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# Straw vendor faces sentence in US today

**Three more people gunned down in Nassau**

THE SPATE of shootings over the holiday weekend continued yesterday with three more persons gunned down in the capital. The victims' toll is now at seven.

On Monday, each incident occurred less than two hours apart, however police officials say there is no evidence at this time to suggest that any of the shootings was linked.

All victims were reported to be in hospital in stable condition, however details surrounding the shootings were

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## Bahamian pleaded guilty to trafficking in counterfeit goods, court dockets state

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At that time, Ms Davis was released on her own recognizance until the sentencing hearing.

ONE of the nine straw vendors, arrested and charged in New York last month for trafficking in counterfeit goods, is to appear before court tomorrow for sentencing.

Wendell Edgcombe, co-founder of the Bahamian American Cultural Society, confirmed that Ms Davis is staying with his family while awaiting her hearing. He was reluctant to comment further due to the brevity of her court date.

According to US District Court dockets, straw vendor Tracy Davis pleaded guilty at an initial conference and plea hearing to trafficking in counterfeit goods/services on October 5.

Other sources close to the case told The Tribune that Ms

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## Arawak Homes defends home demolition

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ARAWAK Homes vigorously defended its demolition of a family home as the owners announced plans to file civil and potentially criminal action against the company.

Claiming to be the long-suffering victim in a land dispute that affects more than 70 families in the Pinewood Gardens area, Arawak Homes Ltd argues it acted with patience and compassion before reducing the home of Maria and Frederick Wood to rubble.

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## CRUMPLED: Man badly injured in road crash



**SQUASHED:** A man in his late 40s or early 50s suffered serious head injuries and was taken to Princess Margaret Hospital after his car was in collision with a Bahamas Food Services vehicle. The accident occurred on JFK Drive at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday.

## BAHAMASAIR OFFICE IS TARGETED BY ROBBERS

BRAZEN thugs made off with an undetermined amount of cash from a Bahamasair office on Horsehoe Drive, Oakes Field, yesterday. It was the second robbery at the location and the third office to have come under siege in less than three months.

Preliminary reports indicated the culprits were two men, one of whom was armed with a handgun.

The Oakes Field office will

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## More than 20 ZNS staff accept BCB packages

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DESPITE urging from the union, more than 20 ZNS employees accepted voluntary separation or early retirement packages from the Broadcasting Corporation of the Bahamas (BCB).

The number was expected to rise by the 5pm cut off time yesterday, according to Edwin Lightbourne, BCB general manager.



**JOHN PINDER**

A board meeting scheduled for Thursday will decide the fate of any remaining workers to be disengaged by the corporation. Unless a new agreement is negotiated redundancies are expected to come into effect on October 30. The

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## ONE-WAY ROAD SYSTEM REVIEW BEGINS IN COURT

THE judicial review hearing over the one-way road system on Baillou Hill Road and Market Street began in the Supreme Court yesterday.

In July the Coconut Grove Business League (CGBL), which consists of a group of business owners who claim to have been adversely affected by the March 30 change that made Baillou Hill Road one-way north-bound and Market Street one-way south-bound, were granted leave for a judicial review.

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LOCAL NEWS

# BLAZE WRECKS WOODEN BUILDINGS

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**UP IN SMOKE:** JUST before 11am yesterday two wooden buildings in Mason's Addition burst into flames, bystanders say. The Police Fire Branch was notified and three fire engines responded and were able to subdue the fire. The two wooden houses were completely destroyed and a nearby two storey stone building incurred extensive damage. The wooden structures were not occupied and no one was hurt in the blaze. Police say investigations continue.

## Inmates facing trial over prison guard death back in court

TWO inmates facing trial over the death of a prison guard in 2007 were back in Supreme Court yesterday.

Inmates Forester Bowe, 33, and Corey Hepburn, 30, are charged in the death of Corporal Dion Bowles during a prison break on January 17, 2006.

Inmate Barry Parcoi is also charged along with Bowe and Hepburn. A fourth inmate, Neil Brown, was shot and killed as he attempted to escape.

Attorney Keod Smith, who represents Bowe and Hepburn, has filed a motion seeking Senior Justice Anita Allen's recusal from his clients' case and also raising constitutional issues.

Before presenting his arguments yesterday, how-

ever, Mr Smith was scolded by Senior Justice Allen for keeping the court waiting more than an hour before appearing.

Senior Justice Allen described it as "disrespectful" to keep a Justice of the Supreme Court waiting for so long.

Mr Smith was also scolded for filing an amended notice of motion on the day the motion was to be heard.

Senior Justice Allen noted that this is not proper procedure, but said she would allow Mr Smith to proceed in the interest of his clients.

According to an affidavit by Forester Bowe which was read in court by Mr Smith, Bowe – who has been incarcerated since being convicted of

murder in 1992 – claimed he felt that Senior Justice Allen would be unable to divorce herself from the stigma surrounding him and certain preconceived notions about him.

In his affidavit, Bowe noted that his death penalty appeal and that of Trono Davis led to a landmark decision by the London-based Privy Council, which found in March 2006 that the Bahamas' mandatory death penalty was unconstitutional.

Bowe had been sentenced to death for the murder of 20-year-old Deon Roache in Grand Bahama.

Bowe noted that he was re-sentenced to spend the rest of his natural life in prison by Senior Justice Allen, however the Court of Appeal redefined the sentence, striking out the word natural.



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LOCAL NEWS

# Man, 24, killed in boating accident

Several people seriously injured

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A FREAK boating accident claimed the life of a 24-year-old father and seriously injured several people in Staniel Cay, Exuma over the weekend.

On Saturday, Vito Lockhart of Hamilton's, Long Island, and six others were violently thrown overboard when their boat – a 20ft marine skiff – hit a rock on the way to Yonder Cay.

The victims were taken to the local clinic and later airlifted to the capital, but Mr Lockhart died of his injuries at the scene.

Mr Lockhart had a six-year-old daughter and was described by family and friends as a hard worker and genuine individual.

According to family members, he'd only recently moved to Exuma to work as a labourer at a construction site on one of the cays.

## Condolences

On Facebook, friends expressed their condolences and reminisced about the Long Island resident of 20 years.

Born in Nassau, Mr Lockhart first moved to the island when he was four years old. After high school, he continued to live on the island, leaving only to pursue employment opportunities. Mr Lockhart was engaged, and relatives said he had intended to get married after saving some money.

Ruth Watkins, Mr Lockhart's 80-year-old grandmother, said: "I trying to hold up. . . he just went last Tuesday to work."

Mrs Watkins, who is from Lower Deadman's Cay, told *The Tribune* her grandson and friends had been on their way back from a party on another cay. Police investigations into the circumstances surrounding the fatal accident, which is reported to have occurred at around 1am, are continuing.

The other six victims, including the boat's captain, were reported to be in stable condition and recovering in hospital.



CRASH AFTERMATH: The remains of the Cessna 402 can be seen on the surface of Lake Killarney.

Felipe Major/Tribune staff

# Lake Killarney plane crash search ends

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SEARCH efforts following last week's fatal plane crash in Lake Killarney have come to a close with police stating that there is no evidence at this time THAT would point to the existence of a tenth passenger.

The search efforts ended after a ninth body was pulled from Lake Killarney and positively identified as missing 23-year-old sound engineer Junior Lubin.

Police had been exploring the possibility that a tenth person was killed when the Acklins Blue flight headed for San Salvador plummeted into the lake shortly after take-off from Executive Flight Support just after 12.30pm last Tuesday.

A passport belonging to a Jamaican man was found at the scene, however, Assistant Commissioner of Police Glenn Miller, who is leading the investigation, said no one has come forward to report the Jamaican missing.

Search efforts led by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) were called off after Mr Lubin's body was found on Friday.

"Nobody is out there searching today because our intelligence is not telling us anyone else was there," Mr Miller told *The Tribune* yesterday.

"If the public has information that a tenth person was onboard that plane we would want to know, but so far no one has come forward with that information.

"We have no information that there was a tenth person at this point, but we don't

## No evidence of tenth passenger, say police

know who was on that plane, but we certainly have our eyes and ears open and if the information is available to us we will investigate it."

Police said they cannot be certain how many people were on board the Cessna 402 as pilot Nelson Hanna did not file an accurate flight plan before take-off.

Mr Hanna had told Civil Aviation officials there was only one passenger onboard and did not alter the plan before his departure.

