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Ash Accused of Dishonesty

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Another day of contractor Jonathon Ash being accused of dishonesty by telling the court that the \$250,000 in bribes he paid to Deborah Bastian was for former Cabinet Minister Shane Gibson.

Citing Ash's police statement in court, lead defense attorney Keith Knight, QC, read, "Bastian said she needed \$250,000 and I told her she got to be joking."

"I picked up my phone to call my daddy and she said I can't pick up my phone in here."

When asked in court if in his second statement he ever said "Bastian said she needed \$250,000 for Gibson," Ash said "yes in context, but not in those

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\$318 MILLION ENERGY EFFICIENT U.S. EMBASSY



► Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis joined U.S. Embassy Charge d'Affaires Stephanie Bowers and other officials yesterday at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$318 million United States Embassy. (Photo/Rayvon Morrison)

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$318 million United States Embassy was held yesterday and the energy efficient facility is expected to be completed in 2023.

Attending the ceremony was Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis who said the new facility will reside on a five acre site and serve as a symbol of the long standing relationship between The Bahamas and the United States.

The five-acre site is located on the corner of East Street North and Shirley Street. A portion of the site was the office

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Police to Strictly Enforce New Traffic Regulations

BY DEANDRE WILLIAMSON
Journal Staff Writer

The new traffic regulations became effective yesterday and Chief Superintendent Craig Stubbs warned motorists that police will strictly enforce those regulations, which made it illegal to use cell phones while driving.

Stubbs told The Bahama Journal that there were no major concerns with motorists yesterday concerning the new regulations and it will take police about a week to make their assessments.

In addition to the ban of cell phone use while

driving, the new traffic regulations also prohibit having open bottle containers in vehicles, allow left turns on red lights and enforce the proper use of the yellow junction box.

Stubbs said the new regulations would assist greatly with road safety.

"It would look at cutting down a lot of the minor accidents. Or, sometimes there's a fatal accident all because persons just engage in cell phone use. So that aspect of the law and the open bottle container, as it relates to the alcoholic beverage, we look at

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Man Stabbed to Death

Police are investigating a stabbing incident which left a man dead on Sunday.

According to police, shortly after 9 p.m., a man was on East Street in the vicinity of Bahama Avenue, when he got into an altercation with two other men, who stabbed him about the body, before getting into a pink Nissan March and speeding away.

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Man Charged with Three Counts of Murder

BY EARYEL BOWLEG
Journal Staff Writer

Eduardo Carey, 40, was charged in the Magistrate's Court on Monday with three counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder in four separate shootings.

In handcuffs and shackles, Carey turned to the crowd standing outside court and said, "I ain't charge for that."

The crowd was made of up his alleged victim's



► Forty-year-old Eduardo Carey was charged in the Magistrate's Court yesterday with three counts of murder. (Photo/Rayvon Morrison)

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Gov't Still Monitoring Oil Spill at Equinor

The Government continues to monitor the oil spill at Equinor, South Riding Point Oil storage facility on Grand Bahama. The National Oil Spill Contingency Advisory Committee, consisting of a cross-section of industry stakeholders, has been appointed to address the issue. To date, the committee has met on several occasions and key persons have visited the oil spill site to assess the scope of the spill.

Following the most recent site visit, it was revealed that the oil spill made incursions of the facility's berm and spread inland up to seven miles into coppice environments north of the facility. It was also determined that what may have been initially reported as an oil slick in the ocean was actually seaweed. It was also confirmed that there was no

immediate threat to human health and safety, however, a wildlife plan has been submitted for review by the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources in concert with the BEST Commission.

An assessment conducted by the Department of Environmental Health has confirmed that the product that was spill was Dopa crude oil. The Equinor facility has a storage capacity for 6.5 million barrels of oil. During the passage of hurricane Dorian last month, 1.8 million gallons were contained at the facility. Of the 10 crude oil tanks present at the facility, three of them contained product. The product came from the top of tanks #6 and #10. Experts suspect tornadic activity propelled the oil spill in a northerly direction, which pose no real threat to the



► Gov't has created the National Oil Spill Contingency Advisory Committee (NOSCAC), a small action team, to work with the response manager to mount appropriate responses to oil spill incidents, which falls under the purview of the Ministry of Transport and Local Government. The committee is chaired by Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Local Government Antoinette Thompson. (BIS/Raymond Bethel)

marine environment.

