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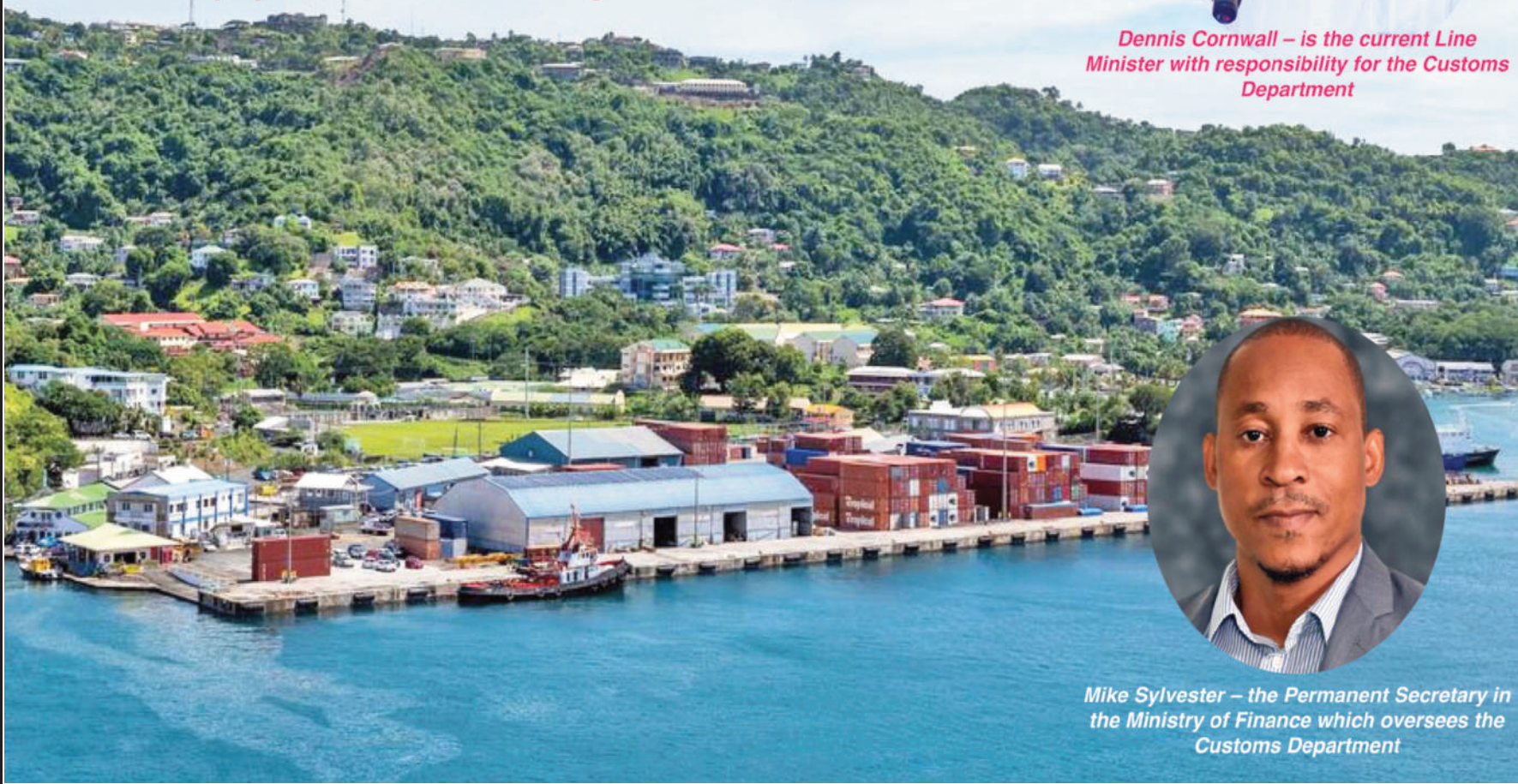
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Dennis Cornwall – is the current Line Minister with responsibility for the Customs Department



Mike Sylvester – the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance which oversees the Customs Department

GPWU challenges Contract Terms amidst Job Evaluation

Public Workers Union (GPWU) President, Brian Grimes has called for a reconsideration of the Grenada Postal Corporation's decision to place some workers on 6-month contracts without pay increases.

The move comes amid an ongoing job evaluation exercise, leaving over a hundred affected workers in a precarious situation.

Speaking at a press conference in St. George's prior to the Christmas holiday, Grimes expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of response from the Director of the Grenada Postal Corporation (GPC), Randall Robinson, and the line Minister, Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, regarding a



Brian Grimes - President of the Public Workers Union

new collective agreement for the workers.

According to the union leader, these workers have not seen salary increases for over eight (8) years.

The GPWU, serving as the bargaining agent for the affected Postal Corporation workers, emphasised the preference for permanent employment but urged the corporation to "ensure pay increases to mitigate against inflation" if a contract scenario is chosen based on the results of the job evaluation.

Grimes highlighted the "abysmally low" salaries of GPC workers, averaging around "\$1,200" a month.

He took issue with what he described as a "startling" and "intimidating" ultimatum given to work-

ers during a meeting on December 27, where they were allegedly told to sign the 6-month contracts without increases or risk forfeiting their jobs.

"They stated to staff in an intimidating fashion that if they do not sign the 6-month contracts which have no increases, they in principle have forfeited their jobs," Grimes told reporters.

However, in response, Director of Post, Randall Robinson clarified that "the GPC is not interested in sending any of its employees home."

He explained that the contracts were extended for six months due to an ongoing job evaluation exercise expected to conclude "by February."

However, he noted that "in the current contract that employees have, 1.3 says, any agreed extension must be made in writing and signed by the parties so we must put it in writing, and they must sign as accepting the extension, if they do



Randall Robinson - negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement will commence following the job evaluation

not accept the extension according to law the contract terminates."

Robinson acknowledged being in receipt of documents outlining the Union's demands for its representation.

"We have perused the document that they have sent (and) we believe the only sticking point in terms of agreements may be salaries (and) we want a professional opinion," he said.

"We have hired a professional to do the job evaluation exercise. We await that report... thereafter we will engage the Union in negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement," he added.

Robinson anticipates that negotiations with the PWU for a new collective agreement will be "completed by June 30th," giving assurances that "employees will be offered full time employment."

Case Number :GDAHCV2023/0302

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AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2023/
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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF
POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

MARY AMBROSE GUILLUAME APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas MARY AMBROSE GUILLUAME of Pomme rose in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada, Businesswoman, by her application filed in the High Court on the 4th day of June, 2023 claims that she has acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of the Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 6,488 Sq. Ft. situate at Pomme Rose in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada and abutted and bounded on the north/north-east side by a public road and drain, on the north-west side by lands owned by NAWASA, on the west and south side by the land of Downan Mitchell and on the east side by the land of Alice Sylvester as shown on the plan drawn David S Abraham, Licensed Land Surveyor, a copy of which said plan is attached to the Application.

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Guyana takes up seat on United Nations Security Council

Guyana has joined five other countries in officially taking up their two-year term on the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday.

Guyana, Algeria, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone and Slovenia, were elected to serve in June last year, and they are replacing Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana and the United Arab Emirates who ended their terms on December 31 last year.

Five permanent members sit around the iconic horseshoe table in New York - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The ten non-permanent members, selected to provide regional balance, are elected by the General Assembly which is made up of all 193 UN Member States.

France serves as president of the Security Council for the month

of January, and it is expected that the Israel-Palestine crisis and war in Gaza will continue to be a prime focus for ambassadors.

Guyana's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, installed the Guyana flag alongside those of other Security Council members outside the Council chambers.

In a brief statement, Ambassador Rodrigues-Birkett said her country recognises that the task of maintaining international peace and security is growing increasingly complex with multidimensional challenges and, that the Council is, therefore, compelled to be proactive in addressing potential sources of conflict, and comprehensive in its response to existing conflict situations.

She said that Guyana will seek a people-centered approach, including

the involvement of women and youth in the search for solutions, ever mindful that conflict is a driver of poverty and underdevelopment and therefore inimical to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The theme of Guyana's participation in the Security Council is "Partnering for Peace and Prosperity".

Guyana said its tenure on the Security Council will be rooted in a firm commitment to multilateralism and guided by the priorities of climate change, food insecurity and conflict; peace-building and conflict prevention; women, peace and security; protection of children in armed conflict; and youth, peace and security.

This will be Guyana's third time serving on the Council following terms in 1975-1976 and 1982-1983.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace, and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous 2024!

UNRAVELLING THE CORRUPTION SWAMP AT CUSTOMS!!!

"It's a whole, whole dirty ring that going on outside there – it is just nasty."

This was the sentence shot at **THE NEW TODAY** by a senior Customs Officer who wants the 18-month old Dickon Mitchell-led National Democratic Congress (NDC) administration to seriously address allegations that some staffers at the major revenue collection Department were engaged in rampant acts of corruption and defrauding the state of thousands of dollars.

He called on the government in which Finance Minister Dennis Cornwall is the Line Minister for Customs and his brother Mike Sylvester is the Permanent Secretary to look at making fundamental changes to the operations at Customs in order to help stem the tide of corruption. The officer suggested that "a good team of about four officers" should be put in place and given the responsibility to "spot check things at any minute" that is about to leave the compound.

According to the Customs insider, whenever a Container "is being done, just say give me the document for that - let me look at it."

"You go down on the Trafficker's Wharf, you see goods going out, you say hey stop it right dey, give me the documents and you check it against the document that you paid Customs for the goods," he said.

The officer indicated that the Customs Department needs to engage in what he described as "a surprised post-check" on goods entering and leaving the port so that "when you get anything wrong you make people (those involved in corruption) pay for it."

"When I say you make people pay, I mean you hold people (Customs Officers) accountable," he remarked.

He pointed out that a scam that is often run on the Port is that some corrupt Customs officers will report that imported goods by a businessman came into the country short although the full consignment did arrive and duties were paid on the full amount.

He said the next shipment of goods by the businessman will not be subjected to duties since he is listed as already having paid duties to the government but the State is in effect losing out on thousands of dollars in revenue.

He noted that this can

be handled easily by Customs.

"You could go back and check the Manifest, check from Miami and get the information from Miami and know the person got all their goods," he said.

The Customs insider raised concerns about the loss of revenue to the government on vehicles coming into the country since in many cases any kind of price is given by the importers and accepted without Customs doing a thorough check.

He charged that "one or two" Customs Officers are working in collusion with a few Brokers on the port in a deliberate scheme to beat the system.

He quoted a few Brokers as saying to him that they normally do the paperwork to clear goods based on figures provided to them by importers and it was up to the Customs Department to check the accuracy.

"One or two other Brokers ... say basically (that) whatever figure them (Business) people give me, I just make the



Customs and Excise department located on The Carenage in St George's

entry and if Customs accept it that is their business – let them do what they do," he said.

According to the Customs insider, in some cases a broker will say that a businessman will send him to a specific Customs Officer to help clear his goods on the port which seems to suggest that the individual is on the payroll

of the business enterprise.

He rejected the notion of rotating Customs officers from one area to another to solve the problem of corruption

among them.

"The corruption (is) following them anywhere they go. A corrupt officer is a corrupt officer – you just moving the problem to a different area.

"Moving around an officer – you move him from the Port and you put him in Grenville is the same thing. You put him some way he's going to give you a bad classification and (the importer) will pay less (duties to government)."

The Customs Insider went on to say: "To know that (Customs) system, you have to be in it to understand it."

He also quoted a high up member of the Customs Department as indicating to him that a particular officer is "too corrupt" and that he did not want to have anything to do with him.

He spoke of an incident in which a Customs Officer in Shed 1 directed an individual to make out an entry for his goods because the value was too much to be processed via a C-22 Form.

He said that another Customs Officer approached the individ-

ual to come back to him when the other officer who is his senior took his lunch break, for him to value the goods on a C-22 document for an agreed fee.

The senior Customs Officer called for the return of Acting Comptroller of Customs Algernon Belfon in a roaming position on the port to help stem the endemic corruption taking place in this important government revenue area by some staffers.

"Since Belfon was moved upstairs because when Belfon was downstairs or on the floor like roving, everybody was afraid to do wrong because Belfon will show up anytime. So once Belfon is up there and he won't be down dey, there is nobody else (to do the job) – everybody else jump on the bandwagon (of corruption)," he said.

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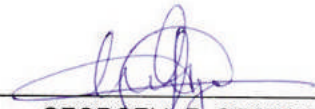
GRENADA

In the estate of Theodora Viola Rosemen (also spelt "Roseman") (also called "Theodora Roseman"), deceased, late of Bogles, in the Island of Carriacou, in the State of Grenada.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Georgell E. George of Lex Fidelis Chambers, for a grant of Probate to Laslyn Roseman who is the Executor of the Deceased, the Deceased having died intestate on the 27th day of October 2021.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the Executor shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2023


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The front page headline of THE NEW TODAY, "UNRAVELLING THE CORRUPTION SWAMP AT CUSTOMS" is indicative of the state of play in many government and private sector enterprises.

There is deep-seated corruption which has galloped out of control with the coming into office of the former New National Party (NNP) administration of former Prime Minister Keith Mitchell.

It all stems from the mantra of the NNP that votes matter to win elections at all cost over the years without looking at anything else.

There are good, decent and honest workers at the Customs Department and no one should use the corrup-

tion brush to paint them as bad and wicked and engaged in enrichment at the expense of the Treasury.

It is the bunch of them who feed of the State due to their position of authority in a major revenue-earning area for the government.

