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# Mum slams school 'beating' of daughter

**Man charged with murder over shopping centre stabbing**

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A 23-YEAR-OLD man charged with the murder of 35-year-old Randy Williams, who was stabbed multiple times at the Sea Grape shopping Centre on Tuesday, appeared in Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Marino T Archer appeared before Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez in Court 1, Bank Lane, yesterday, charged with intentionally causing Mr Williams' death.

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**Pilot killing: trio released**

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THREE men taken into custody in connection with the killing of Bahamasair pilot Lionel Lewis McQueen have been released pending further inquiries, according to police.

Police now suspect that robbery might have been the motive of two men believed to have been involved in the murder of Mr McQueen.

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**Cambridge indictment 'could harm image of Bar'**

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PRESIDENT of the Bahamas Bar Association yesterday expressed concern that the indictment of its treasurer and a member of the Bar, Sidney Cambridge, may set back efforts to improve its public image at home while diminishing its reputation abroad.

Ruth Bowe-Darville said she fears publicity of the case involving Mr Cambridge would spread the perception

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## TRAVOLTA TRIAL: Bimini MP Obie Wilchcombe testifies

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WEST END and Bimini MP Obie Wilchcombe testified yesterday that more than a week after Jett Travolta's death he was shown two documents by former Senator Pleasant Bridgewater which were supposedly harmful to the Travoltas.

Mr Wilchcombe, who was the first witness to take the stand yesterday in the attempted extortion case against Bridgewater and former ambulance driver Tarino Lightbourne, said he met with Bridgewater at his office at Universal Distributors headquarters in Freeport, Grand Bahama, on January 12. He and Bridgewater are partners in the company.

According to Mr Wilchcombe, Bridgewater told him she had a client who had a document that could be harmful to the Travoltas.

"Knowing all that we did to protect the image of the country and knowing my relationship with the Travoltas, she thought she would bring it to my attention," Mr Wilchcombe said. "She showed me two documents. I saw the name Rand Memorial Hospital. I saw the name John Travolta. I said this is bulls..." Mr Wilchcombe told the court.

Mr Wilchcombe said he asked Bridgewater who her client was, but she told him she could not disclose that information.

"I told her she should tell her client to jump off a roof and kill himself," Mr Wilchcombe said.

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Tim Clarke /Tribune staff

WEST END AND BIMINI MP Obie Wilchcombe testified in court yesterday. Mr. Wilchcombe appeared walking with the aid of a stick.

■ Teen says she was struck with metal rod wrapped in tape

■ Outraged mother plans to press charges



**BRUISED:** The teenager claims her injuries were caused after being beaten by a school official.

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AN outraged mother said she plans to press criminal charges against the public school official she claimed beat her daughter leaving her with several bruises.

Mother-of-two Clarinda Bastian said she was called to C I Gibson high school on Thursday morning by her 15-year-old daughter who said she had been hit on the neck, back, arm and buttocks by an administrator.

The teen claimed the school official beat her with a metal rod wrapped in black tape because she thought she was skipping class. But the girl said she had a good reason to be outside of the classroom claiming she was late arriving to her second period class because she had stayed behind to copy notes

off the chalkboard. She said when she arrived at the physical education class a few minutes late, the school's gym was locked so she and a few other girls waited under a tree. At this point a school official walked up to the group, hit her, and demanded that she go to class.

The girl claims she then went to her homeroom teacher to get a pass when the same school official caught up with the girls again and asked them to run ahead to class. But the official thought the girl was being disobedient and began wielding blows at her.

"All the girls who was with me, they run ahead, I was the only one behind and she told me to walk up. I wasn't walking fast enough for her so she hit me all up in my back. And then

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# Fire damages historic 124-year-old St Francis Xavier Cathedral

**FIREFIGHTERS** in the blackened St Francis Xavier Cathedral which was hit by a blaze on Friday morning. The fire caused extensive damage to the 124-year-old building



Felipe Major /Tribune staff

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FIRE blazed in the rafters of the original St Francis Xavier Cathedral early yesterday, causing extensive damage to the interior of the 124-year-old building.

An electrical short-circuit sparked the blaze shortly after 4.30am. Security staff who heard the popping sound of sparks alerted Father Elvado Turnquest in the rectory as the flames started to take hold.

Fr Turnquest rushed across the parking lot and up the stairs to the old cathedral building on West Street within minutes to make a valiant attempt to save the blessed sacrament of the holy Eucharist.

The associate rector at St Francis Xavier estimates the fire had been burning for around five minutes before he peeked through the window on the west side of the church, and dared to enter.

Flames were isolated on two rafters in front of the altar and Fr Turnquest saw a clear path to the Tabernacle where the Eucharist is

kept. Armed with his handheld fire extinguisher, the priest opened the west-facing door in front of the altar to make his way across the building.

But the rush of oxygen that entered with him fuelled the flames and a wall of heavy smoke fell between the priest and the holy sacrament he was determined to rescue.

Fr Turnquest aimed his fire extinguisher at the two rafters drip-

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# Blaze damages historic cathedral

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ping with flames in an effort to tame the blaze, but quickly realised it was far greater than he would be able to fight.

And as the smoke quickly grew heavier, Fr Turnquest became disorientated.

"I couldn't breathe at all," he said. "The smoke was so thick it made it impossible to go where I needed to go.

"It was blinding smoke, blinding as in pitch dark, there was nothing you could see.

"It was so thick it felt as though you could just put your hands out and part it."

## Altar

Fr Turnquest moved away from the flames and back towards the door behind the altar where he made his exit.

As he waited 15 minutes for Fire Services to get to the scene, Fr Turnquest said it felt like forever. When five fire engines and 15 firefighters arrived they forced entry through the eastern door and extinguished the blaze in nine minutes, Assistant Superintendent Walter Evans said.

The old stone building contained the blaze, which was concentrated in one area of the wooden roof, and the structural integrity of the building has been preserved.

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**FIREMEN** sift through debris.

However, the intensity of the heat cracked the windows, plaster on the walls and part of the altar. Black smoke and water caused extensive damage to the interior.

Charred ashes fell from the roof coating the altar, and dropped on the blackened carpet which melted into the floor.

But the holy sacrament, the blessed Eucharist, was safe.

St Francis Xavier was the first Roman Catholic church built in the Bahamas in 1885 and the old building contains a large collection of valuable

paintings by a single artist, some of which were destroyed in the blaze. However the majority of the collection appears to have been spared, or at least the damage should be repairable.

## Dramatic

But the damage was dramatic for members of the 2,000 strong congregation who visited the church yesterday morning, solemn and tearful as they saw the charred interior of a place



**FIRE** left a blackened shell inside the cathedral.



**FIREFIGHTERS** with a ladder deal with the blaze.

they hold close to their hearts. Joy Lindor Coleby, 47, a mother of three, was deeply affected by the damage.

She said: "This church basically has my entire life.

"My parents were married here in 1959, myself and my four siblings were married here and received all of our sacraments here, and now we are in the third generation; my children were baptised here, they had their first communion here and were confirmed here.

"I have a lot of good memories, and sad memories, as

my father, mother and brother were eulogised here."

As the congregation outgrew the old cathedral a new St Francis Xavier church building was opened in 2004, but the now fire-damaged cathedral was still used for weekday masses.

"It's just shocking," said Patrice Knowles, 28.

"I have come here almost all my life and I have so many memories. It has a lot of history this place, and it still has the old sacristy and baptismal. It's beautiful. I don't know what to say."

Fr Turnquest comforted his parishioners as they poured over the devastation yesterday.

"It is sad," he said. "But in another sense I have to remind people that the church is greater than just a building. The church is the body of people.

"We can be sad, but not despairing, because no one was hurt, no one was injured. I could have been dead, but the building will be repaired."

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# Tribune's 'suspicious' death story provokes huge online response



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DEBORAH MOSS

"...there are 101 reasons not to trust the police when one is aware that proper protocol was not followed."