Equinor's initial response to the spill included: deployment of containment and personnel via helo; acquisition of oil spill resources from

Louisiana (USA); assessment of storage terminal damage; investigation to determine the integrity of oil storage tanks; oil removal with the facility's berm; aerial reconnais-

sance to determine the scope of pollution and development of an oil response strategy and tactics ahead of arrival of containment and remedial resources from Louisiana

including equipment and supplies.

The Committee has planned another site visit to Grand Bahama this week to further its assessments.

SIMONE FITZCHARLES SWORN IN AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL



► Simone Fitzcharles was sworn in as vice president of the Bahamas Industrial Tribunal by Governor General His Excellency the Most Hon. Cornelius A. Smith during a swearing in ceremony at Government House on October 7, 2019. Also present at the ceremony were Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs Carl Bethel and President of the Bahamas Industrial Tribunal Indira Francis. (BIS Photo/Letisha Henderson)

Man Stabbed to Death

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The victim was pronounced dead on the scene.

Investigations are ongoing.

In other crime news, police are investigating a shooting incident which occurred on Sunday and left a man with non-life threatening injuries.

According to police,

shortly before 8 a.m. a man was standing outside a home on Market Street and Millers Close when he heard the sounds of gunshots and realized that he had been shot.

He was transported to hospital, where he was treated and discharged.

Investigations are ongoing.



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NEMA's 'Operation Relief' Goes to Sweeting's Cay and East End, GB

The National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) Operation Relief made its way to the peaceful settlements in East End and was received by residents with grateful hearts and opened arms.

Recently, the team, led by Senator Kay Forbes-Smith NEMA's Grand Bahama Coordinator, loaded up a box truck of hurricane relief supplies and with a convoy of volunteers, headed to the communities of Grand Bahama that were the hardest hit by Hurricane Dorian when it blew through the island on September 1, 2019.

The trip to the East was more of a reconnaissance mission as much as it was a mission of supplying needed relief items.

Sweeting's Cay was the destination, but obvious needs in communities along the way diverted the route, as Senator Forbes-Smith; Grand Bahama Christian Council President, Robert Lockhart; Island Administrators and NEMA volunteers stopped to deliver cases of water, canned goods, hygiene products, dry goods and words of encouragement to residents in other communities.

"The purpose of the trip was to really get a view of where we are as it relates

to our efforts in East Grand Bahama," said Senator Forbes-Smith. "East Grand Bahama was severely impacted by Hurricane Dorian and we need to really check on a daily basis on how we are progressing in East Grand Bahama, because it is an area that has been devastated so much."

The trip to East Grand Bahama was carried out by all of NEMA support services working on post Dorian efforts. Bertha McPhee led the team from the Department of Environmental Health, along with the Commander of the Defence Force, Special Forces from the Trinidad police force and local NEMA volunteers.

At each stop, where care packages were delivered to residents, Senator Smith, Pastor Robert Lockhart, East End Administrators and NEMA volunteers listened as home owners and even children expounded the horrors they faced in riding out Hurricane Dorian in East Grand Bahama.

"We wanted to talk to residents in McLean's Town, in High Rock, in Pelican Point and on Sweeting's Cay about what their needs are and where they are following Hurricane Dorian," said Senator Forbes-Smith.

Words of comfort and encouragement were offered, as Pastor Lockhart told home owners to continue to stay strong and to believe in the fact that things will get better.

As the team moved further and further east, the devastation got more severe. In High Rock, only the frames of homes remained. The government complex (which housed a police station, National Insurance Board and a small post office) was obliterated. The High Rock clinic across the street was flattened, with the four walls of the small building lying in four different directions, as if someone had intentional pulled the building apart to see what was inside.

