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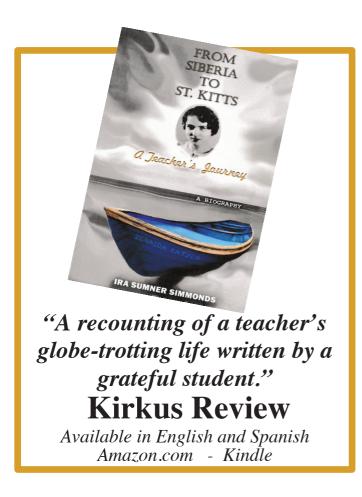


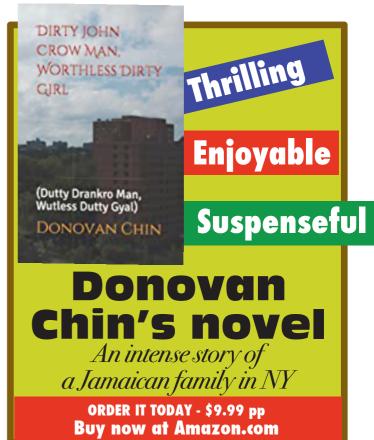


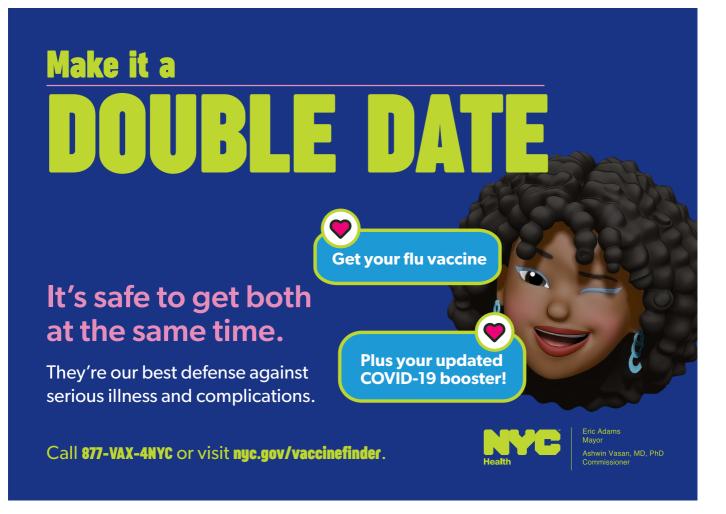


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## PERSON of the YEAR

### Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell of Grenada MATTER OF LEADERSHIP: LEADERSHIP MATTERS

By Martin P. Felix

renada's Prime Minister. Dickon Amiss Thomas Mitchell is EV-ERYBODY'S Person of the Year for 2022. We thank readers for sending us their nominations. Born to rural working-class parents, Dickon Mitchell tells the story of a boyhood carrying water to the family home, walking to school, subsistence farming, and earning a bare living in jobs ranging from construction and carpentry, to selling recorded soca and reggae on cassette tapes to his network of friends. Unassuming and modest, Mitchell laments the preponderance of colonial attire as the standard formal dress in tropical countries. He is for constitutional reform and questions the country's relationship with the British Monarchy.

After an intense leadership search to revive the National Democratic Congress (NDC), Mitchell was elected political leader on October 31, 2021. Product of a home-grown education, he has never lived outside of the Caribbean. The 45-year-old attorney received his tertiary education at the T.A. Marryshow Community College and an LLB (with Honors) from the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados. He completed his Legal Education Certificate at Hugh Wooding Law School (Trinidad) in 2002.

The Dickon Mitchell-led NDC won 9 of the 15 seats in the general election on June 24, 2022, ending the decade-long rule of Keith Mitchell's New National Party. It was a history-making accomplishment after having been at the NDC's helm for barely eight months. Dickon Mitchell's feat is comparable to Dr. Eric Eustace Williams's record when he won the 1956 national elections in Trinidad and Tobago





### "As leaders, the onus is also on us to create spaces where young people feel empowered to propose innovative solutions to the challenges we collectively face ..."

15 months after emerging on the political scene. Moreover, the smooth transition of power highlighted Grenada as a maturing 'democracy' amid challenges to fair elections in some parts of the Americas.