Sadly, the Dickon Mitchell-led National Democratic Congress (NDC) has done nothing over the past 18 months to address the systematic corruption that is taking place at the Customs Department involving some recalcitrant Custom Officers, a few Brokers and some members of the Business Community.

The Prime Minister should wake up to the reality that being a successful lawyer in civil

EDITORIAL

Endemic Corruption!!!

matters is vastly different from getting involved in the public sector and tackling the problems of graft and corruption which has become so endemic in the Grenadian society.

He cannot deny that certain information has been provided to him since assuming office after the June 2022 general election about alleged wrongdoing at Customs without any action being taken.

THE NEW TODAY will readily admit that PM Dickon Mitchell has his hands full and is badly in need of help to address some of the corruption within the public service.

The late Prime Minister H.A Blaize had beside him at the Botanical Gardens a very competent, trusted and efficient person by the name of

Albert Xavier who was used as a troubleshooter in helping the first New National Party (NNP) in the 1984-90 period to run the affairs of the government.

The current Prime Minister should not be seen as a lone ranger on the job and should look at recruiting an experienced former public servant with knowledge of the service in particular Customs to help deal with certain issues while Congress gets on with the business of running the country.

The NDC should borrow a phrase used by its Founding Leader, the late George Brizan that one must use what they have at their disposal until better comes along.

There are still in the midst of Congress a few persons who can be

turned to and given assignments to go in as trouble-shooters and root out corruption in some of the government ministries and departments.

The problem has been allowed to escalate over the years by the kind of interaction which the past NNP Leaders cultivated in their relationships with some public officers.

That outfit which was booted out of office 18 months ago was prepared to turn a blind eye to corruption by some of its known supporters.

The NNP regime brought into the service including the Customs Department the sons and daughters of key party supporters and never bother to do any checks into their backgrounds.

It is well-known that NNP government

Ministers had a list with the names of party supporters who should be given first preference whenever job opportunities became available in the public service.

The current Prime Minister should relook the decision that was taken by a previous Congress Prime Minister, the late Sir Nicholas Brathwaite and bring into Customs an expatriate British Advisor to help put the Department on a much better and sounder footing.

THE NEW TODAY would also like to make some passing comments on information coming out of the Immigration Department about alleged wrongdoing by a female member of the staff in the "illegal" processing of the renewal of passport application forms for persons under the Citizenship By Investment (CBI) programme.

It is very unfortunate that the Acting Commissioner of Police Don McKenzie who is the island's Chief Immigration Officer under the laws of Grenada will chose to remain silent and not comment on an issue that is of national importance.

If the allegation is true,

how many undesirable persons managed to get their passports renewed by the actions of this officer who was not authorised to engage in this type of work at the Immigration Department?

Has the Grenada CBI programme been compromised by this alleged act of wrong-doing?

Has any national of Russia or Belarus who is on the blacklist managed to get their passports renewed in light of the ban imposed on nationals of these two countries with respect to the CBI programme in light of the war in Ukraine?

Is the Prime Minister who is the Minister of National Security and his own National Security Advisor on top of this issue within the Immigration Department?

The other troubling aspect is that reports are now circulating within the said Department, of officers accepting expensive gifts including \$500.00 brand name perfumes from CBI applicants to fast track their passports.

The current NDC government needs to take charge and look into the operations of both the Customs Department and the Immigration Department and tackle head-on acts of corruption.

McKenzie: Resolving a flawed promotion system

"It is crucial to clarify from the onset that today's promotion exercise should not be perceived as an entirely new initiative but rather a continuation and resolution of the May '23 promotion exercise."

Those were the words uttered by Acting Commissioner of Police at the December 29, 2023 Promotion Exercise held at the SSU Camp at Point Salines for the elevation of 12 Corporals to the rank of Sergeant and 21 Constables to become Corporals.

His comments were made against adverse reaction from certain quarters within the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) especially among several officers who were overlooked for promotion.

McKenzie underscored the value of providing fairness and empathy to those who were affected by the previous promotion system.

"Following that initial promotion exercise we actively sought to address concerns raised by officers through notifications and the appeal process," he said.

"We understand the significance of this concern and the impact that they can have on morale and trust within

our force. Our commitment to fairness and transparency led us to carefully evaluate each concern, taking in account the broader performance indicators that shape our organization," he added.

According to McKenzie, upholding an impartial viewpoint in the process will ensure that the officers and their execution of various tasks are always placed in the forefront and that the task is fulfilled.

"In addressing concerns, we strive to maintain a balanced perspective ensuring that decisions were not only fair to the individual involved but also reflective of the overall performance and contribution of the entire force. The goal has always been to derive a pecking order that genuinely mirrors the collective outcome of our organization. In most part we achieved that," he said.

Commissioner McKenzie encouraged the newly elevated officers to continue preserving the ethics and principles of RGPF.

"...If there are lingering concerns or questions I am committed to addressing them in a transparent way. We must continue to work together to strengthen our force and maintain

the high standards that our community expects from us," he told the officers.

In congratulating the thirty two officers, he went on to say: "It is fitting now that I congratulate each officer who has earned a promotion today. Your hard work, commitment and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Let this be a testament to the meritocracy that underpins our organisation."

"As we move forward, let us remain united in our commitment to excellence, fairness and the values that make our force strong. You are now entrusted with a higher level of responsibility and I am confident that each of you will rise to the occasion."

The island's chief cop urged the twelve new Sergeants and twenty one new Constables to lead well and be aware of the impact they have on others.

"Lead with honor, serve with distinction, and always remember the profound impact you have on those who you serve and those who you lead. Leadership is not just a title - it is a responsibility. The badge of rank gives you the authority to act, however, the power to make a real difference



Don McKenzie - Acting Commissioner of Police

emanates from within you."

McKenzie reminded the newly appointed officers that as leaders that being open and honest is imperative.

He said: "With your promotion comes a trust of the community, your peers and the organisation. Use this trust wisely and let it be a guiding force in every decision you make. Lead with integrity, transparency and a keen sense of duty. Uphold the values that define our profession and be the role

model that others look up to."

"As supervisors, your influence extends beyond your individual actions. Your leadership sets the tone for the entire team. Foster an environment of collaboration, respect and open communication."

Encourage your officers to voice their opinions and ideas and of course it must be done in a respectful manner. Recognise and appreciate their contributions. Your success is intertwined with the success

of the persons that you lead," he added.

COP McKenzie suggested to the officers that understanding the people around them is vital as a police officer.

"Never forget the importance of empathy in your line of work. Policing is about people. The individuals we serve, the officers that we lead - take time to understand the perspective and the experience of others."

Additionally, he said that increasing one's knowledge as a person will not only help in personal growth but also in their professional development.

"Above all, you must engage in continuous learning, it is key in staying effective in our dynamic field of work. Embrace opportunities for professional development and encourage your team to do the same."

"Stay informed about the policies, procedures and best practices and strive to be the best version of yourself both as a law enforcement professional and as a leader."

"Lastly, never underestimate the impact of your positive influence. Small gestures, a kind word, and a willingness to listen can make a significant difference."

Be approachable and available to your team. Your leadership should inspire confidence and create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and supported."

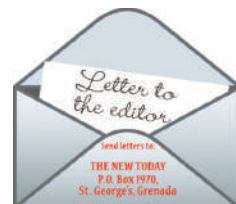
In his address to the promoted officers, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Glen Charles had some encouraging words for them in the season of goodwill.

"In this season of good cheer, there could not have been a more fitting time to emulate and reward you the officers gathered for your dedication, commitment and profound service to country and organisation. The ranks that will be bestowed upon you, is testament to that fact..."

ASP Charles expressed the view that with their promotion, the officers are now expected to show devotion, allegiance, and keenness in their work.

"As you move up the ranks of the police force, a greater commitment, more dedication, greater devotion to duty and delivery of a more excellent service is required from you. Keeping people safe is everyone's business and we all have a part to play. To whom much is given, much is required," he said.

DIVERSIONARY TACTICS ABOUT REFORMING GRENADA'S CONSTITUTION (PART TWO)



This two-part Article behoves the youthful population to be 'attentive and protective' concerning the gains and enjoyments experienced over the first fifty years of Grenada being attributed the status of Nationhood and Self-determination; and equally, to be 'conscious and appreciative' of the struggles and sacrifices which have been engaged.

Most critical is the need for the present and upcoming youths to be 'versed and vigorous' towards any indications radiating from the powers-that-be, which will cause a repeat in whatever form and fashion, of the constitutional and political crises which have also featured that milestone period.

Recall the previous article, "The Reality And Evaluation Of Self-Determination In Grenada", which gives a heads-up on entering the next fifty years about the continuation of treacherous power play by the politicians for supremacy in the nation, and of the reality that the human dignity and rights, the cultural and social principles and the economic resources within the land space, air space and sea space of the nation are at serious stake.

The 'gains, resources and stability', whilst may be considered limited, are coveted by the peoples of many other countries, and thus should not be taken for granted.

The interactions by Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell at the 19th Sir Archibald Nedd Memorial Public Lecture on 22 November 2023, about "Reparations, Republicanism and The Rule of Law: What Next After Fifty Years Of Independence?" should serve as a startling insight about the 'aim, attitude and action' of the 23 June 2022 Administration of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) with its "Transforming Grenada! Let's Move Grenada Forward" agenda. Particularly; the occasion surfaces deep answers to the article, "Is The 2022 Elections Manifesto Of Grenada's Main Opposition Complete?" which questions the exclusion of fundamental issues about constitutional reforms and electoral reforms.

The absence of those pertinent statements in the Manifesto, for advancing Grenada's Constitution and Democratic Governance

must be considered 'ridiculous and treacherous', especially in view of the commendable robust stance exerted by the NDC, even without having a seat in the Parliament, regarding the conduct of the constitutional referendum on 24 November 2016 and 06 November 2018.

Being spurred with the 'enlightenment and enthusiasm and energy' of the masses about the 'critical and imperative' issues for constitutional reforms, from those referenda, NDC pledges in a Policy Document for the March 2018 general elections to "establish a Constituent Assembly to complete the reform of the ('Grenada') existing Constitution after ('further') comprehensive public consultations ... ensure that the reform process adequately and progressively addresses all of the major gaps and ambiguities identified by the 1985, 2006 and 2010 Constitution Review Commissions and Bodies ...".

Consistent with the thrust to "build a better bond between the People and the Constitution", Joseph Andall, at a time as the political leader of the NDC and now is the Minister of Foreign Affairs, piloted the excellent point at a 2018 public forum on the Constitution, for amassing interests, efforts and resources to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Grenada's Independence on 07 February 2024 with the ushering in of a new Constitution.

Dickon obtains the political leadership of the NDC on 31 October 2021 and seems to know better, even behind-the-scenes deals including global developments with institutions such as the United Nations and the European Union, and to hold and convince differently about sovereignty, governance, democracy and of the political trajectory for Grenada; and thus abandons the aspirations and expectations of the locals, NDC party supporters as well as independent patriots, for 'applicable and meaningful' constitutional reforms.

As a matter of fact; the past article "Constitutionally Reset Grenada At The 50th Independence Jubilee" outlines the background for those reforms, but guesses as to Dickon's NDC having a strategic path of conspiracy against the sovereign constituents with 'narrow and superficial' reforms for self-serving persons.

Moreover, whilst Chairperson of the National Organising Committee for the Golden Jubilee, Dr. Wendy Crawford-Daniel proclaims that Grenadians are at a point now 'ready to rewrite and define their history; ready to embrace their heritage, culture, people and lives; to define themselves as Grenadians; and to develop their own national identity free from external influence or definition', it seems that the Prime Minister is not enthused and ready to embark on those sovereign undertakings.

Dickon Mitchell discovers and declares that Grenada's 1974 existing constitutional system is outdated and counterproductive to democracy and that it doesn't lead to good governance but can be exploited for political advantage.

He further expounds that there is no real or true separation of the Legislature from the Executive and thus concludes that the idea that the Executive is accountable to the Legislature is in many instances a complete and total myth, in which the Executive could in fact end up with Absolute Power or near absolute power and even create a new Constitution with its own political terms and agendas.

His position confirms and complements the sentiments of the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and The Grenadines, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, who had delivered the 4th Annual Sir Archibald Nedd Memorial Public Lecture on the topic: "Prime Ministers Under Commonwealth Caribbean Constitution, Too Much, or Too Little Power?"

That is, on 28 February 2002, Gonsalves profoundly highlights the more than twenty aspects of "extraordinary dominance" which the Prime Ministers of countries like Grenada, exercise in the political sphere of the country's management, and exclaims, "I have come to realize Power is an Illusion."

Prime ministerial power in these societies is largely an administrative power to do evil". The comments by Dickon Mitchell to the question about having a commitment by the NDC's Government to undertake a process towards constitutional reforms must be condemned as 'offensive and annoying' to the intelligence and sovereignty of the Grenadian people;

whilst indeed affirming the public thinking of "our politicians just want the constitution of the politicians" to consolidate and abuse State power.

In seeking to be 'impressive and genuine' about not venturing for a constitutional referendum as a priority within the 'five-year' tenure, further to the 'unfounded and unmerited' reason offered that the political Opposition would take the undertaking to "play political football."

Dickon continues with the other main excuse which is in the form of 'shifting the goal post'.

He is quoted as saying: "... the conversation about a constitution by and for the people requires in my view, deep fundamental conversations; it requires education and it requires providing options. It requires actually saying to people there is the Westminster style, there is the American style, there is the Singaporean model, there is the Chinese model, there is the PRG

model.