Shortly after take-off, Air Traffic Control officials informed the pilot that smoke was pouring from the left engine of his aircraft and eyewitnesses said the pilot appeared to make an attempt to return to the airport when the plane crashed into the lake on the other side of Coral Harbour Road.

## Bodies

Rescue teams pulled the bodies of seven men from the mangled aircraft and surrounding waters around 400ft from the shore. An eighth man found alive was rushed to hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr Lubin's body surfaced around 200ft away from the crash site after the plane was lifted from the water so that accident investigators can ascertain the cause of the crash.

He was positively identified by relatives at the Princess Margaret Hospital morgue on Saturday.

The other eight men killed in the crash have been identified as pilot Nelson Hanna, 43; Royal Bahamas Defence Force officer Devon Storr, 27; BEC linesman Corey Farquharson, 41; "Music Needs" boss Clarence Nathaniel Williams, 38; and sound technicians Delon Roderick Taylor, 28; Lavard Antone Curtis, 26; Chet Lynden Johnson, 39, and Chanoine Mildor, 44.

San Salvador chief councillor Ishmael Terrence Major said six of those onboard had been hired to set up for Homecoming events on the Family Island last weekend.

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## Everyone aiding, abetting airport ‘hackers’

AFTER the tragic crash of an unauthorised charter aircraft in Lake Killarney last week with the loss of nine lives and a mystery Jamaican passport indicating there might have been a tenth person on board, Civil Aviation threatens to immediately crack down on airport hackers.

The problem of airport hackers is a perennial problem — it flares up from time to time and each time Civil Aviation vows to see them off.

If there is a temporary respite from them, it obviously doesn't last long. The hackers insinuate themselves back into airport life and comfortably settle down to their illegal trade.

Several years ago there was a campaign to rid the airport of this danger. Passengers were advised before stepping onto a charter to demand the pilot's certificate and a plane's licence.

A most impractical suggestion when there is a line up to get on an aircraft and take off. It would be very difficult for a passenger to obtain all the necessary credentials to ensure the safety of the aircraft and the competence of the pilot. This is the responsibility of the airport authorities.

However, we also understand their difficulties when they are confronted with passengers who are determined to make the flight and pretend that they are paying no money, but are friends or family of the pilot and are just catching a ride. Without payment, there is no charter, again without payment no law is broken. The passenger is then flying privately, and is responsible for his own destiny.

Some years ago — about 2005 — there was a flare up at the airport with private charter companies complaining that the hackers were making such serious inroads into their legitimate business that something had to be done to remove them from the airport. Several years before that we were told of a legitimate charter company that closed because it was too hard to compete with the hackers. So airport hackers are nothing new at Pindling International Airport. Pilots have said that they have become a part of the airport's culture. In other words, if you can't beat them, then you tolerate them. And this is what Civil Aviation seems to have done.

The Tribune was told that Nelson Hanna, pilot of last week's crashed Cessna, had a commercial pilot's licence. However, his company was not licensed to operate charters. It seems that he was considered a competent pilot, well known around the airport and so presumably no one paid much attention to the fact that his plane was flying without a charter licence.

The Tribune was told that aviation professionals and government regulators perpetuate the lax culture, because it is more "convenient" and "cheaper" to use a hack-

er. These flights are cheaper because hackers do not pay commercial liability insurance, don't spend money on approved maintenance programmes for their aircraft, do not invest in pilot training programmes and are not held to the same standards, according to Inspector Delvin Major, accident investigator with the Civil Aviation Authority.

The authorities have accused passengers of colluding with pilots to evade the authorities. But then you have various government departments that aid and abet the practice by also using these charters. For example the Department of Culture said it knew the pilot and company owner of the crashed Cessna because its department frequently used his company for cultural events in the Family Islands. Has anyone stopped to think of the legal liability on those who charter these aircraft should anything go wrong on a flight? From now on The Tribune will be asking a lot of questions if any government department invites one of its reporters to fly with them on an assignment.

It seems that everybody is aiding and abetting this practice. This is why hackers are still at the airport.

None of the authorities really knew how many or who was on the Cessna when it crashed last week. All pilots before they take off are supposed to file a flight plan with the number of passengers on board. When our reporter was conducting her interview, she was told that when the pilot filed his flight plan, he listed only one passenger flying with him. The comment was that his plane crashed before he had time to change his manifest. This is something a pilot is meant to do on the ground, not in the air.

Did he not complete his required paperwork because he felt to do so would indicate that he was flying an unauthorised charter and would have been grounded?

Aviation authorities say that they are short staffed and find it difficult to police hackers. However, if a list of legitimate charter aircraft is posted at the airport, a passenger list on an unauthorised charter should immediately alert an airport staff member that something is wrong. That's when questions should be asked. If the reason the pilot waits until he gets airborne to reveal the fact that he is carrying a plane load of passengers, then as soon as he lands at his destination he should be picked up by the authorities.

The reason that this illegal business cannot be controlled is that everybody is a part of it.

It is hoped that last Tuesday's terrible tragedy will bring everyone to their senses — Civil Aviation regulators, government departments that use these hackers and the travelling public. Maybe this accident and these unnecessary deaths will prevent future tragedies.

# PLP grossly unfair in economic analysis

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The PLP and its operatives have been grossly unfair in their analysis. I guess that is acceptable on the political platform but that does not make it right.

When The PLP asks rhetorically whether we are better off today than we were three years ago, suggesting it is because of the FNM's incompetence and mismanagement, this flies in the face of reason.

That question asked anywhere in the world would elicit the same answer generally: A resounding No! And that is because, Perry, there has been a global economic crisis which has significantly cut global gross domestic product, thrown multiple millions on the unemployment heap and savaged living standards everywhere.

Those countries that had a sound economic foundation were better able to weather the crisis, but where economic growth had been anemic for years, like other Caribbean countries, there was no wiggle room.

Thankfully we fared better than many of our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean.

Talking about poverty

## LETTERS

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and unemployment increasing in The Bahamas and then assigning that to the FNM is less than honest. It works on the political platform, but in serious discussion it cannot be entertained. It is intellectually irresponsible.

To talk about the debt increasing extraordinarily under Ingraham is another piece of disingenuous commentary.

The debt has increased all over the world. I was looking at some figures as to how the debt-to-GDP ratios have swelled in developed countries since the global crisis and it was astonishing.

China and the Far East have fared better but they have been affected by the global economic crisis, too. The last three years have been painful all over the world — not just in The Bahamas where Hubert Ingraham took over from Perry Christie and Cynthia Pratt.

The PLP is now being as irresponsible in its criticism of FNM economic performance — criticism without

context — just as I have charged the FNM in the past for being irresponsible about PLP economic performance, even though if truth be told this was largely due to Atlantis phase three brought in by the previous Ingraham administration. These politicians never learn — or is it that they simply take the masses for granted?

As opposed to playing political football with every issue that comes up nowadays, even sensitive issues like loss of life, I believe the PLP's energy would be better spent offering real, workable solutions, to help and stimulate the economy; such as well targeted incentives.

I believe that targeted, well-managed special incentives can be very effective, as has been proven in the case of the Far East and, indeed, as worked in previous periods of industrialization in Europe and America.

Ha-Joon Chang has proven this conclusively in his books, Kicking Away the Ladder and Bad Samaritans, and Harvard's Dani Rodrik has devoted much of his recent academic career to proving that.

FELIX MUNNINGS

Nassau,  
October, 2010.

## So there's no such thing as a free lunch!

EDITOR, The Tribune.

"Millions in stadium contracts on the way" — Nassau Guardian, Page A5, Saturday, October 2, 2010

Today's (October 2, 2010) issue of The Nassau Guardian carried a story on page A5 outlining the need for the government to borrow fifty million dollars to finish the Oakes Field stadium and build the necessary supporting infrastructure.

So, the \$30 million dollar "gift of a stadium" to be built

primarily with foreign labour sending their labour income out of the country and paying for most of the material to foreign providers, finally comes clear to one and all.

Taxpayers are going to pay for the borrowing of another \$50 million in order to complete the building and the infrastructure. So, the \$30 million stadium is actually going to cost \$80 million. What is the \$50 million to be spent on? Maybe, someone will outline the stadium related items?

If it takes just 5 per cent of the cost to maintain the project and another 5 per cent to pay for the eventual replacement, then the stadium needs to make a net profit of more than \$8 million annually besides what it should contribute to the government to assist in the repaying of the loan.