Maurice Bishop-like in temperance and style, Mitchell campaigned on a platform of Transformation and Transparency, bringing renewed hope to Grenadians while inspiring change and new vistas of governance and leadership in the wider Caribbean. A genuine democrat with a well-cultivated grassroots approach, Mr. Mitchell championed a town hall campaigning style characterized by more of an inclination to listen than the traditional delivery of long speeches and theatrical posturing.

At times self-deprecating with an Obamaish sense of humor, the PM often self-checks the ratio of his talk to his audience's share of the exchange. However, among other important breaks with tradition, creating a Ministry of Mobilization, Implementation, and Transformation demonstrates his seriousness on leadership and governance. The Bishop era's successes-town halls and

community budget consultations--may have inspired the new initiative.

If Dickon Mitchell stands out as exemplary among the current cast of Caribbean Prime Ministers, it is because of the premium that leadership occupies in our imagination. Indeed, Grenadians pointed to his leadership potential when polled about why Mitchell was their choice in the elections, and he has been well-received throughout the region.

For his part, Mitchell sees leadership as critical to Caribbean progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He believes in direct democracy and inclusivity and habitually refers to the tri-island state ordering Petit Martinique and Carriacou before Grenada. According to Mitchell, it is a means of reminding himself and others of these often-forgotten and marginalized Grenadine islands.

Unlike most Caribbean leaders, Mitchell has given himself a short-term tenure at the helm of nation-building, ten years, he has stated. However, when asked why the term limit, he is quick to point out that he is not interested in overstaying his time at top leadership. Instead,





Mitchell assures that this would encourage younger people to extend his leadership vision.

In his maiden speech at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 24, 2022, Dickon Mitchell declared:

"As leaders, the onus is also on us to create spaces where young people feel empowered to propose innovative solutions to the challenges we collectively face. This is a priority of my administration and has been backed by gender-forward, pro-youth policies and purposeful actions. The appointment of the Honorable Kerryne James as Minister of Climate Resilience, Environment and Renewable Energy, at 23 years old, is a milestone for [Grenada] and the Caribbean region... the youngest minister in the Caribbean."

Our 2022 Person of the Year rejects the notion that our people have no other option but to remain poor, affirming: "If I have to go to my grave fighting that idea, I will. Our fore parents never accepted that they should be enslaved and be enslaved people for life. They did not accept colonialism!"

The new Prime Minister also encourages the growth of indigenous culture, participatory democracy, strengthening the country's institutions, and developmental continuity. He has praised some aspects of the March 13, 1979, Revolution and its many gains while

cautioning about its human rights deficits. Mitchell commits to improving health care, making education more accessible, decreasing unemployment and poverty, and encouraging a robust and independent press, among other people-oriented initiatives.

Prime Minister Mitchell is our Person of the Year for the new direction and the hope he inspires with his bottom-up leadership style and innovative ideas in the political, social, and economic spheres of the Caribbean Small Island Developing States.

Martin P. Felix is co-editor of BIG DRUM NATION (bigdrumnation.com) and contributing editor of EVERYBODY'S Magazine

Beginning in 1978, when EVERYBODY'S magazine proclaimed Janelle Commissiong, Miss Universe of 1977, the first woman to achieve this title, as its Female Person of the Year and Manhattan Borough President, Percy Sutton, as Male Person of the Year, EV-ERYBODY'S has annually presented its Person of the Year. The late Congresspersons Shirley Chisholm, Mervyn Dymally, Nobel Prize Laureate Sir Arthur Lewis, Prime Minister Eugenia Charles attended gala dinners in their honor with the proceeds going to charitable causes such as to Hurricane torn Dominica in 1981 and Marcus Garvey Nursing Home in Brooklyn. Recent Persons of the Year include Mayor Eric Adams, British race car driver Sir Lewis Hamilton and Olympian Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce. And in December 1999, EVERYBODY'S announced Marcus Garvey its Person of the 20th Century.