REPLY TO DEBORAH

COMMENTS came flooding into The Tribune's website yesterday in response to a story of the "suspicious" death of Preston Ferguson, published in The Tribune on Tuesday. Up to press time yesterday, the story received 101 comments online from outraged readers, marking it the most commented piece on the website since its launch on August 10.

Unanswered questions loom around the police's version of how 38-year-old Ferguson died. The Exumian resident, was found dead in a slightly truck on the side of the road, in the area of Ocean Addition East with a massive injury to the head on the morning of August 2.

The family believes that Preston was murdered. They claim to know of an individual with a motive to kill him. They think that the police's account that "he had run off the road and hit a utility pole" is completely at odds with evidence accounted for in photographs taken at the scene.

To date, Preston's death is being considered accident. However family members contend that he was murdered and blame police for mishandling the investigation into his death. (See 'Victim of Murder' article on Tribune242's website for more details surrounding Preston's death).

Speaking with *The Tribune* yesterday, Police Commissioner Reginald Ferguson said, "There are no persons in question with the incident to-date. I am not intimately involved in the investigation like that. But every bit of information and every person who has something to contribute to the investigation will be interviewed."

According to the family, police got "rid of every single piece of evidence." The company truck Ferguson was found in was sent back to his employer, Grand Isles Villas. This detail raises even more suspicion in the family's eyes. They say he wouldn't have driven the company truck the night he was killed. They believe he was murdered, and put in the vehicle, after the "staged" accident.

The family, told The Tribune last week that they had met with Commissioner of Police Reginald Ferguson on the matter and was informed that an investigation is continuing and that "experts are conducting a re-enactment of the accident." They also met with National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest about the matter.

On another matter, *The Tribune* asked the Police Commissioner and Minister Turnquest about the re-enactment of the accident. They gave conflicting information on the re-enactment, which is supposed to take place very soon.

According to Mr Turnquest, police indicated they would conduct a re-enactment of the accident by today (Friday), with the family present. However, Commissioner Ferguson said he has no knowledge of such procedure on schedule for the day.

Minister Turnquest said he sympathized with the family when they came to him as an appeal from the police. "They were not satisfied with the answers that yielded in their investigation," he said. "I told them I'd get back to them, and I did."

Minister Turnquest recalled the time when he was initially informed of the incident:

"The accident happened while I was on vacation in August, so I wasn't aware of the situation. When I returned, the family came in to see me with photos, after meeting with the Commissioner. Their initial option was to look at it as a homicide. However, there was nothing there in the evidence at the time to deem it a homicide.

"The concerns the family made were brought to my attention and I asked them to review it again," he said.

The majority of comments from Tribune online readers expressed outrage on the details surrounding Preston's death; raising questions as to whether Exumian police did a thorough job in their investigations. Additional posts hammered hard at the initial response to the incident by the



PRESTON FERGUSON

Police Commissioner and National Security Minister.

One poster under the name of Judy said: "Thanks to The Tribune for bringing this injustice to the fore; now the responsible thing lies at the feet of the Minister and the Commissioner; they have to be held accountable for the action or inaction of their subordinates. What else is going on in this country that we are not being made aware of?... It is obvious that the members of the family are respectable people and would not waste the public's time unless they were prepared to supply the necessary evidence to assist the police in bringing the perpetrators to justice. Reginald Ferguson, be grateful for the evidence, take it and conduct the investigation."

In defence, Police Commissioner Ferguson told *The Tribune* yesterday: "The police always conduct proper investigations. We met with the family before. Whatever questions they have we're always here to meet with them again."

Comments

Readers filled the comments section of the story on Tribune242.com, voicing their views on the case surrounding Preston's death.

A retired police detective with the New York Police Department commented: "...surely proper police procedures in crime scene analysis were not carried out. There is still enough evidence from photos and hopefully an accurate autopsy was conducted which will corroborate when the evidence in the vehicle speaks to. There must be some trace evidence still left in the vehicle; that your forensic lab techs can test for proper analysis...There seems to be an increase in crime for such a small but beautiful country...It is never too late to solve a murder."

Another poster said: "I hope someone at The Tribune presses Tommy Turnquest and Reginald Ferguson for an update in this matter! The eyes of the world are upon us and the Emperor is as naked as a newborn....I am ashamed as a Bahamian! Here we are with some of the best and brightest minds, and the actions of a few lazy police make us out to be

no more than a bunch of backward fishing villagers."

In a subject title, "Why can't we trust the Police," Deborah Moss said: "Our police force has always been held in high regard in our region and others look to us for the techniques used in solving crime; isn't it possible that it was merely a traffic accident as initially reported? Why would the police lie about this case?"

One poster in reply to Deborah's comment said: "...there are 101 reasons not to trust the police when one is aware that proper protocol was not followed. The police force can verify that they were and are not always held in the highest regard. If you were privy to certain information and evidence, perhaps your statement wouldn't be so lopsided. Thank you!

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## New Iran charge boosts sanctions move

NEW YORK — New charges of nuclear duplicity by Iran strengthen the hand of the U.S. and other world powers seeking tougher sanctions against Tehran.

Unless the announcement Friday in Pittsburgh by the President Barack Obama and the leaders of France and Britain pushes Iran to give more ground on the nuclear issue in coming weeks, there is likely to be added momentum to punish the Iranians through new international penalties.

After a week of meetings at the U.N. in New York aimed at thwarting Iranian nuclear ambitions, there were hopeful hints of movement between the U.S. and its partners and even signs of openness from Iran. But it's hard to see that yielding a grand bargain anytime soon.

Among the positive steps: After years of resisting negotiations, the Iranians have agreed to meet with officials of the U.S. and five other world powers in Geneva next week. Nuclear issues are on the agenda, but Iran says that doesn't include its own nuclear programme.

Obama also won a new measure of Russian support — at least rhetorically — for imposing tougher international sanctions to squeeze Iran in the months ahead if the Geneva talks lead to a dead end.

A week after Obama pleased Russia by scaling back a Bush-era missile shield proposal for Europe, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev responded by suggesting his government might look favourably at stiffening sanctions if Iran proves unresponsive.

China, however, whose cooperation on sanctions enforcement also would be important, remains publicly opposed to threatening penalties and threw a damper on any support.

"China always believes that sanction and pressure should not be an option and will not be conducive to the current diplomatic efforts over the Iran nuclear issue," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu.

China and Russia are essential for sanctions to succeed because of their large and growing trade and investment interests in the Gulf region. China, which depends on foreign imports for about half its oil, counts Iran as its third-largest supplier. It also sells weapons to Iran, and the Pentagon said earlier this year that some were ending up with terrorist groups in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even with support for sanctions still uncertain, Iran seemed to set a softer tone during the U.N. General Assembly this week. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told The Associated Press his government will not stand in the way of "free and open" discussion of nuclear issues at the Geneva talks.

The next day, he indicated for the first time that Tehran would be willing to have its nuclear experts meet with Western scientists. Protests outside Ahmadinejad's hotel hinted at a strong factor in Iran's sudden flexibility — the regime may be more inclined to deal in light of the domestic upheaval still simmering after the disputed June presidential election and the government's crackdown.

Time is a crucial factor for all the parties. The longer a stalemate or standoff continues, the closer Iran is likely to get to having the capacity to build a nuclear bomb — although the Tehran government insists the U.S. and others are wrong in claiming it intends to go

nuclear. Obama, along with the leaders of Britain and France in Pittsburgh for the G-20 economic summit, accused Iran of building a covert underground plant to produce nuclear fuel. A diplomat in Vienna and another European government official told The Associated Press that Iran has informed the U.N. nuclear agency that it has a previously undeclared uranium enriching facility.

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the information was confidential, said Tehran revealed the existence of the second enrichment plant in a letter sent Monday to Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Obama has said he will assess the state of diplomatic progress with Iran by December, emphasizing that talks cannot drag on indefinitely. Israel, fearing it would be the target of Iranian nuclear threats, has talked of the possibility of a pre-emptive strike.

By U.S. estimates, Iran is one to five years away from having a nuclear weapons capability, although U.S. intelligence also believes that Iranian leaders have not yet made the decision to build a weapon.

