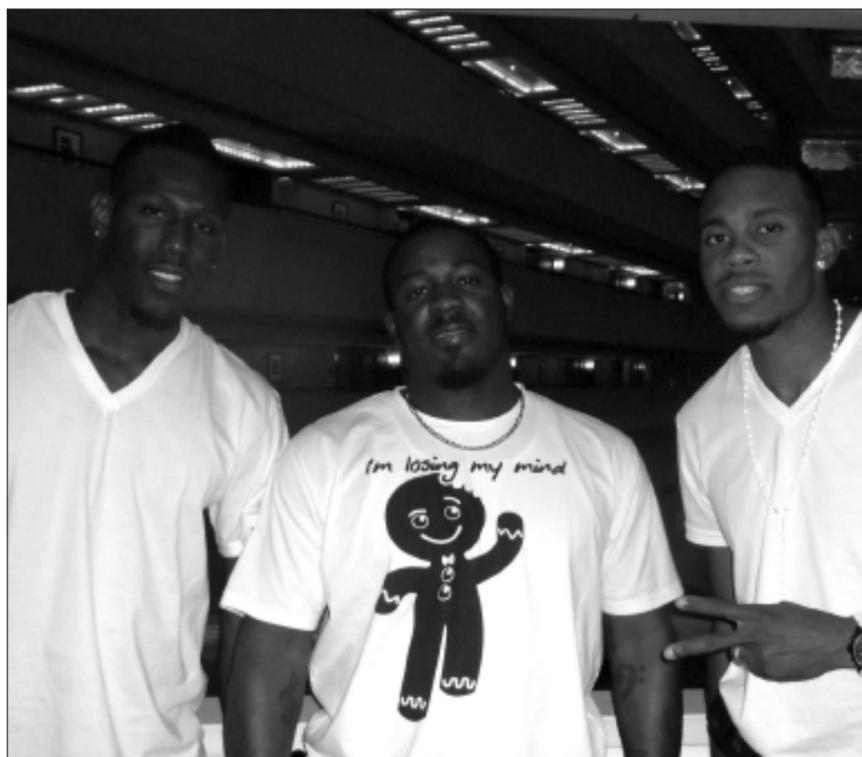
"But Grand Bahama has a nice track, so they deserve us coming there. Either way, it's a track with eight lanes, so it is what it is. It doesn't matter. But if I had a preference, it would be Nassau."

However, Chris 'Bay' Brown has a little more at stake, competing against a host of Grand Bahamians in the men's 400 metres.

"I enjoy a different scenery every now and then. It makes it more exciting," Brown said. "It's something different. The only thing is I've never had a good race in Grand Bahama. Hopefully, this time would be different. Even though they have their home-town favourite, it would be nice to go there and upset the home-crowd favourite. I think it's going to be a nice championships. If everybody comes home healthy, it should be a nice race."

## LOCAL SPORTS

# 'Superman' soars for season's best



**SHOWN** (l-r) are Donald Thomas, Byron Ferguson and Leevan Sands at the Qatar meet.

ON Friday, triple jumper Leevan 'Superman' Sands and high jumper Donald Thomas got second and fourth respectively in their events at the Samsung Diamond League in Doha, Qatar.

With softball player/pilot Byron Ferguson watching in the stands, Sands popped a season's best of 17.09 metres or 56-feet, 1-inch on his first of four jumps to trail Teddy Tamgho of France.



**'SUPERMAN'** Leevan Sands chats with his coach after competing in the triple jump.

Tamgho produced a world leading mark of 17.49m or 57-4 3/4 on his second attempt to erase the meet record of 17.47m or 57-3 3/4 by Cuban Alexis Copello last year. Copello had to settle for third with 17.05m or 55-11 1/4 on

his first attempt. Thomas, meanwhile, ended up with a best of 2.29m or 7-6 for his fourth position. American Jesse Williams produced 2.33m or 7-7 3/4 to surpass the meet record of 2.28m or 7-5 3/4 by Charles Austin in 1998.

# Felix wins the 400 in Diamond League meet

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DOHA, Qatar (AP) — It was a tough night for American stars at the Diamond League opener Friday, with only triple world champion Allyson Felix and sprinter Walter Dix among the big names who won.

Felix edged a hard-charging Amantle Montsho to win the 400 meters in 50.33 seconds. The reigning three-time world champion in the 200 held on down the stretch to finish 0.08 ahead of Botswana's Montsho. Patricia Hall of Jamaica was third.

It was the American's 10th win in Qatar, including the world indoor gold last year as part of the United States' 4x400 relay.

"It was decent," said Felix, who won the Diamond League title last year in the 200 and 400 and is considering running both events at the worlds in August. "I wasn't sure what to expect being it's my first race. Now I have a place to work from."

"I felt like we went out slow in the (first) 200. It was a little windy and it really forced us to work home. I felt comfortable in this race and I can definitely push myself a lot more."

Olympic bronze medallist Dix got his season going with a win in the 200, easily beating Femi Ogunode. Dix's time of 20.06 was the best this year and a meet record.

