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Local Group Seeks to Legalize Marijuana

BY LEAH COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

Talks of decriminalizing marijuana have set the country abuzz over the past few days and the Bahamas Cannabis Research Institute (BACARI) launched their inaugural initiative in an effort to remove restrictions

placed on the herb some 48 years ago.

This issue hit close to home for BACARI'S Chairman Terry Miller who reflected on the tarnished records of young men locked away for possession of just a small amount of marijuana.

He said, "where's the justice in The Bahamas where in 1978 a son of a former high ranking government official was released from

custody and had his record suspended for a sack of marijuana?"

He added, "while the sons of the poor and unconnected are burdened with criminal records and prison terms, where is the justice in that?"

Mr. Miller also refuted the claim that a marijuana industry in The Bahamas would reap insignificant rewards.

He said, "we estimate that this

industry could easily be worth more than \$100 million yearly within the first few years, rising to more than half a billion dollars in value by 2025."

He added, "more than six million tourists visited The Bahamas in 2016 and the figure is expected to rise in the coming years with the huge increase in availability and the widespread increase in Airbnb.

"While many of these persons

may be casual users, many more will require prescriptions to be filled bolstering our fledgling medical tourism market."

Apart from smoking, marijuana can be used in fabrics, roof shingles, and the production of paper.

The BACARI Chairman also called on the government to listen to the voice of the people.

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MARCO'S ALERT PILOT LAUNCHED

BY JAMEELHA MISSICK
Journal Staff Writer

Admittedly long overdue, the Marco's Alert pilot was launched yesterday, nearly seven years after its namesake, young Marco Archer, disappeared and was subsequently found dead.

As National Security Minister, Marvin Dames explained, the pilot, a team effort by the police and Multimedia Technologies – gives both authorities and the public an opportunity to test the app's usefulness over the next three months.

Once this is done, the next phase will kick in.

"This is all in line with our government's efforts to make reality sometime this year, the Marco's Law and

the Marco's registry, the sexual offences registry," Minister Dames said.

"And so the alert system, along with the sexual offences registry, are those areas that are currently outstanding and we call can attest that there is an urgent need to make this a reality."

The public is required to sign up to receive alerts. However, if the police should deem the information as extremely important, a mass message will be sent to the public, and that includes those who have not signed up, according to Officer in charge of Police Communications, Chief Superintendent, Zhivargo Dames.

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Davis Calls Minnis Gov't Corrupt

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

Opposition leader Phillip Brave Davis has upbraided the Minnis administration calling them corrupt and using the terms transparency and accountability against them.

This came as Mr. Davis addressed an outdoor public meeting in the Mount Moriah Constituency on Wednesday evening.

He said, "Minnis the Prime Minister promised to promote a climate of fairness and openness with no room of victimization. He promised transparency and accountability and today all we are getting are one pile of secrecy."



▶ Opposition leader Phillip Brave Davis (Journal file photo)

"Plenty backdoor wheeling and dealing and I now believe after the backdoor wheeling and dealing, I now believe stealing. You can call it corruption. I say it's all one and the same, but what is worse than corruption is the illusion of integrity," said Mr. Davis.

As head of the Public Accounts Committee, Mr Davis has written the clerk of the House of Assembly to provide certain information, including an explanation of the methodology used to account for arrears between 2017/2018.

He also asked for a complete listing of the \$360million foreshadowed to be paid over a three-year period and specifics of all of the loans that were settled and rescheduled during the past fiscal year.

Call for Greater Caribbean Integration at CARICOM Meeting

BY LINDSAY THOMPSON

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica – The 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) got underway with a clarion call for greater Caribbean integration among the 15 member-states and associates.

Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon. Hubert A. Minnis led The Bahamas delegation to CARICOM, July 4-6, 2018. Among the key agenda items -- in closed business sessions – are crime and security strategy, disaster management and climate change, and the implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

The opening ceremony at the Montego Bay

Convention Centre on Wednesday night showcased a taste of colourful Jamaican culture with performances by the Hertford Folk and Cultural Group.

