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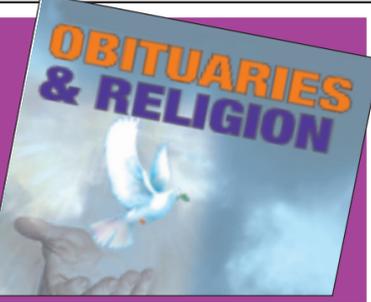
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PLP sparks row at straw market

Vendors turn on leaders during visit

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A VISIT to the Straw Market by PLP leaders descended into chaos yesterday as a heated row was sparked between vendors.

A few who announced themselves as FNM supporters questioned the motive behind the PLP visit, calling it "political", while the others accused them of jealousy.

One quarreling vendor had to be pulled away from another by her colleagues as shocked tourists and shoppers looked on.

Some party officials seemed taken aback by the reactions as the market is commonly thought of as a PLP stronghold.

Party chairman Bradley Roberts, deputy leader and MP Philip "Brave" Davis, and Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell were invited there on "fact-finding mission" after receiving

complaints from vendors about problems in the market, according to Mr Mitchell. Elizabeth MP Ryan Pinder was also there, but not a part of the official delegation.

Flanked by PLP figures, vendor Laverne Crawley, vice president of the Straw Business Persons Society, said malfunctioning toilets and vendors still waiting for stalls are two of "several issues and concerns that are still not being addressed."

She said vendors were told the bathrooms are suffering from a "structural issue."

"We're told that they have a holding tank. The tank for example has 100 gallons of water, they're reserving 80 gallons of the water in case there's a fire and 20 to assist with the toilets. So around one or two o'clock, everything is backed up. It's clogged up, backed up, and we have no

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ELIZABETH MP Ryan Pinder, front, and Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell speaks to members of the media yesterday in Rawson Square following the visit to the Straw Market that erupted in a row.
Photo: **Tim Clarke/Tribune Staff**

BANK: ROAD MONEY IS RUNNING OUT

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THE \$129 million the Inter American Development Bank provided for the New Providence Road Improvement Project will be depleted by the end of the month, according to a report released by the lending institution.

The report, posted on the bank's website, said a "cash flow shortfall" will essentially bring the road works to a halt "leaving the country's roads and transportation worse than before."

To prevent the stoppage, the report said the IDB will provide \$13 million in retroactive financing to keep the project going.

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TRIBUNE PUBLISHER 'AN INSPIRATION'

FORMER *Tribune* publisher the late Sir Etienne Dupuch has been recognised as the world's longest serving editor after a 54-year career, and his daughter Eileen Carron is following in his footsteps as she enters her 50th year in the profession.

After returning from university in 1962, Mrs Carron became *The Tribune's* assistant editor, taking up the posts of managing editor and publisher in 1972.

Throughout Mrs Carron's accomplished career, she has been presented with numerous awards for her contribution to not only Bahamian journalism, but to the progress of the country.

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POLICE OFFICERS 'ASSIGNED TO WATCH DNA LEADER'

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OFFICERS from a special unit within the police force tasked with investigating the campaigning practices of opposition candidates were assigned to watch DNA leader Branville McCartney, a party supporter alleged yesterday.

The source, who wished to remain anonymous, claimed

the officer was hand-picked for the political investigations unit and admitted to the "special assignment" months ago. "We were at an initial meeting for the DNA at the home of Branville McCartney when I saw a man whom I knew to be a police officer lurking around the periphery of the house," he said. "I then saw him at another

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PM WILL END LICENCE LEASING

By **KHRISNA VIRGIL**
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PRIME Minister Hubert Ingraham said the practice of taxi and bus franchise owners leasing their licence plates for thousands of dollars a year will be banned if his party is re-elected.

And, he told all those currently paying up to \$500 a month for the plates, "when

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THE INTER-AMERICAN Development Bank building in Nassau.

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“Retroactive financing is contemplated up to \$13 million to facilitate continued seamless implementation with this proposed project. Retroactive financing is justified so as to avert a shortfall in cash flow, leaving the country’s roads and transportation worse than before.”

Despite the cash flow shortfall, State Minister for Finance Zhivargo Laing said the roadworks will not stop.

He said the government has requested the retroactive loan from the IDB to cover expenses that will occur between the time the current funding depletes and the new loan is approved.

“We expect that there will be billables associated with

the project between February and the time we expect to get the loan, which is in May. We just want to be able to pay those bills. This is not new money, this is all a part of the \$65 million the government expects to borrow for over-ages,” he said.

“We pay our bills retroactively, which means today we are making payments for November and we will not have to make payments for March before we expect the loan to be approved. Clearly the money is running out, that is why we have to borrow additional money. We have exhausted the money we already borrowed but we have no doubt that the loan for the additional money will not be approved. There is nothing to worry about, the road works will not stop. In any event, we are the government, if we are required to fund a payment until we get the loan we will do it from our cash reserve.”

Mr Laing said the government has not yet submitted the documents for the \$65 million loan but the request has already been made.