He went on to say: "Let us talk about all ah them; let us educate ourselves about and then decide whether one or combination of them is better suited for us. That requires deep educating; public consciousness; and a willingness for the political parties to sit down face to face together and have those conversations."

"If that is not going to happen, we probably will have 200 referenda and nothing will pass, because whoever in Opposition will say I ain't supporting it, because they just don't want the Government achieve something, and when the Government goes into Opposition they will continue the same thing ... so my answer is, it is unlikely ... but from an education point of view and about having the conversation about what type of Government we need for Grenada over the next fifty years, I am happy to have the conversation and to be an advocate for that

process ...".

It is imperative for Dickon to be further challenged as to whether or not he is acquainted with and accepts the 2014 documentation "Recommendations By Grenada Constitution Review Commissions" by Dr. Francis Alexis for Grenada's Constitution Reform Advisory Committee; the 2002 publication Caribbean Constitutional Reform/Rethinking the West Indian Polity", and the thesis "Re-drafting The Grenada Constitution" by the late Professor Simeon C.R. McIntosh; as well as the 2016 two-part article by Claudette Joseph, currently the Attorney General, on "Constitution Reform: The Process & The Announcement of Referendum Date", taking for a credible, transparent and consensus based process.

It should not escape all Grenadians that whilst Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell promotes that 'the conversation about a constitution by and for the people requires deep fundamental conversations, deep educating, public consciousness, providing options, and a willingness for the political

parties to sit down face to face together and have those conversations'; the Samoa Agreement was allowed or instructed to be signed without the 'knowledge and examination and understanding' of the masses.

Most 'disgraceful and disrespectful' about the situation is that the 'controversial' signing on 22 November 2023 by Grenada's Resident Ambassador in the Kingdom of Belgium, Raphael Joseph, was done even without the Prime Minister having read the Agreement to determine its fitness for Grenada's jurisdiction.

The more than 400-page 'comprehensive document' of this new Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its member states, and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, would be "legally binding", with its ratification likely in contravention of the Constitution.

J. K. Roberts



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McKenzie: “We run the police force based on merit, not colour”

Acting Commissioner of Police Don McKenzie has reacted to allegations that the latest batch of promotions within the Royal Grenada Police Force (RGPF) favoured officers aligned to the main opposition New National Party (NNP) over those known to be supporters of the Congress government of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell.

In an interview with *THE NEW TODAY*, McKenzie said that there are general guidelines regarding selecting officers for promotion and that each department has its own respective guidelines as well.

“There is a legal document called regulations that speaks to the process that has been



Senior Officers within RGPF in the company of the newly promoted Sergeants and Corporals

applied here and that is the product of that process,” he said.

Several officers who were overlooked for promotion claimed that the High Command selected a number of persons who were identified as NNP supporters but soon after the June 2022 general election switched over to the National Democratic Congress (NDC) of the

new Prime Minister.

According to Commissioner McKenzie, the new regulations have been put in place to rectify certain issues that have plagued the promotion process in the past but he was not specific.

However, the island's chief cop acknowledged that there will be “teething problems” that will come with the new process, thus the potential delay.

“The process can take a while. This promotion was as I said, it was like a brand new promotion. If you recall that there were a number of persons (who) had



Commissioner of Police Don McKenzie



ASP Glen Charles – delivered a few encouraging words

appealed,” he said.

“... It was a new piece of regulation and it was

the very first time that we actually tried it. You would have teething problems. What has happened today is as a result of the processing of the appeals... it's almost like we tried to remedy the situation and that's it,” he added.

During last Friday's ceremony at the Special Services Unit (SSU) camp at Point Salines, twelve Corporals were promoted to Sergeants while twenty one Constables were promoted to the rank of Corporal.

The Commissioner was at pains to point out that RGPF is committed to rewarding officers based on merit and not one's political affiliation.

“We run the police force based on merit not colour...anybody who thinks that they are not well represented or the case was not considered, talk to me - show me your merit on which you make those claims.

“...I believe that as we have seen in the past, when you go the road of colour, colour changes over time. A person's career can span forty plus years. The politician cycle in terms of an election cycle is five years. We prefer to invest on merit...that is the criteria.”

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

GRENADA
CLAIM NO.: GDAHCV2023/
BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

MARLANE LEONORA MELLOR
(Executrix of the Estate of Alfred Dominic Norris Mark)
APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

WHEREAS the Applicant **Marlane Leonora Mellor** of Mt. Rodney in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada, Retiree, by her application for the estate of Alfred Dominic Norris Mark filed in the High Court on the 27th day of December 2023 claim that Alfred Dominic Norris Mark, deceased acquired title by more than Twelve (12) years adverse possession of the lot of land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

NOW all persons claiming interest in the said lot of land are required to enter an Appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her Legal Practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the Newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL that lot piece or parcel of land situate at Mount Rodney in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement **Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two Square Feet (8,872 Sq. Ft.)** English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as follows: on the first side by the Public Road, on the second side by lands of the Applicant the said Marlane Leonora Mellor, on the third side by lands of Audrey Mitchell, on the fourth side by lands of Raphael Rocastle and on the fifth or remaining side by a River as shown on the Plan or Diagram drawn by Licensed Land Surveyors Fred Belfon and Associates which said Plan or Diagram is marked “M2” and exhibited with the application for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

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Now in a trance and with age in advance, the field around is deserting his grasping political stance. It's the sudden jolt of delmatisation which is creating havoc in his mind..

Oh! How the spectra of arrogance now shines! Yet, time has a way of bringing joy where there was fear or disdain. Suddenly from nowhere, a new kid- on-the-block comes out of the cracks. WOW, what a Smack! no, a Whack.

But history is replete with such kinds, whence their future is going, going, gone... and never satisfied with the new political brawn.

Let it be said he fought the fight and succumbed to the battle then finally lost his political Galleon only to be replaced by a spirited Stallion. As it comes around, fifty years is indeed an awesome milestone which the writer witnessed

from inception in 74 to 24. What a great period of time in Grenada history to have had the God-given opportunity to observe, first hand. One that crystallised, enhanced and portrayed the inherent beauties of the remarkable Isles of Spice.

A land of great promise for its people, a future that is fertile, a leadership imbued with the essence of moral rectitude and a culture of GOD consciousness, indeed, an essential component of nation building.

Hail Grenadian! ... Now that your land is independent for fifty years, what is your calling? For, in the annals of human history, fifty speaks to maturity. The time is now, not later, but now... to sharpen your axes, engage your ploughshares, subdue your weighty egos, use your talents for innovation and creativity and get to work... cleaning, painting and building the sidewalks where you once use to lime, a relic of the past.

It is the time to improve our health ... mental and physical, to reduce or abstain from hallucinatory substances. They are harmful to body, mind, soul and the nation's health sector. You can ease its current burdens, not add to it. It is a form of "patriotism" if you can

give up bad habits for the national good, to advance productivity and work ethics.

No administration can do-it- alone. Let sobriety be the order of the day by putting to rest that thirst for a drink. The developed nations did not reach their advanced state of modernisation by being intoxicated by drugs, they needed a clean bill of health, a stable mind to imbibe that get-up-and-go spirit before the rising of the sun, much like the industrious people of Singapore and Taiwan.

In the years ahead, in the face of global uncertainty, you may be required to be self-reliant. Growing what we eat and eating what we grow is fundamental to reducing foreign exchange leakage and what if war is the cause for limited cargo arrivals.

It is the tools for development in your hands that will make the difference in building furniture out of bamboo for export, making trinkets from local corals, sewing colourful scarves to put out on display and weaving/painting coconut hats, some for the male, female and the kids.

The watchwords are primarily, creativity and productivity, as is time management which must be endorsed by every public, private, union, civic and ecumenical leader.



Rehashing these fundamentals overtime can bolster the impact nationally.

And with the advent of oil and gas, our petroleum engineering students should already be enrolled in sufficient numbers whilst the selected young can be sent to the Marauibo fields or the newly found Exxon sites in Guyana.

That said, let's make our New Year's resolution utterly meaningful by changing course to a sustainable and purposeful lifestyle for the good and betterment of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique. The "doh watch that" attitude has expired. It is now a new beginning. AMEN.

THE WICKET KEEPER

"Occupational Health & Safety"

Dear Editor

In the introduction to the above captioned article in the December 22nd issue of the New Today, you stated that: "THE NEW TODAY has been able to obtain a comprehensive report on OSH that was done by a retired senior employee in the Ministry of Labour Reginald Lord that focused on OSH at the workplace."

I wish to inform you that the above statement is incorrect; the document was not done by the abovementioned individual.

The document which you printed in the article is the OSH Policy which was done in collaboration with a number of local stakeholders, assisted by the ILO Office in Trinidad and their Consultant, Mr Ariel Pino.

As Permanent Secretary

at the Ministry of Labour during that period, Mr Pino, worked diligently with the Ministry of Labour in the final preparation of the OSH Policy.

The Preamble to the document, the OSH Policy, gives a clear indication as to the activities leading up to creation of the document.

While the aforementioned individual was involved in the consultations and the Sept 28, 2018 Seminar leading to the development of the document, he was NOT the creator of the OSH POLICY.

The OSH POLICY and/or its excerpts, which you printed in your newspaper, is available at the Ministry of Labour and the Policy document also gives the list of stakeholders involved in its development. A copy of the Policy is also available at the ILO's Office in Trinidad.

N.B. Also available at the Ministry of Labour is a Power Point Presentation (with pictures), listing the requirements necessary when an applicant is applying for a work permit. The presentation was developed to be aired as is on television or it can be converted into a video by GIS as necessary.

A Work Permit Procedural Manual is also available at the Ministry. These information/documents were developed during my tenure at the Ministry of Labour.

The importance of fact checking information is becoming extremely urgent in this modern technological era. Thank you.

Lima Frederick (Ms.)
Permanent Secretary
(Ret.)
Ministry of Labour

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IN THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL LINCOLN SANDIFORD
LATE OF THE BOCAS, ST. GEORGE, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by G.C. Date & Associates of St. John Street, St. George's Grenada, Mailing Address P.O. Box 3160, St. George's, Grenada for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant Rachael Shirleen Phillip who is the daughter of the Deceased, Samuel Lincoln Sandiford, he having died intestate on the 28th day of September 2023.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 13th day of December 2023

Sandina G. Date
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant

This Application is filed by G.C. Date & Associates, Attorneys-at-Law, Address for Service Unit #1 Grencoda Building, St. John Street, St. George's Grenada, Mailing Address P.O. Box 3160, St. George's, Grenada, Legal Practitioners for the Applicant; Telephone: (473) 404-4549, (240) 200-8578, email: info@gcdatelaw.com.

The court office is at Church Street, Saint George's, Grenada, Tel. No. 440-1825, Fax No. 440-6695. The office is open between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Three Cheers For Those Who Bring a Dream to Life

This special time of year calls out to one and all, to see within ourselves a spirit of charity and bliss, to give to one another a hug, a hand shake and a kiss, while memories of the past play in our minds' eyes as well.

Your clever thoughts have created a future well devised, and many people will benefit from the divine. The efforts and plans you have made are at hand, so lay back for now and enjoy your family and friends.

For a New Year is upon us that brightens each day, and your emotions and determination will create great things. A restaurant, bakery, office place or factory are created by hand, and the efforts of all may well excel, or fall flat upon itself, but those who create risk much to benefit everyone else.

Working for yourself has a truly hidden meaning indeed, for do you work for your own benefit, or for others perhaps, partner, family, community at best, others always benefit. To create and bring to life a hope and a dream, that is what ownership in business truly means.

No matter the economic environment, political ideology too, there is always someone farming, building and harvesting too. A clapping hand for those who invest in themselves each day, hoping upon hope for a brighter, more attractive profitable Way.

Steven Kaszab
Bradford, Ontario

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THE ‘FAMILY AFFAIR’ FOR 50

Creative Director for Grenada's 50th anniversary celebration Richardo Keens-Douglas has outlined the series of cultural events planned to commemorate the nation's 50th anniversary of Independence on February 7, 2024.

Speaking at a press conference in St George, Keens-Douglas told reporters that the event will be held under the theme, "One People, One Journey, One Future".

He said that one of the major events on the card is the Independence Calypso Monarch competition in which the semi-finals will be held on January 20 and the finals one week later.

"Prizes have gone up this year for the 50th and it is \$15,000 for the first prize, \$12,000 for the second prize, \$10,000 for the third prize, and \$8,000 for the fourth



Richardo Keens-Douglas – given the job of Creative Director for the 50th anniversary celebration

prize.

According to Keens-Douglas, the prizes on offer "is only happening for this year" and he called on the nation's calypsonians to participate in this "wonderful experience."

The renowned Grenadian writer disclosed that many activities will be occurring on Independence Day, February 7 such as the annual military parade, cultural presentation, and fireworks.

He said that Grenadians should expect to see some surprises between the parade and the fireworks.

"...There is going to be a lot of excitement happening. I don't really want to give away anything but you know whenever we're doing things (expect) a lot of surprises. I'm going to advise people to come early, dress in your beautiful

colors," he told reporters.

Keens-Douglas described the event as a "family affair" and stressed that it will be "a wonderful experience because it is 50 years which is once in a lifetime to experience this."

The Nutmeg Princess author encouraged persons to come to the national stadium at Queen's Park and have a great time while celebrating the country's independence because it is "something you don't want to miss."

He announced that folk music, dance, poetry, drumming and folklore will be on display under the starlight in St. George's as the event "Folk In The Town" will be held on February 8 in the city.