Addressing the opening ceremony were: His Excellency Ambassador

Irwin LaRocque, Secretary-General of CARICOM; the Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda; Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada; the Hon. Mia Mottley, newly-elected Prime Minister of

Barbados; His Excellency Jovenel Moise, President of the Republic of Haiti; and the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica and Chairman of CARICOM.

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▶ Heads of State in conversation, and a light moment. BIS Photo/Yontalay Bowe

Pastors In Sympathy With Gaming Employees

BY BERTHONY MCDERMOTT
Journal Staff Writer

At least two of the country's Pastors believe that release of employees from gaming houses as a result of the 50 per cent taxation imposed on gaming houses was unfortunate and unnecessary.

Bahamas Faith Ministries Senior Pastor Dave Burrows said the move was one of those being viewed as push back from gaming operators.

He said, "the way I view it it seems like it's a strategy. The gaming houses have friction with the government and so they are making decisions to effect public opinion and also to affect government behaviour as far as making the decisions.

"I don't think it was something that was absolutely necessary because it was stated by a number of people to see what happened but they made a preemptive decision, so to me I think that was a strategic decision and not necessarily an economic decision," said Pastor Burrows.

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► **CARICOM OPENING SESSION** -- Prime Minister of The Bahamas, Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis shown during a presentation, on large screens. **BIS Photos/Yontalay Bowe**

Call for Greater Caribbean Integration at CARICOM Meeting

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The underlying message from the speakers was the need for deeper Caribbean integration to tackle the various issues facing the region as Small Island Developing States. Such threats are climate change, and “the unilaterally devised and universally imposed doctrines of the OECD and FATF to be elevated above the welfare of our people and the development of our countries,” said Prime Minister Browne.

CARICOM Secretary-General LaRocque noted that the arrangements put in place for the conduct of the Meeting ensure an atmosphere conducive to productive sessions here in Montego Bay, which has a rich history in the integration movement.

“It was here in Montego Bay in 1947, that the Conference on the Closer Association of the British West Indies rekindled the integration movement. It was here in 1997 that the decision to admit Haiti to Membership of the Community was taken, and it was here in 2003 that the Rose Hall Declaration on

Caribbean Community Governance was adopted.

“The opportunity is with us once again to have a historic moment in Montego Bay with respect to the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME),” he said.

Haiti’s President Moïse stressed the need for combined efforts in the integration process. “It’s clear that our organization confronts a difficult situation. It is important that we combine our efforts to find ways and means to strengthen the process of regional integra-

tion and also to define, in a concerted manner, the contours of post-Cotonou relations between the countries of the Asia, Caribbean and Pacific Group (ACP) and the European Union,” he said.

Prime Minister of Barbados said the time has come for the activation of the Single Domestic Space for hassle-free intra-regional travel and to introduce the long-discussed CARICOM multipurpose ID card.

“Something is therefore fundamentally wrong when travel to Miami or New

York is more accessible and cost-effective for our people than travel to their nearest Caribbean neighbour. We simply have to do better.”

As the major shareholder in LIAT (Leeward Islands Air Transport Ltd.), Ms. Mottley said her government commits to working assiduously and urgently

with its other partner governments to enhance LIAT’s operations and profitability, while providing an affordable and reliable service to enable citizens to move throughout the Caribbean.

Prime Minister Holness of Jamaica as Chairman of CARICOM is expected to address his colleagues on the Report of the

Commission, which includes 33 recommendations aimed at addressing the structural and organizational deficiencies within CARICOM. Among them is that member-states should facilitate the full, free movement of people within CARICOM, except in cases of security and public health risks.



► Chairman of CARICOM, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica.