Iran also is developing a long-range ballistic missile that could carry a nuclear warhead, but the administration said last week that it believes that effort has been slowed — which paved the way for the Obama's decision to shelve the Bush missile shield plan, which would have targeted Iranian ballistic missiles.

Nicholas Burns, a professor of diplomacy at Harvard who was the Bush administration's point man on Iran from 2005-08, said he's sceptical that the coming talks will produce a breakthrough. But he believes Obama is right to try. "It's far too early to say whether or not the Iranian government is going to be at all serious about these negotiations," Burns said in a telephone interview. "They have turned down negotiations or resisted them for the past three years."

"Now that they are going to start talks with the U.S., I think we should expect Iran is going to be extraordinarily difficult in these negotiations and that there is a very good prospect that they will not succeed," he said.

In Burns' view, making the attempt at bargaining strengthens Obama's hand in the event the talks fail and he resorts to seeking tougher sanctions. Even the sanctions path would be an uncertain gambit. Enforcing penalties would be difficult and there is no assurance that even the fullest enforcement would compel Iran to change its mind on restraining its nuclear programme. Sami Alfaraj, a Kuwaiti security expert who advises the Gulf Cooperation Council — a regional body that includes Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman — said in a telephone interview that negotiations with Iran would be more effective if those six Gulf countries were given a place at the bargaining table.

Alfaraj expects no negotiating breakthrough in the short term, but he believes there is a reasonable possibility that if the U.S. and the other established nuclear powers take new and significant steps toward disarmament, Iran might see reason to reconsider its nuclear stance.

"I'm modestly optimistic," he said.  
(This article was written by Robert Burns, AP National Security writer).

# Philip 'Brave' Davis perfect for PLP leadership team

EDITOR, The Tribune.

I would be most negligent if I did not show my humble gratitude to you for permitting me the opportunity to express my thoughts in print via your journal.

Having established that, I will say that I watch with much baited breath as the "race" for leader and deputy leader of the very historic Progressive Liberal Party moves on. I expect it to "spice" up around the first week in October and with that in mind I decided to get my two cents in before the over-heated debates commence.

My dear friend and colleague, Philip "Brave" Davis has tossed his proverbial hat in the ring declaring that he is ready to join the leadership team of the PLP via the position of Deputy Leader. I cannot think of a more suitable person to join such a team.

Not only do I think Philip "Brave" Davis is perfect for the leadership team of the

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PLP but I think he is also very good for this country in general. It is definitely no secret that our judicial system is in shambles and in dire need of a team, headed by a well-rounded legally sound individual who will bring it back to a place that would make us proud as the country's legal professions.

Brave, as he is affectionately called, is an accomplished attorney, parliamentarian, philanthropist and family man. He is the Senior Partner in one of the leading law firms in the Bahamas, Davis & Co., and is considered one of the leading advocates in the country. Although short in stature, he stands tall amongst us in the legal field, having acquired the tremendous experience that he has over the years.

In recent times I've seen

Brave referred to as a "legal genius" and to this I can attest hands down. I have seen him come through the most difficult cases victorious and with humble confidence. I don't think any of us in this admirable legal field would disagree when I say that, if given the opportunity Brave can put our legal system in order and in so doing, bring a halt to the high criminal activity in this country.

In all, I know Brave is the better choice for Deputy Leader of the Progressive Liberal Party and I know he will be successful in this regard at his party's upcoming convention. What I would like to see is this — Should the PLP be victorious in the 2012 General Elections, Philip "Brave" Davis appointed Minister of National Security or Minister of Legal Affairs. He is truly a man for all seasons.

LEGAL EAGLE

Nassau,  
September 23, 2009

## 'When the spirit moves them' — the work ethic of Bahamians

EDITOR, The Tribune.

A friend of mine is manager of a store in one of the family islands and I asked him what time his staff get to work and his reply was "when the spirit moves them."

Unfortunately, there is a lot of truth in what he said as a joke.

My wife had to have a medical procedure on Thursday morning and she was not allowed to eat prior so we stopped at a food store to pick up some Ensure.

It was 7.15am and there was only one cashier on duty. I asked where the others were and she said "they ain't reach yet" so I asked what time they were supposed to start and she said 7:00am.

The procedure had to be done at the PMH and even though the deposit had been paid I had to go to the business office to pick up "the front sheet". Just a taste of Government health care.

The small room was full and there was only one cashier on duty. Someone asked why the second cashier was not on duty and I reminded them that the Punch comes out on Thursday, or perhaps she had not had breakfast yet or talked to her "sweetie". She finally graced us with her presence about twenty minutes later.

I rushed back expecting to find the nurses anxiously awaiting the important "front sheet". I was wrong. There were two other patients waiting for the same procedure and nothing was done until I went and requested that they be given some attention (another taste of Government health care).

While waiting in the business office a gentleman told me that he would be standing in another line later to collect some medication for his wife, which he has to do every month and the waiting time is about three hours.

I saw him again about three hours later and he told me that it was taking a little longer that morning because there was only one cashier on duty (I presume the second one is a slow reader or maybe she reads *The Tribune* also or she has two or three "sweeties").

On the plus side the treatment by the private doctor was first class, as expected, and the nurses were very efficient.

So, with so many Bahamians moving only when "the spirit moves them" and so many people unemployed why do the employers (including Government) tolerate it?

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## Marital rape: We must live by God's word, not the world system

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Marital rape is not for Christians and if we say we are a Christian nation then we must live by the word of God and not the world system. 1 Corinthians 7:1-5, St Matthew 19: 4-6.

Before a husband or wife says they were raped, they must have already taken two steps within the marriage.

1) Did they seek help from a licensed marriage counsellor or their pastor/minister?

Root causes of problems in marital relationships can be likened to a tree's root system. If left alone for a long enough period, they grow deep and branch out.

2) Did they file for legal separation and move away from each other? It's the law.

Men go by what they see, women go by their emotions.

A wife cannot walk around in the house half nude, come out of the shower wet, sleep in the same bed under her husband and expect him not to roll over and not wanting sex. If a husband is upset and he sees his wife, 99.1 per cent of husbands today if they are upset and they see their wife in a good sexual way they want to have sex (just to please themselves).

A wife works by her emotions or mine. If her hus-

band did not cover one to three of a woman's five basic needs for that day, she will shut down.

- 1) Affection
- 2) Communication
- 3) Honesty and openness
- 4) Financial support
- 5) Family commitment

She will shut down, close shop, put on three layers of clothes just for bed, will not cook or clean and last, but not least, she will put on pads and say this is her time of the month — move away. Ephesians 5:25.

TERRANCE GILBERT

Nassau,  
September, 2009.

## Casuarinas and Scaevola should be eliminated

EDITOR, The Tribune.

Following the extensive series of letters and articles on this subject, readers would do well to be referred to an article in *The Bahamas Journal of Science of November 2002* - subject: "Invasive Alien Plants To Look Out For" by John L Hammerton.

As well as the casuarina, which is basically a weed that infests any cleared area of land — see large areas of Coral Harbour, NP — the other principal invasive gaining extensively is *Scaevola taccada*. This appears to have been planted, mistakenly, on the dune opposite Orange Hill, amongst the native Sea Grapes. It is mostly the *Scaevola* that obscures the sea view. It has also gained extensive foothold in many areas, some having been purposely planted. A total of 32 species is listed in the article.

The article closes with the following: "S.

*taccada* presents a clear and present danger to coastal beach ridge communities and to biodiversity in North Andros and elsewhere; decisions are urgently needed as to how this species (and casuarinas too, of course - NW) should be managed. The distribution of *S. taccada* in New Providence also needs evaluating urgently."

My conclusion has been for many years that casuarinas and now *Scaevola* should be eliminated as far as possible, allowing true native coppice to be planted and return to these areas. Casuarinas are killed by fire, but the resultant mess of bare stumps is worse than the living trees — if that's possible!