Speaking of the beauty of St George, the island's leading Creative Director said: "We have got one of the most beautiful

towns in the Caribbean which is the St. George's town. So we are turning that town into a folk festival performance. There will be a wonderful stage on the Esplanade..."

"I don't want to give away too much. It's just going to be an exciting thing. It's going to be pan, it's going to be folk singing, it's going to be everything. It's an experience. It's happening under the stars."

The top storyteller said he wants spectators to reminisce on past times as they watch the event unfold, adding that it will be an "exciting event."

"It's something you want to come to and something you (will) remember and you'll bring the olden days and what it used to be like, you know when we were growing up with the folk songs and the folk dancing and the story telling," he remarked.

Keens-Douglas also told reporters that the sound of steel pan will be rung throughout the harbour in St. George as Pan 50 will be held on February 10.

THE NEW TODAY understands that eight steel pans will be participating in the event.

The Creative Director said: "We have one of the most picturesque harbours in the world, the Saint George's Harbour ... So on that night which is the tenth...it's called Pan 50 and it's a celebration of pan, strictly pan, no DJs nothing (but) just pan and it's a foodfest as well. All the local cuisine that we have in Grenada and Carriacou and Petite Martinique - all of that will be displayed around the whole Carénage."

He was at pains to point out that only pan will be played during the event exclusively as jewelers and crafts people will be present to display their products.

"And it is going to be pan music for a change because pan is so incredible to us. It is a very important part of our culture and it's very important to celebrate pan," said Keens-Douglas.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT
NO. 22 OF 2016

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

MERLE ADOLPHUS

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

WHEREAS MERLE ADOLPHUS of the Glen in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada by her application filed in the High Court on the 12th day of October 2023 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Constantine in the parish of Saint George and State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Square Feet (9,360 sq. ft.) which is bounded as follows: on one side by the Grand Etang Road, on another side by lands Now or Formally of the Estate of F.A Cobb, on another side by lands Formally of the Estate of N.B Munro, and on the remaining side lands of Amariah Andrew James and shown on the plan marked "M" and drawn by Licensed Land Surveyor David S. Abraham on the 23rd of March, 2022.

Dated this 15th day of October 2023

Joshua Phillip

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
OF GRENADA

This Notice is filed by Duncan Phillip & Associates, Old Fort, St. George's, Grenada.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF
POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

DOUGLAS JOSEPH THOMAS

APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

NOTICE

Whereas DOUGLAS JOSEPH THOMAS of Gouyave Estate in the parish of St. John in the State of Grenada, a retiree, by his application filed in the High Court on October 23rd, 2023 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the schedule to this notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of Possessory Title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of this Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE LOT 1

ALL THAT LOT piece or parcel of land situate at Gouyave Estate in the parish of Saint John One Acre Two Roods and 10 Poles (1 Ac. 2 Rds. 10 Pls.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bounded as the same is delineated and described in the plan or diagram thereof marked "DT" bounded as follows by its many sides Alison Andrew, Evelyn Williams, Bernadette Williams, Rupert Roberts, Judy Howell and Gregory Wilson and shown on the plan dated the 30th day of December 2020 by Godwin Alexis, Licensed Land Surveyor.

Joshua Phillip
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT
OF GRENADA

SISTER ISLES CATERS FOR ALL IN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

Carriacou and Petite Martinique have embarked on festivities as it joins the mainland in celebrating the country's fiftieth anniversary of Independence, according to Parish Lead for Carriacou and Petite Martinique Amanda Jack.

Speaking at a press conference last week Thursday, Jack said that the two sister islands have already begun engaging in various activities enroute to the island's Independence on February 7, 2024.

It was disclosed that persons came together in a session to engage in discussions regarding the Possessory Title Act with attorney-at-law and former Magistrate George Prime who was the Feature speaker.

Jack told reporters that the intention was to spark a deeper understanding of the Act and how it affects the lives of people.

"We have had our first event - a Town Hall, the H.A. Blaize lecture series on the topic the Possessory Title Act... Right after the New Year's... we are going to have a health fair and walk on Sunday, January 7," she said.

This event will see persons walking from Windward to Hillsborough.

Jack disclosed that the young people on the sister isles will also have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge in the Primary School quiz as part of the planned 50th anniversary activities.

"After that we roll straight into our Primary School quiz. Preliminary rounds will be Tuesday, the 9th with the finals being Thursday the 11th," she said.

January 14 has been dubbed "Petite Martinique Day" as part of the plans to ensure that the smallest of the three islands is not left out of the jubilee celebrations.

"We are having what we call Petite Martinique Day... It will start off with a church service and close off with a family fun day at the playing field," said Jack.

In addition, Petite



Amanda Jack - Parish Lead for Carriacou and Petite Martinique

Martinique will also host Marquis week at the end of January.

THE NEW TODAY understands that persons will get the opportunity to display their athletic skills at the Lauriston Mini Stadium on January 19, 2024.

Jack also spoke of plans to hold an Ecumenical Service on January 21.

She said: "We invite all worshippers, all Carriacounians in a show of unity, thanksgiving and praise to our Mini stadium again for our Ecumenical Church service as we thank God for keeping us for the past fifty and we ask him to continue to direct our steps for the next fifty."

According to Jack, the Jubilee celebration has sparked the reemergence of the best village competition on the small island.

"What we have done is divide Carriacou and Petite Martinique into nine zones that will be judged based on food, culture and on beautification. We crown our best village winner to represent Carriacou and Petite Martinique on the national stage."

Jack implored Carriacounians and Petite Martiniquians to submit potential awardees for The

ous part of its culture. "We will see our military parade and various aspects of our culture

on show closing off the night with a Calypso show," she told reporters.

In April 2024, the island will resume Independence activities with a Secondary School debate as well as an event called "Visit Us" which is a "cultural explosion and food fest."

Jack stated that the activities surrounding the island's jubilee cele-

bration will cater for everyone regardless of their respective age.

"...Something for the old, something for the young, something for the sports enthusiast, the nature enthusiast or just someone who wants (to) join us and celebrate."

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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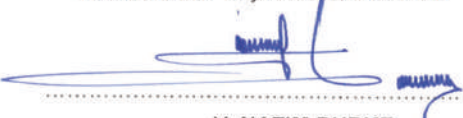
(Rule 15)

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **ALBERT ROBIN JAMES** of Happy Hill in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, for a Grant of:

Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the lawful husband of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 06th day of February 2011.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 06th day of December 2022


V. NAZIM BURKE

Filed by V. Nazim Burke of Lex Fidelis Chambers, Legal Practitioner for the Administrator, whose address for Service is: Suite 2, 1193 Upper Church Street, St. George's, Grenada. Tel: 440 3315; Fax: 440 3313; Email: burke@lexfidelischambers.com

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Development and Implementation of an Intranet Solution

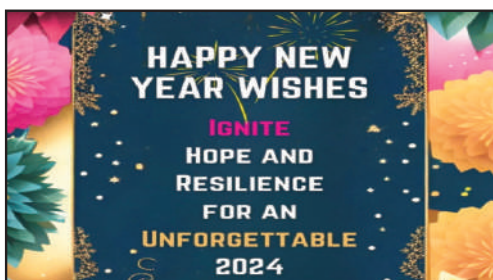
The National Insurance Board (NIB) is seeking proposals from suitably qualified firms for the development and implementation of an Intranet Solution for the NIB.

Proposals must be in accordance with the instructions and specifications contained in the Request for Proposal which can be obtained at no cost, at the office of the National Insurance Scheme, Melville Street, St. George's.

Interested persons can obtain the Request for Proposal by contacting Ms. Roxanne James via email address: execsecretary@nibgrenada.org.

Any questions or clarification relating to this Request for Proposal should be submitted in writing via the same email address.

**Proposals must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on or before
Friday January 12th, 2024.**



NCC HEAD ENCOURAGES ECO-FRIENDLY PRACTICES FOR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

National Celebrations Committee (NCC) Chairperson Jacqueline Alexis has urged Grenadians at home and in the diaspora to take a proactive approach as Grenada's jubilee celebration approaches.

"It is an exciting time for our country. We are expecting a lot of visitors from away; a lot of nationals returning. We are expecting that everything we showcase will be livestreamed. We want to encourage citizens to please look at beautifying and enhancing our environment," Alexis told reporters at a press conference last week Thursday.

Although redecorating should be prioritised, she implored upon Grenadians the need to focus on sustainabil-

ity practices in the midst of decorating various communities.

She promoted the value of recycling in the decoration process due to climate change that is impacting the world.

"We want to look beyond the painting which of course is wonderful but we want to look beyond and think more about what is environmentally friendly especially during this time of climate change, what is environmentally friendly, what can we recycle and how can we beautify in a creative way," she said.

Alexis stressed that Grenadians should become more community centric and find different ways to make their respective communities stand out in



Jacqueline Alexis – the current head of the National Celebrations Committee

the activities planned for the Silver Jubilee.

"We are asking citizens to think about what you can do to enhance your community. Get involved with parish groups, mobilize and get involved with your village and your community and look at how you could enhance and beautify and make your community a spectacle to behold.

"When visitors come in they could turn and say, 'Look I used to live here and look what has happened in that area and in that space.'"

The NCC Chairperson announced that the cleanup initiatives will begin this month in the various communities.

However, she noted that some persons have already begun the process as early as during the Christmas weekend cleaning up the St. George's Market.

"We are really excited about this. We will be having a two day cleanup campaign so

there will be an opportunity to dispose of your larger materials, your larger garbage if you like so that all these things are off the side of the road or out of your yards," she said.

The NCC Chairperson called upon the business community to put up their Independence decorations as soon as possible as the island gears up for the upcoming jubilee celebrations.

Alexis also encouraged business persons to cooperate with workers who will be putting up the decorations throughout the island.

"We (are) not waiting for the first of January. You will start to see from next week the national decorations going up around the country.

"...Let's get the excitement going. Let's move towards getting our national decorations up. We are really encouraging the business community to please support that process."

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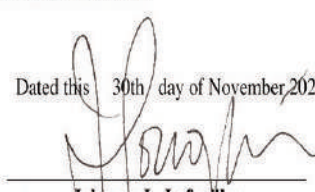
IN THE ESTATE OF ESTER FRANCIS WILLIAMS, LATE OF GRAND ANSE, ST.
GEORGE, GRENADA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR
GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jerome Samuel of Vincence in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada for a Probate of the Last Will and Testament of the above-named deceased who died on the 13th day of November 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date 18th August 2022 wherein the Applicant is one of named the Sole Executrix thereof.

Any persons having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the Applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2023.


Johan L. Lafouille
CARICOM Attorneys
Attorneys at Law for the Applicant

Filed by CARICAOM Attorneys, Le Phare Bleu Marina, Calivigny St. George's, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

The Court Office is at Church Street in the Parish of Saint George, Telephone: 473-440 2030/0870, Fax: 473-440-6695. The Office is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday except Public Holidays.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

GRENADA
CLAIM NO. GDAHCV 2023/
BETWEEN:

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF
POSSESSORY TITLE OF LAND

JUDY THOMAS
(As Executrix in the Estate of Imelda Toussaint (also known as Albertina Stephen also known as Albertina Stephens))

APPLICANT

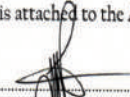
APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas JUDY THOMAS of Fort Jeudy in the parish of Saint George in the State of Grenada, Retired Banker, by her application filed in the High Court on the 22nd day of November, 2023 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of possessory title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of the Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

All that lot piece or parcel of land situate at La Taste in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement One Acre (1 Ac.) One Rood (1 Rd.) Five Poles (5 Pls.) English Statute Measure and abutted and bound by its many sides by the Lands of Anita Daley, Government of Grenada, and Two Allowed Roads as shown on the plan drawn by Fred Belfon, Licensed Land Surveyor which said plan is attached to the Application herein.


Registrar
Supreme Court
Grenada

The court office is at York House, Church Street, Saint George's Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except on Public Holidays.1111

Oliver Joseph backing Peter David

Former Foreign Minister Oliver Joseph is backing attorney-at-law Peter David to take over from the aging Dr. Keith Mitchell as the new Political Leader of the New National Party (NNP).

According to a top party insider, Joseph has pledged his support for David, the former Agriculture Minister, to take over as head of the party which suffered a 9-6 defeat to the National Democratic Congress (NDC) in general elections held 18 months ago.

He said that Joseph who holds the position of Party Chairman at NNP Executive meetings, believes that the time has come for Dr. Mitchell who will be 80 at the next election, to demit office and allow the party to elect a younger person as leader.

The party insider told THE NEW TODAY that the ex-Foreign Minister



Oliver Joseph – considered a key ally of Peter David

believes that David is the most suitable candidate to be given the task of Political Leader at this point in time given the dirt of quality leadership in the party.

Joseph is the most senior member of the NNP to be associated

with David's campaign to be elected at the next convention as Political Leader of the island's main opposition party.

He said the Keith Mitchell camp does not see Joseph's defection to David as one that will hurt them at the con-

vention.

He pointed out that the ex-Prime Minister believes that he is still "very much in control" of the NNP and is determined to keep out David from the top job in the party.

He said that Dr. Mitchell is in control of most of the constituencies on the island including St. Mark, St John, St. George North-west, St George North-east, St George South-east, South St George, St. Andrew North-east, St Andrew South-east, and St Andrew South-west.

The party insider indicated that the current NNP boss still holds "the key" in his hands as regards the person to be elected as the new NNP Political Boss since he is in the position unlike David to influence the date to be set for the convention.