The IDB report also revealed that as of November 2011, 75 per cent of the

NPRIP was completed and 95 per cent of the time had elapsed.

Last week, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham announced the government will borrow an additional \$65 million from the IDB to complete the already over-budget road works project.

Addressing the House of Assembly, Mr Ingraham said the projected total cost of the IDB funded portion of the project is now estimated at \$206 million.

He said: “To date the IDB has provided some \$129 million in two loans leaving a funding gap of \$77 million, \$30 million in respect to fuel escalation, \$19 million in contingencies, \$14 million of variations and modifications, \$9 million due to delay in project completion and \$5 million in professional and engineering fees. The Government is now seeking a further loan from the IDB in the amount of \$65 million to meet a funding gap.”

The NPIIP was expected to be completed by the end of January 2012, however due to challenges and complexities of the project, the Prime Minister said the government is currently negotiating a revised completion date.

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Journalist's thanks for support after brutal attack

'As a journalist, I have reported on many heinous acts exacted upon innocent Bahamians by desperate Bahamians – some of whom simply do not have the civility to care about the people they brutalise. I hope that we can come together and help each other'

Chester Robards

POLICE have no leads as yet into the carjacking of Tribune journalist Chester Robards who was brutally attacked at the streetlight at Wulff and Parkgate Roads over the weekend.

Receiving numerous injuries to his face, Mr Robards had his cellular phone, laptop, iPod touch, and his white Honda Civic stolen in the attack.

Yesterday, he issued a statement to all his well-wishers who called, emailed, or visited him at his home, thanking them for their kindness and concern.

"I'm doing fine and I am proud of the camaraderie that I have felt from everyone. I hope my story is a lesson to everyone who reads it and continues to see it. And I hope all Bahamians take heed, watch your backs and most of all take care of each other," he said.

Mr Robards added that he is also appreciative of the criticism that he has received

from this ordeal and the fact that it has been made public will help others to be careful and aware of their surroundings.

"My situation didn't have to occur the way it did, or the time it did, or the area it did or in the country it did – but it happened.

"As a journalist, I have reported on many heinous acts exacted upon innocent Bahamians by desperate Bahamians – some of whom simply do not have the civility to care about the people they brutalise. I hope that we can come together and help each other.

"This means help even from the people who may not know the victims of crimes but personally know the people who commit them.

"If my blood splattered shirt and bruised face, or the stiffened bodies of the murdered who make the news almost daily, do not appeal to your sense of compassion, then take a second look at



yourself as a human being.

"My ordeal could have been worse – my situation did not have to occur at all. I thank God for my life and for you guys who are an important part of it.

"I hope the freedoms inherent in us all are able to be.

Despite the constant downgrade of our crime problem, this country is in fact under siege. But, if we take care of each other – all of us – we will eventually be the 'One Bahamas' that has recently become a popular sales pitch," he said.

25TH MURDER VICTIM NAMED

THE COUNTRY'S 25th murder victim for the year has been identified as 29-year-old Stefano Murphy.

Murphy was found dead Tuesday night in the Pinewood Gardens area.

Police say the victim was standing outside a home on St John's Avenue when he was approached by a man and shot several times.

He died at the scene.

Police are still uncertain about the circumstances surrounding the incident and are appealing to anyone who may have relevant information to contact them by calling 919 the Central Detective Unit on 502-9991 or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 328-TIPS.

CHESTER ROBARDS in the wake of the robbery that saw his car and various other items of property stolen. He has now issued a message of thanks to those who have wished him well. Police are continuing to hunt those responsible for the crime.

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LIST OF OIL FIRMS SEARCHING FOR OIL IN BAHAMAS RELEASED

THE Ministry of Environment has issued a list of the companies granted licenses to search for oil in the Bahamas and their current status in response to continuing claims that the moratorium on exploratory drilling is being violated.

Releasing the list, Environment Minister Earl Deveaux reiterated that the government told all licensees to "hold off" on drilling in 2008 due to boundary talks with Cuba, and the moratorium was extended following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr Deveaux said the moratorium is very much still in place and will continue to be until extensive study and consultation is carried out.

He said: "The way of life in the Bahamas is defined and inextricably bound to its environment. Any significant decision with the potential to dramatically alter our environment should only be made after the widest possible consultation. Petroleum exploitation is one such decision."

The companies granted oil exploration licenses were:

- Liberty Oil & Refinery Associates – approved for two licences in 1995 for exploration north of Grand Bahama, South of the EEZ Line. Their licence was suspended pending the removal of a sunken vessel. Liberty Oil's director is listed as Kermit Water and the resident manager as Edward Darville.

- BPC (Bahamas Offshore Petroleum) was issued six licences in June 2006 for exploration south of Andros and south of Grand Bahama with five of the licences expiring in 2009 and one approval rescinded. The directors listed on the applications include Adrian Collin, Dursley Scott, Simon Potter and Steven Weyel. Attorneys for BPC are Graham Thompson & Co, Davis & Co and Higgs & Johnson, with Jerome Gomez listed as the resident manager.

