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SUPREME COURT – FEMALE CHILD CAN INHERIT PROPERTY IN IGBOLAND

For female children in Igbo land, it is cheering news as the Supreme Court has abolished an age long custom in the South East that stopped them from inheriting their fathers' property.

In a landmark judgement delivered July 1st, the apex court nullified the Igbo law and custom which prevented women from inheriting their father's estate.

The apex court ruled that the practice was discriminatory and conflicts with the provisions of the Nigerian Constitution.

The court specifically held that the practice was a breach of Section 42 (1)(a) and (2) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).

The apex court's judgment was based on the appeal filed in 2004 by Mrs Lois Chituru Ukeje (widow of the late Lazarus Ogbonna Ukeje) and their son, Enyinnaya Lazarus Ukeje against Miss Gladys Ada Ukeje (the deceased's daughter by another woman whom he did not marry).

Gladys had sued the widow and son before the Lagos High Court, claiming to be one of the Ukeje's children and sought to be included among those to administer their father's estate.

The trial court affirmed that she was Ukeje's daughter and was therefore qualified to benefit from



the estate of her father who died in Lagos in 1981.

At the Court of Appeal, sitting in Lagos, which Mrs Ukeje and his son rushed to, the decision of the trial court was upheld, prompting them to approach the Supreme Court.

In its judgment on July 1, 2016, the Supreme Court held that the Court of Appeal, Lagos was right in voiding the Igbo's native law and custom that disinherits female children.

Justice Bode Rhodes-Vivour, who read the lead judgment held that no matter the circumstances of the birth of a female child, she is entitled to an inheritance from her later father's estate.

"Consequently, the Igbo customary law, which disentitles a female child from partaking in the

sharing of her deceased father's estate, is a breach of Section 42(1) and (2) of the Constitution, a fundamental rights provision guaranteed to every Nigerian.

"The said discriminatory customary law is void as it conflicts with Section 42(1) and (2) of the Constitution. In the light of all that I have been saying, the appeal is dismissed. In the spirit of reconciliation, parties to bear their own costs", Justice Rhodes-Vivour ruled.

Justices Walter Samuel Nkanu Onnoghen, Clara Bata Ogunbiyi, Kumai Bayang Aka'ahs and John Inyang Okoro, who were part of the panel that heard the appeal, agreed with the lead judgment.

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By Sandra Beagan

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Abdirahman Abdi

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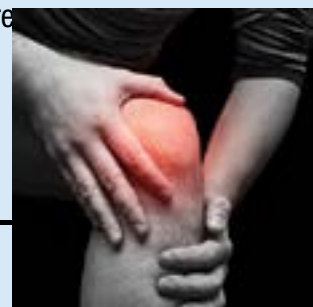
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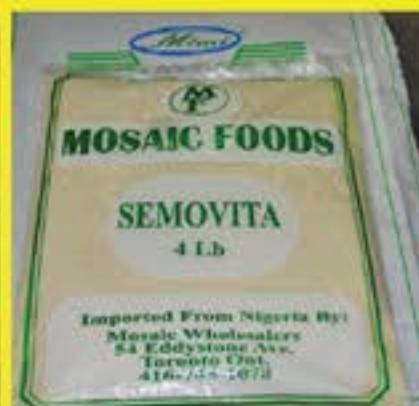
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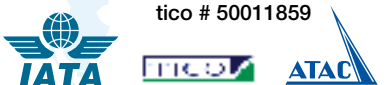
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In this edition of your authoritative newspaper, we bring to you in-depth reporting of some happenings in Nigeria, Canada and elsewhere around the world. Like Canada, there is of course never a shortage of enchanting stories coming out of Black World's most populous country.

To start with, it was cheering news to hear when Nigeria's Supreme Court sitting in Abuja on July 1st voided an age old native law and custom in the Igbo ethnic group that forbids female children from inheriting their deceased fathers' property. In a landmark judgement, the apex court nullified the customary law on ground that it was discriminatory, conflictual and a breach of Section 42 (1)(a) and (2) of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).

The judgment was based on the appeal filed in 2004 by Mrs Lois Chituru Ukeje (widow of the late La-zarus Ogbonna Ukeje) and their son, Enyinnaya Lazarus Ukeje against Miss Gladys Ada Ukeje (the deceased's daughter by another woman whom he did not marry). Gladys had sued the wid-ow and son before the Lagos High Court, claiming to be one of Lazarus Ukeje's children and sought to be included among those to administer their fa-ther's estate. The case went on appeal all the way to the Supreme Court.

Delivering the lead judgement at the Supreme Court, Justice Bode Rhodes-Vivour, held that regardless of the circumstances of the birth of a female child, she is entitled to an inheritance from her later father's estate. As a result, he declared that ".... the Igbo customary law, which disen-titles a female child from par-taking in the sharing of her deceased father's estate, is a breach of Section 42(1) and (2) of the Constitution, a fun-damental rights provision guaranteed to every Nigerian". Other Justices who unanimously

agreed with Justice Bode Rhodes-Vivour were Walter Samuel Nkanu Onnoghen, Clara Bata Ogunbiyi, Kumai Bayang Aka'ahs and John Inyang Okoro.

In Lagos, South West Nigeria, the state Governor, Akinwumi Ambode announced that the laws on Street Trading in the state will be strictly enforced from July 1, 2016. The law prescribes a penalty of N90,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both for street traders and anyone who patronizes them.

While announcing the prohibition of street trading on Television Continental (TVC), Governor Ambode said that contrary to the impression that the action was a knee-jerk response to what the state considered a problem, it was done in line with the Lagos State Street Trading and Illegal Markets Prohibition Law, 2003. The announcement has so far been greeted with mixed reactions.