Speculation is rife that the date for the next

NNP Convention could be sometime in the late 2024 or early next year.

The Keith Mitchell/Peter David battle for control of the NNP has resulted in a major split in the once dominant party.

Former Social Development Minister Delma Thomas who defected from NNP to join the Government Side in Parliament in 2023 told her supporters at a public meeting that Dr. Mitchell had instructed her to "curse" David for being the one who wanted "to mash up" the NNP due to his ambition to become the new party boss.

Thomas, the Member of Parliament for St Andrew North-west, has been warning David to be on guard as they will be coming after him.

According to the source, Dr. Mitchell has been working quietly behind the scene and recruiting a number of



Peter David – still making moves to contest for the position of Political Leader of NNP

young persons as new entrants into the party to be considered as possible candidates in the next election.

He declined to give names but said that at least six new persons have already been approached and accepted the offer to join the NNP.

THE NEW TODAY

understands that the NNP is planning to reshuffle the Senators in the Upper House of Parliament shortly after the new Executive is put in place after the convention.

The insider said that Sen. Katisha Douglas will be a casualty given her lackluster performance in Parliament.

Goalkeeper Phil Wheddon arrives in Grenada, know deets

A famous Goalkeeper and Coach, Phil Wheddon, has arrived in Grenada to conduct the "Goalkeepers and Goalkeepers Coaches Clinics" from Wednesday to Saturday at Queen's Park. He was welcomed by the football association with greetings and a brief ceremony.

Grenada Football Association is all set to kick off 2024 with a series of clinics with World-renowned goalkeeper coach Phil Wheddon. The clinics are aimed to provide professional training to the sports people with different sessions. It will also aid in the development of the sport and clubs of the football in Grenada.

Phil Wheddon is the director of Goalkeeping at Philadelphia Union with its great history in several international events. He is the only goalkeeper coach in history to have coached the US Men's and Women's National Team in a FIFA World Cup.

He has coached in three world cups and brought home two Olympic Gold Medals. As per his records, he trained several renowned athletes, such as Hope Solo, Briana Scurry, Tim Howard and Kasey Keller. His coach, Andre Blake- Jamaica's National Football Team's Captain, also won the 2022 Allstate MLS Goalkeeper of the Year award.



Goalkeeper Phil Wheddon arrives in Grenada, know deets

The schedule of the clinics has also been announced. The session will start on January 3, 2024, from 9 am to 12 noon. The session will feature the training of the national team, Goalkeeper Coaches and Goalkeepers.

On the second day, the sessions will be held at two different timings for goalkeeper coaches and club goalkeepers. The first session with goalkeeper coaches will be held from 9 am to 12 noon, while the second session with club goalkeepers from 4 pm to 7 pm.

The third day will feature sessions with all

secondary school goalkeepers from 2 pm to 5 pm, and the last day will consist of training with all goalkeepers and coaches from 9 am to 12 noon.

As per the football association, Wheddon will enhance the sporting skills of the footballers in Grenada and pave the path for professional and international levels.

Notably, the Grenada Football Association received training from coach Wheddon last year in November. The sessions of his coaching were held from November 11 to 15, 2022.



PROPERTIES FOR SALE

WOOLWICH, ST. GEORGE'S

Price - \$950,000.00

This gently sloping lot of land measures approximately 8,631 sq. ft. together with a building measuring 1,872 sq ft. It is located on Woolwich Road, St. George, an area mixed with residential and commercial properties. It is situated on the right-hand side of the public by-way travelling towards Archibald Avenue. It boasts of an excellent view of the Carenage, inner and outer St George's Harbour and Fort George.

YOUNG STREET, ST. GEORGE'S

Price - \$4,500,000.00

This flat lot of land measuring 11,284 sq. ft. together with a fixer upper building is located within the sub city of St. George, on one of the busiest streets in town, Young Street. Traditionally, Young Street has a number of business entities occupying this area and is ideally suited for commercial purposes. This area is considered high traffic and highly commercial.

GRAND ETANG ROAD, ST. GEORGE'S

Price - \$6,000,000.00

This property which measures 29,403 sq. ft. is located on Grand Etang Road. The area is both commercial and residential and is in close proximity to the central business district. The property has a magnificent view of the Carenage.

LA DIGUE, ST. ANDREW'S

Price - \$250,000.00

This lot of land, with an abandoned building measure 31,044 sq. ft. and is located in Fellon, La Digue in the parish of St. Andrew approximately three miles from Grenville. The lot has a panoramic view of the surrounding neighborhoods and a distant sea view. The access road is paved and all utilities which include water, electricity and telephone are available.

For further details please contact the investment department on telephone number: 440-3309 ext. 224 or 262 or email: nisgrenada@nisgrenada.org.

Appeal Court grants defence request in the Harbor Master issue

The Court of Appeal has given the greenlight to defense lawyers to challenge a ruling that went against them in the High Court in the Anderson Peters/Harbor Master incident in which the world Javelin champion was injured during the August 2022 Carnival festivities.

During a hearing on December 19, the lone Court of Appeal Justice Gerard Farara granted the defendants leave to appeal against the decision of Justice Agnes Actie on October 31, 2023 in which she ruled in favour of the Legal Team for the St Lucia-based vessel.

Attorneys Nyree Alfonso, and Asif Hosein Shaun of Trinidad along with Grenadian Dylan Charles challenged the court's jurisdiction to seize the boat after the incident on the grounds that the admiralty laws were not followed by their counterparts.

After Actie's ruling, Alfonso told reporters at a press conference that the application of the admiralty law was "the key thing in this case."

"...If you want to bring an in-realm claim against a vessel you must show that the ship is the tool that caused the damage," she said, while expressing the view that the matter should not have been brought before the court.

"What they have done is expose themselves to more damages... because if you arrest (or) take somebody's asset into the custody of the court, and deprive them of it you may also



Attorney Derick Sylvester – moved against the Vessel

have to pay damages for that deprivation of use of the assets," she remarked.

The Supreme Court Registry ordered the boat to remain in Grenadian waters following an application for its arrest by Attorney-at-law Derick Sylvester who has just left the island to accept a Judgeship in Belize.

Anderson Peters and his brother who filed the case are being represented in the matter by Attorneys Sylvester, and Kings Counsel Dr. Francis Alexis and Ruggles Ferguson.

Following is the ruling from the Court of Appeal on the application made by the defence lawyers:-



Anderson Peters – was at the centre of the brawl on the party boat

LOCAL NEWS

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

In the Court of Appeal

Grenada

GDAHCVAP2023/0036

BETWEEN:

1. Anderson Peters
2. Kiddon Peters

Applicants

and

MV Harbor Master and the Owners of and Parties interested in the Motor Vessel
'Harbour Master'

Respondent

ORDER

CHAMBERS

ON PAPER

BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE HON. MR. GERARD ST.C FARARA, JUSTICE OF APPEAL [AG.] on the 19th day of December 2023-

UPON READING the notice of application filed by the applicants on 21st November 2023 for leave to appeal against the decision of Actie J dated 31st October 2023;

UPON READING the affidavit of Anderson Peters with certificate of exhibits filed on 21st November 2023 in support of the application for leave to appeal;

UPON READING the judgment of Actie J dated 31st October 2023;

UPON READING the proposed grounds of appeal as set out in the draft notice of appeal exhibited to the affidavit in support of the notice of application;

UPON NOTING the submissions and list of authorities filed by the applicants on 4th December 2023;

AND UPON BEING OF THE VIEW that the applicants have met the threshold for the grant of leave to appeal in that the applicant's intended appeal has as a realistic prospect of success;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The application for leave to appeal against the decision of Actie J filed by the applicants on 21st November 2023 is granted.
2. The applicants shall file and serve the notice of appeal on the respondents within 21 days of the date of this order.
3. The appeal shall proceed in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules 2023 (Revised Edition)

Dated the 19th day of December 2023

BY THE COURT




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Resistance to EU agreement waning, nations signing on

By Bert Wilkinson

One of the Caribbean Community nations, which had vowed not to sign a controversial trade and aid pact between the European Union (EU) and its former colonies in Africa, The Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) has made an abrupt about face in a clear sign that most if not all regional member states will eventually cotton on to the new Samoa Agreement.

The Grenada government this week said it had signed the agreement, days after Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell had expressed concerns about some clauses in the deal that would have required regional governments to make concessions to same sex marriages,



Grenada PM Dickon Mitchell addresses town hall at Brooklyn College on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. (Photo by Nelson A. King/File)

gay rights and related issues according to some civil society groups.

A week ago, Jamaica, Trinidad, Antigua, Grenada and others had said they would not sign, but Vincentian Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves appeared to have spoken for those who have not signed or plan to do so shortly by arguing that there is nothing in the new agreement that prevents the Eastern Caribbean nation from signing on. The agreement was signed by more than 100 nations in Samoa on Nov. 15. It replaces the Cotonou Agreement that was signed in Benin back in 2000 and will similarly run for 20 years.

The Catholic Church and advocacy groups in the region had pointed to texts in the deal referring to no discrimination against any group based on sexual orientation as proof that the EU was committing the ACP to bending to their acceptance on same sex marriages among other issues.

Gonsalves said that "St Vincent has not signed onto any matter which demands of us that we alter our legislative provisions related to issues such as same-sex marriages regarding transgender."

There is no commitment for us to change our laws in relation to any of these matters." He also pointed out that only parliament can

change laws to accommodate same sex marriages as an example.

The known hold outs are Jamaica, Trinidad and Antigua with Jamaican authorities saying that they need greater consultation within "the domestic space" before signing on to the pact. Dominica, St. Kitts, Suriname, Guyana have already done so. The Keith Rowley administration in Trinidad has not said much but Catholic Bishop Jason Gordon has railed against the twin island republic with Tobago signing the pact as he thinks it links aid to acceptance of LGBTQ-Plus issues.

The agreement "is written as a trade agreement and an agreement of support, financially etc. for the African Caribbean and Pacific nations, embedded in that agreement and when it is signed it is for 20 years and cannot be revoked. Anyone who signs that agreement

will have abortion legislation in their countries. They will have to impose abortion legislation, transgender, LBGQT, comprehensive sex education, a whole range of values will be imposed because of the signing of that document," he added.

But from all appearances, the interpretation of the pact by PM Gonsalves will likely sway most if not all to sign before the six-month window closes. He said that Section 9 in the agreement speaks to no discrimination against minority groups like the disabled and "others, noting that sexual orientation is not specifically mentioned. "This paragraph doesn't mention sexual orientation. They may think that's what's included, but it is not there because there would have been objections to putting it explicitly and they will try to push their values which are not ours."

Magazine names Sheryl Lee Ralph, Kirani James 2023 Persons of the Year

A popular Caribbean magazine in the United States has named Jamaican-American Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph and Grenadian Olympian Kirani James Persons of the Year for 2023.

Herman Hall, the Grenadian-born publisher of the Brooklyn-based Everybody's Magazine, on Friday said Everybody's Person of the Year includes Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, New York City Mayor Eric Adams and Grenada's Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell.

He described Ralph as not only an actress but as a singer, producer, activist and "Jamaican to the bone," stating that she is "one of the most respected and admired women in the United States."

"When Miss Ralph sang 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' during the opening ceremonies at the 2023 Super Bowl, millions of Americans, including young Black people, thought it was a new song," Hall said. "They were oblivious that, for almost a century within African America, 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' was referred to as 'The Negro National Anthem' or 'Black National Anthem'."

He said the song, written in 1900 by James Weldon Johnson, was "rendered up to the 1960s to open meetings



A screengrab of Everybody's Magazine cover with the 2023 Persons of the Year, Jamaican-American Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph and Grenadian Olympian Kirani James.

of Black organisations." Until she came of age, Hall said "Sheryl Lee may have sung 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' with her dad, Stanley Ralph, or heard him rendering it at events in Uniondale, Long Island, NY, in churches and at West Indian organisations meetings in Harlem."

Ralph, who was born on December 30, 1956, in Waterbury, Connecticut, is the daughter of College Professor Stanley

Ralph and Jamaican Fashion Designer Ivy Ralph, O.D., creator of the kariba suit.

Raised between Mandeville, Jamaica, and Long Island, New York, Ralph is renowned for her performances on stage and screen.

Since 2021, she has starred as Barbara Howard on the ABC sitcom Abbott Elementary, receiving the Primetime Emmy Award for

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In Loving Memory



Emeritus obituary, Berean Bible Churches in Grenada, the Late Brother Benjamin Elijah Edwards (BEE) 2008, and now Sister Anastasia Madelene Edwards, née Holder, 2023.

Edwards, "Wilfred", Benjamin, Elijah Edwards, (AKA) BBJ, age 84, formerly of Woodlands, Grenada, sunset on Saturday March 15th 2008. He was one of Eight Siblings of Mr. Abraham & Mrs. Alice Edwards.

Edwards, Madelene, Anastasia, affectionately known as "Stac", formerly of Woodlands, Grenada, passed away Monday December 18th, 2023. She was One of 22 Siblings of Mr. Alan and Mrs. Rose Holder.

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Elijah Edwards, were the first couple to offer their Home and Sanctuary Tent dwelling on the Birthing of the Berean Bible Churches in Grenada in 1962. Their seed Faith took deep roots in Grenada, USA, England and Canada. Both Brother and Sister Edwards attended Mome Jaloux RC School. They fell in love and was married on December 29th, 1949 and birthed six children: Vincent (expired before age one), Patricia, Alison, Joan, Jennifer and Treva Emanuel Edwards.