"Walter Dix is reloaded," Dix said. "I didn't train in January and missed the indoor season, but now I feel very strong. Everyone is beatable and everyone is on my list."

In the 100 hurdles, 2010 winner Lolo Jones came in third behind fellow Americans Kellie Wells and Danielle Carruthers. Wells won in 12.58, 0.11 seconds faster than Jones and the fastest time this year.

Jones, who won the gold in the 60-meter hurdles at the 2010 world indoors, has struggled in recent months with a nerve injury and came into the meet on a three-race losing streak after being beaten last week at the Drake Relays.

She admitted the nerve pain "was a concern" ahead of the race, but felt she was improving and wasn't going to "beat herself up" over the race.

"It was good. A lot of people ask if I'm disappointed. You know, not really because I'm coming off an injury," she said. "There is definitely huge room for improvements. In the third hurdle we were all kind of there. I was right in the mix. I got high over the fourth hurdle and everyone passed me so I had to play catch-up."

Christian Cantwell of the US couldn't defend his shot put title, finishing fifth behind Dylan Armstrong of Canada, who won with a toss of 70 feet, 1 inches. Americans Reese Hoffa and Ryan Whiting were second and third.

Cantwell won his third indoor title in Doha last year with a throw of 71-7" and only lost twice in the 2010 outdoor season.

Louis Van Zyl won the 400 hurdles in 48.11 seconds, beating fellow South African Cornel Fredericks by 0.32 seconds. American Bershawn Jackson, last year's winner, placed third.

## Champion

Jackson, a world champion in 2005, shrugged off the results, saying it was only his second race of the season. He is still aiming for gold at the worlds and eventually breaking 47 seconds.

"I just started training in January. Them guys are sharp and ready," he said of the South Africans who beat him. "The reason I came here is to just see where I'm at. I feel good. I didn't expect too much. I was happy with my performance and I'll get a lot better as the season goes on."

World indoor champion Teddy Tamgho of France wasn't at his best in the triple jump, but still easily won with a leap of 57-4. The 21-year-old Tamgho said he had wanted to jump farther but he "had problems with his run-up."

Tamgho, who has broken the indoor record three times in the past year, said he was on track for his goal of winning gold at the worlds.

"I expected a bit farther jump, but I achieved the win and that is the most important which is the first since the Diamond League final last year," he said.

The opener lacked some of the fireworks of last year's inaugural event, with some top stars pulling out injured. Several top Jamaican and



**ALLYSON FELIX** of the US celebrates after winning the 400m at the IAAF Diamond League in Doha, Qatar.

(AP Photo)

American athletes entered a Jamaican invitational this weekend.

While there were 10 reign-

ing world and Olympic champions competing for \$480,000 in prize money, the 16-event field missed 100-meter stars

Usain Bolt, Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell. The 100 was a non-Diamond League event and, in the end, was canceled.

The men's 800 also lost some of its luster after world record-holder David Rudisha pulled out due to injury.

LOCAL SPORTS



**SHERMAN** "The Tank" Williams (left) fights Evander Holyfield in January. The bout was ruled a no contest.

## Collectors blast the Scorpions 12-3

### New Breed shut out Buccaneers

THE New Providence Softball Association, which had to resort to using some replacement officials in the absence of the certified officials, continued its regular season with a double header on Saturday.

In the women's opener, the Bommer George Collectors blasted the Black Scorpions 12-3. In the men's feature contest, the New Breed shut out the John's Buccaneers 7-0.

Desiree Coakley gave up four hits, walked as many batters and struck out three for the win. Marvel Miller was tagged with the loss on 10 hits, three strike outs and a walk.

Nesessa Seymour went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, Rebecca Moss was 2-for-3 with a run, Shavone Dames 1-for-3 with two runs and Lathera Brown was 1-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored in the win.

Ingrid Rose was 2-for-3 with a run scored, both Renee Davis and Crystal Taylor scored a run and Miller and Ebony Evans were 1-for-3 in a losing effort.

The NPSA hopes to have its full slate of certified officials on hand when they resume play Tuesday night.

In the women's 7:15pm opener, the Wildcats are slated to take on Choppy Team. The men's nightcap at 8:45pm will be between the Miller's Ram against the Dorin United Hitmen.

And at 7pm Thursday, Choppy Team is scheduled to play the opener against the Sigma Brackets (women), followed by New Breed against Dorsey Park Bommer G (men) at 8:30pm.

On Saturday, the Proper Care Pool Lady Sharks are all set to meet the Wildcats in the women's 7pm opener. The men's feature contest at 8:30pm will see the Island Luck Truckers against the John's Buccaneers.

# 'Tank' to face Zumbano

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## Win could earn him rematch with Holyfield for WBF title

WITH a pair of bouts on the horizon which places him in line to possibly capture the WBF Heavyweight Championship, the Bahamas' leading professional fighter hopes to use these opportunities to promote the sports tourism aspect of the Bahamas.

Sherman "The Tank" Williams, after fighting to a no contest with Evander Holyfield in January, now prepares himself to face Brazilian Raphael Zumbano and following that bout, a win could earn him a rematch with Holyfield with the WBF Heavyweight title on the line.