Nigeria's Minister of Interior, Lieutenant-General Abdulrahman Dambazau (ret'd) may be in for some troubles as an investigation has revealed that he and his wife own properties in the United States of America whose total dollar-worth raises questions about the source of the funds used to buy them. Two real estate consultants told the press that the properties traced to Mr. Dambazau have an estimated value more than three million dollars in the US alone. The investigation came on the heels of public outrage over the allegation that the minister's name was removed from the list of serving, and retired military officers recommended for further investigation by a presidential panel that investigated arms and equipment procurement fraud in the Nigerian armed forces between 2007 and 2015.

Information and Culture Minister, Lai Mohammed, however issued a statement debunking the allegation. Lai Mohammed

said there was no way Dambazau's name could have been mentioned or even expunged because the report of arms purchase investigation so far released covered 2011 to 2015, a period Dambazau was not in government. Dambazau served as Chief of Army Staff (COAS) between 2008 and 2010. Details of this revelation and the Information Minister's statement are captured in this edition.

In another development the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has frozen a bank account belonging to the daughter of former Senator and Minister of State for Defence, Musiliu Obanikoro. The former senator is under investigation for corruption.

The EFCC revealed that its investigation traced approximately N1.2bn to Shalewa Obanikoro's bank account. The anti-graft agency was investigating N4.7bn allegedly paid into an account belonging to Senator Obanikoro's sons Gbolahan and Babajide when it discovered Shalewa's transactions. The money is believed to have been funneled to former Osun State Deputy Governor and Senator Iyiola Omisore, and current Ekiti State Governor, Ayodele Fayose for campaign purposes. The EFCC had earlier arrested Omisore as part of investigation into a case of misappropriation of N700 million received from the Office of former National Security Adviser, Sambo Dasuki between June and November, 2014. In the course of the investigation, Omisore admitted to receiving N1.3 billion from Dasuki. He has already refunded N300 million to the government with an undertaking to refund the balance in installments.

The controversy surrounding Nigeria's 2016 Appropriation Act is not about to go away as more revelations have been made about how a whopping N284 billion was illegally smuggled into the Budget

in the name of constituency projects. Former chairman of House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, HonAbdulummin Jibrin made the revelation in a statement issued in Abuja on July 24. Jibrin who was recently removed as Chairman of Appropriations Committee by House Speaker Yakubu Dogara alleged that 10 standing committees' chairmen inserted the projects into the budget without the knowledge of their members. He further accused the Speaker, Yakubu Dogara, of secretly persuading him, as Appropriation Committee chairman, to insert N20 billion into the budget through Service Wide Vote, and that the Speaker has formed a cabal around himself comprising deputy speaker, Yusuf Lasun; House Whip, Alhasan Doguwa, and Minority Leader, Leo Ogor.

Meanwhile in Canada, Refugees risk being stripped of their right to stay if they frequently visit their home country. This much Obaidullah Siddiqui, an Afghan native on permanent residency status, learned when he was stripped of his right to stay in Canada because he made three trips to his home country first to visit his aging parents, and second to seek their help in saving his crumbling marriage. For these visits, Siddiqui's right to stay in Canada was vacated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act adopted in 2012.

Under the Act cessation and vacation of refugee protection can be applied under two conditions, named (a) if a refugee voluntarily reavails them-

selves of the protection of their country of nationality or obtain protection from another country; or (b) if they obtained that status by directly or indirectly misrepresenting or withholding material facts relating to a relevant matter.

Siddiqui was stripped of his right to stay because "he was found to have re-availed himself of Afghanistan's protection". He has appealed the decision to the Federal Court of Appeal.

And in the United States of America, history was made when former First Lady, Senator and Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, clinched the Democratic Party ticket for the White House. This is the first time a female Presidential nominee would emerge in the history of the United States of America. Election for the President of the United States comes up in November. Hillary Clinton would be squaring up with Republican Party nominee, business mogul Donald Trump.

Finally, we end this editorial with our picture of the month featuring a very unique Nigerian family. The family of the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Christian Pilgrims Commission (NCPC), Dr. Uja Tor Uja, Berry, his wife of over 35 years, and their five children, all girls, and all of them lawyers, is our pick of the month. We wish them good health and divine grace all the days of their life.

Life has many ways of testing a person's will, either by having nothing happen at all or by having everything happen all at once
- Paulo Coelho

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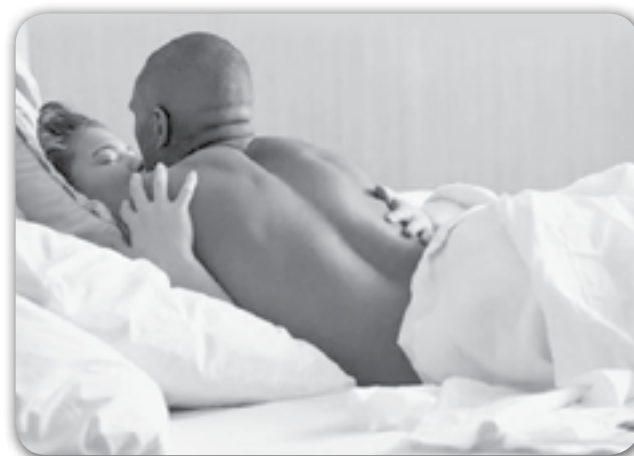
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8 REASONS WHY SEX IN THE MORNING IS THE BEST FOR YOU



Researchers have come to the conclusion that having sex in the morning has a lot of benefits to a couple, including well being and connection.

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The feeling will stay with you all day and you will actually glow while you think back on the wonderful feelings you had. It is very easy to recap morning sex later.