By the time the convoy reached McLean's Town devastation and the idea of losing everything took on new meaning. The once thriving, robust, active community, where Grand Bahamians would gather by the dock awaiting a boat to get to Abaco or Sweeting's Cay lie deserted.

Homes that had been abandoned by its occupants during the height of the storm, sat shattered, some had roofs caved in, some had walls blown out and some were only concrete foundations, the only indication that a



► A well-known resident and business owner from High Rock, affectionately known as "Bishop," points out the severe damage that was done to his restaurant and villas in High Rock as a result of Category 5 Hurricane Dorian. At right is NEMA Coordinator (GB) Senator Kay Forbes-Smith. (BIS photos by Lisa Davis)

house at one point stood there.

The remnants of toys, clothing, yard equipment, house appliances and other personal items were strewn over yards where houses had been destroyed.

However, the destruction caused by Hurricane Dorian would also show up in the nearby sea, during the boat ride from McLean's Town to Sweeting's Cay, where cars littered the water near the dock. It was unclear how so many cars ended

up in the sea surrounding McLean's Town, but speculations suggested that the high tide that had moved on land, receded, pulling cars with it into the sea. Sweeting's Cay would suffer the same fate as McLean's Town. Not one home or building on the small cay escaped Hurricane Dorian's wrath. Some were more damaged than others, but all were basically uninhabitable. Yet the people on Sweeting's Cay insisted on staying, not wanting to leave what they had

worked so hard to accumulate, in spite of the fact that it was all lying in rubble.

On the surface, one looking from the outside in, would have found it difficult to believe that Sweeting's Cay residents had gone through a major hurricane and that they had lost all that they had to that storm, because they greeted the convoy of NEMA volunteers with welcoming smiles, hugs and genuine appreciation.

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NOTICE:

The public is hereby advised that the Over-the-Hill Community Development Partnership Initiative, in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Works and the Bahamas Public Parks & Public Beaches Authority, has begun site works at Bishop Alvin Moss Park, Christie Park and Joe Billy Park in the Over-the-Hill community as part of its rejuvenation efforts.

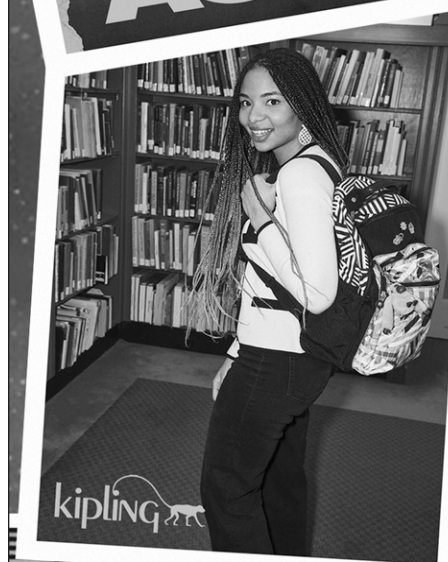
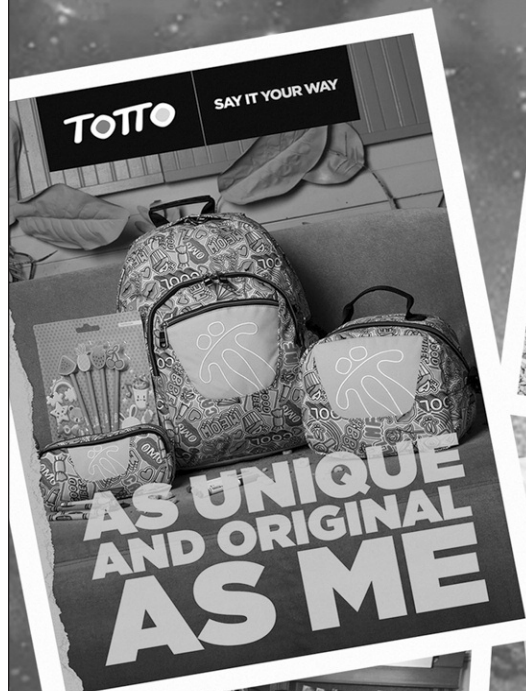
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UTEB Calls UB Back to Bargaining Table

BY LICEC BASTIAN
Journal Staff Writer

The Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas (UTEB) has been without a bargaining agreement for almost three years and is now calling on the University of The Bahamas (UB) to return to the bargaining table with them.