► The Official Opening Ceremony of the 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), July 4, 2018 at the Montego Bay Convention Centre -- seated from left are: the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica and Chairman of CARICOM; the Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda; Dr. the Hon. Hubert Minnis, Prime Minister of The Bahamas; the Hon. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados; the Hon. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of Dominica; and Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada.

Pastors In Sympathy With Gaming Employees

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Golden Gates World Outreach Ministries Pastor Bishop Ross Davis stands by the church’s views on gaming, but says that this may be a good thing.

“Usually, when your back

is against the wall your faith comes out stronger. I’m hoping that the whole situation with the VAT and those persons who lost their jobs will cause us to look to the hills from whence cometh our help and not allow anything to cause us to move away

from God,” Bishop Davis said.

It was just two weeks ago when Asure Win Gaming Company released a statement advising the public of the closure of 11 locations and the termination of approximately 50 employees.



PUBLIC NOTICE

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHERN RECREATION GROUNDS

The Government of The Bahamas through the Ministry of Public Works seeks to engage suitable contractors for Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Southern Recreation Grounds located Baillou Hill Road, and Cockburn Street.

Schedule for Tender Opening

Companies interested in tendering may obtain Tender Documents at:

**Architectural Section
Department of Public Works
1st Floor North Wing
Ministry of Public Works
John F. Kennedy Drive
Nassau, Bahamas**

A compact disc containing the Tender documents may be collected between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 as of Tuesday, 25th June, 2018. Applicants will be responsible to print hard copies of the Tender Documents for their use. Documents are to be completed in accordance with the instructions therein. The non-refundable fee must be paid in cash at the Accounts Section on the 3rd floor of the Ministry of Public Works Building, John F. Kennedy Drive.

All tender bids **must** include the following:

- Completed Tender Document
- Completed pre-qualification document
- Current Business License,
- Current National Insurance Compliance Letter
- Value Added Tax Registrant Number or Tax Identification Number (T.I.N.) Registrant Number.
- Current Tax Compliance Certificate.
- Proof of ability to obtain Contractors All Risk Insurance for the contract value and period.

Sealed Tender submissions should be addressed to the **Permanent Secretary Ministry Of Public Works** and are to be deposited in the Tender Box located at:

**Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Ground Floor
Sir Cecil Wallace Whitfield Building
West Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas**

Tender submissions will be received no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday 24th July 2018.

All persons who submit bids are invited to attend the Tender opening at 10:00am, 24th July 2018.

Please note the Ministry Of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.



ALIV CAO Encourages

Omega College Graduates to Aim High and Never Stop Learning

Just over 30 students graduated during Omega College's 2018 Commencement Service on Sunday July 1, 2018 at the St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Having worked closely with the college over the past year,

Chief ALIV Officer Damian Blackburn was proud to be this year's Commencement Speaker under the theme Equipped for Change: Yesterday Learning, Today Succeeding, Tomorrow Motivating.

Chief ALIV Officer (CAO) Damian Blackburn not only congratulated the graduates on the completion of such a monumental journey but also challenged them to be true to self and to always aim high.

"Dr. Myles Munroe once said, "People generally fall into one of three groups: the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no notion of what happens. Every person is either a creator of fact or a creature of circumstance. He either puts color into his environment, or, like a chameleon, takes color from his environment." In which category do you fall,"

he said. "The Theme for this year's commencement speaks volumes to what Omega College thinks of you the graduates. You've been given the opportunity to learn as much as you can, so you can go into the world, and yes accomplish what it is you have studied for but to also pour back into others. Though you have come to the end of one journey understand again that the work does not stop here. Be encouraged, keep an open mind and never think that something you want is too far out of reach."

Last year November ALIV in partnership with Celebrating Women's International donated computers to Omega College to assist in the further development of education at the institution.

Omega College is an accredited liberal arts college registered with the Ministry of Education with small class

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MARCO'S ALERT PILOT LAUNCHED

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Similar to The Amber Alert in The United States, the alerts can be sent via phone, emails, pagers, fax, computer pop up screens, voice to any phone, loud speakers, secured encrypted messages and social media.