2. It is a guarantee that you will wake up on the right side of the bed

Sex in the morning gets you, and your day, off to a right and bright start. Researchers from the University of Cincinnati found that morning sex is a natural stress-reliever and these effects can last for at least seven days, meaning your early Monday romp could ease those Sunday Blues.

In the morning haze, when you're at your most vulnerable and still easing into the day, nothing beats the feeling of having someone next to you wrap his or her arms around you and make you feel wanted.

3. You can skip the gym

Sex burns almost as many calories as a 30-minute jog, so it is actually a good way to exercise without leaving your bed, and it is a better alternative to a morning workout before hopping into the shower.

4. It is great to begin the day with an orgasm

Who wouldn't want to start the day with an earth shattering orgasm? The feeling is totally out of this world and beats anything you could have for

breakfast.

5. Improves your output

Having sex in the morning helps you have an increased productivity at work, research has revealed. In fact, your attitude that day will be very and your contribution in the office will be noticed.

6. Morning sex is more intimate.

The few minutes we have to ourselves after first opening our eyes are special. Most people, who you're in regular contact with, have no idea what you look, sound, smell and feel like first thing in the morning. It's a rare moment to others that's all to yourself.

Fill that moment in with another person and it becomes a shared secret privy to only you two. That's what makes morning sex so intimate.

It's stripped of everything: clothes, makeup, the weight of a day's events, toothpaste, priorities, and somehow leaves you feeling fuller.

7. It affirms that you two are still interested in each other

Morning sex shows that you are still interested in your partner and the connection is still as fresh as it used to be. It also shows that you still savour the stolen moments you had in your early days.

8. Morning sex leaves you on a high

Morning sex is ending the night on a good note. You are also going to be left on a high that would stay with you all day and you walk with a renewed spring to your steps.

Source:pulse.ng

5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE EATING BLUEBERRIES

Blueberries are luscious little berries with dark blue skin. Because they're good for you, blueberries top the list of healthy fruits and berries, and I think I've seen them on every

#2 Blueberries Are Nutritious

Blueberries are an excellent source of B-complex vitamins your body needs to convert food to energy and vitamins C and E that

find and more expensive.

Blueberries, however, are much easier to find in any grocery store -- and they're available year round. You'll find fresh blueberries in the produce



superfoods list I've ever reviewed.

Want to know more? Here are my five reasons why you should be eating blueberries. Right now.

#1 Blueberries Are Antioxidant- Rich

Plant compounds called phytochemicals give blueberries their beautiful color and also function as antioxidants.

That means they help prevent free-radical damage to cells. Antioxidants are thought to have a variety of health benefits -- at least when you eat them in the form of food. Taking antioxidants as supplements doesn't seem to work as well.

Nutrition Information for Blueberries

The following nutrition information comes from the United States Department of Agriculture's massive nutrient database. It's for one cup of raw blueberries.

Macronutrients

Water: 122.10 grams
Calories: 85
Protein: 1.07 grams
Carbohydrates: 21.01 grams
Fiber: 3.5 grams
Sugars: 14.44 grams
Total Fat: 0.48 grams
Saturated Fat: 0.041 grams

#3 Blueberries Are Low in Calories

One full cup of fresh blueberries has only about 80 calories, which is great for your waistline. They're a good source of fiber so nibbling on some blueberries can help tide you over until your next meal without ruining your diet.

#4 Blueberries Are Easy to Find

Blueberries are often compared to goji berries and acai, which are a little more exotic, difficult to

section. Look for berries that are plump and dark in color -- avoid blueberries that are shriveled or moldy. Blueberries are also available in the freezer section.

#5 Blueberries Are Delicious

My first four reasons you should eat blueberries aren't of much value unless you're willing to eat them. But that's the easy part -- they're so tasty. They can be served as a simple dessert with a little whipped topping and chopped nuts, or added to a bowl of hot or cold cereal. Blueberries also make a great addition to a healthy salad and can be used as an ingredient in some recipes.

Acid: 0.180 milligrams
Vitamin B6: 0.075 milligrams
Vitamin B12: 0 micrograms
Folate: 9 micrograms
Vitamin A: 78 International Units
Vitamin E: 0.83 milligrams
Vitamin K: 28.0 micrograms

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Lycopene: 0 micrograms
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The colour of a person's eyes depends upon which pigments are contained in the

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The sense of smell is called:
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The major function of muscle tissue in the body is to permit **MOVEMENT**

The largest organ of the body is the **SKIN**

There are **12 pairs** of ribs in the adult human

Dasuki paid me monthly, says Okupe

By S.Ratko

A former Senior Special Assistant on Public Affairs to ex-President Goodluck Jonathan, Dr. Doyin Okupe, has revealed that his office was funded monthly by the embattled former National Security Adviser, Col. Sambo Dasuki (retd.).

Okupe, who served under Jonathan from 2012 to 2015, said this on his official Twitter handle.

He, however, said he had nothing to do with the arms scam which cost the country over \$15bn in stolen funds.

Okupe said, "I was not paid arms deal money. The NSA paid for the running of my office monthly from August 2012. Dasukigate was in 2014. I did not take part in the campaign."

The former spokesman for Jonathan, however, received bashing from several of his followers online who wondered why his office should get security votes.

A Twitter user, Ojezs, asked, "You're just implicating yourself. Is it the NSA office that employed you?"

Another user, Ayoola Ayodeji, wrote, "You probably mistake some of us for



Doyin Okupe

hungry people. A day will come when you won't be able to sleep because poor people are outside your gate."

In his response, Okupe wrote, "You guys are idiotic. You wait and pray for the innocent to be punished. It will not happen. You must think some of us are terrified."

It had been reported in January that Okupe got at least N1.6bn off Dasuki in three shady cyber security contracts.