Proposals still awaiting approval include:

- NPT (Island Exploration Ltd) for exploration north of



ENVIRONMENT MINISTER Earl Deveaux reiterated details of the moratorium on oil drilling.

Grand Bahama/south of the EEZ line

- BPC (Privateer Petroleum Limited) for exploration in Cay Sal.

- Columbus Pillow for exploration in North Long Island (near the settlement of Seymours).

Both NPT and BPC were approved to conduct Environmental Impact Assessments with NPT submitting an EIA and EMP for approval.

Columbus Pillow was issued a permit to conduct non-invasive scientific research onshore.

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Obama tested by events outside control

THIS is the economy election in the US, right? Tell that to the world.

President Barack Obama is getting another dose of the reality of his job: the out-of-his-control events that shape whether he will keep it.

He is lobbying Israel not to launch an attack on Iran that could set the Middle East on fire and pull the United States into another war. He is struggling to get world powers to unite on halting a massacre in Syria. He is on the defensive about staying in Afghanistan after a US soldier allegedly went on a killing spree against civilians.

And back home, where the economy is king, everyone is talking about the price of gasoline. Which, as Obama cannot say enough, no one can control right now.

The Republican presidential candidates don't have to worry as much about all this because they don't have the responsibility of governing — a luxury Obama likes to note.

For Obama, whose re-election bid looks rosier with every good month of job creation, the political risk in the least is that he gets knocked off message. That happened Monday when Obama and the White House spent a lot of effort trying to focus on energy, but the dominant news was the horrific rampage in Afghanistan.

Americans have turned against the war in Afghanistan, with most of them saying the fight isn't worth it anymore.

The bigger worry for Obama is that all the outside events conspire to sour the public mood, give people more to worry about and create an opening for Republicans.

"There are so many of them now, and dire ones," said Barbara Perry, a scholar of the American presidency at the University of Virginia's Miller Centre.

"People may not care much about what Israel is doing, or even what Iran is doing, but given American dependence on Mideast oil, that has a direct impact on the pocketbook. Do these things inevitably have an impact on the campaign? Absolutely, because they will be the questions put to the presidential candidates."

As one example, the price at the pump carries political risk for Obama, who is taking a pounding over the issue in the polls.

The average price for a gallon of gasoline is now about \$3.80, the highest ever for this time of year. The White House says anyone suggesting a quick fix is lying to voters. Instead, Obama pushes energy exploration across the board and reminds Americans he championed a payroll tax cut that kept money in their pockets.

"The reality is that the oil prices and the gas prices that we pay here in the United States are set on the global market," Interior Secretary Ken Salazar told reporters Monday. "We don't set them, and we don't control them. This president and this Congress can't control those prices."

Clearly, Obama has got used to this dynamic.

Good news has come before on the economy, only to be suffocated by outside events. Just a few months ago, Obama attributed a slowing economy to the Japanese tsunami, the Arab Spring and the European debt crisis (not to mention his ugly showdown with Congress over a near-government default).

Now sizable job growth has taken hold by the month, but that pattern is hardly assured through November 6 Election Day. Obama still has a wary eye on Europe's economic stability, a slowdown in China could undermine the United States, and the turmoil surrounding Iran and Israel that could further jolt gas prices and, perhaps, lead to war.

It was a telling sign when Obama held his first news conference of the year last week and got not one question on the economy writ large.

Still, the general election campaign is expected to come down to which contender has better answers for people looking for a job, a better career, a way to keep their house, a sense of security.

"The three most important issues of the election are the economy, the economy and the economy," Obama campaign adviser Robert Gibbs said.

Indeed, an Associated Press-GfK poll of issues last month found 91 per cent of people said the economy was highly important to them.

The White House is not out to make this election about foreign policy, but Gibbs said "I don't think it hurts" if the conversation turns that way.

Obama has a story to tell on the killing of Osama bin Laden, the ending of the war in Iraq, the squeezing of Iran through sanctions.

The direction of the war in Afghanistan has been on that list too. But now it's a question, and Obama has to answer.

Afghanistan is raging with anti-Americanism after US troops burned Qurans last month and, over the weekend, a soldier allegedly killed 16 Afghan civilians and burned many of the bodies.

Obama was questioned about the horrific incident by television reporters from around the nation. They had been invited to the White House to talk about energy, but they pushed him on when the US will be getting out of Afghanistan too. Obama said the United States must not rush to the exits.

So the timetable remains: the end of 2014, at the latest, for Americans to get out of a combat role in Afghanistan.

And this one: a little under nine months left for any issue in the world to rock Obama's re-election bid.

This article is by Ben Feller, AP White House Correspondent

Monarchy a shadow of its past

EDITOR, The Tribune.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II of England and the people of the 54 Commonwealth of nations are presently commemorating her Diamond Jubilee.

This year marks her 60th anniversary on the throne of England. She became Queen in 1952 after the death of her father, King George VI on February 6. Her televised coronation was held on June 2, 1953. Hers is the second longest reign for a British monarch. Queen Victoria's reign of 63 years and seven months is the longest of any other British monarch or any female monarch in history for that matter. Celebrations for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee were held in 1977 and for her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Prince Harry, the second son of Prince Charles, visited The Bahamas amid much fanfare over the past weekend.