NICK WARDLE

Nassau,  
Coral Harbour,  
September, 2009



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LOCAL NEWS

# ROBBERS IN GREEN HONDA BELIEVED TO HAVE STRUCK AGAIN Woman is victim of gunpoint robbery

THERE has been another report of a woman being followed home and robbed at gunpoint by two men in a green car in the eastern part of New Providence.

She is the fifth person to have been robbed or followed in the area by culprits travelling in what is thought to be a Honda, including St Augustine's College principal Sonia Knowles, who was held up at her doorstep on Tuesday.

In an email circulating around Nassau yesterday, the latest victim explained that two men in a car followed her out of Blair and along Eastern road.

"I was aware of them the whole time and then as I got closer to my house I slowed down and they passed me, so I thought I was safe," she wrote.

"Unfortunately, they saw where I turned in and they parked in the driveway just east of me.

"As I was waiting for my garage door to open, one of the men smashed my passenger side window and put a gun to my head.

"He told me to give him my money and then after he got my purse he wanted me to go inside the house. At this point I put my car in reverse and just gunned it.

"Fortunately, my cousin lives just east of me and she and her husband were home, so they were able to help me."

The woman described her attacker as slim, of medium height and wearing dreadlocks. She said he sounded Bahamian.

The other man was described as having close-cropped hair, but the victim said she was too far away to notice anything more about him.

"The car was a medium sized car, either dark blue or green," the woman said.

Earlier this week, another woman sent out an email which read: "I live in the Blair area and I was followed home last Friday, 2.30pm, by a dark green Honda civic with two men.

"Luckily, I got to my front door and inside before anything could happen. I called the police immediately and a car was dispatched but I have still heard of sightings.

Last week, yet another woman warned, "It is important to keep your vigil as we try to protect our community. The eyes of residents are the best form of protection and a call to the police is important, even if you think it is insignificant or untimely. Stay safe.

"Also be on the look out for the Green Honda; they almost got me twice in Graham Acres, by my mothers house.

"The first time it was luck because my mother was home to open her door... and the second time I was a little more vigilant

and spotted the car behind me driving through Graham Acres.

"This is true about the green car, two black men, one of them a rasta. The green Honda Civic is an old colour but has some silver through it. Tried getting the licence plate on Friday past. I think I got some of the numbers but they had a tint over the numbers so it made it very difficult.

"They are looking for women who are coming home and have to get out of their car to open the door and then they rob them.

"Just be careful, always look behind you when you are pulling into your driveway, don't stop."

One of the potential victims did record the vehicle's licence plate, and this information has been turned over to the police.

The latest victim wrote: "Ladies, please be very careful, if you think you are being followed go to the nearest police station, but do not go home.

"It has been suggested to me that we should form some sort of community task force, I would be interested in getting together with anyone else that would be interested to see if there is anything we can do to assist the police in getting these guys."

## Hearings on public land to begin on Monday

Beginning on Monday morning at 10.30am, the House Select Committee appointed to investigate all matters relating to the disposition of publicly held lands will begin hearings.

These hearings will be held at the Paul Farquharson Centre at Police Headquarters on East Street.

At this initial hearing, the committee will question senior public officials who have direct responsibility for the processing of applications for crown and government owned lands.

The committee will attempt to identify problems in the land application and processing procedures and see if there is any specific reform that could be applied to improve these procedures.

The public is invited to attend.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2008: Government House ceremony

# Twenty Bahamians presented with medals

TWENTY Bahamian recipients of the Queen's Birthday Honours, 2008, were presented with their medals during an investiture ceremony at Government House on Thursday.

Governor General Arthur Hanna presented the medals.

Receiving the insignia of Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) (Civil Division) (CBE) were Senator Vincent Vanderpool Wallace, Minister of Tourism and Aviation; and Wendy Craig, Governor of the Central Bank of the Bahamas.

The insignia of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) were Dr George H Sherman, for his contribution to medicine; Dr Davidson Hepburn, a former Ambassador to the United Nations; and Sylvia E Scriven, a former MP for Ann's Town, for her contribution to politics.

The recipients of the Most Excellent Order of The British Empire (MBE) were Marina Grinton, John Campbell Albury, Frank Russell, Edwin Velock Brown, Oswald Marshall, Yvonne B Isaacs and Wilbert Braynen.

The Queen's Police Medal went to Christopher Noel McCoy, Retired Acting Deputy



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Commissioner of Police; and Willard Minzo Cunningham, Chief Superintendent of Police.

Presented with the British Empire Medal (BEM) (Civil Division) were Beryl Adams, Laurin Knowles, Melvern Bootle-Cornish, Rev Newton Williamson, Barbara Darville, Joanna Newton-Russell, Felamease Sawyer, Dolly Mills and George Russell.

Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said that in an effort to secure its future and national identity, a nation must take steps such as this.

"All nations, in an effort to secure their futures and the conservation, cultivation and promotion of their national identity and indigenous culture, must endeavour to ensure their future efforts taken are conducive to

national building," said Mr Ingraham. He said to this end, the government of the Bahamas continues with the tradition of recognizing deserving Bahamians with the Queen's Birthday

honours. Mr Ingraham said: "When our founding fathers, the Governor General included, sought to achieve independence, they made a determination to retain the Queen of

Britain as Queen of the Bahamas as part of Bahamian heritage and legacy. Their determination has not been altered."

The Prime Minister also invited Bahamians to assist the government in identifying individuals who have contributed toward the political, intellectual, business, sport and cultural development of the country.

"These awards may be granted either at New Year's or June. Those honoured this morning represent the first batch of recipients of the honours since the installation of the FNM Government in 2007," Mr Ingraham said.

**Victim.**

"Disregard and total lack of courtesy is why am vex. Motorists in Nassau are always in a rush and continue to show no respect to others on the road. I say this as I watched a very nasty accident occur on last Friday in front of the Ministry of Public Works.

"I wish that motorists would consider the times that they travel on the road and be mindful that traffic is everywhere especially during the hours when school is out. So plan your travels properly — and it is better late than never."

**Concerned motorist.**

"I happy that the Bahamas government has finally recognized professional Bahamian tennis player, Mark Knowles, for his longtime achievements. I'm not even a tennis fan but know he has always performed his best and represented his country proudly (no news-making bad behaviour here!) Also good to see that other sports, besides track, can receive acknowledgments. Now government needs to include a piece of land in Long Island as part of his reward.

"That would be the icing on the cake."

**Happy for Mark Knowles.**

"I happy because there was a policeman, with walkie-talkie, directing traffic near the rear gate at St Augustine's College and Freddie Munnings Estates this morning, thank God! He really helped with the bottle-neck there. Now if they could just do something about the jitneys driving on the sidewalk in front of the Elizabeth Estates Police Station and the traffic coming out of Eastwood.

"Many cars on that street creating a third lane, causing lots of havoc. Do we really need this 6.50am daily chaos, right in front of the Elizabeth Estates Police Station?"

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"Mind ya, yinna wonder where dey gets these ways from and dey really should be on 'America's Most Wanted' instead for even trying ta justify such a heinous and evil act of rape!"

**'Darwin', Nassau.**

"I is so vex when I reads in a daily paper one letter that recommends a crime committee be made up with retired senior police and other police. If the present ones can't solve dem crimes, why you ga' bring the retired ones to solve it when dey is the ones responsible for the present ones? Ya gats to be crazy wid dis nepotism t'ing. If y'all wants ta stop crime, create a committee wid all of us victims of crime, wid da powers to hire an' fire da police instead of bullskating all over da place!"

**Victim.**

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LOCAL NEWS

FROM FRONT PAGE

# Mum slams school 'beating' of daughter

FROM page one

I told her she hit me on the neck with the stick, she said 'Good, I should have hit you some place else,' said the girl, who claimed she was hit more than five times.

The teenager has a large bruise on her left arm and right buttock and complains of pains in her neck and back. She told *The Tribune* she is afraid to return to school because she may be targeted by the official.

The school's principal, Ms Elaine Williams, told *The Tribune* it was not the official's intent to harm the child.