Unless, of course, the government is going to find a free loan from China so that the \$50 million does not become real money!

Damn it, there is no such thing as a free lunch!

The stadium is going to have to make a net profit of more than \$666,000 per month or more than \$153,000

per week just to pay for maintenance and eventual replacement. Extra money will have to be made each month to pay for the operating staff, electricity and water.

Using the rationale of Zhivargo Laing and his co-conspirators in the destruction of our Bahamas, it will make sense to borrow the \$50 million from China for a low interest rate and then bring in a few hundred Chinese workers to finish the stadium and to build the infrastructure. No matter that they might very well charge you 5 per cent or 10 per cent more than some other contractor might charge.

We have become a nation of begging idiots! Obviously, no one even bothered to read the contract offering the stadium — they just looked at the pretty pictures. Maybe, we should publish all potential agreements with the government using pop-up picture books, since no one reads!

The rich and powerful will find a way to be served by this boondoggle but the rest of us will pay the price.

PHILIP P SMITH

Nassau,  
October 2, 2010.

## Slow down — or there will be another disaster

EDITOR, The Tribune.

The Bahamas had a major plane crash at NAD. If the police officials and prison officials don't slow down through evening traffic transporting prisoners back to Fox Hill Prison another disaster will occur.

My daughter and I almost got wiped out by the police car and the yellow bluebird bus.

They came head on at high speed through the middle of the Eastern Road heading east and forced my car against a wall.

The bus came within 10 feet of my car and swerved violently lifting the springs from the chassis, making it appear that it was going to turn over.

Should these vehicles lose control many lives will be lost. What will be the excuse when this happens? It's just a matter of time.

There has to be another way to go about this careless act by law enforcement.

I see government officials travelling on this route, why are they allowing such a thing to continue on a daily basis?

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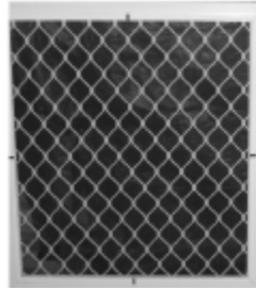
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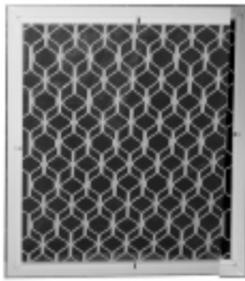
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# Police seeking Freeport man after homicide

Grand Bahama officers issue all-points bulletin

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RANDAL EVANS BROWN

GRAND Bahama police have issued an all-points bulletin for a Freeport man who is wanted in connection with the latest homicide that occurred over weekend in the Arden Forest area.

Randal Evans Brown, 24, of No 24 East Indianman Road, is wanted for questioning into the shooting death of a young man at Sergeant Major Road on Friday. Police responded to a report of a shooting sometime after 4pm at Cora's Place, where a man in his 30s was shot following an argument with another man over a cellular telephone. The victim was shot in the upper body.

He was transported by ambulance to the

Rand Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The name of the deceased is being withheld by police pending notification of next of kin.

Asst Supt Hector Delva said police are hoping that the public can assist them in their investigations.

Persons with information concerning the whereabouts of Randal Evans Brown are being asked to contact the police at 352-9774/5, or 350-3107/ 8, 911.

Brown is of medium brown complexion with dark brown eyes.

He is about five feet, 10 inches tall, of average built, and weighs about 155 to 170 pounds. He is considered armed and extremely dangerous and should be approached with extreme caution.

# NEMA commends response efforts in plane crashes

THE National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, said it is "very pleased" with the efforts of the emergency response teams in the aftermath of the Bahamas' two plane crashes last week.

On Tuesday, October 5, a nine-seater Cessna 402 plane went down in Lake Killarney, killing all nine persons on board. And on Wednesday, a family of four received injuries when their eight-seater GA8 Air Van plane crashed on Little Whale Cay.

"While it is NEMA's ultimate aim to save lives and properties, the swift response of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, the fire rescue services, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force sea, search and recovery teams; the emergency medical teams, the Red Cross, other officials and those brave members of the public who assisted in the efforts in the Lake Killarney crash, is commendable," said Captain Stephen Russell, Director of NEMA.

"The health care professionals of the Princess Margaret Hospital are also to be commended for the care and compassion they showed to families of the victims of the fatal crash."

NEMA especially thanked the counselling teams who



CRASH SCENE: Pictured above is the eight-seater GA8 Air Van aircraft flown by FYP Builders Mall president Mark Roberts, which crash landed at Little Whale Cay on Wednesday afternoon last week.

assisted the families while at the hospital.

Captain Russell said the agency would also like to extend appreciation to officials from the United States Embassy for the service they provided through OPBAT and the US Coast Guard, and the medical evacuation of the family of the downed aircraft on

Little Whale Cay. He said NEMA would continue to monitor the investigations of both aircraft.

"Its prayers go out for a speedy recovery of the families of the Little Whale Cay crash and condolences go out to the families of the fatal crash in Lake Killarney," said Capt. Russell.

# BAHAMIANS ASKED TO VOTE IN 'GREEN VIDEO CHALLENGE'



Photo courtesy: Bahamas National Trust

GETTING READY: Oakes Field Primary students Divinia Cox, Dijona Gilbert, Kennedy Lightbourne and Keno Clarke using the Flip Video camcorders in preparation for the Green Video Challenge.

THE Bahamas National Trust (BNT) in collaboration with the US Embassy Nassau has launched a global Green Video Challenge where the voting public will determine the top entries.

BNT Discovery Club members from across the Bahamas ranging in age from 7 to 16 have created short videos based on one of the following themes:

- Easy ways to reduce your carbon footprint
- Innovative sources of green energy
- "What a Waste"

Bahamians were asked to log in at the competition's website to vote in the entries.

The four semifinal videos – based on the public's votes – will be judged by a panel of experts to determine the "Director's Choice".

The top "Director's Choice" prize will be announced on Friday by US Ambassador to the Bahamas Nicole Avant and BNT executive director Eric Carey at the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF) held at Atlantis.

The creators of the winning "Director Choice" video will win free airfare and passes to Everglades National Park in Florida and their video will be aired on television. Each Discovery Club semi-finalist will also receive their own digital video camera.

The BNT's Discovery Club was launched 16 years ago to teach young Bahamians about the environment through fun activities and a badge system drawing from the Boy/Girl Scout model.

Today, there are 33 Discovery Clubs on seven Bahamian islands with more than 450 budding environmentalists.

# Bahamas Tourist Office UK wins coveted marketing award

THE 14 Islands Film Challenge media campaign has captured a coveted award from one of the top online travel media organisations, Travolution.

The Bahamas Tourist Office UK won the award for the 'Best Use of Social Media'.

The announcement follows a period when visits to the Bahamas' UK website increased by 50 per cent since videos from the agency's 14 Islands Film Challenge were shown on the site beginning in March this year.

The awards judges nominated the Bahamas entry for its originality, innovation and for being fun.

They said they thought the campaign was well-blended across a range of different media channels, was backed up by a fantastic website and great content.

The campaign was also commended for having created something that had longevity and was not just a one-off.

Following Queensland's hugely successful 'Best Job in the World' tourism campaign, the judges said the bar had been set very high for tourist boards, but that the Bahamas had reached it.

The 14 Islands Film Challenge, devised and implemented by the travel marketing agency Fox Kalomaski, comprised a nation-wide competition to find the UK's most talented aspiring filmmakers.

At the same time, it highlighted 14 of the Bahamas' islands and strove to build unprecedented awareness of the country throughout the UK.

The challenge was created to drive traffic to <http://www.bahamas.co.uk> and a huge level of entries was generated solely by a social media campaign.



COVETED: Tourism Deputy Director General Ellison "Tommy" Thompson displays the Travolution award.

Tommy Thompson, Deputy Director General of Bahamas Tourist

Office, said: "My thanks to everyone concerned for all the hard work to achieve this prestigious award."

"There has been a fantastic consumer response to a campaign in which the Bahamas Tourist Office has embraced fully integrated digital marketing for the first time."

"We're really excited that Fox Kalomaski's approach enabled us to give rising stars in the UK film industry the oppor-

tunity to create content, involve the Bahamian people and showcase the Bahamas as a fantastic holiday destination." Other organisations short-listed for the 'Best Use of Social Media' award were Air France KLM, TripAdvisor, Eurostar, Travelzoo, Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board, Travelfusion and Winchester City Council.