The young prince was well received by hundreds of enthusiastic Bahamians in Rawson and Parliament Squares on Bay Street at the opening of the Queen's Jubilee exhibition and at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday. He also met Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, Deputy Prime Minister Brent Symonette, Opposition Leader Perry G Christie; the governor general, members of Parliament, senators and other government officials. The welcoming ceremony at Odyssey Aviation Bahamas at the Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau on Saturday evening was a showcase of pomp and pageantry. The government of The Bahamas literally rolled out the red carpet for Prince Harry. This is an indication that the Royal Family is still very popular in The Bahamas. Princes Harry and William are the sons of the late Princess Diana. During her lifetime the Princess of Wales was the most famous and beloved of the Royal Family. Fourteen years after her untimely passing at the young age of 36, Princess Diana still remains very popular in Britain.

Despite the reception Prince Harry has received in this country, I believe that the British Monarchy is a shadow of its former self. I understand that the Prince will also visit Jamaica; which is also a member of the Common-

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wealth. However, Jamaica Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller has repeatedly expressed the desire to sever ties with the Royal Family.

Unfortunately for Prince Harry, the British Monarchy has been for many years largely irrelevant to many British people. It has been said by British writer Michelle Wilkinson that since the seventeenth century parliament has been regarded as sovereign, and so any duties the monarch does carry out are largely ceremonial. Wilkinson also added that, "For the inhabitants of newer countries like America, all the pomp and ceremony associated with the Royal Family may be attractive, representing part of Britain's illustrious history, but all of this has little to do with the actual functionality of the legislature."

It has been suggested by many that the government of Britain has chosen not to abolish the monarchy because it is a great tourist attraction. Many people go to England to see Buckingham Palace, the changing of the Royal Guardsmen at the Queen's residence and more importantly the Royal Family. In a word, members of the Royal Family are celebrities much like Hollywood celebrities. They are treated like rock stars who are bombarded by loyal fans for their autographs.

But there are many Britons who have repeatedly bemoaned the fact that the Royal Family is a financial burden on the British taxpayers. Members of the Royal Family are able to live in the lap of luxury due to the generosity of the British government. According to the anti-monarchy group called Republic, the cost of the monarchy is anywhere from £134 to £184 million per year. Neither the Queen nor the Prince of Wales pay taxes. However, the other members of the Royal Family pay taxes like the ordinary citizens of Great Britain. However, some have argued that the Royal Family is an affordable burden.

The Queen remains The Bahamas' Head of State, but that position is mainly ceremonial. In other words, the Queen is only a figurehead. The governor general is her representative. The Bahamas is governed by the prime minister and the members of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Like The Bahamas, the system of government in Great Britain is a parliamentary democracy with a constitutional monarchy.

Perhaps the British Monarchy had reached its pinnacle of glory during the lengthy reign of Queen Victoria from 1837 to 1901. That era has been called the Victorian age. It was an age of scientific, economic, social and industrial growth. It was also the age of the famous Pax Britannica (British peace) throughout the empire. Incidentally, slavery was abolished in America during this period. I think American abolitionists were inspired by British abolitionists to end the evil practice of slavery in the U.S. The Victorian age was good to not only the African slaves throughout the British Empire, but also to the slaves living in America. My point is this, the monarchy of the 20th century cannot even begin to compare with monarchy of the glorious Victorian era. Nevertheless, the Victorian era was also an age where thousands of under-aged children were exploited by greedy industrialists throughout the massive empire. To be sure, laws were passed to ameliorate working conditions of those who were being exploited.

Despite its merits, Queen Victoria's reign had its share of flaws. There are historians who are of the view that Great Britain was the world's undisputed superpower during that period of world history. Perhaps they are correct. Its naval army in the 18th and 19th centuries was the largest in the world. Also, even during the first half of the 20th century Britain's army was a force to reckon with. However, after World War Two the power of the army, just like the monarchy, has been greatly diminished during the past 60-plus years. Great Britain can no longer flex its muscle the way it used to. She no longer instills fear in other nations around the world the way she used to.

It was often said by many during the 18th and 19th centuries that the sun will never set on the British Empire because of its extensive influence around the globe. I think history has proven them wrong. As far as its former world superpower status is concerned, the sun has indeed set on the empire. In fact, I think it has set on the British Monarchy also.