"Administrators are empowered to punish, of course it's always expected that you punish properly, but there was a

whole situation with this child. She kept putting her hand in the way — it was not a deliberate something on my administrator's part," she said.

Ms Williams said she had requested that Ms Bastian and her daughter come to her office yesterday so she could assess the extent of the child's injuries. However, she said, they never showed up.

When contacted for comment yesterday, Minister of Education Carl Bethel said he was aware of the incident. He explained that corporal punishment was a legal form of discipline in public schools "where warranted" but only when carried out by a senior mistress, senior master, principal or vice-principal.

He added that he expected

a full report on the incident, as is required whenever corporal punishment is administered in the public school system.

"This matter is a matter of concern in any event because it involved the infliction of some kind of corporal punishment — in this case there will be a full report. It will have to be reviewed by senior officials in the ministry (who will determine) whether the punishment was proportionate. At that point the ministry will make its evaluation of the matter," said Mr Bethel.

In the meantime, Ms Bastian said she is frustrated because she feels the school has not taken the incident seriously.

She has filed a complaint with police.

# Man charged over shopping centre stabbing

FROM page one

Police reported that Mr Williams, of Gladstone Road, and another man were in the shopping centre car park, near the entrance to Body Zone Fitness gym around 5pm Tuesday, when they started to argue.

The argument escalated and Mr Williams was stabbed several times. He was rushed to the Princess Margaret Hospital where he died half an hour later, according to police.

Mr Williams is the country's 63rd murder victim this year.

Archer, of Marx End, Eastern Estates, was not required to enter a plea to the murder charge.

He was remanded to Her Majesty's Prison. The case has been adjourned to October 23 and transferred to Court 10, Nassau Street.

His attorney Ian Cargill said he is seeking to have the case reviewed by the Attorney General's Office so that the charge can be reduced to manslaughter.



Tim Clarke/Tribune staff

MARINO TARCHER

# Fears that Cambridge indictment 'could harm image of Bar'

FROM page one

that Bahamian attorneys are "very vulnerable and gullible."

Mr Cambridge, until Thursday a partner with law firm Callender's and Co, was indicted in a criminal complaint in the US on Wednesday on charges that he knowingly laundered money while acting in a legal capacity for a Florida politician, who was also charged, following a three-year FBI "sting" operation.

Mrs Bowe-Darville said: "It really doesn't portray (the Bahamas Bar) in a very good light. The allegations would make us appear very vulnerable and gullible, in terms of

the perception that anyone can walk into our offices and pose as this one or next one and that we're not doing due diligence we ought to be doing in respect of clients we deal with in The Bahamas."

The President made her comments as she confirmed that Mr Cambridge has resigned as treasurer of the organisation, a position he had held for ten years.

In confirming this step, Mrs Bowe-Darville noted that she had been "shocked and saddened" to read news reports of the indictment of Mr Cambridge.

Stating that the attorney's "contribution will be greatly missed", Mrs Bowe-Darville said he had always done an

"excellent" job as treasurer, having given "stellar service" with the "utmost integrity."

Meanwhile, Mrs Bowe-Darville added that the allegations against Mr Cambridge come at a "critical time for the Bar" which, in what some may view as an ironic twist to the shocking turn of events involving Mr Cambridge, had seen the attorney become a key player in the "new restructuring and revitalizing programme" aimed at improving its public image.

"I said when was elected I said that it's very important that we revitalise and restructure the Bar, especially as it relates to its public image, which has been suffering so badly because of incidences like this.

"We started the programme to have the Bar portrayed in more positive light, but it seems as if every time

# PET OF THE WEEK



TRIX is a lovely 10-month-old black female. She is very affectionate, loves to cuddle and is friendly towards other cats. But the personality does not stop there. Trix is also fun-loving, animated and bouncy, and can be quite fiery when in the mood. In fact, when she is not busy taking on Pikachu or attacking the camera, she is bound to be off conquering some other daemon — so watch out!

# Pilot killing: trio released

FROM page one

Yesterday Raymond Gibson, Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of crime, said officers are making very good progress in their investigation into the brutal killing of the pilot and expect to make a breakthrough soon.

Mr McQueen, described as quiet and popular man, died at around 4am on Sunday, September 20, after being shot multiple times in his Golden Palms Estate home, near Kennedy subdivision.

He was engaged to be married in February next year. His cousin and roommate, Martez Saunders, also received several gunshot wounds and remains in hospital. Police say they have yet to have an opportunity to question him about the incident.

Meanwhile, despite a \$10,000 reward being offered by Burger King for information leading to the arrest or conviction of those responsible for his death, police have not had the same success with their investigations into the killing of Rashad Morris, manager of Burger King's Frederick Street restaurant.

Both Mr McQueen and Mr Morris died hours apart in gruesome circumstances in the early hours of the same morning.

Mr Morris, 21, of John Street, Baillou Hill Road, was brutally beaten and stabbed at the Burger King restaurant on Harrold Road, western New Providence, which he had formerly managed.

Police believe the 21-year-old was taken to the store by his killer or killers who then tried to force him to open the safe. When he failed to do so, Mr Morris was beaten in the manager's office. He was dragged outside where he was again beaten and stabbed several times.

He was found lying in a pool of blood with multiple stab wounds at around 1.30am on Sunday and pronounced dead at the scene, becoming the 61st murder victim this year.

Assistant Commissioner Gibson appealed to those who may have information to contact police, or call 911 or 919, or call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS (8477).

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LOCAL NEWS

# Candlelight vigil at site of demolished church

## More than 500 people reportedly attend event



PRAYERFUL: A vigil at the Canaan Baptist Church site.

LOCAL Baptist ministers joined with members of the Workers' Party as they held a candlelight vigil at the site of the now demolished Canaan Baptist Church.

According to the Workers' Party leader Rodney Moncur, there were more than 500 people who attended the event on Thursday night at the church site in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates.

Minister Juan Miller conducted a small service where pastors reportedly prayed for God to touch Arawak Homes CEO Franklyn Wilson's heart and allow them to rebuild the church on the site. Mr Moncur, in his capacity as leader of the Workers' party, added that he will continue to pray for Mr Wilson who had the church demolished after the courts ruled in his favour that the land belonged to his company.

"We should continue to pray for Mr Wilson and he should do the right thing and sell the property for a reasonable price so it can be rebuilt," Mr Moncur said.

Since the initial donation of blocks and sand was made to the church after the building was destroyed, Mr Moncur said an anonymous donor has donated another 500 blocks to the cause.

# Wilchcombe testifies at John Travolta trial

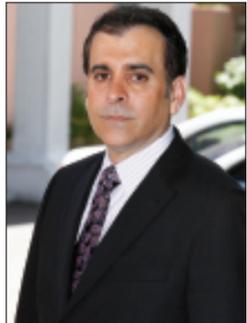
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Mr Wilchcombe said he phoned Mark Smith, the Travolta family's doctor, then phoned Michael Ossi, lead attorney for the Travoltas. Mr Wilchcombe told the court that following that conversation, he received a phone call from another attorney for the Travoltas. Mr Wilchcombe said he took the call in the reception area, spoke to the attorney, then called Bridgewater to the telephone before returning to his office. During cross-examination by Bridgewater's attorney Murrio Ducille, Mr Wilchcombe admitted that Bridgewater had not instructed him to call anyone and had come to him because she was concerned about the documents she had in her possession.

According to Mr Wilchcombe, Bridgewater said she did not want any harm to come to the Travoltas and had never told him that he was to be an agent to extract money from John Travolta based on the documents she had in her possession.

During cross-examination by Lightbourne's attorney Carlson Shurland, Mr Wilchcombe admitted he had been arrested in connection with the extortion attempt and that he had told a local newspaper that he thought the ordeal was a conspiracy against him. Mr Wilchcombe also admitted that Bridgewater had never told him that her client was seeking to extract money from Mr Travolta.