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Economic Citizenship Could Prove Vital to Family Islands' Growth

As the nation grapples with a hike in value-added tax (VAT) and the government's debt burden continues to rise, prominent luxury real estate broker Mario Carey is convinced his Economic Citizenship Programme is an idea whose time has come, and could prove to be exactly what the government needs to lift the economy from the doldrums.

This time around, Carey, the founder of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate MCR Bahamas Group, is placing more meat on the bones of a recommendation he first floated publicly last year.

He envisions The Bahamas becoming a luxury Citizenship for Investment jurisdiction commanding top dollars from foreign investors.

Essentially, economic citizenship would result in individuals or families acquiring Bahamian passports following a sizeable investment in an approved project in a Family Island.

"The formula I'm proposing is a two-step process. The investor purchases land or a residence, that's the first part, and secondly, they contribute funds to a specially created fund that provides for three specific needs -- hurricane and disaster relief and recovery, national development and the National Health Fund," said Carey. "These figures could be adjusted in a further discussion but I would recommend considering a \$750,000 purchase and a minimum contribution of \$1 million to the fund which lies outside the Consolidated Fund."

Carey suggests that a minimal time frame for a presence on the island of choice also be considered.

"The investor would be required to spend at least 90 days in The Bahamas annually, demonstrate that their presence is resulting in additional employment and would not be able to sell their property for at least five years without an appeal in extenuating circumstances," he said. "Again, I think it is really important to stress that this would apply only to approved projects or purchases in the Family Islands and could be the economic shot in the arm they need, helping to stem the tide of people turning to Nassau for jobs. It could lead to better education, improved health care and other positive outcomes for Family Islands and based on other countries' experiences, we would not be likely to attract more than 350-400 persons per year, a number the country could easily absorb and should readily welcome."

Countries around the world -- the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia -- have adopted various forms of economic citizenship programs. But nowhere has the concept gained more favour than in the Caribbean where several countries have used investor funds to recover from the devastation of hurricanes and other natural disasters.

"The objective is not to compete with St. Kitts, Barbados and Grenada, where for less than half a million dollars an investor could purchase citizenship," Carey said. "The Bahamas can command more."

Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis and Grenada all offer economic citizenship which could come in one of three ways: financial contribution to a national development fund, real estate investment, or by establishing a business. For most nations, paying into the fund offer the cheapest route, although residency requirements sometimes apply. Processing time for the region takes three months on average.

The most popular entry into Antigua's citizenship by investment program is a \$100,000 investment in the National Development Fund for a family of four, with an associated fee of \$25,000. That figures jump to \$200,000 for citizenship in Grenada and Dominica, not including additional expenses.

St. Kitts and Nevis is the world's first citizenship by investment program. Foreigners must invest into the Sustainable Growth Fund -- US\$150,000 for a single applicant and US\$195,000 for a family of four. Last September, St. Kitts allowed investors to gain citizenship by donating \$150,000 to the Hurricane Relief Fund. That initiative expired in March.

Although St. Kitts and Nevis has been offer-



► **The timing is right for economic citizenship that could boost Family Island employment and prosperity, said luxury real estate broker, Mario Carey.**

ing CPI since 1984, to date only 11,000 foreign investors have become Kittitians, an average of 324 per year.

For a high net worth individual (HNWI), a second citizenship in the right jurisdiction could improve financial security by way of yielding strategic tax planning opportunities. For those hailing from a less politically or economically stable region, an alternate passport provides a sense of security along with an escape route in order to avoid political persecution or conflict in war-torn areas. The right passports provide visa-free entry into well over 100 countries.

In the case of the United States, economic citizenship is possible through the EB-5 Green Card by Investment Program. It requires the alien entrepreneur to invest anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1 million with evidence that the investment capital was obtained by lawful means. The investor has to live in the United States as a permanent resident for a minimum of five years.