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Police force joins debate over safety on city's jitneys

By CELESTE NIXON
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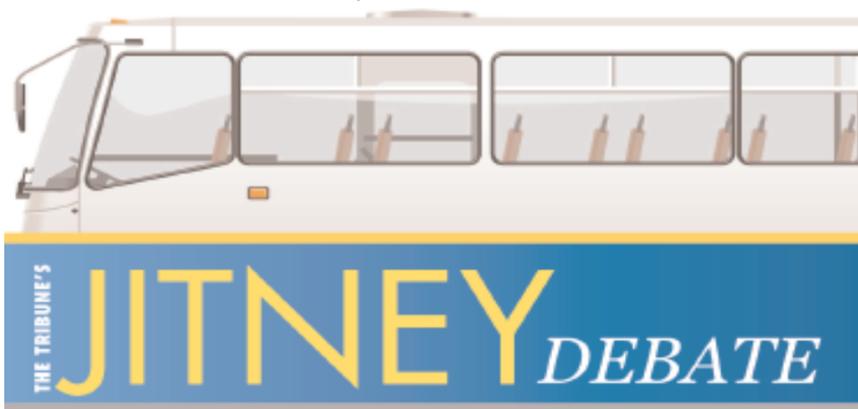
AS *The Tribune's* campaign to reform public transportation rolls on, the Royal Bahamas Police Force is weighing in on the debate.

Members of the public who took part in last week's *tribune242.com* poll voted overwhelmingly for more training and certification of drivers as the most important change needed, but the police say passengers have a vital role to play too.

According to a survey carried out by Southwestern Division officers, more awareness on the part of those who use jitneys can help create and maintain an atmosphere of "tranquility and orderliness".

In particular, the study said, passengers must take responsibility for their own safety while on the bus, and can do so by heeding the following tips:

- Find an aisle seat, avoid sitting right next to the door.
- Avoid displaying expensive looking watches, rings, necklaces, or other jewellery while riding the bus. This only invites trouble.
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- Keep your purse, shopping bags, backpack, packages or other belongings in your lap, on your arm, or between your feet. Do not leave them on an empty seat.

- Do not fall asleep or get too distracted by other things. Lack of attention can make you a victim of crime.

- Have the exact money for your fare, so you will not have to fumble around with your money when the time comes to pay.

- Pay attention to everyone getting off at your bus stop.

- Plan your trip properly, and let a close friend or family member know where you are going.

The study said these tips should help both drivers and passengers experience a relaxed ride, but everyone using public transportation should still remain alert at all times.

Members of the public agreed that passenger safety on buses must be improved, 107 people voting for this as the biggest concern in the *tribune242.com* poll.

However, they were outvoted by the 220 who said the attitude and skills of bus drivers is the factor most in need of improvement.

In addition, 91 voters thought something should be done about the high number of bus companies in operation, and 47 voters thought the road worthiness of vehicles should be the top priority.

The majority of readers commenting on the poll expressed their support for far-reaching changes to the public transportation system.

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Once they have completed all protocols, passengers can enjoy the new departure lounge, which features a number of amenities including free wifi, the statement said.

"As we approach other peak travel periods such as St Patrick's Day, Easter, Passover, Memorial Day, leading into the traditionally busy summer period, it will be important for passengers to plan accordingly for the most efficient and enjoyable airport experience.

"All hotels are advised to inform their guests of the need for the early departure from their hotel, allowing for traffic as well, so that guests are given every opportunity to travel stress-free.

"Residents of the Bahamas are strongly encouraged to abide by the same guidelines," NAD said.



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LOCAL NEWS

DNA seeks fixed election date



By DENISE MAYCOCK
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FREEPORT - The Democratic National Alliance has criticised both the FNM and PLP for not implementing fixed election dates in the Bahamas during their term in office.

The DNA said both governments have made no effort to truly deepen the country's democracy by causing a fixed election date to become law.

In a press statement issued on Tuesday, the party responded to remarks made by the Prime Minister in an article that appeared in *The Nassau Guardian* on March 7.

"Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said he has chosen a date for the next election, which will be made public, not much longer from now. Mr Ingraham also said, 'I always knew when Election Day was going to come. It's not a question of making up my mind. You'll know soon'."

"This will be the 10th general election since Majority Rule in 1967 and the fact that successive governments have not seen fit to implement a fixed election date is one of the greatest tragedies that currently exists in our democracy today," the statement said.

"The Bahamas has had three prime ministers, who all achieved law degrees, but to

date neither the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) nor the Free National Movement (FNM) has had the will to truly deepen our democracy by causing a fixed election date to become law."

DNA leader Branville McCartney said the current leadership of the PLP and the FNM have proven time again that they do not have the will to make the fundamental changes that will cause democracy to flourish in The Bahamas.

He said no government past or present has made a concerted effort to sanction state-governed debates, permanent constituencies, campaign finance disclosure, a fixed term for the prime minister and a fixed election date.

According to the party, Mr McCartney made a call for a national debate in a letter on January 17th to leaders of the PLP and the FNM.

"When asked by a Guardian reporter in a January 24th article if the FNM received the letter, FNM Chairman Carl Bethel said it was received and noted.

"He said: 'The policy of the FNM is that we do not engage in debates. We do not engage in debates with aspirants.' Mr Ingraham responded a short time later and said in his abrupt tone that he debates in the House of Assembly every day'."

The party said Mr McCartney believes that this type of governance inclusive of arrogance and a lack of appreciation for the democratic process is a continuing assault on democracy, and that this assault continues to be perpetuated by Perry Christie and Hubert Ingraham.

Mr McCartney said that an elected DNA government will ensure that the electorate has all the information at their disposal to make informed decisions.

