Cyprus moves ahead with gas drilling despite threats

Now is a great time to think about investing in Greece

Athens - ANA-MA
The present time offered a great opportunity to think about investing in Greece, said Morgan Stanley Vice Chairman of Wealth Management and Senior Client Advisor Carla Harris, in Greece to deliver a keynote speech for Linkage Greece, during an interview with the Athens-Macedonian News Agency on Friday.

"Any time you have had a country go through any type of recession, and they have sort of found their way back to a recovery, it’s a great time. I think, to be thinking about investing in the country," she said.

The current mood among investors, especially in the US, was "cautiously optimistic," Harris said, while adding that it’s a broad thing about the markets, not just about the Greek market.

Talking about her visit to Greece, she said it has been encouraging and inspiring: "I had the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador [Geoffrey Pyatt] yesterday and he was very bullish on recovery and made a great case for it. I’ve enjoyed all the people that I’ve met and also people have been quite optimistic, actually."

Asked if she had any tips to offer on what Greek businesses should focus on, Harris agreed that innovation is the dominant competitive parameter for

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Cooperation with French TOTAL opens new perspectives for Cyprus – France relations, President Anastasiades stresses

Nicosia – (GreekNewsOnline, CNA)
There is no doubt that Cyprus’ plan on energy field and its cooperation with French energy giant TOTAL open new perspectives for Cyprus – France relations and for the benefits of EU’s energy security, President of the Republic Nicos Anastasiades stressed here Friday, addressing French Embassy’s reception for celebrating French National Day.

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Tourists visiting Athens archaeological sites take photos with Acropolis in the background. Foreign arrivals at Greek airports during the first half of 2017 increased by 16.7% , or 4.505 millions, from 5.5 in 2016.

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Nine to receive AHEPA National Scholar-Athlete Awards
WASHINGTON, DC—The AHEPA National Athletic Department’s Scholar-Athlete Selection Committee has selected nine Scholar-Athlete Award recipients for 2017, announced Supreme President Andrew Zachariades, Supreme Athletic Director Lou Atavas and Gregory J. Stamis, chairman of the Selection Committee. They will be honored at the Athletic Luncheon held at the 95th AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, July 27, 2017, Orlando, Fla.

“The 2017 Class of Scholar-Athletes is an outstanding one,” Supreme President Zachariades said. “We look forward to personally honoring and recognizing these standout women and men for their remarkable achievements. I am confident we will continue to see great accomplishments from these young leaders in the future.”

“The nine recipients of the various AHEPA National Scholar-Athlete Awards are truly outstanding examples of scholar-athletes,” Stamis said. “While we honor and recognize them for their athletic achievements, which are most certainly notable, these young men and women also embody the ancient Hellenic ideal of the ‘Virtuous Man and Solid Body’ in that they excelled not only on the fields and arenas of sport, but in the classrooms and in their communities, both civic and faith-based.”

Margarite Callender, Stonington, Conn., is the recipient of the Past Supreme President Franklin R. Manios Scholar-Athlete and Service Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in academics and athletics as well as extra-curricular activities and community service. Margaret is a three-sport All-State athlete in high school and is now a member of the Duke University Women’s Varsity Lacrosse and Varsity Rowing Teams.

Kyra Vlachos, Chicago, is the recipient of the Past Supreme President Dr. Kimon Dukakis Collegiate Scholar-Athlete Award, which is presented to the most outstanding Collegiate Scholar-Athlete for excellence in academics and athletics. Kyra was a member of the 2016 Women’s National Championship Lake Forest College Handball Team and was named to the 2017 All-American Collegiate Handball Team.

Barbara Burpides, Charlotte, N.C., and Alexandra Norris, Nashua, N.H., are co-winners of the John Peter Vlachos Scholar-Athlete Award, which is awarded to outstanding high school Scholar-Athletes. Barbara, who will attend Duke University, was ranked first academically in her high school senior class. She was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad from 2014 – 2017. Alexandra will attend Harvard University after continuing her high school sports’ Diving, Field Hockey and Tennis Teams.