One of the contracts had instructions to hunt down unfriendly media websites with Distributed Denial of Service attacks.

It was believed to be a project conceived to shut down online media platforms perceived as friendly

towards Muhammadu Buhari, the then presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress ahead of the 2015 election.

The other contract was to intercept all optic fibre cables landing in Nigeria. The third was a passive mass and targeted GSM interception that had the ability to decrypt ciphers and operate undetected.

The contracts that were allegedly awarded to Okupe's cronies reinforces claims that the former NSA merely doled out cash and contracts to cronies and political associates and violated procurement regulations in the process.

Meanwhile, a former Minister of Aviation, Chief Femi Fani-Kayode is expected to be grilled by detectives at the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

It was learned that even though the EFCC operatives who stormed his home recently had left, detectives were still keeping surveillance on his home located at 5, Zuma Close, Aso Drive.

Fani-Kayode, who was the spokesperson for the Goodluck Jonathan Campaign Organisation, *continued on p(20)*

Toronto city council lifts ban on street hockey

By S.Ratko

Toronto's city council voted to lift a ban on street hockey in the city, scoring a win for fans of the popular community sport.

Street hockey is welcomed in many other major cities but was prohibited for years by Toronto's bylaws for safety reasons.

The debate over the sport reached a crescendo this week as city council readied to consider scrapping the controversial ban. Recently, Ontario's new minister of children and youth services sent an open letter to city councilors asking that they vote to strike down the ban.

But city staff wanted the council to keep the prohibition in place, citing safety and possible liability if anyone gets hurt or if private property is damaged.

The majority of city councilors, however, eventually voted to scrap the ban, clearing the way for neighborhood games of shinny.

"Game on! City Council has lifted the ban on street hockey," Toronto Mayor John Tory tweeted after the vote. "Hockey is Canada."

Michael Coteau, the

provincial minister who had weighed into the discussion, also expressed his approval.

"Victory!" he tweeted. "Excited to hear that the City of Toronto has lifted its ban on street hockey! Hoping others follow."

While street usage is governed by municipal bylaws, not provincial legislation, Coteau had urged the city to set an example for other jurisdictions that prohibit street hockey. He had lauded the health benefits of the game and noted that social skills, compromise, and teamwork could also be learned through sport.

The debate around the issue appeared to have struck a chord with many who saw the street hockey ban as inhibiting a famous Canadian pastime.

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The National Hockey League Players' Association was among those who praised the vote, tweeting: "Great to see Toronto city council lift the ban on street hockey! Game on!"

South Africa set to return Nigeria's \$15m seized almost two years ago

By Sandra Beagan

In September and October 2014, the South African Revenue Service seized \$15m of Nigerian money at the Lanseria Airport in Johannesburg. The money was being transported for the purpose of arms purchases for the Nigerian government.

Almost two years lat-

er, South Africa is now set to return the money.

The announcement was made on July 18 by Dr. Sam Gulube, South Africa's Secretary for Defence and Military Veterans. Dr. Gulube was speaking to reporters in Abuja after the opening ceremony for the first Nigeria-South Africa Defence Industry seminar.

Apparently, it has tak-

ened or getting in trouble for it," she said.

"We have big problems now with obesity rates in children and to put things in place that prevent them from being active. I think is something that we need to look at."

With the ban now lifted, residents can play street hockey on local roads with a speed limit of 40 kilometers or less, between nine a.m. and eight p.m. during daylight hours.

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HYDRO-QUÉBEC WANTS TO INCREASE RATES BY 1.6%

REQUEST MUST BE APPROVED BY PROVINCIAL ENERGY BOARD

Hydro-Québec is requesting a 1.6 per cent rate increase for all of its residential and most of its business customers.

The increase would go into effect on April 1, 2017, if it's approved by the provincial energy

board.

The public utility says the hike is meant to cover higher costs of power purchases and lower-than-anticipated demand.

It says the request is in line with its commitment to keep rate increases at no more than inflation.

Even if the increase is approved, Hydro-Qué-

bec says its rates will remain the lowest in North America — less than half of what people pay in Toronto and a quarter of what they pay in New York.

In 2016, Hydro-Québec's rates went up by only 0.7 per cent — after its request for a 1.7 per cent increase was rejected.

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NIGERIA: HOW GOVERNOR OF EKITI STATE BOUGHT HIS HOUSES

By Sandra Beagan

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) is investigating the governor of Ekiti State, **Ayodele Fayose**, for corruption. As part of their investigation, they seized his houses in Abuja and Lagos. The EFCC says it has now discovered how Mr. Fayose purchased those houses.

In the weeks leading up to the Ekiti governorship election in June 2014, **Abiodun Agbele**, a close friend and aide of Fayose, allegedly received N1.219bn from **Musiliu Obanikoro**, former Minister of State for Defence, which he then delivered to Fayose. Agbele is currently being detained by the EFCC.

According to the anti-corruption commission, the houses were bought with bank loans from Zenith Bank and Skye Bank with Agbele functioning as the front man. Then much of the money from Obanikoro, as well as money belonging to Ekiti State, was used to offset the bank loans.

An investigator from the EFCC told Punch news, "From the Dasuki funds, they had about N300m stashed in one account. However, when they were going to buy the N270m property located on Yedseram Street, they did not use the N300m from the stolen funds. Rather, they obtained a loan of N120m in the name of Spotless Hotel from Zenith Bank to deposit for the house."

"They then took about N150m out of the Dasuki money to pay the balance on the house



Ayodele Fayose

and then used the same Dasuki funds to offset the loan. They went through all this stress to cover their tracks and make it look as if it was a bank loan they used in buying the property."