If elected as the next government of the Bahamas, he said the DNA would introduce election reform within the first year of governance. The statement said the reform would provide:

(1). Definitive election day every five years

The DNA believe Bahamians should have a right to participate in the electoral process and to prepare for an election "without being held hostage by one man's absolute power to determine".

(2). Permanent voting constituencies

The DNA say Bahamians "have a right to convene local government and to develop relationships with their representatives without being politically displaced to support one party's interest".

(3). State-governed debate Bahamians should have a

right to question aspiring political leaders on the merit of their policies and record of service to their country, say the DNA.

(4). Campaign finance disclosure

Bahamians have a right to know the source of all campaign funds, say the DNA, especially those from special interest groups, adding that these groups historically have influenced the governance of the Bahamas.

(5). Prime Minister term limit

Bahamians have a right to be protected from the uncompromising authority of absolute power, say the DNA, adding: "History has proven that our leaders will not relinquish power willingly and we believe that this has stifled our progress."

The DNA categorically asserts that democracy has been stifled by a lack of vision from our current and former prime ministers to ensure that voter's rights are improved. The time has come for all Bahamian voters to be fully engaged in the electoral process.

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LOCAL NEWS

A lesson from paramedics

A TEAM of paramedics gave third and fourth graders at Centreville Primary School a lesson in how to respond if ever they find themselves in an emergency situation.

Members of Doctors Hospital's Emergency Transport Services Department provided students participating in the hospital's eight-week Health and

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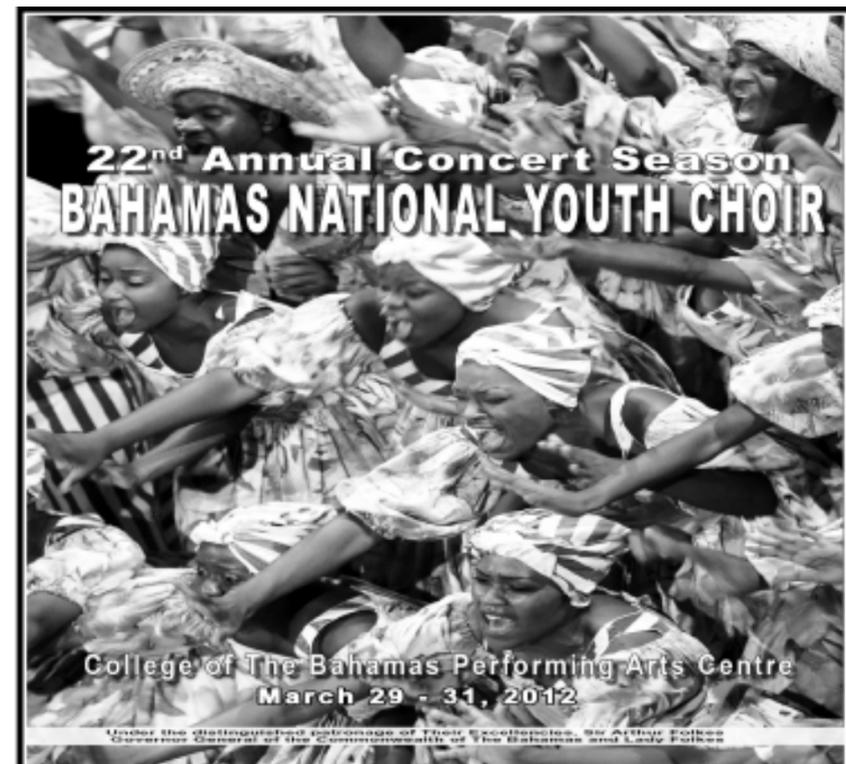
The students and some parents learned about the paramedics' critical role in responding to emergency calls and transporting patients in an ambulance, and were also taught about vital signs like heart rate,

temperature, blood pressure, breathing and oxygen saturation, which the paramedics monitor when responding to an emergency.

Students were placed in real-life scenarios, where they learned how to respond to an emergency and call ETS at Doctors Hospital to assist if they or a loved one gets hurt.