**"There has been a fantastic consumer response to a campaign in which the Bahamas Tourist Office has embraced fully integrated digital marketing for the first time."**

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LOCAL NEWS

By LARRY SMITH

# We are witnessing a cultural war in US

THESE are witches, Nazi re-enactors and arch hypocrites running in this year's volatile mid-term elections in the United States. We are witnessing a cultural war.

Christine O'Donnell is the Republican nominee for the US Senate in Delaware. She is on record as being opposed to masturbation but partial to witchcraft. Her recent campaign ad began with a denial that she was a witch, and noted that she was just like regular folks. You know, those folks who have to deny that they are witches.

Richard Lott, a Republican congressional candidate in Ohio, was recently outed as someone who for years spent his weekends dressed up in Nazi SS uniform happily reliving the glories of the Third Reich. According to the Nuremberg Tribunal, SS troops were used by Hitler for "criminal purposes" such as the persecution and extermination of Jews and the mistreatment and murder of prisoners of war.

Then there's David Vitter, the Louisiana Republican senator, who has made campaign claims that his opponent voted to make it easier for illegal immigrants to get taxpayer-funded benefits and welfare cheques – ignoring the fact that undocumented aliens can't get government aid in the first place. A strong proponent of conservative "family values", Vitter was earlier exposed for making calls to prostitutes from the Senate floor.

Of course, crazies and hypocrites are not limited to the Republican Party. Today's fringe candidates on the right have parallels with similar personalities on the left in other political eras. Rightwing Tea Party activists (many of whom are conservative libertarians) are comparable in some ways to the New Left activists of the 1960s and 70s (many of whom were libertarian socialists).

The New Left pushed the Democratic Party to nominate many extreme candidates, which contributed to the 1972 presidential defeat, when the anti-Vietnam War standard bearer, George McGovern, won only a single state. As someone who took part in those earlier generational wars, I believe the Tea Partiers of today are partly a last-ditch reaction to the cultural changes that we launched 40 or 50 years ago. Those changes are personified by the election of Barack Obama.

Former President Bill Clinton has suggested that – thanks to pressure from the Tea Partiers – the Republican Party is now far enough to the right to make George W. Bush appear liberal. And that is complicating what would be an otherwise predictable outcome for the US mid-term elections which take place on Tuesday, November 2.

## Contested

Thirty-seven of the 100 seats in the Senate are being contested along with all 435 seats in the House of Representatives. The current make-up of the Senate is 57 Democrats, 41 Republicans, and two Independents. The current make-up of the House is 255 Democrats, 178 Republicans and two vacancies. Governors also will be elected in 36 states on November 2.

I use the term "otherwise predictable" because since



SEN. DAVID VITTER



CHRISTINE O'DONNELL

1950, the party of the incumbent president has consistently lost seats in both the House and Senate during mid-term elections. The exceptions to this rule were in 1998, after Republicans turned off voters by shutting down the government, and in 2002, when George W Bush enjoyed huge bipartisan support after 9/11. Today, the Democrats control Congress during a major recession with high unemployment – and so it is they who have the most to lose.

In 1982, President Ronald

Reagan's first year in office, and he backed a contractionary monetary policy, which caused the prime rate to rise to 12.5 per cent and unemployment to top 10 per cent for the first time since the Depression. Although there were tax cuts and some spending reductions in 1981, Reagan also massively expanded military spending, and eventually instituted a \$100 billion corporate tax hike—the largest since the Second World War.

Most economists agree that a combination of deficit spending and the lowering of interest rates slowly led to economic recovery. From a high of 10.8 per cent in December 1982, unemployment fell to 7.2 per cent by election day in 1984. Reagan's stimulus plan focused on huge military spending, and he was subsequently re-elected by a landslide.

So despite all the noise about a "radical transformation of the Republic", there is little substantive difference between the Reagan and Obama administrations' approach. Forty per cent of the Obama stimulus package was tax relief, and despite Reagan's tax increases in 1982 and 1984 (and eventually 1986), and limited cuts in spending, the US budget was not balanced until the 1990s under Bill Clinton – working with a Republican-led congress.

## Surpluses

In 2001, as George W Bush took office, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office had projected significant budget surpluses through 2011 and beyond, despite anticipated growth in entitlement programmes. The deficit for fiscal year 2009 (approved by Bush) was \$1.4 trillion and, at nearly 10 per cent of Gross Domestic Product, was the largest deficit relative to the size of the economy since the end of World War II.

According to the Tax Policy Centre, a non-partisan research group, taxes are now at their lowest levels in 60 years with close to 90 per cent of all US taxpayers getting a tax cut last year. And according to Bruce Bartlett, a former Reagan adviser and Treasury Department economist under George H.W. Bush, "No taxpayer anywhere in the country had his or her taxes increased as a consequence of Obama's policies."

This past August, Time Magazine summarised the \$800 billion Obama stimulus plan like this: It "cut taxes for 95 per cent of working Americans, bailed out every state, hustled record amounts of unemployment benefits and other aid to struggling families, and funded more than 100,000 projects to upgrade roads, subways, schools, airports, military bases and much more."

"About one-sixth of the total cost is an all-out effort to exploit the crisis to make green energy, green building and green transportation real; launch green manufacturing industries; computerize a pen-and-paper health system; promote data-driven school reforms; and ramp up the research of the future. It's pouring \$90 billion into clean energy, including unprecedented investments in a smart grid; energy efficiency; electric cars; renewable power from the sun, wind and earth; cleaner coal; advanced biofuels; and facto-

ries to manufacture green stuff in the US."

The stimulus also included non-energy strategies, like a ten-fold increase in funding to expand access to broadband, \$8 billion for a high-speed passenger rail network, and \$4.3 billion in Race to the Top grants to promote accountability in public schools – perhaps the most significant US education initiative ever. Many economists and the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office credit the stimulus with ending the recession last year. Some say the unemployment rate would have been 2 points higher without it.

I researched and wrote this column partly in response to a recent exchange with a relative of mine, who had sent me some anti-Obama propaganda. Here's an excerpt from that exchange:

**Relative:** As smart as people think he is, why is Obama not cutting spending? And he wants more.

**Tough Call:** I agree that spending needs to be cut. But you have to approach this from a balanced perspective. Together with the economic downturn, the Bush tax cuts, prescription drug entitlement, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq explain a lot of the deficit over the next 10 years.

**Relative:** What gives this jacko the right to take \$50 from you to give to me? That is socialism and I am totally against that. Eventually you run out of people to tax to death and it all dries up. Ingraham is doing the same thing here.

**Tough Call:** Obama's stimulus includes tax cuts, and he is proposing to extend Bush tax cuts. So what's the difference?

**Relative:** He does not want to extend them, and I just don't like the commy bastard.

**Tough Call:** But he is extending them. You are making a value judgment that has nothing to do with the facts.

**Relative:** He is not extending them to the rich and he should be. The rich are taxed the most now anyway, they pay the way for the majority as it is. Without them, it all crumbles and why should they be any different just because they worked their asses off to make it, we are talking about the land of the free, not Cuba.

**Tough Call:** Reagan taxed the rich too.

**Relative:** Reagan did not over tax the rich, just because they were rich.

**Tough Call:** Obama's proposed tax rate for the rich (i.e. after the expiration of the Bush cuts) is lower than Reagan's (39 per cent). And Reagan's was lower than Carter's (70 per cent), and Carter's was lower than Eisenhower's (90 per cent). You can argue for a low tax rate, but you can't say that Obama is doing anything particularly outlandish. If so, then Eisenhower was a communist too.

**Relative:** Bull s---!

In fact, Reagan's real achievement – like Thatcher's in Britain – was to change the terms of debate. The focus these days is on restraint in government spending and taxation, less government intervention rather than more, and recognition of the superiority of the free market over socialism.

What we are witnessing today in the US is more of a cultural war. It's not so much about changing the terms of the debate.

Obama was elected by a large majority of voters – not a plurality like Clinton in his first term, and not by the Supreme Court – like George W Bush in his first term. If Obama were a middle-aged white man with an Anglo-Saxon name, I doubt whether anyone would accuse him of being an illegitimate foreigner out to destroy America.

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# Vinalisa Ferguson



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LOCAL NEWS

# More than 20 ZNS staff accept BCB packages

**BAHAMASAIR OFFICE IS TARGETED BY ROBBERS**  
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**TOMMY TURNQUEST**

tion has increased that amount and the union is still asking for more," said Mr Lightbourne.