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## FLASHBACK

### **ANTIGUA AIRWAYS**

Caribbean leaders preach about bridging the gap between Africa and the region, but their comments are considered pure rhetoric. Nevertheless, Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne is practicing what he preaches. On November 1, the 41st anniversary of independence, Antigua and Barbuda launched its airline - Antigua Airways: Pride of the

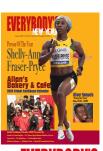


Caribbean. The airline route is Lagos, Nigeria; Accra, Ghana; VC Bird International Airport, Antigua and Toronto, Canada. Nigerian investors are financing the venture. "We have an investor pursuing a pioneering move to establish air links between Africa and the Caribbean. That's commendable. We all hope for the success of this initiative," remarked Prime Minister Browne.

### **JAMAICANS MADE HISTORY**



On July 17, 2022, Jamaican athletes continued amazing the world when they made history at the World Athletics Championships held in Eugene, Oregon. In the women's 100m finals, one country completed a clean sweep of the medals.



Shelly-Anne-Fraser-Pryce - 10.67 (Jamaica) Shericka Jackson - 10.73 (Jamaica) Elaine Thompson-Herah - 10.81 (Jamaica) Shelly-Anne-Fraser-Pryce was EVERYBODY'S 2019 Person of the Year.

### ANDERSON PETERS WORLD JAVELIN CHAMPION



Anderson Peters of the Village of Soubise, Grenada, retained his World Championship Javelin title at the World Athletics Championships held in Oregon. He also won the Stockholm.

Sweden, and Doha, Qatar 2022 events and placed second at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England. Sadly, he sustained injuries in a melee on a boat ride in St. George's, Grenada. 2022 was a super year for Grenada in sports. At the Commonwealth Games, Lindon Victor took gold in the men's decathlon. And, the disciplined and admired Kirani James continued to motivate the youth.



### THE BOMBER - 1928-2022

On January 1, 2022, calvpso heard 93-year-old Mighty Bomber Clifton Ryan, one of the pioneers of calypso, had passed. Shirlaine Hendrickson, general secretary of the Unified Calypsonian Organization (TUCO),

broke the sorrowful news: "All I can say is that he died between Old Year's night and New Year's morning." Hendrickson is a former editor of EVERYBODY'S who MCed the magazine's concerts during the 1990s. Harry Belafonte recorded and frequently sang a Bomber's classic, "Gloria." Bomber was born in Grenada on January 30, 1928, and started singing calypsos at age eight. He emigrated to Trinidad in 1956. In 1960, The Mighty Sparrow invited Bomber to join his Young Brigade Tent, and in 1964 he defeated Sparrow for the Calypso King title of Trinidad.



### CALYPSONIAN EXPLAINER - 1947-2022

In October, the calypso fraternity mourned the passing of Explainer. Winston Henry, the father of three, had two international hits, "Ras Mas" and "Lorraine."

The latter emerged as number 35 on the BBC radio music chart in 1982. Rawlston Charles of Charlie's Records produced all of Explainer's hits. Charles is the father of Olympian and WNBA star Tina Charles. Up to his illness, Explainer spent time grooming upcoming soca and calypso artists.

### LORD NELSON IGNORED FORMALITY

After he received an honorary Doctor of Letters (DLitt) from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, for his contributions to culture and calvpso, Lord Nelson removed the gown placed on him, waving it as a flag as he rendered two of his classics. Instead of giving the everyday emotional speech



on such auspicious occasions, the 90-year-old calypsonian entertained everyone by singing, "Meh Lover" and "All Ah We Is One Family." His performance enticed Chancellor Robert Bermudez to get up and dance across

the stage with the newly minted Dr. Robert Nelson.

### **ERIC ADAMS SWORN INTO OFFICE AT TIMES SQUARE**



Shortly after dropping the 11,875 pounds Times Square Ball ushering in 2022, history was made at Times Square with the swearing-in of Eric Adams as the 110th mayor of New York City, only the second Person of color to lead the Big Apple. The first was Mayor David Dinkins in 1990. Barbados-born Judge Sylvia Hinds Radix, married to Grenada-born Dr. Joe Radix, administered the oath of office to Adams. She is probably the first Caribbean American to administer the mayoral oath. Judge Radix is a lifelong attendee of EVERYBODY'S events, and Mayor Eric Adams was the magazine's 2021 Person of the Year.