PARAMEDICS
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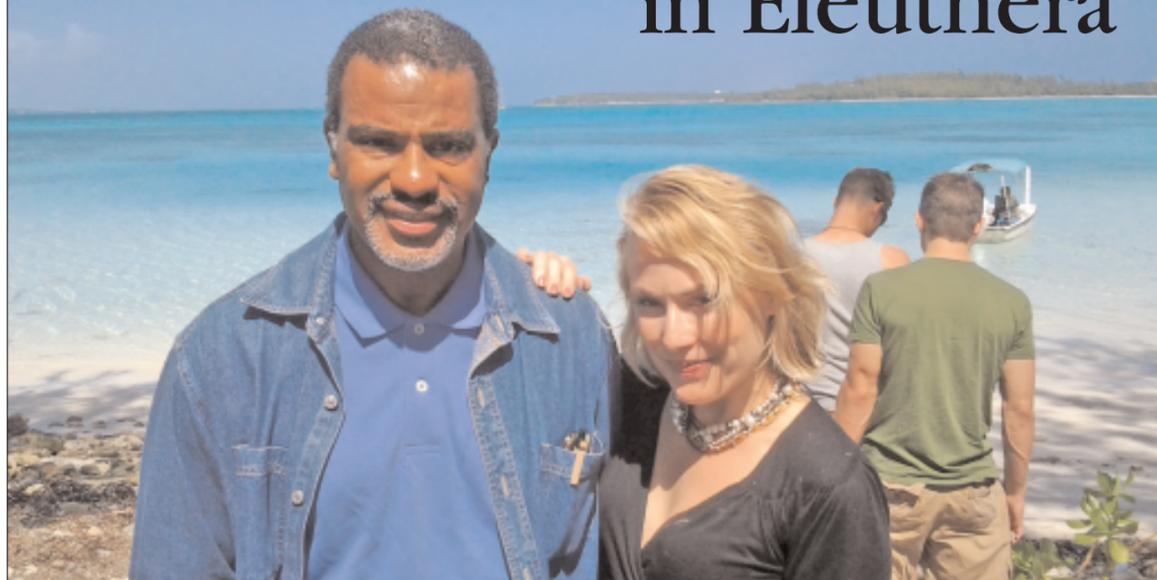
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LOCAL NEWS

Shark movie filmed in Eleuthera



BAHAMAS Film and Television Commissioner Craig Woods with actress Meredith Thomas during the filming of Shark Week.

ALMOST a month of filming on Eleuthera with 30 cast and crew will result in *Shark Week*, another film made in the Bahamas by a Los Angeles production team.

Craig Woods, Bahamas Film and Television Commissioner, pointed out that the Bahamas has had success in attracting many large-scale studio films.

However, he said, this latest production demonstrated that smaller, independent films can also be valuable to the country.

Director Christopher Ray said the interesting caves in Eleuthera first attracted his

team to the island.

"But once we got here, we realised the ocean, the people, everything else has been a great experience," he said.

Although the production presented several unexpected challenges, Mr Ray was certain that the final film would be a good one.

"We've seen some of the footage already, and the place is gorgeous," he said. "So it is going to pay off for us in the end."

The film, by Asylum Productions, stars Peter Bergin (*Sleeping with the Enemy*, *Patriot Games*) and Yancy Butler (*Lake Place 3*, *Drop*

Zone, *Hard Target*). The story centres on a madman who imprisons a group of people on an island and places them through a series of challenges involving dangerous sharks.

Josh Williams, *Shark Week's* line producer, pointed out that the beauty of the beaches and the water turned out to be a bonus in addition to the fascinating caves they knew they would find on Eleuthera. Apart from filming, he also enjoyed snorkeling while taking a break from work.

"I went over to Rainbow Bay and jumped in the water and went snorkeling," he said. "Normally, in most places you go, you have to take a boat and go out to the reefs. But we were able to snorkel right around the cliffs. We saw coral, all kinds of different species of fish and grouper and stingrays and lobsters, and it was just amazing."

Mr Williams said the team also ended up filming a scene at the bar at the Rainbow Inn on Eleuthera. It is a scene that Eleutherans can look forward to seeing in the movie, he said.



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LOCAL NEWS

POLICE OFFICERS 'ASSIGNED TO WATCH DNA LEADER'

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event where he told me that he had gotten orders to do surveillance of the residence and to monitor who was going and coming."

This account follows Fox Hill MP Fred Mitchell's claim on Wednesday that according to his information, several officers from other areas of the force were reassigned to a "political police unit."

While FNM chairman Carl Bethel denied the claims when the story broke, a police officer told *The Tribune* he was recently assigned to the new unit.

Mr Mitchell said the creation of such a unit would support his party's long-held belief that the government, through the Ministry of

National Security, has long used security information in the political arena.

"People have been calling us behind the scenes saying that they have seen the deployment of police officers in areas that they should not be, involved in matters that they should not be concerned about," said Mr Mitchell.

Given an "out of control crime rate", Mr Mitchell said, it is alarming the government would use the police for unrelated matters.

"The criticism is directed at the political directorate and that they should resist using the police for things other than what they should be concerned about and that is fighting crime."

However, ex-Assistant Commissioner Paul Thomp-

son, who served on the force for 25 years, issued a press statement refuting Mr Mitchell's allegations.

He said: "Throughout my service it was always the policy when a general election approaches the officer in charge of the Criminal Investigation would select special personnel, who are prepared to deal with complaints of contravention's of the Parliamentary Elections Act where there are a large number of offences."

Mr Thompson added there is no reason for Mr Mitchell to believe that police officers have been reassigned to dabble in political matters on behalf of the government.

National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest did not respond to our phone calls for the second day.

PLP sparks row at straw market

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persons really dealing with it." Ms Crawley also said as many as 30 vendors are still waiting for stalls, calling it the "main issue."

"They are saying that there are no more stalls available and we believe that there are more stalls available," she said.

Following her interview, vendor Celestine Eanes, president of the Straw Vendors Advancement Association, insisted on speaking to the press "on behalf of the grateful vendors".