The managerial union is asking for outstanding increments to be paid in a lump sum. According to Mr William Carroll, president of the Bahamas Communication and Public Managers Unions (BCPMU), the BCB has not paid increments for the past two years for those entitled.

The two unions held a joint press conference for the first time yesterday to speak out against the disengagement exercise.

## 'Crossroad'

Mr Evans said negotiations have reached a "crossroad" and "anything is possible" with respect to industrial action. He said the National Congress of Trade Unions (NCTU) is on board if they decide to take industrial action.

The packages on offer are a "slap in the face," according to union representatives. They are seeking separation packages in line with the recently set precedent with customs and immigration officers. According to John Pinder, NCTU president, those workers received at least a year's salary.

"The NCPU will support the unions in trying to

secure the best settlement packages for those members who will be disengaged.

"We believe although the employment act speaks to a minimum level of compensation, because there was a precedent set by the government, we expect the government to act in line with that," said Mr Pinder.

Mr Evans said the unions are waiting for written confirmation from National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest, on a position they say he expressed verbally.

"The government stands by what the Chairman has offered," said Mr Evans.

"They say they don't have any money (to meet our request)," he said.

The union has been "passive in its approach" to negotiations because of assurances given by the government that they took for granted, said Denise Wilson, BCPOU secretary general.

Since then "there has been quite a disconnect between what we were originally advised and what they are saying now," she said.

Mr Carroll said the industrial agreement previously negotiated by the union speaks to individuals who choose to "voluntarily depart an organisation." He said the union was requesting additional benefits to the contract entitlements because the planned layoffs are being forced on the employees.

Operationally nothing has changed as yet, according to Deon Morris, area Vice President at ZNS. However, "staff morale is extremely low and tension is extremely high."

be closed today.

In the first Horseshoe Drive robbery, which took place in May, the perpetrator escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash, leading to a high speed police chase of a blue Honda Accord in which he made his getaway. The robber then abandoned the vehicle near the new TG Glover school and got into a waiting blue sports utility vehicle.

The second attack took place in August at the Palm dale office on Madeira Street. In that incident, police said a masked gunman entered the Bahamasair office, ordered employees on to the floor and demanded cash. The culprit then made his escape in a car.

It was confirmed that no one was physically harmed during yesterday's attack, however up to press time, The Tribune was unable to obtain an update from the police on the status of the investigations.

## PROSPECTUS

### THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030 ISSUE OF B\$100,000, 000.00

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**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030  
ISSUE OF B\$100,000, 000.00**

Issued under The Bahamas Registered Stock Act, and authorized by Resolutions of the House of Assembly, 10th June, 2010.

Applications will be received by The Banking Department beginning at 9:30 am on 8th October, 2010 and will close at 3:00pm on 15th October, 2010. Allocations will commence at 9:30 a.m. on 18th October, 2010 and will cease at 3:00p.m. on 19th October, 2010.

If the total subscriptions exceed the sum of B\$100,000,000.00 (Nominal) partial allotment will be made to subscribers, and a proportionate refund will be made as soon as possible after allotment. No interest will be paid on amounts so refunded.

**The date of this Prospectus is October 6, 2010**

The Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas invites applications for Bahamas Registered Stock totalling B\$100,000,000.00. The Stock will be available in a range of maturity dates; the earliest being repayable in 2015 and the latest in 2030. The total amount of Stock offered, the rate of interest and the issue price are given below :-

Rate of Interest	Name of Stock	Amount B\$	Issue Price B\$
Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2015	30,000,000.00	100.00
1/48% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2017	20,000,000.00	100.00
1/24% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2019	20,000,000.00	100.00
5/32% Above Prime Rate	Bahamas Registered Stock 2030	30,000,000.00	100.00
		<b>100,000,000.00</b>	

The Stock shall be repaid on 19th October, in the year appearing in the name of the Stock.

**INTEREST**

The Stock will bear interest from 19th October, 2010, at the rate shown against the name of the Stock as the percent per annum over the Prime Rate (i.e. the prime commercial interest rate from time to time fixed by the Clearing banks carrying on business in the Island of New Providence in The Bahamas. If there shall be any difference between them, then that which is fixed by Royal Bank of Canada). Interest shall be payable half-yearly commencing on 19th April, 2011 and thereafter on 19th October and 19th April in every year until the Stock is repaid.

**CHARGE UPON CONSOLIDATED FUND**

The principal monies and interest represented by the Stock are charged upon and payable out of the Consolidated Fund and assets of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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**PUBLIC DEBT**

Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts as at June 30, 2010 show the Public Debt of The Bahamas to be B\$3,957,307,000.\*

**GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

The following information is extracted from the unaudited accounts of the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

	FY2008/2009p** B\$	FY2009/2010p** B\$	FY2010/2011p** B\$
Revenue	1,324,218,000	Approved Budget 1,400,046,000	Approved Budget 1,517,159,000
Recurrent Expenditure (excluding Repayment of Public Debt)	1,422,674,000	1,430,454,000	1,467,170,000
Capital Development Expenditure (excluding loans contributions and advances to public corporations)	139,777,000	208,850,000	227,579,000

\*\* Provisional estimates from the unaudited accounts.  
\* The Public Debt amount is inclusive of The Public Corporations contingent liability which as at June 30, 2010 totalled B\$364,465,000.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
BAHAMAS REGISTERED STOCK 2015, 2017, 2019 AND 2030**

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Straw vendor faces sentence in US today

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Davis appeared to be "a bit apprehensive, but she is holding firm."

Federal public defender Martin Cohen was appointed on September 20 to represent Ms Davis. However Mr Cohen declined to comment at this time.

The nine vendors were arrested on September 15 as they waited to board a flight back to Nassau from New York.

It was alleged that they went on an illegal shopping spree for counterfeit designer bags and jewellery, which they intended to sell at their Straw Market stalls on Bay Street.

Since the Bahamians were charged in a Manhattan court on September 2 with conspiracy to defraud the US — speci-

cally by the trafficking of counterfeit goods — public opinion over government involvement in the matter has been staunchly divided.

The accused could face a maximum sentence of three years in prison on the charge, which came after a six-month long federal surveillance operation by the US Department of Homeland Security and Immigration, Customs and Enforcement.

The vendors — Roshanda Rolle, Gayle Rolle, Marva Ferguson, Marvette Ferguson, Patricia Hanna, Shamone Thompson, Margaret Pierre, Judy Duncombe and Tracy Davis — have all admitted to knowing that the goods they purchased were counterfeit and/or illegal.

Although Ms Davis' case may be one step closer to completion tomorrow, the other

vendors are still awaiting a court date. Howard Jacobs, a court appointed attorney representing Roshanda Rolle, said: "All I know is one defendant pleaded guilty and is due in court on Thursday. We have yet to get a date, so we're just waiting to see what kind of offer the government is gonna make. I heard the Bahamas government has been talking to them, but so far we haven't heard anything."

Messages left for attorneys of the remaining defendants were unreturned up to press time. Meanwhile, activists continue to belabour the need for greater government involvement in the matter.

Fred Mitchell, the Opposition's MP for Fox Hill, said: "The families have no idea what's going on. We'll do from our part to try and mobilize public opinion that the govern-

ment should be doing more — so that the families know what's happening and we know what direction we're going in."

Mr Mitchell plans to travel to New York today where he will attempt to meet with detained vendors. He is also scheduled to meet with members of the Nassau Bahamas Association, an extensive network of Bahamians living in New York, where he will debrief them on the case and discuss support options.

William Dames, NBA representative said: "They're Bahamian, and we are Bahamian. So we're concerned, we don't know much about what has been going on or what is the status of the case now. So we will be coming together to get a better understanding of what is going on and how we can help if we can."

## Three more people gunned down in Nassau

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scant up to press time. The first shooting took place in Augusta Street.

While riding his bicycle in the area, a man was reportedly approached by two other men, one of whom was armed with a handgun. He was shot in his left knee and left arm.

Less than an hour before the shooting, mobile officers on patrol in the Hutchinson Street area recovered a magazine containing ammunition. The officers searched the area after they noticed a man — who fled the scene — acting suspiciously.

The second shooting occurred around

11pm in the Bain Town area, where it was reported that a 27-year-old man was shot several times. The final shooting was reported less than two hours later on Milton Street. Two men and one woman were reported to have been walking through a short cut on Milton Street when one of the men was shot in his chest.