"Why did they take a loan that would be gathering interest when they had more than enough money to buy the house?"

The source also said that Fayose and Agbele overpaid the seller of four duplexes in Lagos to the tune of N220m and told the seller to use the overpayment to pay for another house in Abuja.

The EFCC source said, "The worth of the four duplexes in Lagos is N1.1bn which was sold by Still Earth Nigeria Ltd. However, Fayose and Agbele paid Still Earth N1.3bn in cash and then told the company to transfer the balance of N200m to Skye Bank. It was that N200m that was used in purchasing the building at 44 Osun River

Motors.

Crescent, Abuja. This was done so that no one would be able to trace the fund to them."

The EFCC has also reportedly traced another N60m to an account owned by Agbele, BYKD Consultant Limited, at Diamond Bank. This account allegedly received money from Ekiti State local governments marked Millennium Development Goals.

Millennium Development Goals is a UN project aimed at reducing poverty.

A correspondent at Punch saw a copy of the bank account's statement. On February 18, 2015, the following amounts were deposited into the account: about N18, 150,050; about N11,238,500; and about N15,319,650. Other transactions occurred on the same day.

The transaction history showed that Agbele had paid amounts of close to N40m and N15m to an account belonging to Affordable Motors.

LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S CANADA CHILD BENEFIT PROGRAM HAS BEGUN

By Sandra Beagan

Beginning on July 20, in one of the most ambitious Canadian social policies in decades, most families in Canada with children younger than 18 started seeing larger child benefit payments deposited into their bank accounts.

Intended to pull tens of thousands of Canadian children out of poverty, the new Canada Child Benefit (CCB) may also help stimulate our economy which greatly needs an infusion of activity.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told Rosemary Barton on CBC's Power & Politics that, "This is an initiative that's going to help Canadian families in a significant measure."

Later at a press conference he noted that it is a "more generous and tax free" system than the previous system.

But, at an expected cost of \$22.4 bn over five years, it's going to be expensive. The other downside is that it won't be indexed to inflation until 2020.

Even with those drawbacks, most families in Canada with children will see an improvement in their bottom line.

According to Jamie Golombek, managing director of tax and estate planning for CIBC Wealth Strategies Group, "At the end of the day, based on the models we have looked at and based on what the government has said, about 90 per cent of families that have kids under the age of 18 will actually have more money than they did under the old system."

Because the new system is completely tied to income, the poorest Ca-

nadian families will see an increase in their bottom line while the richest will see their child benefit payments disappear completely.

Previously we had two systems. The Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) was universal and the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB). The UCCB paid \$60/month for children aged six to 17 and \$160/month for children under the age of six, regardless of income. Only the CCTB was tied to income level.

Under the new CCB, the UCCB and CCTB are combined into one payment that is completely based on income level. It is also tax-free.

- Details Families with children under the age of six will receive as much as \$6,400 per child per year
- Families with children between the ages of six and 17 will receive as much as \$5,400 per child per year
- Families with a net income of less than \$30,000 per year will receive the maximum benefit
- Families with a net income of more than \$200,000 per year will lose their benefit

This extra money in people's wallets — especially since it will not be taxed — may help to stimulate the economy, at least in the beginning.

Governor of the Bank of Canada, Stephen Poloz, explained at a news conference in Ottawa: "It's theirs to spend. Of course when they spend it, it has secondary effects."

Duclos said, "The poverty rate for children in Canada will fall from about 11.2 per cent to 6.7 per cent. Forty per cent of all children currently living in poverty will be lifted out of poverty, which will lead to the lowest poverty rate among children ever in Canada. It will also lead to the most significant fall in child poverty ever in our country."

FEELING HUMAN

A single mother of four children between the ages of six and 17 with a net income of about

\$30,000, Ava Williams is a social worker in Toronto and lives in community housing. She told the CBC that the new program will add about \$6,000 to her annual federal benefit, and that doesn't even take into account the fact that it will be tax-free.

"It will make us feel a little bit more human," she told the CBC and added, "I know for myself, I feel a little bit dehumanized. Because there's this whole stigma that you're lazy, you just want the money, but it has nothing to do with that. I work a full-time job, 40 hours a week, and I still live in poverty."

Williams told the CBC, "For me, I know it's going to help me buy better groceries, maybe even move to a better environment for my children," and said that she will now be able to afford more things for her children in school such as school trips and school food programs.

Doing away with child poverty

According to the Liberal government, this new program will pull close to 300,000 children in Canada out of poverty.

Jean-Yves Duclos is the federal minister of Families, Children and Social Development. His department is responsible for the program.

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Peel police want to work with black leaders, groups POLICE NA YOUR FRIEND

By N.Ugoh

Peel Police's Black Advisory Committee wants to see the black community engage more with police.

In the recent press release, the committee highlighted partnering with Peel Regional Police on solving problems and praised efforts by Chief Jennifer Evans.

"We acknowledge that there are significant challenges in the relation-

ship between the police and the black community, and the media has failed all of that kind of messaging," committee member Len Carby told the press.

"And so we just wanted to send a clear message that there are black leaders in Peel who are committed to working with the police towards finding solutions."

The committee was formed in May 2015 to establish a relationship between Peel Police and

the black community "during the period when the black community was dealing with some unsettling issues such as street checks," the release stated. It currently has around 20 members.

The group is encouraging members of the black community to attend town hall meetings, invite the police to community events, consider a career with police, and follow the force on social media.

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PASSION

This Time Around

Continued from last month

"So, let me connect my mother, hmm?" Antonio told Misan.

Oh Lord! "Hold it, how would you want me to address her?" She asked.

He laughed. "We are not particular about that in my family. She's Susan Jensen. You can call her that or Mrs. Jensen or Mother as I call her, if you wish, whatever. It really doesn't matter. Just relax, okay?"