### **BITTER PRIMARIES AND CLOSE NY ELECTIONS**



On the campaign trail Lee Zeldin displays the Feb/March 2022 edition of EVERYBODY'S featuring the Democratic and Republican conventions with publisher H. Hall.



Centrist Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul and Progressive Democrat Jumaane Williams, while at Brooklyn's Carnival Breakfast, discovered that they at least share one thing in common - the same brand and same color sneakers. Looking on is NYS Attorney General Letitia James.

In February, the Democratic and Republican Parties of New York State held their

conventions to choose their respective candidate for governor of New York. Kathy Hochul, the incumbent, was selected by



the Democratic Party machine. However, other candidates, such as Public Advocate Williams, contested Hochul's selection. At their convention, the Republican State Committee supported Congressman Lee Zeldin, but his rivals, such as former Westchester County Executive Bill Astorino, did not accept the anointing of Zeldin. As a result, there was a heated primary for both the Dems and Reps. Nothing changed. Hochul and Zeldin emerged as the winners in their respective primaries and faced each other in the general election of November 8 when Governor Kathy Hochul narrowly defeated Zeldin.

### GOVERNOR WES MOORE JAMAICAN-AMERICAN



Community activists Grenadian-American Lisda Sawney and Jamaican Joy Moore, mother of the governorelect, campaigning for Wes Moore.

On November 8, Wes Moore was elected by nearly a landslide for governor of Maryland. He will become the first Person of Color to lead Maryland when he takes the oath of office in January. Although Democrats usually win in Maryland's statewide race, Moore's path to victory became easier when President Donald Trump endorsed Dan Cox, Moore's challenger. Moore was born in Takoma Park, Maryland, of Jamaican parentage. Owing to the death of his father, three-year-old Wes and mom moved to the Bronx, NY. When he became



a teenager, he and his mother, Joy, relocated to Maryland. Moore graduated with degrees from Valley Forge Military College and Johns Hopkins University. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned a degree from Oxford University.

On the campaign trail Lisda Sawney, Wes Moore and Linda Chaney.

### **MASSIVE CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN VOTERS**



Caribbean Americans actively campaigned for their favorite Democrat and Republican candidates from Florida to Maryland and Massachusetts to California. Several Caribbean Americans, such as Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha N. Brave-

boy, won reelection by landslides. In New York, Republican Joe Pinion whose mother hails from Jamaica denied Senator Leader Chuck Schumer a landslide victory. Schumer 56.4%, Joe Pinion 43.1%, other .5%.