In Canada, the path to economic citizenship comes through the Quebec Immigrant Investor Program (QIIP), which caps the amount of applications it receives annually to just under 2,000 applicants. Foreign investors must have a legally obtained minimum net worth of CAD \$1.6 million. Investors must reside in Canada as a permanent resident for at least three years.

In the UK investors with at least £2 million in investment funds could apply for economic citizenship via a Tier 1 Investor Visa and in Australia, economic citizenship is attainable through Australia's investment-based, three-step immigration process for obtaining citizenship. The investor must possess a net value of at least \$600,000A.

Offering citizenship to investors has helped other countries raised hundreds of millions of dollars while expanding their economies.

Carey points to the facts: the national debt stands at \$7.8 billion, with a debt to GDP ratio of 67.8 percent, according to the Central Bank of The Bahamas' 2017 annual report. Last year the government borrowed \$750 million for debt servicing.

"The Bahamas has dug itself into a deep financial hole. Even if we were now to live within our means and utilize the VAT increase to pay down debt we would still find ourselves in a financial bind for years and years to come," said the real estate broker. "What we need now is new money, a new source of revenue as opposed to borrowed funds and our heavy reliance on tourism and financial services."

Still, successive governments have resisted the idea, which would see Bahamian passports issued to persons not from The Bahamas.

"The government has to decide whether it wants to continue hitting the pockets of the Bahamian people for money that is simply not there, or raise revenue in the least economically harmful manner, through an Economic Citizenship Program," said Carey.

"There may be pushback from an emotional standpoint, but from where I sit, it is essential that we collect more dollars to improve our aging infrastructure and essential government services such as health and education. A well-constructed Economic Citizenship Program will generate economic growth."

Local Group Seeks to Legalize Marijuana

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He said, "our government said it's the people's time. This is the opportunity to prove to every citizen of this country that it is indeed the people's time."

The BACARI Team's key objectives include facilitat-

ing new law reforms to legalize and regulate the Cannabis Industry, educating communities on the benefits and safe use of the plant, and establishing a standard process toward a cannabis industry registration and licensing.

Mr. Miller said that the

institute is in alignment with all of the points included in the CARICOM Commission on Marijuana 2018 report.

The commission intends to suggest that all CARICOM members take a serious look into the legalization of marijuana.



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BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
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To: Mr. Jerry Pratt
Nassau, Bahamas

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File No. 2046

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Craig Delancy
Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER

To: Mr. Mario Newbold
No. 37 Hospital Lane & Dunmore Street
Nassau, Bahamas

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File No. 2047

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Buildings Control Officer

March 15, 2018

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS REGULATIONS ACT, 1971

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION ORDER
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To: Ms. Beryl Brown
No. 3 Dumping Ground & Ferguson Street
Nassau, Bahamas

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ENSURING SUCCESS

The 2018 series salutes fashion mogul Peter Nygard's Golden Jubilee detailing his rags to riches story and incredible business success over these past fifty years. The Clifton Review will take an inside look at how he did it.

THE CLIFTON REVIEW

By P. J. Malone

The Clifton Review is a bi-weekly column that examines the question of the Clifton project along with the evolution of the war between two billionaires, the links to unsavory characters, the use of the courts for personal agendas, the involvement of the Government opposition party (the FNM), and the attacks on the Government of The Bahamas.

When you hear the story of various successful figures—like fashion mogul Peter Nygard, who started with nothing and yet today has managed to build an 800 million-dollar empire—it inspires you to want to follow in their footsteps to fulfill your own life-long dreams.

However, it's not easy striking out on your own to set up a business and make it a multi-million-dollar success. People in business for themselves need all the help they can get.

We have focused on sharing various strategies and templates that can help individuals achieve success in business and will continue to dissect Nygard's 50-year success and share strategies that can help businesses with their growth and development.