"Okay."

"Hold on a sec."

Oh my God! Not now! Misan panicked. She wasn't ready to talk to his mother. She was nervous.

"Misan," She heard Antonio's voice. "My mother is on the line now."

"Hi," A female voice said.

"Hello." She wasn't brought up to say Hi to her child's grandmother. "Good afternoon Ma'am."

"Oh it's afternoon over there? It's morning here. How are you doing? I've been wanting to speak with you. Antonio told me everything. And Whe - yeen - did I call that right?"

She heard Antonio's laughter as she said, "Yes." "She is such a lovely girl, I must say. Thank you for taking good care of my granddaughter. How are you?"

"I'm fine, thank you." Misan answered.

"Is Weyin around?" "Yes, she's right here. Hold on please."

Misan gave the phone to her child who kept on saying yes and nodding intermittently for about three minutes. Then Misan took the phone back. "Hello,"

"Misan," It was Antonio. "Does Weyin have cold or something? Her voice doesn't seem very clear."

"Yes, she has a little cold. It began yesterday and she's on medication. By tomorrow, it should clear."

"It's nice speaking with you." Antonio's mother said.

"The pleasure is mine," Misan replied. "And I wish you a merry Christmas."

"I wish you the same."

"Mom," Antonio called, "I'll talk to you later. Take care."

"You do the same. Bye."

When Misan heard the click of the woman's phone, she asked Antonio, "What exactly did you tell your mother about me?"

He laughed. "I told her only what she needed to know, that we have a



Pastor Taiwo Odubiye

daughter together, that's all." There was a short pause. "She lives in New Jersey," Antonio told her. "So I don't see her often."

"Oh, I thought she stays in Maryland where you are."

"No, only my sister, Amy and I are in Maryland. I have a sister in New York and a brother in Philadelphia."

When they eventually ended the call, Antonio checked the phone and found they spent one hour ten minutes. He smiled and shook his head.

Misan put the phone down with a smile on her face. It was already dark in the room, and the only light came from the TV which Weyin was watching. She got up from the sofa and flipped on the light, glancing at her watch. Phew! The time was 8.40PM. How time flies when you are having fun - she thought, still smiling. She went to the kitchen.

On the first week of January, Antonio transferred money to Misan again which she acknowledged on Wednesday.

He phoned her at the end of the week and they talked generally, chatting freely like friends. He shared his salvation experience with her and she told him show she became a Christian.

He enjoyed calling and talking to her but there was still a lot he didn't know about this lady who he was getting very fond of.

When he called her the following week he asked her, "Tell me about yourself."

Misan smiled. "What is there to say? You already know what you need to know."

"You know that's not correct. Tell me who Misan is."

They spent the next fifteen minutes talking about Misan.

Then Misan asked him, "How is Jen?"

"She's fine although we're no longer together." She was surprised.

"No longer together - what happened? I hope it has nothing to do with me and Weyin?"

Antonio laughed. "Well, that is what she held on to this time around but we've been having a lot of disagreements all along. The relationship was struggling before the issue of you and Weyin came up."

"What did she say about me?" Misan asked.

"Well, she simply doesn't believe there's nothing serious going on between you and I."

Misan smiled. "What gave her that impression? Did you say something to make her feel that way?"

"Nothing." He laughed.

"But if you really love each other, you can still make up."

"If we are meant for each other - that can happen but not in this case."

When they eventually ended the call, Misan saw that they had spent forty minutes.

He phoned her again on Tuesday evening.

After the usual greetings, he asked, "How is Head to Toes doing?"

"Oh, great. God has been helping me."

"Obviously. Tell me what goes on there."

"I'm using the whole of the first floor of a two storey building. There's a salon. We also sell clothes, jewellery, hats and such stuff."

"Wow, it seems your hands are full. That's interesting. I'm sure you don't work alone."

"No, I have four ladies on my payroll."

He was impressed. "That's great. How did you get into doing this?"

"I've always been interested in looking good. When I was in high school in Houston, I was braiding hair. When I came back to Nigeria, I continued braiding hair in the university on commercial basis. That was when I began to nurse the idea of having my own place. I was also into make-up and dress-up."

"What did you study in the university?" "Business Administration but I've not worked with my certificate."

To be continued. This story is from the novel THIS TIME AROUND by Pastor Taiwo Iredele Odubiye

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Share a problem with Auntie Agatha

My husband has two children outside our home

Dear Agatha, My marriage is nine years old. I have been very lucky with my career. While a lot of my colleagues in the banks had their careers terminated, mine kept flourishing so much so I am now a branch manager in one of the A-list banks.

The money I make is enough to feed my family and keep the children in one of the best schools in town. Though my husband works, but his salary as a top civil servant is nothing to write home about. Therefore, I have to provide most of the things at home.

Also the demands of my job give me very little time with my family; a fact my husband understands. There is no way I can be a manager and still have time to prepare my children for school, cook and clean the house. Since his job isn't as demanding as mine, we agreed he should assist with ensuring the children are ready by the time the school bus comes for them.

It isn't as if he bathes them; there are two house-helps in the house I pay to cover up my lapses.

Although I go to work on Saturdays, I try to come home early when I don't have a social function.

For a long time my husband kept complaining about my unavailability at home and in his life as my husband.

No matter how hard I tried to explain to him that my job left me exhausted and unable to make love when he desired it; he would always complain.

At a time, I stopped trying to make him understand and actually packed to our guest room to give me peace at home.

To be honest, I can't remember when he stopped complaining about my job or not having enough of my company. Also the fact that I have been busy trying to keep my job in the face of threats presented by the ailing economy and competition presented by the retrenchment of very good hands in other banks, I lost account of the last time we made love.