Benjamin Elijah Edwards was one of twenty-one WWII Veterans for Grenada, who served Britain in the USA, Mediterranean Bay and Egypt. After WWII Service, Benjamin Elijah Edwards returned to Grenada. He worked for Cable and Wireless as one of the Manager Tech II Electrician for four decades. His wife Anastasia worked briefly as an Accountant for "The Padeo". After the Birthing of their first Child, Anastasia became a full time Homemaker and Accountant for her Family for her entire Life span after the passing of her husband in 2008.

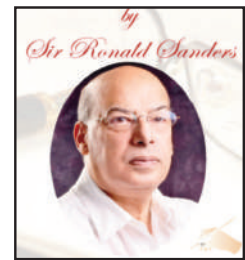
In 1962 both Benjamin Elijah Edwards and Anastasia Madelene Edwards, christened their Home for full time Ministry including five Families that faithfully attended: the Briggs, Bruno's, Neptunes, Decoster, Quash Family and out of town Guests. Anastasia's talents were many- Chef, Seamstress, Music Appreciation, Hospitality, caring for the Elderly and Committee Planner for Berean Bible Churches Celebrations.

Together as Partners in Business, Brother and Sister Edwards in their lifespan, their Seed Faith roots birthed in Grenada, six Berean Bible Churches, The Christian Bookstore, Tropical Haven Bible Camp and "Love of Jesus Church" in New Jersey.

After the passing of Brother Benjamin Elijah Edwards, Sister Anastasia Madelene Edwards continued and served in full time Ministry with their last son, Treva Emmanuel Edwards and siblings with "Love of Jesus for five years. Beloved Wife, Mother, Grand Mother and Great Grand Mother, loved to entertain and write Letters. She has written over 400 Letters to her daughter while she was in College. Brother and Sister Edwards were a loving and caring couple. They loved to read the Bible and served the Woodlands Community wherever and whenever the need arises.

After the Passing of Brother Edwards in 2008, Anastasia Madelene Edwards remained a devoted wife, prayer warrior, Mother and Friend in the Woodlands Community. She has passed the Baton to their last two Children to complete the work in Ministry and servant Leadership. Minister, Dr. Jennifer Veronica Edwards- Nixon and Minister Treva Emmanuel Edwards.

Smallness and separateness will not do



As we stand at the threshold of 2024, gazing upon the dawn of a new year with uncertainty, the time has come for a profound reflection on the trajectory of the 15 Caribbean nations constituting the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). This juncture prompts the nations of the region to take stock of the strides made, recognise the opportunities neglected in the pursuit of individual sovereignty, and confront the dual challenge

of advancing domestic well-being while strengthening their global standing. In this pivotal moment, it is evident that the more pressing threats to CARICOM's progress emanate not solely from climate change, but primarily from the lack of social cohesion and political consensus both within CARICOM nations and between them. The choice before CARICOM countries now is the same one that has always confronted them: either pursue a closer union that would make them stronger together or a march alone, knowing they would assuredly be weaker, but hoping and gambling on good fortune to muddle through. So far, CARICOM countries, or at least, their political leader-

ship, have gambled on their ingenuity to maintain the trappings of sovereignty while conceding autonomy to external forces, which, for one reason or another, prop them up, but maintain their dependence. Since the 1960s, when Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, and Barbados embarked on separate pathways of independence, they and the other CARICOM countries that followed them, have had fluctuating periods of economic and social development, but none of them has become independent. They have paid a steep price for cherishing individual sovereignty, manifested in their smallness and in their lack of capacity to exercise influence in the world. The reality is stark: despite commendable

strides on the domestic front, CARICOM nations remain on the fringes of global significance. Economic growth, for the majority, is stunted, shackled by burdensome levels of unsustainable debt. External shocks, such as the reverberations of the COVID-19 pandemic and the volatility of commodity prices, further strain their fiscal capacities. The opportunity missed lies in the aftermath of the dissolution of the West Indian Federation, as each nation opted for the allure of self-reliance. They made the mistake that the United States of America did not. As US historian Carol Berkin put it, the 13 former British colonies formed a union "on the firm conviction that a strong government representing all the peo-

ples of a Federal State was the surest path to economic growth and prosperity, to civil law and order, and to winning the respect and recognition from foreign nations necessary to insure America's continued independence". And so, it turned out to be. While over the years, in recognition of their weakness, CARICOM countries have established joint institutions and collective machinery, they have fallen short of creating a legally binding, political umbrella that would be an effective instrument for dealing with critical domestic and foreign challenges. Importantly, CARICOM leaders failed to do what the founding fathers of the US knew to be essential. They failed to do the hard work of governance which is to create a nationalism built on shared identity as citizens of a united Caribbean. Thus, the pursuit of separate sovereignties still hampers the strength of CARICOM countries in economic, financial, and diplomatic arenas. None should believe that periods of economic good fortune that reflects itself in episodes of economic growth are sufficient when underlying structures of weakness remain. Eventually, it is the fundamental weaknesses, not the occasional successes that determine national viability. CARICOM needs to reignite the flame of genuine independence. To do so CARICOM countries must reevaluate the concept of a Caribbean Single Market and Economy, fostering regional cooperation that transcends national borders. In addition to external challenges, CARICOM

countries face a significant hurdle in the form of internal political rivalries both within individual states and among the member nations. The relentless pursuit of political power and influence often takes precedence over the crucial need for social cohesion and national consensus - foundational elements for achieving fair and balanced regional development. While diverse opinions on policy matters are essential in democratic societies, the detrimental practice of dismissing opposing views solely for narrow political gains undermines the very essence of progress. It becomes imperative to recognise that prioritising regionalism over nationalism is the key to fostering growth, fortifying economies, and building the necessary capacity for true independence. A looming concern threatening Caribbean stability is the alarming surge in gang-related violence, prominently evident in Haiti. The cultivation of gangs is not merely a local predicament but a symptom of organised crime seeking to destabilise the Caribbean as hubs for illicit activities. Addressing this menace necessitates a united front, built upon social cohesion and national consensus, lest it becomes an insurmountable impediment to economic and political integration. The time is opportune for leaders across CARICOM, spanning government, opposition parties, the private sector, unions, and academia, to reignite the vision of deeper integration. The emphasis should unequivocally be to pursue regional development and national interests on

parallel tracks, recognising that each can contribute to the other. Pursuing national concerns to the exclusion of regional development is self-defeating. Except for Haiti, the lessons ingrained in CARICOM's shared history since the 1930s, underscore the significance of interdependence, preserving a distinctive Caribbean identity, and collectively acquiring the capital and capacity requisite for the region to stand as a robust, respected, and influential area globally. The road ahead demands a paradigm shift in our political culture - one that places social cohesion and national interest at the forefront. By transcending political rivalries and fostering a spirit of collaboration, CARICOM nations can harness their collective strength to navigate the complexities of 2024 and beyond. The vision of independence within interdependence remains an attainable beacon, promising a future of prosperity for the diverse and dynamic nations that constitute the Caribbean Community. It is not beyond the creativity of the region to create a constitutional mechanism in which CARICOM countries can assign to a central agency, composed of representatives of their states, to sustain unity that benefits all. Separateness and smallness will not do.

(Sir Ronald Sanders is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. He is also the current President of the OAS Permanent Council. The views expressed are entirely his own)

Case Number :GDAHCV2023/0399

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
AND THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
(CIVIL)

GRENADA
CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2022/0

IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLE ACT NO. 22 OF 2016 OF THE LAWS OF GRENADA

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE TO LAND

AND

TERRY COX
APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE NOTICE

Whereas **TERRY COX** of La Tante in the parish of Saint David in the state of Grenada, Road Officer, by his Application filed in the High Court on the day of 2023 claims to have acquired title by twelve years adverse possession of the land described in the Schedule to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a Declaration of Possessory Title.

Now all persons claiming interest in the said land are required to enter an appearance in the Registry in person or by his or her legal practitioner, within two months from the date of the last publication of the Notice which is being published twice in the newspapers.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at La Tante in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada containing by admeasurement Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four Square Feet (2,854 Sq. Ft.) English Statute Measure abutted and bounded as the same is delineated and described in the plan or diagram marked "TC" and shown on the Survey Plan drawn by David S. Abraham Licensed Land Surveyor dated the 30th day of September 2002 and filed with this Application.

Registrar of the Court of Grenada

This Notice is filed by the Law Firm of Wilkinsons & Wilkinson, Attorneys-at-Law of Lucas Street, St. George's, Grenada, Attorneys for the Applicant. Telephone number 1-473-440-3578 and Fax 1-473-440-4172, email: wilkinson@wilkinsonchambers.net

The Court Office is at Coach Jay Peters Building, Church Street, St. George's Grenada; Telephone number 440-2030, Fax 440-6695. The office is open between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays except on Public Holidays.

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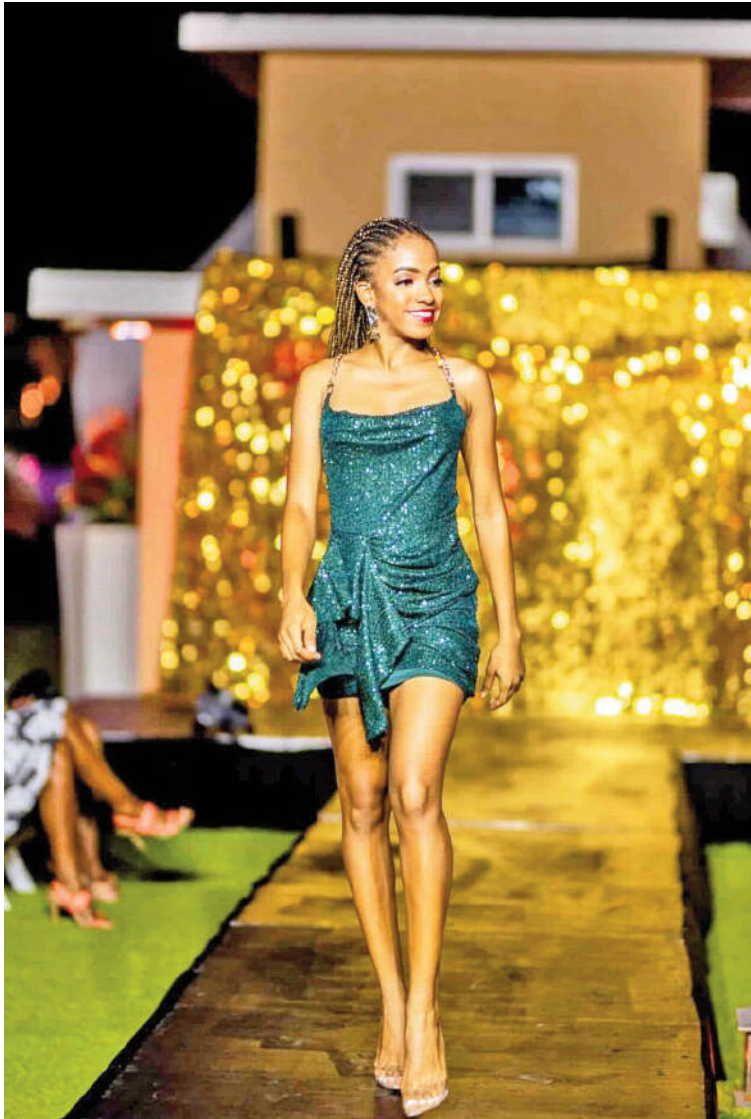
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Amonai Francis all set to represent Grenada at Miss OECS Pageant 2024



Amonai Francis all set to represent Grenada at Miss OECS Pageant 2024
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Amonai Francis, the reigning Carnival Queen, is all set to represent Grenada at the Miss OECS Pageant

that will be held in Windsor Park Stadium of Dominica on Friday, 12 January 2024. Francis has also won

the 2023 National Carnival Queen Pageant, where she was awarded Best Interview, Best

Swimwear, Best Costume and Miss Photogenic. Her presence on stage was truly magical.

In fact, in her pageant profile, she added that she desires to open a school of performing arts which will focus on Grenada's unique and beautiful culture. Francis has also participated in and facilitated the National Youth Parliament.

She is also the holder of an associate degree in Social Science (Hons) and is the winner of the Anthony Prosper Award for excellence in history.

Francis is ready for her upcoming pageant as well to showcase the beautiful culture of

Grenada on stage. Notably, the MISS OECS Pageant is celebrated under the theme "Island Elegance: Beauty Beyond Boundaries."

The Pageant is a very prestigious event. It is a regional queen pageant in which every participant gets the chance to showcase their talent and grace from various parts of Caribbean nations.

This pageant is a great opportunity for every participant to show their cultural heritage and promote regional unity. The event also serves as a great platform for the contestants to advocate for critical social issues and positively impact their communi-

ties.

It is to be noted the pageant will witness the beauties from across the Caribbean that will illuminate the stage in a dazzling display of elegance and charm.

Amonai Francis will compete against Thyana Sebastian from Antigua and Barbuda, Anika Christopher from the British Virgin Islands, Adicia Burton from Dominica, and Clarie Marissa Smartt from St Lucia.

The residents can secure their tickets from the ticket outlet Bulls Eye Pharmacy and can submerge themselves in the culture.

The cost of the ticket includes:

* The VIP tickets available at \$120

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* The ticket for regular seating is available at \$80.

The people can access to Live stream via Vibean TV at \$20 US.