Attorney Michael Ossi testified yesterday that he spoke with Mr Wilchcombe by telephone around 5.30 pm on January 12 and following that con-



Tim Clarke/Tribune Staff

TRAVOLTA FAMILY attorney Michael Ossi outside court yesterday.

versation he phoned Michael McDermott, another attorney for the Travoltas. Mr Ossi also told the court that on Saturday, January 17, he had a meeting with attorneys Allyson Maynard Gibson, Damian Gomez, Michael McDermott, Howard Butler and Michael Hamilton at the firm of Gibson and Co.

The case resumes on Monday at 10.30. Mrs Maynard-Gibson and Mr McDermott are expected to take the stand next week. Bridgewater, a former PLP senator, and Lightbourne, a former ambulance driver, are accused of attempting to extort \$25 million from Hollywood celebrity John Travolta.

Prosecutors have called six witnesses, including Mr Travolta who took the stand on Wednesday. Mr Travolta is expected to be recalled next week. Bridgewater, 49, and Lightbourne, 47, are accused of conspiring to extort and attempting to extort money from Mr Travolta between January 2 and 20 by means of threats. Bridgewater is also accused of abetment to extort.



A SMALL service was held where pastors reportedly prayed for God to touch Arawak Homes CEO Franklyn Wilson's heart and allow them to rebuild the church on the site.





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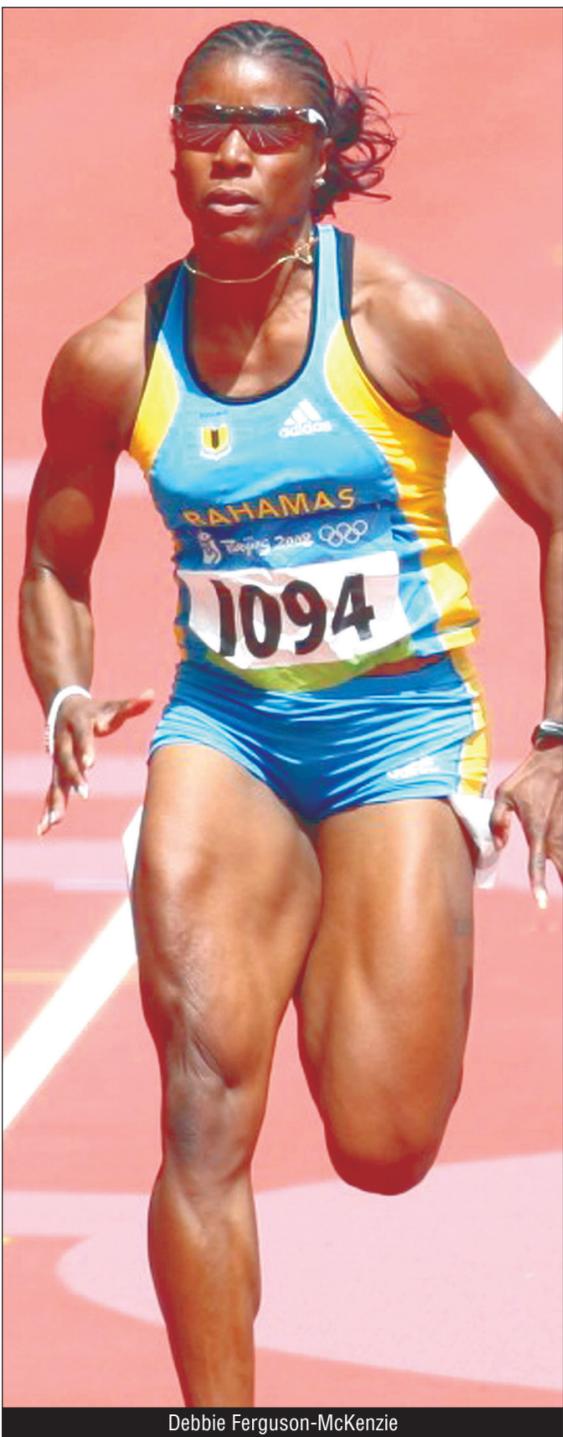
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11.81	1.03	AML Foods Limited	1.08	1.08	0.00	0.127	0.000	8.5	0.00%		
11.80	9.90	Bahamas Property Fund	10.75	10.75	0.00	0.992	0.200	10.8	1.86%		
9.30	5.90	Bank of Bahamas	5.90	5.90	0.00	0.244	0.260	24.2	4.41%		
0.89	0.63	Benchmark	0.63	0.63	0.00	-0.877	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
3.49	3.15	Bahamas Waste	3.15	3.15	0.00	0.078	0.090	40.4	2.86%		
2.37	2.14	Fidelity Bank	2.37	2.37	0.00	0.056	0.040	43.1	1.69%		
14.20	10.00	Cable Bahamas	10.03	10.03	0.00	1.406	0.250	7.1	2.49%		
2.88	2.74	Colina Holdings	2.74	2.74	0.00	0.420	0.240	15.7	3.64%		
7.50	5.26	Commonwealth Bank (S1)	5.87	5.87	0.00	5,000	0.419	3.00	14.0	5.11%	
3.85	1.27	Consolidated Water BDRs	3.42	3.34	-0.08	0.111	0.052	30.1	1.56%		
2.85	1.32	Doctor's Hospital	2.05	2.05	0.00	0.382	0.080	5.4	3.90%		
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12.50	8.80	Finco	9.30	9.30	0.00	0.322	0.520	28.9	5.59%		
11.71	10.00	FirstCaribbean Bank	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.631	0.350	15.8	3.50%		
5.53	4.50	Focal (S)	4.50	4.50	0.00	0.332	0.150	13.6	3.33%		
19.0484	12.3870	Focal Class B Preference	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	N/M	0.00%		
0.45	0.27	Freeport Concrete	0.27	0.27	0.00	0.035	0.000	7.7	0.00%		
9.02	5.49	ICD Utilities	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.407	0.500	13.5	9.09%		
12.00	9.98	J. S. Johnson	9.98	9.98	0.00	0.952	0.640	10.5	6.41%		
10.00	10.00	Premier Real Estate	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.180	0.000	55.6	0.00%		
BISX LISTED DEBT SECURITIES - (Bonds trade on a Percentage Pricing bases)											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Security	Symbol	Last Sale	Change	Daily Vol.	Interest	Maturity			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 17 (Series A) +	FBB17	100.00	0.00		7%	19 October 2017			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 22 (Series B) +	FBB22	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	19 October 2022			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 13 (Series C) +	FBB13	100.00	0.00		7%	30 May 2013			
1000.00	1000.00	Fidelity Bank Note 15 (Series D) +	FBB15	100.00	0.00		Prime + 1.75%	29 May 2015			
Fidelity Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
14.60	7.92	Bahamas Supermarkets	7.92	8.42	14.00		-2.246	0.000	N/M	0.00%	
8.00	6.00	Caribbean Crossings (Pref)	2.00	6.25	4.00		0.000	0.480	N/M	7.80%	
0.54	0.20	RND Holdings	0.35	0.40	0.55		0.001	0.000	256.6	0.00%	
Colina Over-The-Counter Securities											
52wk-Hi	52wk-Low	Symbol	Bid \$	Ask \$	Last Price	Weekly Vol.	EPS \$	Div \$	P/E	Yield	
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	Div \$	Yield %	NAV Date			
1.4038	1.3344	CFAL Bond Fund	1.4038	3.72	3.20			31-Aug-09			
3.0350	2.8952	CFAL MSI Preferred Fund	2.8990	-1.39	-4.16			31-Sep-09			
1.4905	1.4119	CFAL Money Market Fund	1.4905	3.96	5.49			18-Sep-09			
3.6090	3.0941	Fidelity Bahamas G & I Fund	3.0941	-8.61	-13.59			31-Aug-09			
19.0484	12.3870	Fidelity Prime Income Fund	13.1136	3.93	5.87			31-Aug-09			
101.6893	100.0000	CFAL Global Bond Fund	101.6893	1.10	1.67			30-Jun-09			
100.9600	93.1992	CFAL Global Equity Fund	96.7398	0.35	-4.18			30-Jun-09			
1.0000	1.0000	CFAL High Grade Bond Fund	1.0000	0.00	0.00			31-Dec-07			
9.4075	9.0775	Fidelity International Investment Fund	9.3399	2.69	-1.41			31-Jul-09			
1.0707	1.0000	FG Financial Preferred Income Fund	1.0707	3.38	5.14			31-Aug-09			
1.0364	1.0000	FG Financial Growth Fund	1.0319	-0.11	-2.05			31-Aug-09			
1.0673	1.0000	FG Financial Diversified Fund	1.0673	2.89	4.93			31-Aug-09			
MARKET TERMS											
<b>YIELD</b> - Last 12 month dividends divided by closing price						<b>Bid \$</b> - Buying price of Colina and Fidelity					
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<b>52wk-Low</b> - Lowest closing price in last 52 weeks						<b>Weekly Vol.</b> - Trading volume of the prior week					
<b>Previous Close</b> - Previous day's weighted price for daily volume						<b>EPS \$</b> - A company's reported earnings per share for the last 12 mths					
<b>Today's Close</b> - Current day's weighted price for daily volume						<b>Div \$</b> - Net Asset Value					
<b>Change</b> - Change in closing price from day to day						<b>N/M</b> - Not Meaningful					
<b>Daily Vol.</b> - Number of total shares traded today						<b>FINDEX</b> - The Fidelity Bahamas Stock Index. January 1, 1994 = 100					
<b>Div \$</b> - Dividends per share paid in the last 12 months											
<b>P/E</b> - Closing price divided by the last 12 month earnings											
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U-20 World Cup soccer action