Honestly Agatha, I love my husband and prayed ours would be a happy home. But I have evidence that my husband has another woman who recently gave him a set of twins. She is also a civil servant. I went there to confirm and found it to be true. What pains me the most is the role of my mother-in-law in the development. She was there at the naming ceremony of



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the babies, despite everything I do for her.

When my husband learnt I went to see the other woman; he warned me never to attempt it again. He actually threatened to end our marriage if I ever do that again.

Now he hardly comes home or talks to me. I love him and want my husband back home. I'm trying to change; come home early and stay at home on weekends but he is never around. What do I do? Or do I just divorce him since he now has another woman in his life?

Ireti.

Dear Ireti,

In his shoes, what would you have done? Continue to endure the deprivation, neglect and humiliation of your spouse?

What kind of money and career were you looking for that made you so neglectful of your home? Are those house-helps you employed for your home his wife or mother of his children? Were you also expecting them to share his bed, tender to all his emotional needs in addition to the jobs you specified for them? How come you now have the time to stay at home when you never did; when your job appeared to be the only thing that drove your passion as a woman?

Now that you have realized his usefulness to your

life; you want him back? As what? A hen-pecked husband? The kind you bring out of the cupboard at your convenience? What manner of love does this to a man?

It doesn't work like that. Life gives you back what you invest into it. There is no amount of money that will ever be enough to buy happiness and peace of mind.

You were too busy to notice your importance in your home; the advantage of being married and having your man to yourself. The excuse that you were busy building your career doesn't work because women before you who occupied that position, you prided above your home; managed to balance their acts.

Being a career woman doesn't mean a woman must have a broken home or unable to subject herself to the governorship of her husband.

The reason God gave women the special gift of being able to multi task is in realization of our importance to our homes.

Unless you want to completely lose your husband to this other woman; you have to stop nagging and create time for everything that makes your man happy. You also have to make up your mind about those things that are of importance to you now that you have another woman to deal with in his life.

If you think it is going to be easy to get him back, you are wrong because in your nine years as his wife, you have given him no pleasant reason or memory to want to make him remain with you. So, it is going to take a huge miracle to make him come back to you fully.

Your mistake was making it appear that, because of the money you were making from your job; you were only enduring the marriage. In addition you also made it clear to him that you went below your level by marrying a poor civil servant. No matter the

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TRIBUNAL FINDS SCHOOL ATTENDANT NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST DUE TO POOR ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Can someone be denied a promotion for a job if they are not proficient in English?

According to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal they can.

A man working as a school attendant alleged employment discrimination based on prohibited discriminatory grounds in a case where he was denied a promotion to custodian. He alleged it was due to problems with his English language skills.

The man is employed as an attendant by the Peel District School Board in Ontario. An attendant mainly performs cleaning duties in schools but at a lower level than a custodian. He

wanted to become a custodian but in order to qualify, he had to pass a written test and a training course.

He failed the written test the first time around in 2008, and was told that his English skills were not up to par. He was told he needed a "Level 7 certificate" English as Second Language proficiency but he only had "Level 4". However, there was no specified language skill requirement for the job.

In 2010, he was allowed to take the test again after he had complained to his union. He passed and then started the training course but failed the course test.

He then called the test administrator, who invited

him to review the test with him to improve his chances but the man declined. He was denied a retake of the test because he didn't bother to review the test, and filed complaints against the board. He alleged that the board "imposed arbitrary English proficiency standards" on him.

After the complaints were filed, the board allowed him to rewrite the test in order to settle the issue but he didn't show up to any of the dates for which he was scheduled and instead followed through with his complaints to the tribunal.

The tribunal found that "English proficiency is not an [Ontario Human

Rights] Code-protected ground." Employers have the right to require that their prospective employees have a certain level of English skills.

The test required a certain level of English literacy and comprehension, without which someone couldn't qualify to become a custodian. If his English proficiency was indeed a factor in him failing, then "improved English proficiency was legitimately needed so that the applicant could pass the test."

The tribunal dismissed the case.

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Corporate Compliance — Do things the right way: the legal way

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Simply put, corporate compliance is making sure your business complies with the law. Although some think that competition and labelling laws only apply to "big

businesses", they apply, in fact, to most businesses in Canada, including small and medium-sized enterprises.

Competition is good for the economy and Canada's prosperity. It benefits consumers by keeping prices low and by improving choice and quality of products in the marketplace. And as you know, as a business owner, competition helps ensure that you are getting the best deals from your suppliers to keep costs down. It also provides incentives to innovate. Making sure that your advertising and other representations about your products and business are accurate — and fair — builds on your reputation for honesty and integrity.

Not everyone plays by the rules, and your business could be on the hook. Even the best managers don't always know what their employees are doing all the time, especially if individuals are trying to hide risky or illegal activities with competitors. The consequences of breaking the law can be very serious — sometimes even putting the company's reputation and survival at risk. In some cases, it could also mean jail time for managers and employees.

Law-abiding citizens know they should not commit theft, fraud or otherwise break the law. A corporate compliance program is a plan or system designed to reduce the chances of your employees

violating laws or regulations. Having a corporate compliance program tailored to your company's operations helps your employees stay within the law and manage your risk.

A compliance program allows you to focus on what's important to you: running your business. And it helps you avoid the costly and time-consuming results of breaking the law. Do things the right way: the legal way. And help your employees stay on the right side of the law with a strong and effective compliance program.

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CANADA'S WEIRDEST LAWS: IN P.E.I. YOU HAVE TO HONK IF YOU WANT TO PASS A CAR

Can you imagine what would happen if we had laws requiring that every time a driver passes another car, they have to honk?