At this time police are without leads into the holiday shootings — other than the incident in Union Village off Wulff Road when a three-year-old toddler was shot in his right leg on Saturday. The toddler had been taken to hospital in a private car for treatment. At the time it was unclear how he had sustained the injury.

Yesterday investigators confirmed that one man was taken into custody for questioning.

In other crime-related news, police identified the body of a man, who was found in the bushes near a bar in Bimini over the weekend, as that of 45-year-old Albert Hanna of Freeport, Grand Bahama. Early Saturday morning it was reported that two men had been shot as a result of an argument between a group of people at the Recession Bar in Alice Town. Both men were airlifted to Nassau for treatment, however on further inspection of the area, police discovered Mr Hanna's body.

Investigations into all matters are continuing.

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Their home in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates is one of two bulldozed by the real estate developer in recent weeks as the company actively moves to reclaim a 156 tract of land in the Pinewood Gardens area.

Residential lots on the tract of land were determined by the court to have been fraudulently obtained by John Sands under a Quieting Titles action and sold to a group called Horizon Systems, which in turn sold it to various individuals. In a 2003 Supreme Court ruling former Senior Justice John Lyons declared Arawak Homes the owners of the property.

Bahamians, who had purchased the lots, are now being told they have no

## Arawak Homes defends home demolition

legal right to the property they had paid for as the rightful title belongs to Arawak Homes. Arawak Homes maintains that Mr and Mrs Wood have never been able to produce documents to prove they own the land. The company advised them to stop construction on the property when they started to build, and suggested they seek legal advice to engage in negotiations with Arawak Homes on the matter.

Mr and Mrs Wood reacted with "severe hostility" and "physical threats and attacks were made against staff and agents of Arawak," the company stated. "These threats and attacks were

such that police complaints were filed."

Arawak Homes maintains it only moved to demolish the "unfinished property" constructed by Mr and Mrs Wood after they had ensured no one was living on the property and the Woods had made it clear that they were not willing to negotiate.

Mrs Wood said they divided their time between the Sir Lynden Pindling Estates house and their two-bedroom apartment because they could not secure water and electricity supplies at the home, because the title to the property belonged to Arawak Homes. "Arawak provided full and accurate

notice, and acted with patience and compassion," a statement from the company claims.

"Arawak would demolish a structure, only in rare circumstances, after every effort has been made to resolve the situation by an alternative route.

"It is a matter of cruel irony that Arawak, which for more than 25 years has been the suffering victim is now being demonised and paraded by some in a light entirely opposite to the truth."

However, Mr Munroe said he has yet to see any documents to prove Arawak Homes is the rightful owner

of the property. He will attempt to sue Arawak Homes for damages and explore the possibility of filing criminal charges on behalf of Mr and Mrs Wood as he argued the destruction of their home was wrong, regardless of who owns the land.

"That is an issue separate and apart from any issue of title to the land because it is their property," Mr Munroe said. Residents and property owners affected by the land dispute have banded together as part of the Nassau Village and Sea Breeze Property Owners Association and drawn up a proposal for Arawak Homes with legal representation from their MP, FNM chairman Carl Bethel.

Minister of Lands and Local Government Bryan Woodside is acting as a mediator in the land dispute.



### MINISTRY OF WORKS & TRANSPORT

#### NOTICE SECTION 5

## DOLPHIN DRIVE LINK

**Jose Cartellone Construcciones Civiles S.A** wished to inform the motoring public that temporary modification has been made at the junction of Dolphin Drive Link.

**As indicated in the map below:**

Motorist travelling southbound on the newly constructed Corridor 5 Highway, heading towards Dolphin Drive Link should use the new six (6) legged round-about to turn around to access/to enter Dolphin Drive Link.

Motorist intending to leave Dolphin Drive, heading towards the new six (6) legged round-about should travel north along the same road to the intersection of Marlin Drive & Sandford Drive.

Proceed east along Sandford Drive and make a right turn at the traffic light to their destination.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused & look forward to the co-operation of the motoring public throughout this project.

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# The Tribune Taste

## Making the most out of Avocados

The not so sweet, yet subtly smooth creamy texture of avocado makes it such a great fruit to accompany meals. Most Bahamians can probably agree that a breakfast of grits and tuna, with a slice of avocado on the side is a delight.

And as it is avocado season in the Bahamas, many people may be interested in unique ways to cook and prepare meals using avocados a part from the usual fare. Here are some recipes to try.

### AVOCADO AND CRAB MEAT SOUP

- 8 oz (one can) of crab meat.
- 4 avocados, peeled and seeded.
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped.
- 4 cups of chicken stock.
- 2 cups of heavy cream.
- 4 tablespoons of butter.
- 1 tablespoon of all-purpose flour.
- 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder.
- Salt and pepper, to taste.

#### Preparation

Mash together the avocados and crab meat. Sauté the chopped onions in the butter. Add the all-purpose flour, garlic powder, and chicken stock, then whip until smooth. Add the avocado/ crab mixture to the liquid and simmer for twenty minutes. Add the cream salt and pepper. Serve as desired.

### AVOCADO-CORN SALSA

- 2 small to medium ripe avocados, peeled, seeded, and finely diced
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and finely diced
- 2 to 3 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon finely-chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon minced hot green chile peppers
- Sliced olives (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

#### Preparation

In a medium bowl, gently combine avocado, corn kernels, tomatoes, lime juice, cilantro, chile peppers, and salt. Cover and

refrigerate until ready to be served. Yields 1 1/2 cups.

### AVOCADO SHAKE

- 1 ripe avocado, peeled and pitted
- 2 cups ice (16 to 20 ice cubes)
- 1/2 cup fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 to 1 cup cold non-fat milk

#### Preparation

Scoop the avocado flesh into a blender. Add the ice cubes, condensed milk, the least amount of non-fat milk; puree until completely smooth. Taste and add additional milk if a thinner consistency is desired. NOTE: Use the maximum amount of milk. Pour into 2 tall glasses and enjoy!

The best avocados to use are those that gently yield to pressure and are free from dark blotches inside the fruit. Depending on how large the avocado is and how thick you want your shake.

### AVOCADO PIE

- 1 (9-inch) prepared Graham Cracker Pie Crust
- 1/4 cup fresh-squeezed lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin
- 3 medium-size very ripe avocados, mashed
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Refrigerate graham cracker crust until well chilled. In a small bowl, combine lime juice, lemon juice, and unflavoured gelatin; let stand 4 to 5 minutes or until softened. In a large bowl or the food processor, combine gelatin mixture, mashed avocados, and sweetened condensed milk. Pour mixture into prepared graham cracker pie crust. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or until the filling is firm. In a small bowl, whip heavy cream and sour cream together until stiff peaks form. Serve pie topped with prepared whipped cream mixture.

• Recipes taken from [www.avocadorecipes.com](http://www.avocadorecipes.com) and [www.whatscookingamerica.net](http://www.whatscookingamerica.net)



## Flash Back

October 1992 marked the 500th anniversary of the landfall at San Salvador of Columbus, discoverer of the New World. Replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria stand offshore at Cockburn Town. The ships were built in Spain and sailed across the Atlantic to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Just a few images of what, we the Bahamas, looked like 40...50...60 years in the past.

BY ROLAND ROSE



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## OCTOBER 14 - THURSDAY Islands of the World Fashion Week CD Release Party

• Islands of the World presents a CD release party, 8.30pm-midnight at Bambu Lounge with swagbag giveaways and tastins. See [www.bambunassau.com](http://www.bambunassau.com).

## OCTOBER 16-17 15th Annual International Cultural Festival

• One of the most highly anticipated events of the year is finally here! The 15th Annual International Cultural Festival showcases the diverse culture of countries around the world from natives living in The Bahamas. Each country demonstrates its own culture, heritage, food and any other indigenous aspect, including the always-exciting music and dance performances. This year's event also includes a master class workshop conducted by the hip-hop dance troupe, Swagger Crew from Atlanta. Festival runs 10am-6pm daily. Official opening, 12pm Sat October 16.

## OCTOBER 16 - SATURDAY 3rd Annual Camperdown Plant Sale

• Don't miss one of the biggest and best plant sales of the year with bargains galore and a wide variety of plants at reasonable prices, including ferns, palms, shrubs, trees, bromeliads, orchids and so much more! Gates open 9am on Soursop Street, Camperdown.