Williams has noted that the pair of fights could pay great dividends to the sports tourism industry in the Bahamas.

"We can bring a world class show here to the Bahamas. Imagine having a heavyweight

championship bout headlining an event and having a Bahamian featured in the fight. It can have a great social and economic impact on the Bahamas, especially if it is featured at a venue like the Atlantis which has become a great sports tourism destination," he said.

"In Las Vegas, they are not just fans of boxing, they are fans of the economic impact that prize fighting brings to the area and the boost it can give to the economy and what we have is an opportunity possibly for a two-fight deal," he said.

Williams' bout with Zumbano, scheduled for mid to late July, will be televised live on Telemundo and Fox Sports Television.

"Hopefully, we can have this fight picked up in the Bahamas. They are propos-

ing Argentina, but I'm a bit skeptical about going to Argentina to fight the hometown boy. I would prefer to fight in a neutral situation like the United States or in the Bahamas.

"My people are going to contact the Ministry of Tourism and see if there is any interest there. This will be a televised fight on Telemundo and Fox Sports and I would hope that the Bahamian Government will have a keen interest in the fight, seeing that it will do so much to promote tourism and gaming. I am sure the entire Bahamas can use the publicity so I think it will be a plus if they show some interest in it."

Williams has also developed a bond with the two most noteworthy heavyweights in professional boxing, the Klitschko brothers,

who he regularly joins for training and sparring camps in Austria.

Along with making him a better fighter, Williams has said his bond with the Klitschkos can also pay dividends for the Bahamas with the prospect of the champions staging a title bout on Bahamian soil.

"The training camp with the Klitschkos always puts me on edge and gets me prepared and it's one of the reasons why I think I'm so successful being in there with Vitali and Wladimir," he said.

"It definitely gives me an edge going into training camp. Moving with a tall fighter is nothing new to me. I'm very familiar with it and obviously my confidence is up because, with Vitali, I was able to land punches at will and I was able to bob out of the way of the

big right hands that follow when he tried to counter punch."

Wladimir is the IBF, IBO, WBO and Ring Magazine champion. His older brother Vitali is the current WBC champion.

Wladimir is the longest reigning heavyweight champion in history for the IBF, WBO & IBO Heavyweight titles, both in measurements of defenses and time.

"So I'm also doing my part to promote the Bahamas. We have a good relationship and hopefully in the very near future, I want to get a title shot at one of the brothers," Williams said.

"It's nothing personal. He and his agent understand. So I'm hoping everything falls in line and we could even possibly have that fight in the Bahamas as well."

# Bahamas Sailing Association hosts its first 'Technical Course for Coaches'

THE Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA) has hosted its first Level 1 'Technical Course for Coaches', funded by Olympic Solidarity through the Bahamas Olympic Committee this week.

The course was supported by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) 'Connect to Sailing' project.

ISAF trainer Tom Wilson and Maria Aaboe, BSA senior instructor, have been working with the coaches from Rock Sound and Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, Harbour Island, Long Island and New Providence.

Eleven participants attended the course, representing their local sailing club or school, with the hope to take back some new skills and knowledge to help develop their sailing provision.

"It has been really beneficial having such a variety of coaches from different islands as they have been able to share their experiences from the projects they run. Along with input from the ISAF 'Connect to Sailing Project and ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme guidelines the group have a much greater appreciation of what it takes to run structured sailing sessions for all standards of sailor," said Wilson.

The five-day course looked at how to introduce complete beginners into sailing, making their first experience safe, fun and memorable and then how to develop their skills so that the sailors are able to be independent on the water and have the knowledge to start racing.

John Lawrence, of the BSA, explained why such a course was organised.

"The BSA hosted this technical course so that we could increase the coaching expertise that we have in the Bahamas. The BSA felt that it was an excellent opportunity to assist with expanding the



BOC president Wellington Miller (left) with ISAF trainer Tom Wilson.

junior sailing programmes throughout the Bahamas and into our existing Out-Island programmes," he said.

"We have been rapidly adding new junior sailing fleets in the Bahamas to some of the smaller, less accessible locations and these programmes will of course all be dependent of competent qualified instructors. This technical course went a long way towards achieving these growth goals of the Bahamas," said Lawrence.

Throughout the course, the group had some of the local young sailors from Nassau come along so the participants were able to have some real students to coach.

"It has been fantastic to see the young local Bahamians have the opportunity to get on the water and have so much fun and we look forward to developing our relationships with the whole of the Caribbean Sailing Association and their members as the programme develops

even further," Wilson said.

The aim of the course was to educate those that are involved in the delivery of sailing throughout the Bahamas, along with support from the world governing body of sailing in developing the formal coaching and learn-to-sail programme with the Bahamas which is the next stage in the development so that the BSA gets more young children afloat that would not normally have the chance.

The ISAF is thankful to Nassau Yacht Club, the hosts of the course, who allowed ISAF and BSA the use of the club facilities.

Wellington Miller was present at the closing of the course to officially present the coaches with their certificates of attendance.

"It was really positive to see so many new coaches equipped with the skills to help develop the learn-to-sail programme within the Bahamas," he said.

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