UTEB President Daniel Thompson said yesterday that UTEB has been out of an industrial agreement since 2017 and while he said he is empathetic to all that the country has been going through since the passing of Hurricane Dorian, it's the best time to return to bargaining as Grand Bahama and Abaco residents also stand to benefit from an agreement being reached.

Mr. Thompson also noted that some of those residents have had to take on more responsibility as they attempt to rebuild UB's North Campus.

"The Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas in the aftermath of Dorian understand and sympathize with what has happened in our country,"

Mr. Thompson said. "Critical among what's happening in our society is that the cost of living has even gone up higher for many of us, not withstanding Dorian.

"In fact, our insurances, our major health insurance plan has increased by several hundred dollars for every faculty and in fact staff at the university. So, starting September many of our members will be taking home \$200 to \$300, in some cases \$400 less in salaries."

Mr. Thompson said these are the realities that union members are facing and as a result of Dorian, a greater burden has been placed upon these members as faculty has had to take on additional students in their classes beyond the expected level since the passing of the storm.

Mr. Thompson further stated that despite UB President Dr. Rodney Smith expressing his willingness to resume the negotiations, there has been no date set.

"We have given him time because we know the myriad of activities involved in the aftermath

of Dorian, but we would encourage him and encourage the university to let's get back to the negotiation table," Mr. Thompson said.

"So, we are hoping that the university, through its president and chief executive officer will find the time to sit with us at the table.

"And, we are reasonable you know. We are Bahamians and we're nation builders. We are nationalists, but we also need to be able to survive.

"We need to be able to feed our families. We need to be able to get to work. We need to be able to pay our schools fees and our utility bills."

Mr. Thompson said critical to negotiation is understanding the differences between the university's Academic Senate and the union, which he said discussions need to be had to separate the role of the university Senate to that of the union.

Prior to negotiations being put on hold, the union and the university were discussing its remuneration package and some lump sum owed.

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of The Bahama Journal and Jones Communications Network.

At the peak of construction, the prime minister said 160 Bahamians will be employed to assist in building the state-of-the-art facility.

While highlighting the features of the new embassy, Dr. Minnis noted that there may be a 50 percent energy cost savings from a variety of energy efficient strategies, which includes the use of LED lighting, solar-thermal hot water and photovoltaic panels.

"Other sustainable features include low-water flush and flow fixtures and a wastewater treatment system to treat wastewater onsite, which will also provide 100 percent of landscaping irrigation," Dr. Minnis said.

"I am pleased that Bahamian art will be prominently featured in the new embassy. The permanent art collection will showcase works from American and Bahamian artists in various media, including painting, photography, textiles and sculpture."

While the U.S. is The Bahamas' major trading partner and close ally, with deep security ties, Dr. Minnis pointed out that U.S. response to Hurricane Dorian is evidence that the country is a true friend to The Bahamas.

"During our time of need, the United States provided critical assistance, saving lives through the prompt intervention of the U.S. Coast Guard, USAID and other federal, state and local government agencies. The assistance is ongoing," Dr. Minnis said.

"We thank President Trump, the responding agencies, the U.S. Embassy in Nassau and the American people, for all you have done to help us."

According to the prime minister, new embassy is part of the wider redevelopment and revitalization of Nassau into a vibrant, modern city.


"Just down the street, the new Central Bank with its Sand Dollar design will be constructed on the old Royal Victoria grounds," Dr. Minnis said.

"The old Central Bank will be repurposed as a museum.

"Just above the Old Royal Victoria site, the former main post office building will be demolished to make way for a new Supreme Court complex.

"The Pointe, next to the

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and

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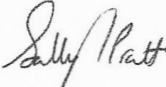
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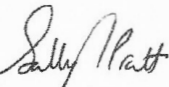
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