The event is being sponsored by Big Edge Financial, Aid Bank, Discover Dominica Authority, Rapid Response, Bulls Eye Pharmacy, Fort Young Hotel and Tres Chic.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF
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In the Estate of DORIS KATHLEEN HORSFORD (also known as DORIS HORSFORD) late of Westerhall in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Anne-Marie Norwood (also known as Anne Marie S. Louis) of Westerhall in the parish of Saint David in the State of Grenada but presently residing at 897 East, 58 Street, Brooklyn New York 11234 in the United States of America, a retired Nurse, for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed De Bonis Non of the above-named deceased who died on the Twelfth day of May, 1998 without revoking a will bearing the date Twenty-fifth day of April 1988, wherein the applicant is the residuary beneficiary named in the said Will (the executor appointed therein having died)

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed De Bonis Non to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 15th day of December 2023.

Renwick & Payne
Legal Practitioners for the Applicant

Filed by Renwick & Payne, EBA House Corner of Lucas and Church Street, St. George's, Grenada - Legal Practitioners for the Applicant. Tel: 1-473-440-2479, Fax: 1-473-440-1489, Email: renwickpaynelaw@gmail.com.

Magazine names Sheryl Lee Ralph, Kirani James 2023 Persons of the Year

* From page 13

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series and becoming the first African-American woman in 35 years to capture the award.

For James, Hall said, "2023 was not his most successful year."

"Track and field historians will say that, in 2012, James won a Gold Medal at that year's Olympic Games," he said. "But 2023 may have been his most significant year."

"After winning Gold in 2012, Silver in 2016 and Bronze in 2020 (21), and when considering his years in regional competitions

long before his Olympic debut, it was unbelievable that James competed in global premier track and field events in 2023 and won the 400m dash in September at the Diamond League held in Xiamen, China," Hall added.

He said James, CBE – who was born on September 1, 1992, and specialises in the 200 and 400 meters – plans to compete in Paris, "his 4th Olympian presence."

"His behaviour on and off the tracks, mannerisms and greatness in his sport have made him a role model for Caribbean youth," Hall said.

He said when James

was informed that he is the Person of the Year for 2023, he replied, "I'll be honest, I'm really surprised. It's an honour. Other people deserve it too; therefore, I represent them."

James, Grenada's first and only Olympic medallist, captured the 400m at the World Championships in 2011, and the 2012 London Olympics.

In the 2016 Rio Olympics, he won the silver medal in the 400 metres. He also won the bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, becoming the first man to earn the full set of three medals in the centennial history of the Olympics.

PURCELL: EVENTS GALORE FOR 50

Grenadians near and far can expect an array of spectacular events as the country gears up to celebrate its Golden Jubilee on February 7.

This is the assurance given by the head of the government appointed Secretariat for the National Organising Committee (NOC) of the Jubilee Gail Purcell at a press conference held in St George.

Purcell told reporters that the events will kick off in high gear as soon as the New Year begins.

"We fully in Independence mode. We are fully in Jubilee mode. We are ready for the celebrations...", she said, adding that the diverse members of the NOC are in the "engine room" to make sure that the Independence celebrations highlight the event.

"A lot of hands are going into ensuring that we create the environment for our wonderful celebration to mark our Golden Jubilee on February 7th, 2024," she remarked.

The head of the NOC Secretariat made mention of the school mobile museum, which was launched on November 29, 2023, at the St. George's Anglican Senior School.

Students from the St. Mark's Secondary School, Hillsborough Government School in Carriacou along with the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School got the first opportunity to engage with the mobile museum.

With the sister isles getting the first look, Purcell stated that more students from the mainland are expected to



Gail Purcell – head of the National Organising Committee of the Golden Jubilee

come to the museum in the new school term for 2024.

"We kicked off the end of November with our mobile museum, the introduction of the mobile museum which reflects a series of installations of panels that are historic in their nature and education for our schools.

"We kicked it off in eight schools. We have now distributed them for the first eight schools and we will be continuing the distribution when school resumes in January.

According to Purcell, who is excited to continue the process, the school mobile museum provides "an opportunity for our young people to delve deep into their history, their heritage, their culture, and to interact with the museum panels which share a lot of information from pictures to narratives...", she said.

Purcell reiterated that the Jubilee Celebrations will be filled with many events for everyone.

"We have an extensive lineup of activities and events planned for the Independence period. We are encouraging people to stay tuned and participate, come out and be part of everything that is happening.

"It is our 50th Jubilee celebration. It is going to be exciting. It is going to be fun and there (will be) events for everyone to take part in."

The Head of the NOC Secretariat also told Grenadians that the Independence celebrations should be an opportunity for the people to come together as one.

"We really want to take the opportunity to extend the invitation to the general public to use this as an opportunity for us to come together as a nation and commend our future into his (God) hands as we move forward," she said.

As part of the packed calendar of events, January 3 saw the unveiling of the CARICOM roundabout as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

The roundabout seeks to publicise the role of the Father of the West Indies Federation T.A. Marryshow had in regional integration in the Caribbean.

Following the CARICOM roundabout unveiling, the youth symposium is due to be held on January 19 at the Radisson Beach Resort in the south of the island.

Calypsosians and performers will then get involved with the second round of competition for the 2024 Independence Calypso Monarch competition to be held at the La Sagesse playing field in St David on January 20 and the finals one week later on January 27.

On January 21, local Gospel artists will get their opportunity to shine at the "Golden Voices of Faith" concert to be held at Progress Park in St. Andrew.

The Round the Island Flat Relay to give sporting enthusiasts the chance to compete in a quadrathlon throughout the island will take place on January 28.

The sporting disciplines to be involved in this event will include running and cycling among others.

understands that the Grenada Arts Council and the Grenada Office of Creative Affairs will be collaborating with the NOC for the 50th Independence Historic Art Exhibition and the annual Independence expo will be held on the Carenage on February 2.

On the same day, local performers and entertainers will be onstage at the Up from Here concert at the Kirani James Athletics Stadium at Queen's Park.

Grenadians at home and in the diaspora will be honored at the Governor General's Gala and Cocktail on February 3 at the Radisson's Beach Resort.

An opportunity will be given to the people to give thanks at an Ecumenical Service planned for February 4, and this will take place on the same day as the annual St. Paul's Cultural Extravaganza at the Community Centre.

One of the major highlights of the week leading into Independence Day will be a national radio and television address in which Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell will share his thoughts and vision for the island on February 5 dubbed "Vision 50".

National Colors Day will be held on February 6 to be followed by an event known as "Folk in the Town" on February 8 on the Carenage.

Steelman groups from throughout the tri island state will inject the sound of steelpan during PAN50 and Foodfest on February 10.

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IN THE ESTATE OF MARINA CLARKE ALSO KNOWN AS MARINA JONES LATE
OF LA DIGUE IN THE PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Vivian Kathyan Jones for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of April 2023.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 25th day of September 2023

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Filed by: Lyons-John & Co., Attorneys-at-Law, who address for service is Gladstone Road, Grenville, St. Andrew, Grenada.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GRENADA
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 (CIVIL)

CLAIM NO. GDAHCV2023/0628
 APPLICANT: ADRIAN BLACKMAN

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IN THE MATTER OF THE POSSESSORY TITLES ACT NO 22
 OF THE 2016 LAWS OF GRENADA SECTIONS 3 TO 8
 INCLUSIVE THEREOF

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY ADRIAN BLACKMAN FOR A POSSESSORY
 TITLE DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING FORTY-ONE
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APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF POSSESSORY TITLE

NOTICE

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 to this Notice and has applied to the Court for a declaration of
 possessory title.

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Caribbean Confidence High Post COP28, But Vigilant Follow-Through on Key Deals Needed

By Alison Kentish

SAINT LUCIA - Buoyed by USD 800 million in pledges to the Loss and Damage Fund and an unprecedented agreement to transition away from fossil fuels, but grounded in the reality of the work ahead to meet key climate targets, the Caribbean will need to maintain its focus on sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and climate resilience.

That is according to Raquel Moses, UNFCCC Global Ambassador of Small Island Developing States and CEO of the Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator (CCSA), a partnership of 28 Caribbean governments and global companies working towards making the Caribbean a climate-smart zone.

Moses led a small but

dedicated three-woman CCSA team to the climate talks in Dubai. There, the team participated and hosted events to secure financing for climate-resilient projects in the Caribbean, advocate for the Loss and Damage Fund, and present innovative, home-grown solutions to build resilience in the Caribbean.

"The first global stocktake synthesis report by the UNFCCC provides a roadmap for all parties to accelerate their climate action efforts to meet the 1.5-degree target, and the 'Later is Too Late campaign,' which we were proud to be a part of, created a strong push for the just phase-out of fossil fuels, the tripling of renewable energy, and the doubling of energy efficiency. While there is still much work to be done, we are especially

hopeful given the leadership coming from the Caribbean, which continued to coalesce around one strong voice throughout the COP process," Moses said.

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"It is following through to understand how this manifests itself and what is the climate justice impact of a particular decision. When you hear things like climate finance being operationalized for particular things, looking at when the board is imple-

mented on the Loss and Damage Fund, who is on that board and what kind of autonomy do they have? What kind of ability do they have to act with speed, for example? And that for me is a climate justice issue," she said, noting that the Caribbean needs investment and it also needs heightened philanthropy to meet climate goals.

Among those goals is a long-term vision of creating a Climate Smart Zone in the Caribbean, one of the world's most climate-vulnerable regions. Moses says the accelerator will build on projects that promote sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and resilience-building.

"We are excited about our climate-smart agriculture that was launched in August in Anguilla, Barbados, and the



A peninsula separates the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea in the southwestern village of Scottshead, Dominica. Post-COP28 the region plans to create a Climate Smart Zone in the Caribbean - one of the world's most climate-vulnerable regions. Credit: Alison Kentish/IPS

Cayman Islands and are looking to see that expand next year. We are always looking for donors that are willing to help us to fortify and secure our food. That is a huge part not just of our adaptation, but it can also be a source of our mitigation because the carbon dioxide that we spend on importing food is unnecessary. As the climate crisis exacerbates, it means that there is more uncertainty in our food production," Moses said.

As it promotes climate-resilient solutions for the Caribbean, the Accelerator is investing heavily in innovation. It observed a milestone in Dubai when officials launched a Climate Smart Map, a platform with climate action data for 26 Caribbean countries. It is a major relief for a region beset with challenges in accessing current, reliable data for development.

"It demonstrates leadership in global transformation and showcases that we are capable of home-grown, cutting-edge solutions. This data-rich tool pinpoints the main areas of progress and needs across CCSA's 28 coalition countries, enabling project curation and entrepreneurship. This will help project developers, philanthropists, and investors take a regional view of addressing our needs. To advocate for the Loss and Damage Fund, which has now been operationalized and is beginning to be seriously capitalized," Moses said.

While the map addresses the dearth of data in the region, the accelerator will be working hard on two other major challenges: fit-for-purpose financing and project preparation funding.

"The Caribbean boasts

remarkable projects and visionary initiatives—such as the D30 biofuel by the Carbon Neutral Initiative in Jamaica and the ambitious push for 100% renewable energy in countries like Aruba, Barbados, Dominica, and Grenada—but securing fit-for-purpose financing remains a persistent hurdle," CCSA's Director of Public Sector Projects Kiesha Farum told IPS ahead of the climate talks.

"Many projects also require funding for due diligence, assessments, and analysis to attract investor interest and to become 'bankable.' Actively pursuing financing is where we see grants, philanthropy, and concessional financing playing a major role. Bringing this type of financing to the region is of great focus, particularly during major events like COP and investor forums aimed at matching projects with potential investors," she said.

Caribbean SIDS have rallied around calls by Barbados's Prime Minister, Mia Mottley, for an overhaul of global climate financing. She has said that this shake-up, coined the Bridgetown Initiative, would be based on climate justice, ensuring that the greatest contributors to the climate crisis help countries like those in the Caribbean access finance to respond and build resilience to a crisis they did little to create.

The initiative also promotes innovative financing for climate-related projects. Those at the heart of the mission to build a climate-smart zone in the Caribbean know that conventional financing mechanisms are no longer sufficient to address present climate realities.

"Traditional financiers often seek long-term guarantees and short-term returns, which may not align with the nature and timelines of many climate resilience projects, such as those focused on nature conservation. On a national scale, solutions like debt-for-nature and debt-for-climate swaps, where a portion of government debt is cancelled in exchange for commitments to fund nature conservation projects, prove immensely beneficial," the CCSA's Finance Innovation Director, Cheryl Senhouse, told IPS.

'A notable example is Belize, which completed the world's largest debt refinancing through a debt-for-nature swap in 2021, directing USD 364 million for marine conservation. Similarly, Barbados executed a USD 150 million debt swap in 2022, generating USD 50 million for marine conservation. Given the significant contribution of the tourism sector to many Caribbean countries' GDP, solutions like these have positive cascading effects."

The CCSA officials say the road to COP29 started on December 13. It is a nod to the work ahead. For the Caribbean, it signals the need for greater solidarity and action on sustainable food systems, renewable energy projects, and innovative financing.

"We will continue to work ambitiously to expand on our climate smart map, secure fit-for-purpose financing for projects that will protect 30% of our land and ocean. We want to see the region reach 90% Renewable Energy for All by 2035 and usher in a new economy with at least 1.5% new green jobs," said Moses.

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IN THE ESTATE OF EDWIN CHARLES
DECEASED

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In the Estate of Edwin Charles late of Snell Hall in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE

that an application has been filed by Dwayne Nicholas Charles of Snell in the parish of Saint Patrick in the State of Grenada, but presently residing in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the natural son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 10th day of January, 2016.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 8th day of December 2023.

