

## ROAD REPAIRS FOR DELAFORD

Tobago's road paving programme will soon resume. This was recently announced by Secretary of Infrastructure, Quarries and the Environment Kwesi Des Vignes. He said the works will ensure the island has a reliable road network.

"We are continuing in Delaford, in Windsor Road in particular," Des Vignes said. "We have done expansive paving in that area and we're continuing to move throughout some other earmarked roads, including Lammy Road." Des Vignes said areas in Argyle will

also be paved.

"We're going to be looking at the [Road] Paving Programme to ensure that Tobagonians are getting value for money, because we can't just be paving and having contractors paving and we don't get the kind of quality that we want."



**BIRD TALKS:** American birder and field naturalist Matt Kelly, left, chats with fellow birding enthusiasts attending his lecture at the Scarborough Library Facility on Tuesday (February 21, 2017).

## STUDENTS URGED TO AVOID ILLICIT DRUGS

Goodwood Secondary students are being told to stay away from illegal drugs when they're out during Carnival. That's the advice being given by the Tobago Narcotics Unit. It was part of the school's pre-Carnival safety programme last week (February 13), which was supported by the Department of Education.

The students were taught about the negative effects of drugs, and the way predators often seek to influence young people, and encourage them to get involved in illegal activities.

They were also advised of precautions they can take to stay safe.

Guidance counsellor Lex Forrester said the Carnival season presents the perfect opportunity to spread awareness among school students.

"This time of year is a great opportunity to sensitise students to new and existing drugs, along with the latest schemes on the market as it relates to drugs," Forrester said. The narcotics team also reminded the students that being in the presence of illegal narcotics is a crime.

## SEBRO IS TOP THA PERSONALITY

For the second year running, the men stole the show at the THA Inter-Department Personality and Calypso Monarch Competition.

Travis Sebros of the Division of Finance and the Economy took the Personality title, emulating last year's win from Shaquille Springer, who represented the Division of Health. Sebros performed a skit on short term employment, and for his efforts, he took home \$8,000. Second was Rauf Celestine of the Division of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour, who

had "Best Talent". Third was Aniecia Baptiste, who also had the Best Carnival Wear.

But the ladies starred in the calypso competition. Darcelle Precious Dumas won with the song "They Mash Up Diaz". She represented both the Division of Education, Innovation and Energy and the Division of Sport and Youth Affairs.

There was a tie second place, between Yvonne Duke of the Division of Food Production and Fisheries, and Merlisa Thomas of the Division of Settlements, Urban Renewal and Public Utilities.