Entrepreneur magazine focuses a lot of their efforts on helping entrepreneurs achieve business success. One of their writers offer these tips to help entrepreneurs ensure their business is a success:

1. Have a written plan. Without a plan, it is merely a dream. It doesn't have to be a book, but you need a few pages outlining specific objectives, strategies, financing, a sales and marketing plan, and a determination of the cash you need to get things done. Writing it all down is a crucial first step.

2. Don't marry your plan. Every great military general in history has known that even the best-laid plan sometimes has to be thrown in the fire when the bullets start flying. Adjust, confront and conquer.

3. Keep your ego in check and listen to others. Advisors are crucial because you need people to bounce ideas off, inspect what you're doing, and push you to greater accomplishments, holding you accountable for what you are committing to do. Always be good to your word and follow through on commitments, even when difficult and challenging. This isn't about you; it's about the business. Don't take things personally and stay out of emotion. Do not let your ego take control.

4. Keep track of everything, and manage by the numbers. Create written systems for everything, because you will reap benefits from them later on. This is how you train your employees and

retain consistency. Know your numbers and check them daily and make all decisions based on what they tell you. One of the most important calculations is cash flow pro forma. Determine how much cash you need to do the business, and do not start without the required cash on hand.

5. Delegate to employees and avoid micro-managing them. A manager's job is to delegate and then inspect progress. So don't be a control freak. Keep business organization flat. If you delegate effectively, you will get more and better than you expect. Have an actual written training and orientation plan so your employees know what is required of them. Use an incentive-based rewards system, and maintain a no-problem attitude about issues that crop up.

6. Use the Internet. It is incredibly powerful and very cost efficient, but it takes time and some skill. It is about creating a community, using social media networking such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and blogging to build rapport with your market. You need to get on the train and do it, because your competitors are.

7. Reinvent your business. It is net profit, not gross revenue, that you want to focus on. Separate yourself from your history and create a new competitive advantage, be it a focused niche or super service, but not by discounting.

Above all, have fun. Being an entrepreneur is your choice, so make it work. It can be done. You can survive, emerge and succeed in this downsized economy, if you follow the right path.

("7 Ways to Help Ensure Your Business Succeeds" Donald Todrin - entrepreneur.com)

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E D I T O R I A L

SOMETHING SHAMEFUL!

"...There is something shameful in our acceptance of freedoms for things, when we are not prepared to grant that freedom to our fellow human beings. It's better, it seems, to be an inanimate object than a living breathing person if you want to travel around the world..."

Claire Melamed.

There was once a time in world history when Africa was plundered not only of its natural resources, but was also robbed and people-pilaged—thus making of their peoples a resource which – in its embodiment was both capital and labor, two of the four factors of production.

And thus, to this day, a still-ascendant liberal capitalist order owes its vibrancy to what happened to the African people who were migrated to Plantation-America where they became the great force which undergirded the world-wide reach of capitalism.

In other words, then, slavery [racism] and capitalism are linked by blood, sweat, terror and tears!

We agree with Claire Melamed when she explains that: -- "...Migration will not and cannot and should not be stopped..."

We also wholeheartedly agree with her evidence-based claims to the effect that, this process is a most worthy one. As she suggests: -- It's good for countries, and it's good for the millions of people who vote with their feet however many restrictions are put in their way.

But yet, facts currently available suggest that: -- Hereof late, chat is becoming more and more incessant as to how and why

Bahamians should be up and doing with not only helping themselves, but how – by extension – they can become genuine Bahamian nation-builders.

Of necessity, then, this also demands that they have some inkling as to how they should go about this type of Enterprise-Bahamas nation-building project.

Evidently, such a great work requires a deeper understanding as regards the four factors of production which – as inputs used in various combinations for the production of goods and services to make an economic profit – must be utilized.

These four factors are land, labor, capital, and entrepreneurship.

Without these, nothing happens--with these, the sky is the limit.