"We realise we might have a little problem with our plumbing, yes of course, but

that has been rectified. I want to thank the Bahamas government publicly for allowing us ... we are not getting wet anymore in the rain and it's been a long time coming," she said.

"We were under the tent for at least about 15 years, if I can remember correctly.

"The PLP was in power for five years - they draw a plan which went to naught.

"They did nothing within five years and it's a crying shame that they just come now to see about the people. Where were they all the while?"

"It is political, this is a political move this morning." She added: "The Prime

Minster of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas - which we call Papa, send a man to be stationed in here so that our concerns can be heard and rectified right away."

These comments were met with both raucous jeers and applause.

It wasn't long before vendors identified which political party they supported and started arguing among themselves.

One woman said of Ms Eanes: "All she has to do is tell the FNM to come see about they people."

Another woman shouted out: "They are late again. PLP, you are late again. Papa done got it, we straight.

"They didn't check for the Straw Vendors when they was in power, we don't need them now. Late again."

Vendor Velma Thompson said of the row: "After the PLP ministers came in here, the FNMs have a problem with that - that's basically it. That's how they carry on."

Another vendor, Tiffany Smith stated: "The PLP done take it by storm, honey. You can't see the bell already rang? PLP all the way. They are jealous of us, the FNMs are jealous of us."

Ms Crawley appeared confused by the loud disagreements, speaking to the press, again, in the middle of the confusion.

"I don't know why the situation had to turn out like this," she said.

"The PLPs in the Straw Market are very grateful to the government of The Bahamas, we are dealing with concerns and issues - not politics."

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She was the second Bahamian woman lawyer to be called to the Bahamas Bar, the second Bahamian woman publisher/editor of a news publication and the first Bahamian woman to pilot a plane.

Earlier this month, the International Press Institute (IPI) announced they would be honouring Sir Etienne posthumously as the world's longest serving editor.

The award will be presented at the IPI World Congress 2012 to be held in Trinidad and Tobago in June.

In a letter from the IPI, commendations were also given to Mrs Carron for her "never-ending commitment to free press and the highest journalistic standards".

The IPI noted that Mrs Carron is not only "a courageous and fearless journalist, but also as a wife, mother, lawyer and pilot."

"You are truly an inspiration to women all over the world and IPI is proud to count you as one of its members and supporters these many years," the letter said.



EILEEN CARRON, who will receive an award honouring her father, Sir Etienne Dupuch, and who herself has been recognised for her devotion to journalism.

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LOCAL NEWS

PM WILL END LICENCE LEASING

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the FNM wins, we will give you your plate.”

His comments came at the St Anne’s constituency office opening for FNM incumbent Hubert Chipman on Tuesday evening.

Mr Ingraham said he intends to free taxi and bus drivers from “all these people who are sitting down collecting.”

But president of the Taxi Cab Union Leon Griffin said he is disappointed that no prior mention of the plan was made to the union.

He said: “Mr Ingraham is the PM and he can do whatever he wants to do, but we should have been told before the announcement, so that we could have sat with the PM and discussed the right way to do it.”

“A change like that could have a devastating affect on the 1,135 taxi franchise licenses and those running taxis here.”

Saying he agrees that some regulation of the sector is needed, Mr Griffin pointed in particular to the way plates are passed on after their owner has died.

He said: “In situations where a husband or wife passes their privileges on, I would allow the next of kin to keep the franchise until they would have died. When that happens, then the plates can be taken back by the government.”

“However, there are some people who have never been apart of the taxi arena who have franchises, and they should not.”

“For years, the industry was looked at as a market that people didn’t want to get into until times got hard. Then they get in, and the first thing they want to do is get a taxi franchise, when there are peo-



PRIME MINISTER Hubert Ingraham has pledged to bring an end to the leasing out of licences for buses and taxis.

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RE: PRESS RELEASE NOTICE- FULL MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE POLICE CONSTABLE 2277 LUTHER ALFRED FERGUSON ON FRIDAY 16TH MARCH, 2012 10:00AM AT GOLDEN GATES OUTREACH MINISTRIES, CARMICHAEL ROAD.

INFORMATION

Full Military Funeral Service for the late Police Constable 2277 Luther Alfred Ferguson will be held on Friday 16th March, 2012 10:00am at Golden Gates Outreach Ministries, Carmichael Road.

ROUTE

After the funeral service the body will be transported via motorecade, and traveled west along Carmichael Road to Sir Milo Butler Highway, north on Sir Milo Butler Highway to Tonique Darling Highway, west on Tonique Darling Highway to John F. Kennedy Drive, where the parade and mourning party will form into a procession and march west along Tonique Darling Highway to John F. Kennedy Drive, west along John F. Kennedy Drive to Gladstone Road, south along Gladstone Road to Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

ROAD CLOSURE

From 12:00noon until after the procession, the following streets will be closed to vehicular traffics:-

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GLADSTONE ROAD

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

At the commencement of the funeral procession, vehicular traffic not connected therein will be diverted through side streets.

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