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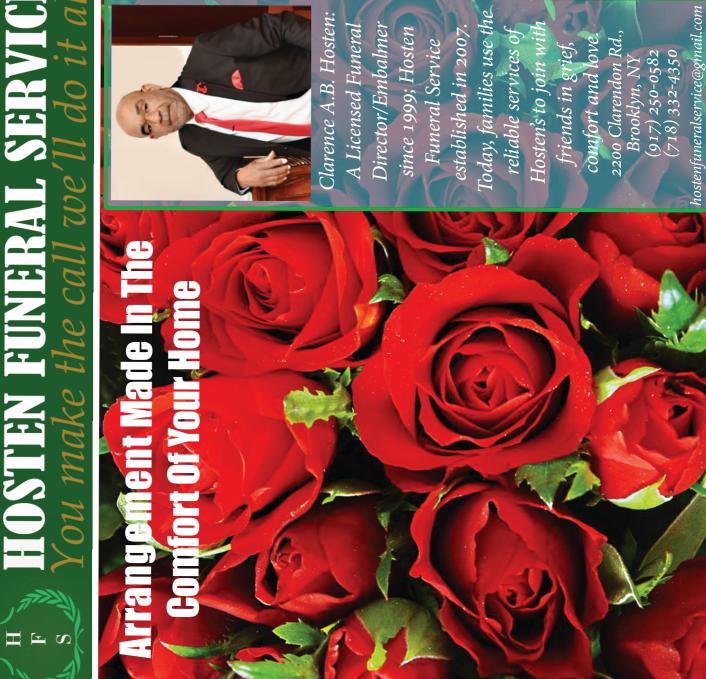
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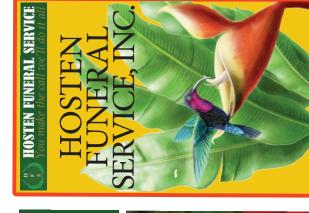
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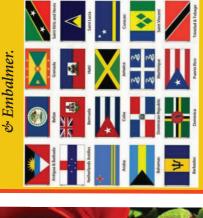
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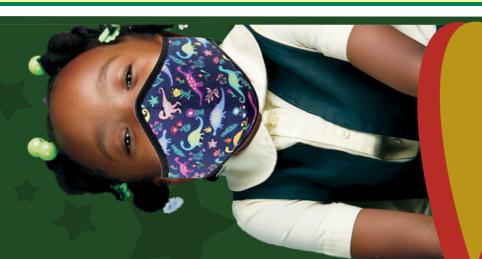
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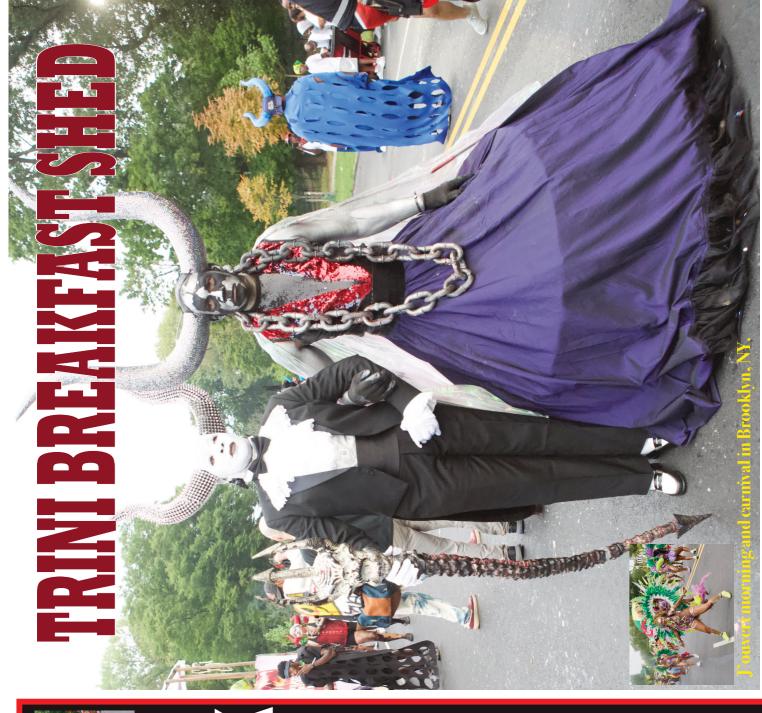
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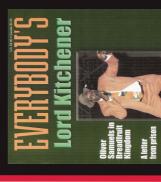
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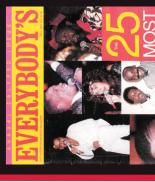


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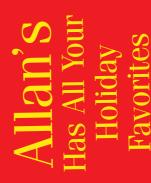
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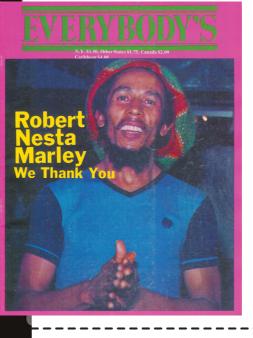
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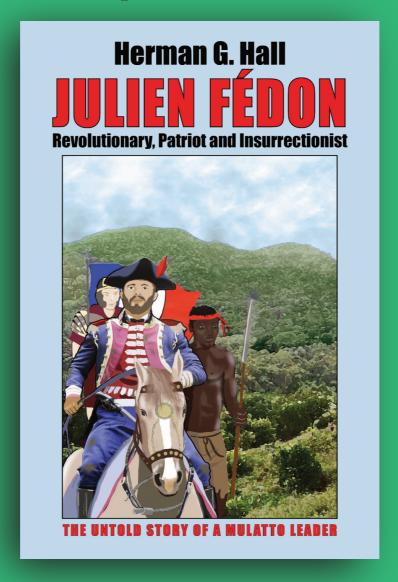
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