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# Ferguson, Sands win at Colorful Daegu Meeting preliminaries



Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie

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LEEVAN 'Superman' Sands and Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie found a way to pull off one final victory before they finally shut down their long and exhilarating 2009 track and field season.

The duo were joined by Chandra Sturup as they all competed in the Colorful Daegu Pre-Championships Meeting 2009 that took place yesterday at the Daegu Stadium in Japan.

While Sands managed to soar 16.50 metres or just 54-feet, 1 3/4-inches to triumph in the men's triple jump, Ferguson-McKenzie clocked 22.90 seconds to snatch the 200 metres title.

Sturup, on the other hand, had to settle for a sixth place finish in the women's 100 in 11.82.

Sands, 27, said he was extremely tired as he was still jet lagged having only arrived in Daegu on Thursday. He went head-to-head with American Brandon Roulhac, who was second with 16.44m or 53-11 1/4.

"It was a win, so I can't complain about that," he said. "I was extremely tired, so I just wanted to go for the win. I just tried to go with the field, depending on what everybody else was jumping."

Sands, the 2008 Olympic bronze medalist and fourth place finisher at the August IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin, Germany, was the last of seven competitors in the field.

In the first of four rounds, Roulhac cleared 16.26m or 53-4 1/4 and Sands came behind him and soared 16.28 or 53-5 to take the early lead.

On the second round, Roulhac scratched and Sands passed up as they stayed in that position. In the third round, Roulhac did 16.13 or 52-11 and Sands went 16.19 or 53-1 1/2.

Then on their final attempt,

Roulhac went 16.44 or 53-11 1/4 to temporarily take the lead. But Sands came back and out-did the American with 16.50 or 54-1 3/4.

Andrej Batagelj from Slovenia finished third with his best performance of 16.10 or 52-10 on his last attempt.

"It's the end of the season, so I just wanted to end it on a winning note," Sands said. "It's been a long season, but it's been a great one for me."

After going through an up and down battle at the beginning of the season and hampered by a slight ankle injury, Sands said he felt short of his goal of winning a medal in Berlin when he was knocked into fourth spot by Cuban bronze medalist Alexis Copello.

But after the World Championships, Sands said he was able to shake off the disappointment of not getting back on the medal podium by finishing in the top three in all three meets he competed in.

"I was satisfied with my performances this year," he said. "I can't complain. I had a good season."

Sands will return to Auburn today where he will reunion with his family before he take the next six weeks off to rest and recuperate. He noted that he will take a one week vacation before he return home for a celebration being planned by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture on October 4.

"I just need to catch myself," he said. "I just need to put down all those track stuff - spikes, clothes and everything related to track. I want to chill out with the family."

He definitely deserve it.

Ferguson-McKenzie nor Sturup could be reached for comments. But they both should be commended for the stellar season that they also enjoyed.

Like Sands, Ferguson-McKenzie ended the year on

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LEEVAN 'Superman' Sands

# Thompson reflects on Ferguson

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THE Rev. Dr. William Thompson, president of the Bahamas Baptist National Missionary and Educational Convention, said the late Vincent Lloyd Ferguson is one of those unsung heroes who should never be forgotten.

Ferguson, 71, died on Wednesday morning at his home while he was having breakfast.

Thompson, who has known the deceased since they were 18 years of age when they played baseball, said Ferguson came around during the era of the late major leaguers Andre Rodgers and Tony Curry, but he was not as talented as they were.

"In those days, it was a honor to go and play Triple A baseball, even the Majors, even if it was just for a day," said Thompson, of Ferguson, who played in the Milwaukee Braves (now Atlanta) organization.

"At the time, you didn't have that many teams and you are talking about being a black man from a foreign country, so he had to persevere."

What amazed or attracted Ferguson to Thompson was the fact that while the focus of the majority of the players in baseball was on baseball, Ferguson also had a deep passion for education.

"He left from here to go to

Minnesota where he got signed to play professional baseball," Ferguson said. "But education was always top on his list."

"And even though he went to the minors, he kept his focus on graduating from college and moved into an area where he felt he could be a help to his people and the younger people around him."

Through the years that he, Donnie Lockhart, Bernie Turnquest, Bummy Albury and others were able to socialize together, Thompson said they became very close when they traveled to Wichita to play baseball.

"That was the only winning team that every came back from Wichita," said Thompson, who served as a coach, while Ferguson was the manager. "We went to the final, but because we only had one pitcher, Frankie Sweeting, we felt short of going all the way."

Although he ventured into the Gospel Ministry, becoming the Pastor of the Faith United Missionary Baptist Church, Thompson said he and Ferguson stayed close when he begin his teaching sting.

"I always sort advise from him and he was very instrumental in me going to college, even at a late age," Thompson said. "He knew that was something that I wanted to do and he played a big part in that."

"When I came back, he was

already established as a premier educator in the country. But we continued to hit it off in that vain."

Then in 2002, Thompson said their paths crossed again as they were both named to serve on a committee for the restoration of baseball. This time, Thompson served as the chairman and Ferguson was his advisor.

"He was a true Bahamian sports icon, especially through his progress in basketball as he was able to turn things around, even though some people didn't like his attitude, which they called rude."

"But in those days, basketball was the sport in the country because of the disciplinary role that Vince was able to instill in all those involved."

However, Thompson said he felt that Ferguson deserved more because he felt that the country did an injustice to his contribution to sports and education.

"Our country, historically has been a country where if you don't get it during the time you are performing, it's difficult to get it after," Thompson pointed out.

"We sort of forget our heroes. We forget those who got us to where we are now. We forget those whose shoulders we stand on. We could go on and on with names like Bummy Albury, who is one of the men who made baseball in this country."

Thompson said it's evident

that "the Bahamas have a problem honoring its national heroes. If you're not a politician, you're not going to be honored."

"Thank God for Tonique (Williams-Darling), who got hers right then. But just look at Elisha Obed. When you look at what he's done, we take these things for granted."

"I don't like to get into talking about it because I really get annoyed."

The former president of the Bahamas Christian Council said Ferguson's passing is definitely a big loss to the country because he motivated a lot of people to be the best they could be.

"He was an educational icon, who believed that we were better than we are if we only pursue education," Thompson said. "He gave his life to us."

"Even when he stopped being principal, he continued to help those who wanted to continue to seek their educational pursuits. He always believed and said that we could be better."

And most importantly, Thompson said the Bahamas has also lost a household name, which made a difference in the country.

"When you spoke about Vince Ferguson, you look at a man of sterling integrity, a man who loved his country and who wanted the best for the Bahamas," Thompson summed up.