Sara Nicholas, Kennedwood, Ill., is the recipient of the Past Supreme President Louis G. Manisiris Scholar-Athlete Award, granted to an outstanding high school senior for accomplishments in athletics. Sara was a member of the Illinois state champion high school swimming team and a U.S. Presidential Scholarship Candidate. She will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Harvard graduate Bobby Edwards, Broadview Heights, Ohio, is awarded the Past Supreme Athletic Director Dr. Monte N. Knoes Scholar-Athlete Award, granted to an outstanding high school or college athlete. He was a member of Ohio’s high school soccer championship teams in 2014, 2015, and 2016. Bobby will play soccer at Welsh University in the fall.

Greek Orthodox Priest Also Operates Ohio Bail Bonds Office
DELWARE, By Dean Narciso, The Columbus Dispatch
The large crucifix hanging from Michael Kirkland’s neck catches your eye. Then you notice the badge and the id card.
On the street or in his office, the Rev. Kirkland, an ordained Greek Orthodox priest, is a man of the cloth whose clients are the accused.
“You can’t hide what you are,” he said. “I just happen to be a priest who happens to have a business.”
He operates Emergency Bail Bonds, just south of the Delaware County Courthouse, with its neon sign and 24-hour urgency.
Framed pictures, certificates and credentials line the walls. In one, Kirkland poses, in full priest’s regalia, next to Donald Trump.
But it’s what you can’t immediately see that draws the curious. Beyond the table lamp and display of flowers is the chapel.
Inside is a mural of the Virgin Mary, pictures of saints and a small altar, from which Kirkland offers prayer to those trying to post bail for loved ones.
“You’re dealing with families that are just screaming to be helped because they don’t see that the courts are helping that much... if it’s a sad situation,” he said. “This is where people come to you when they’re at their lowest. They’re begging.”
Kirkland, 65, said life insurance before getting his license to underwrite the accused. He worked in Columbus for a while, but was worn down by the system’s cold efficiency.
So in 2009, he started fresh in the “quiet, sleepy town” of Delaware, “working out of the trunk of my car,” he said, before finding his storefront next to a barber shop.
The chapel was always an idea, he said, “if I had a little extra room... at least to have some place, a junctor, where you can pray.”
When first meeting clients, Kirkland often pauses and stands. “Come with me a minute,” he’ll say. “I’ll bring them back here and ask, ‘Can I say a little prayer for you?’
“It’s only if you feel they won’t be opposed to something like that. You have to let the circumstances open things. You can’t push anything on anybody.
If defendants skip town, bondsmen are responsible for finding them or paying their bond. As compensation, they typically get 10 percent of the set bond.
Having a discerning eye and intuition is what Kirkland likes most.
“I answer to no one, no one pays my bills, there’s no guarantee of anything,” he said. “I start out every month with zero and I go in with the attitude you serve first, you take care of people. You help them as much as you can and God takes care of the rest.”
One man skipped town for weeks, panicking Kirkland, who also prayed for his return. Five minutes before his hearing was to begin, the man was caught and returned to the jail, saving Kirkland at least $20,000, he recalled.
“All I could say was, that’s a miracle. That literally was something you cannot explain.”
Not all believe that Kirkland’s cross-bearing persona is proper.
“It’s indirect solicitation as far as I’m concerned,” said Woodrow “Woody” Fox, a long-time bondsman with offices in Columbus and Licking County.
An open pretrial to clergy on the streets, in jails and courthouses, is a lure for customers, and a violation of Ohio rules that prohibit solicitations in jails and courthouses. Fox said.
“He goes into jail as a minister,” Fox said. “And he comes out as a bail bondsman.”

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Philoctocho Collections for St. Nicholas Greek Church and National Shrine Exceed $1.5 Million
New York, -
On June 17, National President Maria Logas presented a check to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Greek of America for the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine Philoptochos Fundraising Initiative. With this donation, Philoptochos brings the total amount donated to the Society to over $1.5 million.
A round of applause goes to the Philoptochos Chapters and Metropolitan across the country who have participated in this fundraising effort during the past three years.
St. Nicholas will serve as a beacon of love for all who come to pray and reflect, and for the millions more who visit the World Trade Center and National September 11 Memorial & Museum, it will be a declaration of our Orthodox Christian faith to the world.
Please continue to do your part to help your local Philoptochos Chapter or Metropolitan Philoptochos with small or large fundraising activities. Once we have raised $2.0 million, our commitment will be met and our noble mission will be achieved.
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