## OCTOBER 16 - 17 The Nassau Music Society Presents: Jue Wang

• The Nassau Music Society presents Jue Wang, 1st place winner and gold medalist at the 2008 Santander International Piano competition, interpreting the works of Brahms, Ravel, Chopin, Liszt and Tchaikovsky, 7pm at the College of the Bahamas Performing Arts Centre, Sat October 16, 5pm at St Paul's Church Hall, Sun October 17.

• Advance tickets: \$25/members; \$35/non-members; \$10/students. At the door: \$30/members; \$40/non-members; \$10/students. Telephone: 302-5146. See [www.nassausmusicsociety.org/reservations](http://www.nassausmusicsociety.org/reservations).

## OCTOBER 17 - SUNDAY An Evening of Heavenly Music

• St Barnabas Anglican Church celebrates an evening of heavenly music with guest artist Wintley Phipps, 7.30pm in the Rainforest Theatre. Tickets: \$35 and \$50. Proceeds in aid of repairs of skinner pipe organ. Telephone: 323-5995.



FESTIVAL TIME: One of the tents representing the country of Peru at the 2009 International Cultural Festival.

### BACK AGAIN!

# International Cultural Festival 2010

By ALESHA CADET  
Tribune Features Reporter

THE International Cultural Festival set for this weekend is set to provide an exciting glimpse of the variety of nationalities and culture present in the country. The highly anticipated event takes place on Saturday and Sunday at the Botanical Gardens. It was created by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration (MOFAI) to recognise United Nations Day.

According to the website, Culture Fest Bahamas: "the 15th Annual Inter-

national Cultural Festival returns to its rightful place as a fall festivity at a time when the world faces turmoil and people everywhere are uncertain about their futures.

"As the peoples of The Islands of The Bahamas consider their place in the new global arena, sure to be marked by the removal of borders and lifting of protections, they will come to appreciate the value that a mixed society brings to enriching the economic tapestry of the country in terms of the sharing of skills and experiences. Xenophobia will become a thing of the past as Bahamians grow to recognise and embrace the contribution that the international resident community has to offer. We remember the English teachers that helped to cultivate our

minds and opened them to a world of possibilities."

The Festival fosters friendly relations and understanding between Bahamians and the international resident community and has become a signature event that serves to demonstrate just how diverse and cosmopolitan The Bahamas has become.

"We know well that work related postings to The Islands Of The Bahamas are especially sought after. As people come from around the world to work here and eventually make The Bahamas home, there is an abiding obligation to give back and contribute to their adopted home in meaningful ways that benefit the wider community."

Janet Johnson, Chairman, Interna-

tional Cultural Festival told *Tribune Entertainment* that the festival is a non profit event which is government supported not government funded. "We also have a raffle with about twenty prizes that we are going to launch this week, and the drawing will be done on November 21 at the Bahamas National Trust Jollification," she said.

There is a lot of good that comes out of the festival, she said. The Festival is said to also provide a global platform for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration. "Strategically, this makes The Bahamas a far more interesting and sophisticated place to live and visit by broadening and deepening the vacation experience and quality of life that's available here."

# Travelling Caribbean

DOZENS of film enthusiasts gathered at Galleria Cinemas last week for the official opening of the Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase (TCFS).

In its third year in the Bahamas, the festival features 37 films from 19 West Indian and South American countries including Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Nicaragua, Suriname, St Martin, Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago.

The film selected for the opening viewing was 'Haven', a film from the Cayman Islands which depicted an intricate web of love, hate and deceit between locals and tourists.

TCFS is part of the 10-day Carifringe festivities happening around New Providence.

Giving official remarks at the event was the Cuban Ambassador to the Bahamas Jose Luis Ponce who extended his gratitude to the audience for their support for the growing regional film industry.

"The Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase has been confirmed as the most significant regional action to promote Caribbean film and audiovisuals in the region and in other parts of the world," he said.

"This event has brought together thousands of spectators in the Caribbean who, crossing language barriers, have taken into account the diversities and similarities of our cultural identities, as well as historical and social references."

The ambassador said the TCFS is a vital resource for the dissemination of cultural and ethical values allowing people of the Caribbean to recognise the shared identities and realities of each country as well as the diversity and uniqueness of the region.

"This event contributes to the exchange and cooperation in favour of a Caribbean cinema that is not isolated in their countries of origin, but flows into the region and reaches other parts of the world with greater strength and effectiveness, as an alternative to transnational flows that tend to have hegemony over the cinema market," he said.

Also speaking at the event was Owen Bethel, president of Bahamas FilmInvest International, who said he was excited about the unique partnership between TCFS and Carifringe. "We thought it was appropriate to link with Carifringe as it was timely and we hope this partnership will grow from strength to strength," he said.

"This showcase represents the value, great work and skill in the region



ENTHUSIASTS: Some of the audience on hand at Galleria Cinemas last week for the official opening of the Travelling Caribbean Film Showcase.

and is now gaining momentum as the place to see the art of the Caribbean through film."

Mr Bethel also asked the audience to keep abreast of announcement of another upcoming film series, which will focus on the plight of Haiti.

"These films will show the creativity and resourcefulness of the Haitian people," he said.

"The films are generally made by Haitians and will be uplifting and we hope that you will take part in that event as well."

Technical coordinator for Car-

ifringe, Matthew Kelly, gave a special thank you to the both the ambassador and Mr Bethel for seeing the value in Carifringe and partnering up with the 10-day event.

TCFS has been showcased in more than 25 countries over the past three years and has presented more than 70 films created by Caribbean and South American producers and directors.

The branch of the Bahamas Arts Collective, Carifringe encompasses all art forms including theatre, dance, fashion, painting, sculpting, music and poetry.

# McCarroll, Tolentino present new Spring/Summer collections

FASHION enthusiasts will get a first hand look at the couture creations of international designers Jay McCarroll and Oliver Tolentino when they present their 2011 Spring/Summer collections during this year's Islands of the World Fashion Week.

Mode Iles Ltd, organiser of the award-winning event, hopes the collections will inspire a new crop of local fashion designers to create art with their sewing needles.

"Both designers bring great creativity and style to the runway of

IWF. Attendees will be left in awe at the creations of these gifted designers. It is hoped that they will serve as inspiration to new and young designers to pursue their talent and dream with commitment," said Owen Bethel, President of Mode Iles Ltd.

Jay McCarroll distinguished himself as a talented designer when he won the first season of the popular American reality television series, *Project Runway*. Since his win, he has gone on to become a celebrity designer, and starred in the docu-

mentary film "Eleven Minutes" which recounts his rise to fame.

Mr McCarroll has recently added another reality show victory to his belt by winning *Celebrity Fit Club* earlier this year. He will attend the special private viewing of the film "Eleven Minutes" at Galleria Cinemas on November, 10 to launch IWF.

Oliver Tolentino, a wedding dress and evening gown designer from The Philippines is celebrated for his meticulous attention to detail in his designs. Having such notables as

Asian pop star Imelda Marcos as a client, he became the first Philippine-based designer to establish a presence in the United States, launching his boutique in Los Angeles in 2009.

He has now focused his attention on an eco-fashion line using The Philippines' native fiber derived from pineapple fibres.

IWF will boast several exciting shows this year, starting with the presentation of those designers who have participated in the Islands of the World Fashion Tour to Palm

Springs, Chicago and Miami. This will be followed by the competition "In Search of the Next Oscar", where the winner will showcase his/her collection at New York Fashion Week in 2011.

The show's finale "Fashion Cares for Haiti: The Relief Benefit Fashion Show" is aimed at continuing awareness of the ongoing rebuilding efforts and development requirements in Haiti and the fashion industry as a potential catalyst for growth in the promotion of trade rather than aid. Five noted Haitian designers will travel from Haiti, courtesy of American Airlines/American Eagle, to participate.

IWF runs from November 11-13 at the British Colonial Hilton.

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SCENES FROM FAM FEST 2010



PHOTOS/FELIPE MAJOR/TRIBUNE STAFF



Fam Fest 2010 was held over the weekend at Clifford Park as part of Car-fringe- an annual ten day regional arts and culture festival designed to showcase a cross-section of Bahamian and Caribbean arts. Performers at the FAM FEST Concert included special guests such as Papa San, Marvin Winans Jr and Sherwin Gardner, as well as local artists; Christian Massive, Ricardo Clarke, Mr Lynx and many more.