Rev. Dr. William Thompson

"He was an educational icon, who believed that we were better than we are if we only pursue education."

# NPVA action continues this Sunday

THE NEW Providence Volleyball Association will commence action on Sunday at the D W Davis gymnasium beginning at 3:30pm. The league will open with an exciting rematch of the 2008 championships.

Over on the ladies side, the Johnson Lady Truckers, led behind Kelsie Johnson, Margaret "Muggy" Albury and Edrica McPhee, will hit the court in the opener as they attempt to defeat the youthful defending champions, the Scottsdale Vixen, who will be led by Laval Sands, Cherice Rolle and Jackie Conyers.

The ladies game will be followed by the awards ceremony as many eagerly await to see who will walk away with the prestigious individual awards.

The men's finale would feature lots of thunderous spikes, monstrous blocks, digs and lightening serves as the defending champions, the Scotiabank Defenders, led by Ian "Wire" Pinder, Sherwayne Arthurs and Maurice "Cheeks" Smith take on the energetic Technicians, led by Jamaal Ferguson, Ron "Box" Demeritte and Renaldo Knowles.

You don't wanna miss this one!!!!

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a triumphant note by taking the women's 200 in 22.90. Her nearest rival was Jamaican quarter-miler Shericka Williams, who did 23.18 for second.

Cayman Island's Cydonie Mothersill came in third in 23.32.

And in the women's 100, Sturup ran 11.82 for sixth place. The race was won by World Championships' bronze medalist Carmelita Jeter in a championship record of 10.83.

American Tyson Gay also produced a championship record in winning the men's 100 in 9.94 over Jamaican Asafa Powell, who did 10.00. Another Jamaican, Nesta Carter was third in 10.15.

**UEFA investigating 40 cases of match-fixing**

■ **SOCCER**  
**LONDON**  
**Associated Press**

SOCCER'S European governing body is investigating 40 cases of match-fixing involving Champions League and UEFA Cup matches.

Peter Limacher, head of disciplinary services at UEFA, told The Associated Press on Friday that the cases involved early qualifying matches of clubs "mainly from eastern Europe" over the last four years.

Of the 40 matches where UEFA has been alerted to suspicious betting patterns, 15 took place in the last two years, Limacher said.

"Right now it's mainly eastern Europe clubs being investigated. They know they are not going to be involved later in the tournament and they are going out, so decide, 'Let's make a profit,'" Limacher said. "In the cases we have seen, it's really the deliberate planned fix of the games, the whole games. First the result at halftime, then after 90 minutes.

"It might take some time (to convict) but, in cases where we can work together with the police, that might be possible."

Limacher said UEFA is building a network of informers across Europe to clamp down on match fixing.

UEFA announced last month that three Macedonian clubs were being investigated after banning the former champion FK Pobeda from European competitions for eight years.

One of the fixtures under suspicion is FK Milano's 12-2 aggregate loss in July against Croatia's Slaven Kopriivnika in the second qualifying round of the Europa League, the new format for the UEFA Cup.

• Nigeria took on Venezuela in the U-20 World Cup group B soccer match at the Al-Salam stadium in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Sept. 25, 2009.

U-20 WORLD CUP SOCCER ACTION



Nigeria's Daniel Adejo, top, shouts as he collides with Venezuela's Louis Pena.



NIGERIA'S Obiora Nwankwo, left, and Venezuela's Jonathan Del Valle fight for control of the ball

» BEN CURTIS/AP Photos



VENEZUELA'S Louis Pena, left, and Nigeria's King Osanga collide.



NIGERIA'S Nurudeen Orelesi, right, holds off Venezuela's Victor Perez...



NIGERIA'S Obiora Nwankwo, left, and Venezuela's Jonathan Del Valle fight for control of the ball.



A Venezuela fan carrying a child cheers in the stand ahead of the Nigeria against Venezuela.

**Tokyo readies for 2016 Olympic pitch**

■ **OLYMPICS**  
**TOKYO**  
**Associated Press**

IF ANYTHING can make the busy citizens of Tokyo take notice of their city's bid to host the 2016 Olympics, it's a robot large enough to take on Godzilla.

A zilla symbol of the technology for which Japan is famous, the moving, talking 60-foot robot was part of a promotional blitz to drum up support for Tokyo's campaign after an International Olympic Committee poll in February found only 55 percent of residents supported the effort.

A replica of the popular character Mobile Suit Gundam, from a Japanese anime

series created by Yoshiyuki Tomino, the robot towered over the man-made Odaiba island overlooking Tokyo Bay and prominently displayed the Tokyo 2016 logo on its shoulder.

Organizers say public support has increased in recent polls, and that more than 20 million people in Japan's capital now support the bid. A rally through the streets of the city on Wednesday attracted more than 400,000 people, testament to the improved public opinion.

"Tokyo 2016 is about the passion of 34 million people in our dynamic capital and more than 100 million supporters across our nation who know this is our chance to create a better future for Japan

through sport," said Hidetoshi Maki, deputy director general of Tokyo's bid.

Tokyo is competing with Chicago, Madrid and Rio de Janeiro for the right to host the 2016 Summer Games. The IOC will choose the winning city in a vote next Friday in Copenhagen.

Japanese organizers say Tokyo is the best choice in the midst of a global recession.

Tokyo has the largest metropolitan budget in the world — if the Japanese capital were a country, it would have the 15th highest GDP in the world. That kind of economic might, Tokyo's organizers say, makes it the safest choice for a post-recession Olympics and the Paralympic Games that



Shizuo Kambayashi/AP Photo

IN THIS photo taken on Sept. 6, 2009, cyclists pass by the logo of Tokyo's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics attached on the fence encircling the Olympic facility buildings construction site in Tokyo, Japan.

follow. "No other 2016 bid city is offering the same level of guarantees to the IOC,"

Tokyo bid chief Ichiro Kono said. "These include the greatest possible commitment of both our national and local

government and \$4 billion already set aside in the bank to cover all infrastructure development."

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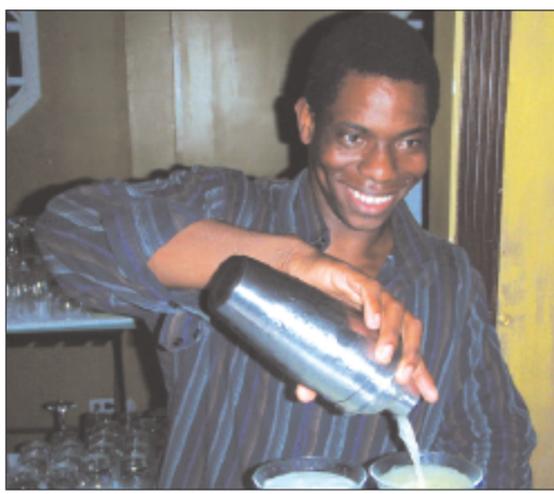
**CIRCA 1890 IS A GOURMET RESTAURANT** on Shirley Street in Nassau. The exquisitely designed restaurant features opulent Moroccan fixtures and paintings in a serene ambiance. Anthony Stubbs, owner of Circa 1890, describes it as a "New York style" lounge and restaurant with an "intimate ambiance".

If you call and make a reservation (it is a top choice for private events), you can dine on escar-got, rack of lamb or tenderloin at 3am. During the week the it is a perfect spot to have a quiet or romantic dinner, host a sophisticated business lunch or enjoy a selection from the excellent wine list. Circa 1890 is more than just a restaurant. Over the last few months it has begun to attract the young and hip and has become quite a hot-spot for a trendy crowd who want to sip cocktails and chill out.

Dubbed "Martini Madness", Friday at Circa 1890 brings out the stylish set for some delicious Martini creations.

A new series of events will be alternated as of this week. "A Taste of..." will showcase a different theme every night featuring cocktails and food from around the world. The first event is "Sao Paolo, the flavour of Brazil".

Circa 1890 is not a mainstream venue just yet, but it is surely one of the island's best kept secrets.



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