Franco Chambers & Co.
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants

Filed by Franco Chambers & Co Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicants whose address for service is Canal Road, Grenville, Saint Andrew Grenada.

Grenada Ex-Teachers bestow Yuletide honors

By Nelson A. King

The Brooklyn-based Grenada-American Ex-Teachers' Association, Inc. on Saturday night honored seven outstanding members of the community for their exemplary service during its 4th Annual Yuletide Awards and Gala Ceremony.

During the ceremony, at Nazareth High School in East Flatbush, the association bestowed honors on Ambassador of Diaspora Affairs Terrance Forrester; Education Awards on Crystal McQueen-Taylor and Carmen Perryman-Coward; Community Service Awards on Jennie Marie Pascal, Donna Mitchell and Jamar Quenton Louison; and Cultural Award on Pamela Date.

The honorees also received proclamations and citations from local elected officials, including House Democratic Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, representative for the 8th Congressional District that encompasses parts of Brooklyn and Queens.

Miss Grenada USA Mickala Forrester Ewen was also on hand to help confer the honors.

"The Grenadian-American Ex-Teachers' Association, Inc. is a beacon of light in the Brooklyn community and beyond, and is the only group within the Diaspora that acknowledges, recognizes and rewards individuals, young and old alike," said President Cecily Mason.

"It is also the pioneer in welcoming Grenadian elected officials who will be serving here within the community," she added.

In receiving the special award, Forrester praised Mason for her continued service to the community.

"It is not too often that we find a person who makes sacrifices in the spirit of giving," he said. "On behalf of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell, I want to extend to the Grenadian-American Ex-Teachers' Association (gratitude) for the work of Cecily Mason and her team.

"It's an example and honor for her over the years," he added, using the opportunity also to congratulate Bernard Bourne, president of the incumbent National Democratic Congress (NDC) support group in New York, as well as to Winsome Slocombe, executive member of the Grenadian-American Ex-Teachers' Association, Inc.

"It's not easy to serve, but it's a passion that you continue to give all the time," Forrester continued.

McQueen-Taylor told Caribbean Life afterwards that she was honored to receive the award.

"I've known Ms. Mason and was involved with the association since a kid,"

she said. "So, it feels honored by people I've known all my life."

Louison said described the award as being "out of this world, because, when Ms. Mason called me, I was in shock, to the point where I asked her, 'why?'"

"And even tonight, I'm still trying to grasp it," he added in Caribbean Life interview. "I appreciate everything that the Grenadian-American Ex-Teachers Association is doing in the US, to the point that I want to be a part of that."

Perryman-Coward also told Caribbean Life that she was "humbled because I didn't go into teaching to be awarded for it. I love it."

Date said, she, too, was "honored" and felt "appreciated."

"My hard work has been recognized," she told Caribbean Life. "I feel loved by the community. It's 10 years I've been doing this and more to come."

Mason said the event was "fun," adding that "there were lots of Happy Holiday wishes and Happy New Year greetings throughout the entire evening."

"All in all, I feel satisfied with the night's proceedings," she added. "We were very pleased to have in our midst H.E. Terrance Forrester, Ambassador for Diaspora Affairs. He added luster to the event, and his address to the crowd was impeccable."

"Our reigning queen Miss Grenada USA Mickalia Forrester-Ewen carried out her duties with honor and dignity. We thank her," Mason continued. "We wish to extend gracious thanks and much appreciation to the supporters."

About the honorees Forrester

Over the last three decades, Forrester has served successfully on numerous statutory boards as chairman, including chairman of the committee to plan the activities to celebrate Grenada's (Silver jubilee) to mark the 25th Anniversary of Grenada's independence. He also served as chairman of the (GIDC), Grenada Industrial Development Corporation, The Financial Complex Limited, Grenada Airports Authority, The Housing Authority of Grenada, Grenada Broadcasting Network, and the National Water and Sewerage Authority.

As chairman of NAWASA, Ambassador Forrester led the process to create and implement a 25-year Strategic Development Plan, working with strategic partners. NAWASA is today, one of the most effectively run statutory bodies because of the implementation of this 25-year strategic plan.

Forrester is no stranger to the diplomatic community as he also held the important position of director of tourism for Grenada based at the Grenada High Commission in London with responsibility for the United Kingdom and Europe between 1982 and 1984. Before that posting, he worked as a senior manager for a regional airline, LIAT, and represented the company on the local Grenada Tourist Board, under the chairmanship of the late Dr. the Hon. John Watts.

Carmen Perryman-Coward

She embodies the quintessence of educational dedication, seamlessly blending a fervor for inclusive teaching with an unwavering commitment to scholastic distinction. Esteemed as a Special Education/SPED and General Education Teacher, her pedagogic journey is marked by the distinguished honor of being named NYC Big Apple Teacher of The Year—a testament to her exemplary contributions to the field.

Perryman-Coward's academic odyssey, punctuated by the acquisition of out-standings, the standing distinctions of a Master's Degree in Special and General Education, an Associate Degree in Human Services, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology—with the honor of magna cum laude—stands as a heartfelt tribute to the legacy of her mother's enduring emphasis on the power of education, despite limited opportunities.

Crystal McQueen-Taylor

McQueen-Taylor was accepted to the prestigious Prep for Prep 9 leadership development program in seventh grade, which led to her being accepted to a boarding school, Middlesex School in Concord, MA. While Crystal navigated the challenges of being in a completely foreign environment that had fewer than 30 Black students in the entire school, she continued to excel academically, and took on various leadership opportunities such as leading the Black Student Union.

McQueen-Taylor then attended Brown University, an Ivy League school, and majored in Education Studies with a focus on race, class, and gender in American education.

She later went on to attend Bank Street College of Education for her master's degree coursework and then Columbia University Business School earned her certificate of Business Excellence in Executive Education.

Propelled by her experience in the NYC public



Donna Mitchell, second from right, receives award, from left, Jennifer Vechweg-Horsford, Miss Grenada USA Mickalia Forrester-Ewen and Ketura Brizan. (Photo by Nelson A. King)

school system, she pursued a career as a teacher straight out of college. McQueen-Taylor started her professional career as a New York City public school teacher in the South Bronx then taught as a lead teacher at an international school during her time living in Japan.

She later led the NYC Teaching Fellows, the largest alternative teacher certification program in the country, scaling the program to provide over 2,500 NYC public school teachers annually to the highest need classrooms. She then served as the Regional Senior Director for Uncommon Schools NYC, a public charter school network, where she managed district charter partnerships, external affairs, advocacy, parent organizing, and governance.

Since 2022, McQueen-Taylor has served as StudentsFirstNY's Executive Director. StudentsFirstNY is a parent organizing and legislative advocacy organization that fights for student and family centered public education reforms.

Pamela Hankey Date

Date's background is rich in culture with both her maternal and paternal great-grandparents having a love for Afro-Caribbean folk customs and traditions, which dominated the villages of La Fillette and Mt. Horne.

After graduating from St. Joseph's Convent Grenville, Date started her own business with a clothing boutique and hair braiding salon in the town of Grenville. During this time, she cultivated lots of friends and grew in popularity.

It was on this journey that Date began to receive inspiration to help people in vulnerable situations. She created a space for this purpose and began organizing activities to help

children and youth in her community who were in need. She also developed an interest in politics and found ways to support the candidates she found similitude with.

In August 1993, Date left Grenada and traveled to the United States, arriving in New York where her life would change forever. She has always enjoyed hairdressing and wanted to strengthen her skills to increase her product knowledge and become more marketable. She pursued studies in hairdressing and obtained a cosmetology license, which opened many doors for her.

Date always imagined being a businesswoman in the USA which she was able to fully accomplish for the past 22 years. She opened her own salon which grew into a successful business.

She is active in the East Flatbush community. As a board member of Nostrand Merchant Association, the members implement best practices for business development and fight to improve and create policies that will benefit the Nostrand community.

Together with her daughter Rhea, Date formed Kiddies Band, a community-based organization that supports cultural events and provide toys to children during the Christmas season for the past 11 years.

Donna Mitchell-Charles

Donna Mitchell-Charles was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, migrated to Grenada at 9 with her father Doyle Mitchell from Happy Hill, St. George, and Theresa Grace Mitchell nee Lewis.

While she attended primary school, she was a member of the Girl Guides Association and 4-H groups. She graduated from the St. Andrew Anglican Secondary

School (SAASS).

After completing secondary school, Mitchell-Charles temporarily worked at St. Andrews Medical and Dental Clinic and in the evenings as a photographer with the Parliamentary Electoral office. She then also worked with Grenada Cocoa Associate as a clerk, and sold encyclopedias on the side. She also worked part-time as a surveyor for the Population Census.

Later, Mitchell-Charles landed a job with the biggest hotel on the island, namely, Rex Grenadian Hotel, where he was employed as a Wedding Coordination and Guest Services representative for almost five years.

Subsequently, she moved on with Trinidadian Construction company, Hafeez Karamath Construction as an executive administrative assistant, overseeing the reconstruction of The Convention Center at Grand Beach Resort, formerly known as Ramada Hotel.

Mitchell-Charles volunteered with Partnership for Parks, under the guidance of Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford Constituent and Community Relations Coordinator, in cleaning and beautifying the Seaview Park in Canarsie in Brooklyn, an area with daffodil flowers.

She also worked alongside members of the Grenadian-American Ex-Teachers Association Inc. with its fundraisers.

Recently, joined the Paraclete (St. Andrew, Grenada) New York branch to help raise funds for the children and the less fortunate in the surrounding communities.

Jennie Marie Pascal

Pascal, born and raised in the vibrant community of Woburn, St. George's, embarked on her educational journey at the

esteemed Woburn R. C. School. She made the transition to St. John's Christian Secondary School, where she continued to excel in her studies and further develop her skills.

Recognizing her potential, Pascal sought new challenges and opportunities to broaden her horizons. With unwavering determination, she pursued admission to the Grenada Technical and Vocational Institute (now known as Grenada National College), where she successfully obtained her secretarial certificate.

Following her graduation, she gained a short-term employment opportunity with the Government of Grenada in the Ministry of Finance. However, she eventually decided to pursue a different path and accepted the role of secretary at Pannell Kerr Forster, Chartered Accountants. Her dedication to this position continued until she made the life-changing decision to immigrate to the United States in 1997.

Pascal has faithfully served as the Administrative Assistant at the Grenada Consulate in New York for over a decade. Her unwavering dedication and passion for her work are evident as she tirelessly supports the cause of nation building and development. She holds a Business Management associate degree and is a Notary Public for the State of New York.

Jamar Quenton Louison Louison has a dynamic personality that embodies the true essence of his roots from the beautiful spice island of Grenada. Whether he is hosting or attending an event, it's always cause for celebration as he is family-oriented, hospitable and caring.

As an Executive Event Specialist at JP Morgan Chase and founder/CEO of Quentessential NYC, a premier event planning company specializing in weddings, birthday celebrations, and private events, Pascal is a tremendous asset to the industry.

He is also a multifaceted artist, known for his work as a bartender, pageant coach, stylist, and model, having graced the runway at New York Fashion Week for VP Records.

Furthermore, Pascal's deep ties to his cultural roots are evident from his active involvement in Grenada's cultural events in New York. His dependable nature and keen artistic eye have earned him a reputation as a reliable resource for ideas and innovation.

With his son Aiden and network of family and friends inspiring him daily, Pascal has embraced his mantra that life should be celebrated.



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LOCAL COMPANY UPSET WITH CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT



The Grenada Bottling Company wants government and the Customs Department to take action against the heavy influx of coca cola into Carriacou from Trinidad & Tobago

The Grenada Bottling Co. Ltd, producers of Cocoa Cola, is planning to approach the Dickon Mitchell-led Congress government to address the stiff competition for its product on the sister isle of Carriacou.

An informed source told **THE NEW TODAY** that the company is planning to write the Comptroller of Customs as coca cola from Trinidad & Tobago is coming into the island without duties being paid and creating problems for the local business on the sister isle.

He said that the local bottling Company is experiencing difficulties in selling its coca cola drink on the sister isle as it cannot compete with the price offered for the imported product from the twin island republic.

"The coke is coming through Grenada and Customs is turning a blind eye on it and they (are) going up and

selling it in Carriacou without paying a cent on the correct duties on its importation from Trinidad," he added.

"If the coke and the soft drinks come from Trinidad, there's no way if you pay duties it could sell cheaper than the coke produced in Grenada," he said.

The insider at the Bottling Company went on to say: "It is just simple – if you buy the coke in Trinidad and you pay the correct duties, there is no way you can sell it cheaper than coca cola in Grenada. This is a major problem now (for) Coca Cola."

According to the knowledgeable source, officials of the local Bottling Company have met and discussed the issue and took the decision to seek an urgent meeting with the Customs Department to raise their concerns on the unfair competition.

He said it is not the traffickers but the boat owners who ply the Grenada/Trinidad route who are the ones mainly responsible for bringing in the Coke from Trinidad into the country.

"The boat owners bring it massively into Carriacou – it is the boat owners," he told **THE NEW TODAY**.

He also accused the Customs officers on the Caricom Wharf at the St George's Pier "of playing the fool" on the importation of the coca cola product from Trinidad.

"The (Customs) Officer in Carriacou is even worse (to allow the product into the sister isle) ... so Coke is getting real licks in Carriacou," he said.

Several years ago, Carriacou had built up a reputation for smuggling goods into the small island and evading the payment of Customs Duties.