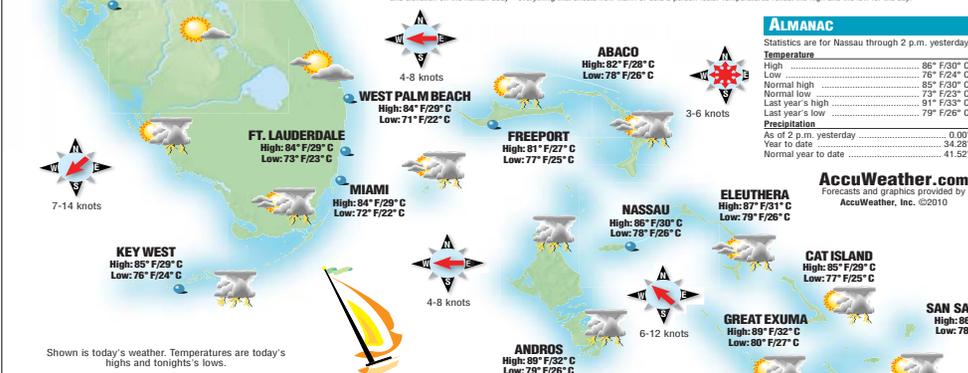
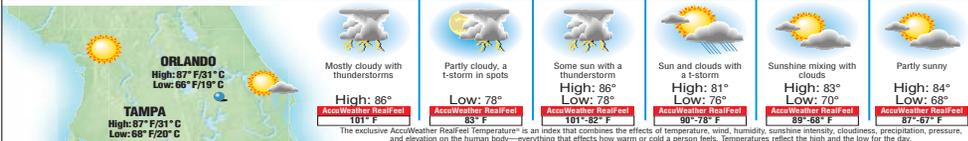


THE WEATHER REPORT



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5-DAY FORECAST



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Statistics are for Nassau through 2 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	High: 86° F/30° C
Low	75° F/24° C
Normal high	85° F/29° C
Normal low	74° F/23° C
Last year's high	91° F/33° C
Last year's low	79° F/26° C
Precipitation	0.00"
As of 2 p.m. yesterday	34.28"
Year to date	41.52"
Normal year to date	41.52"

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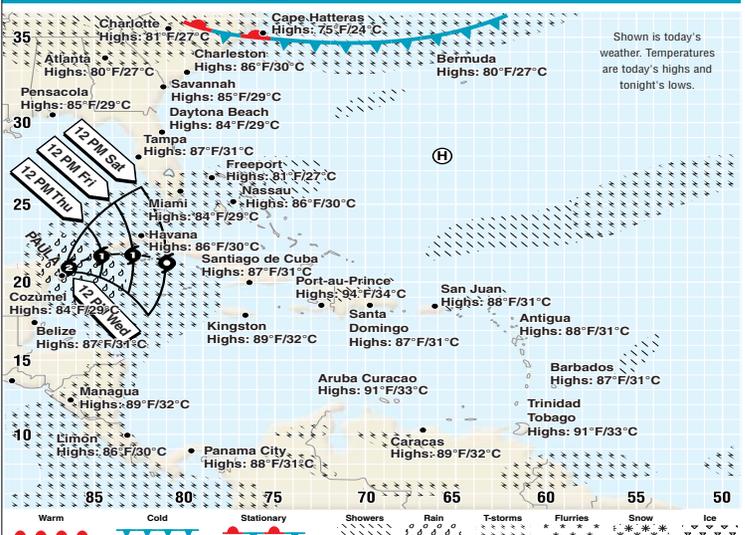
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Friday	1:24 a.m.	2.5	7:30 a.m.	1.2
Saturday	2:27 a.m.	2.5	8:34 a.m.	1.2
Sunday	3:25 a.m.	2.7	9:34 a.m.	1.2
Monday	4:15 a.m.	2.6	10:27 a.m.	1.0
Tuesday	4:59 a.m.	2.8	11:14 a.m.	0.9
	5:19 p.m.	2.7	11:28 p.m.	0.7

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INSURANCE MANAGEMENT TRACKING MAP



MARINE FORECAST

Location	WINDS	WAVES	VISIBILITY	WATER TEMPS.
ABACO	Today: VAR at 3-6 Knots	1-2 Feet	7 Miles	81° F
ANDROS	Today: NNW at 3-6 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	81° F
CAT ISLAND	Today: SSE at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	7 Miles	82° F
CROOKED ISLAND	Today: SSE at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	82° F
ELEUTHERA	Today: VAR at 3-6 Knots	1-3 Feet	4 Miles	82° F
FREEPORT	Today: E at 4-8 Knots	1-2 Feet	7 Miles	82° F
GREAT EXUMA	Today: E at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	6 Miles	81° F
GREAT INAGUA	Today: SSE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	81° F
LONG ISLAND	Today: SSE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	10 Miles	83° F
MAYAGUANA	Today: E at 4-8 Knots	1-2 Feet	10 Miles	82° F
NASSAU	Today: E at 4-8 Knots	1-2 Feet	4 Miles	83° F
SAN SALVADOR	Today: W at 4-8 Knots	1-3 Feet	6 Miles	83° F
RAGGED ISLAND	Today: SE at 6-12 Knots	1-3 Feet	5 Miles	82° F

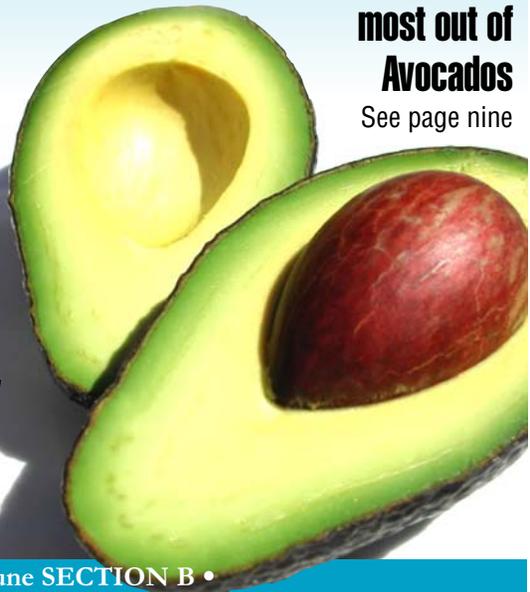
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# The Arts



The Tribune SECTION B •

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010

**THIN LINE:** Claudette Dean's latest exhibition Inner Sanctum captures the delicate relationship between the artist's inner and outer worlds.

## Inner Sanctum

By JEFFARAH GIBSON  
Tribune Features Writer

**G**RAND Bahama artist Claudette Dean is channeling intimate peace, intuitive awareness of her inner being and the outside world in an exhibition titled "Inner Sanctum".

It is her belief that there is an inner sanctum in all of us just waiting to joyfully burst.

The delicate relationship between the artist's inner and outer world is the central idea on which each piece in this collection was created.

The outer world is expressed through personal introspective pieces such as the *Inward Journey* and *Wings*. Both are self-portraits that unleash a passionate vulnerability which contrast with her portrayal of an inner world.

### Depiction

The beautiful style of the portraits contradicts the fact that they are personal and the touch of realistic emotions depict sensitivity and it's strength brings a warmth and compassion to the work.

A painting of the lotus flower.

is symbolic and is connected to the self portraits. In it's carefully thought out context, the lotus represents the inner world hope for an internal flowering, awakening.

There is luminosity to Dean's renderings of the lotus, a depth that is beyond the imagery. Dean also allows the flower to reveal its layers of meaning. She creates a subtle personification of nature, which allows the essential nature and forms of the flower to become almost an abstraction. There is also a deep sense of joy and playfulness that skips through all the paintings of the lotus.

The exhibition as a complete set of work offers us an insight to the relationship between substance and fey, between life and death.

Originally from Canada, Claudette Dean has been calling the Bahamas home since 1979. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Windsor and continued her studies in French Literature at the University of Nice in the South of France. She has studied with acclaimed Bahamian artist and sculptor, Antonius Roberts, and in the US with Selina Trieff, one of the original artists from the New York based figurative expressionist movement of the early 1950s. She is endlessly intrigued by the human figure, the human psyche, the human spirit, and all of their multifaceted intricacies. It brings her great pleasure to be able to share her particular brand of beauty, through art, beauty.

The exhibition is part of the Carifringe Festival and will be up at Popop Studios until November 20. Inner Sanctum is opened from 6 - 9pm.

Claudette Dean