Whilst all of this is true enough, it remains both

ironic and a tad amusing [albeit tinged with a smidgen of sadness] to note that whilst a growing cadre of Bahamians-black, white and otherwise, routinely migrate to and settle in the great United States of America, yet there remains amongst very many of these 'true-true' Bahamians both scent and sense of rancid resentment against Haitian immigrants.

And yet, there remains that ironic fact suggestive of the realization that vast numbers of these hateful Bahamians are themselves rooted in Africa and who [in recent times] have deep ancestral ties linking them directly to their Haitian cousins.

In and of itself, none of this is surprising—this being so precisely because of the direct consequences attendant upon the movements of the world's peoples who – as part of an ascendant slave-trade dependent capitalism – helped build the foundations for so-called 'Western' civilization.

And thus, today we return – as it were – to some reflections concerning how in these times far too many of Africa's still-suffering children – in response to their own fear-tinged prejudices – routinely hurt each other.

Things need not remain this way. For our part, then, we submit that – even as we celebrate our Independence in a time when our great neighbor to the north has recently celebrated theirs—we should [as a matter of some much-needed urgency—move to build bridges of understanding between the Bahamas, the rest of this region and with what has been described as Plantation-America by noted Jamaican scholar, George Beckford.

And thus, to this day, this larger culture-sphere spawned by the Atlantic slave trade reaches deep into both North and South America.

It is this vibrantly creative diaspora which continues to help make the world as great and as productive as it has become in the last half of a millennium.

Is it not ironic that: Whilst things are increasingly free to move around the world, the opposite is true for people?

And thus, we would conclude: -- Trade barriers and restrictions never stopped people trading and that [obviously] rules on migration do not stop people moving.

And thus, no matter what we do or don't do—Haitian and world migration to the Bahamas will continue.

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► Commodore Tellis Bethel and General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy standing at the HMBS Flamingo Memorial and Monument during his visit to HMBS Coral Harbour on July 3, 2018. From Left: Commander Henry Daxon, Executive Staff Officer; Captain Samuel Evans, Deputy Commander Defence Force; General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Commander Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and North American Aerospace Defense Command; Commodore Tellis Bethel, Commander Defence Force; Captain Adrian Chriswell, Captain Coral Harbour and Force Chief Petty Officer Oral Wood, Command Force Chief. (RBDF Photos by Marine Seaman Kyle Smith)

ACQUISITION AND CROSS SERVICING AGREEMENT (ACSA)

General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Commander Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), paid a courtesy call on Commander Defence Force, Commodore Tellis Bethel, on July 3, 2018 at HMBS Coral Harbour.

During his visit, Commodore Bethel and General O'Shaughnessy discussed security issues of interest to both The Bahamas and the United States. The General was also taken on a tour of Coral Harbour Base and the Legend Class vessel, HMBS Livingstone Smith.

General O'Shaughnessy and Commodore Bethel also signed an Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) on behalf of the

Ministry of National Security and the US Department of Defence, respectively.

ACSA is a bilateral agreement between the US and The Bahamas authorizing the exchange or procurement of logistics support, supplies, and services during exercises, training, or emergency situations through the US Armed Forces and the Royal Bahamas Defence Force.

This now allows Defence Force vessels engaged in activities such as a hurricane avoidance operation to obtain goods and services through the armed services whenever Defence Force ships and aircraft visit US ports.

USNORTHCOM is a combatant command respon-

sible for protecting the US Homeland, as well as US interests in Canada, Mexico and The Bahamas. USNORTHCOM has facilitated numerous military training programs for hundreds of Defence Force members. It has also organized law enforcement training for Police Officers.

General O'Shaughnessy is a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, and a former Commander of the United Nations Command, as well as the US Pacific Air Forces. He was appointed Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in May of this year.



► General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Commander Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), and Commander Defence Force, Commodore Tellis Bethel, exchanging pleasantries on July 3, 2018 at HMBS Coral Harbour.



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Nassau, The Bahamas

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