In our big cities, people would have a symphony of collective headaches from all the noise.

However, in the much smaller province of Prince Edward Island, a law actually exists that requires drivers to honk their horn when passing another driver.

S. 154 (1)(a) of the P.E.I. Highway Traffic Act states:

"Subject to this Act, the driver of a vehicle

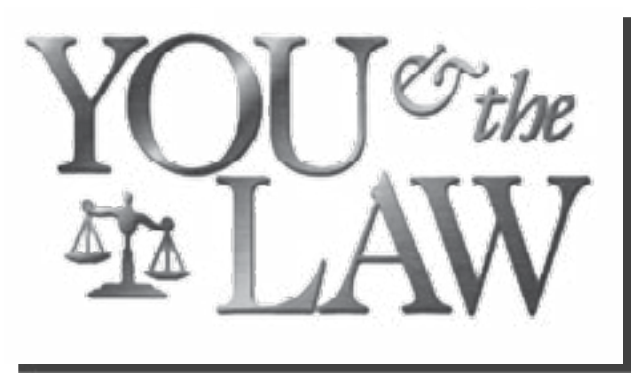


that is overtaking another vehicle(a) shall sound a clearly audible signal by horn."

The act doesn't specify that drivers have to use their car horn. Does that mean a driver could buy a nov-

elty horn and honk at other drivers when passing? Or could a driver even use one of those annoying and extremely loud Vuvuzelas that were used to disturb soccer games during the 2010 Soccer World Cup held in South Africa? On second thought, the latter would likely see a person get charged with mischief.

P.E.I.'s Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Doug McEwan, told The Globe and the Mail, that the requirement to honk when passing is obsolete and hasn't been enforced in "many years," though he adds that the law



MAN ACCUSED OF STABBING SOLDIERS IN TORONTO FOUND FIT TO STAND TRIAL

By N.Ugoh

TORONTO -- A man accused of stabbing soldiers at a Toronto military recruitment centre in March has been found fit to stand trial.

Ayanle Hassan Ali, a 27-year-old born in Montreal, allegedly stabbed several soldiers inside the recruitment centre, sending two to the hospital. Nobody was killed in the attack.

In May, he was found unfit to stand trial just hours after the RCMP laid terrorism charges in the case. That ruling was handed down following a two-month psychiatric assessment.

Judge Riun Shandler of the Ontario Court of Justice ordered Ali to undergo 60 days of treatment in a bid to improve his condition and leave him able to stand trial.

Recently, in a Toronto courtroom, Ali was declared fit based on another psychiatric evaluation.

Ali, wearing a loose dark gray t-shirt, hung his head throughout the proceedings and did not speak. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Sept. 8.

He's facing a raft of charges.

The RCMP charged him with three counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault causing bodily harm, three counts of assault using a weapon and one count of carrying a weapon dangerous to the public, all for the benefit of a terrorist organization.



Ayanle Hassan Ali

Toronto police laid similar charges in March.

The attack at the recruitment centre in North Toronto took place on the afternoon of March 14 when Ali allegedly walked in brandishing a knife. In the days after the incident, Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders said a man promptly began attacking a uniformed master corporal.

As military personnel moved civilians to safety, investigators said the man tried and failed to slash a female soldier before other soldiers were able to subdue him and hold him for police. Another military member was injured as the suspect was apprehended.

Court documents identified the victims of the attack as Ryan Kong, Jesus Castillo, and Tracy Ann Gerhardt. None of their injuries were serious.

"While at the scene, the accused stated that 'Allah told me to do this; Allah told me to come here and kill people,'" Saunders said.

Little is known about Ali apart from the fact that he was born in Montreal and has lived in Toronto since roughly 2011.

Though the law is no longer enforced in P.E.I., some driving instructors still teach it, such as Summerside, P.E.I. driving instructor Stewart Brookings who teaches students not to "lay on the horn", but gently make a "single or double tap" before passing another car.

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WHEN PARENTS OF A TEEN DIVORCE

By Teresa Opdycke

He may be six-feet tall and she may look every bit the young woman, but parents still see the grinning freckled-faced boy or the tow-headed girl twirling around in a pirouette. A teen's thoughts and reactions to the divorce of their parents are far different from those of younger children. Getting through the muck and mire of creating two new families where there was just one, requires out-of-the-box thinking, real communication, and a whole lotta love.

The teen years tend to be tumultuous for many kids. Through time teenagers, filled with angst, sat in their rooms writing dark and ominous poetry. They feel stuck in a place that is neither here nor there, not a child anymore, but not accepted as an adult yet. The life of a teen revolves around school, activities, friends, friends, and more friends. Dealing with peer pressure, parent pressure, and self-imposed pressures adds stress into their lives.

Learning to be independent and self-sufficient is no easy task, but every day teens everywhere go at it like it's their job and in a way... it is. With all the confused chaos that often swirls around the teen years, adding the divorce of parents seems almost too much to bear. Teens, or children of any age, have no say in what happens to the marriage of two people they love more than anything. It is for this very reason that parents must be ever vigilant toward the emotions and behaviors of their teen while the family moves on in different directions. The parent's job is to guide your teen through the emotionally charged issues of being a child of divorce.

When a child is younger, parents wield control over visitation issues. Visitation, usually set in motion by the court system with both parents agreeing, is much easier to maintain with small chil-

dren. As kids grow into their teen years, they establish a life that often circumvents the family life. Teens may be involved in sports and school activities that require commitments. Sitting home all weekend to be with a parent could cause some riled up emotional battles. Teens with divorcing parents want and need their lives to continue in the same way as it has. If the family was intact, a parent would not ask a child to not attend a school function, a sporting event, or not see friends on the weekend. Do not ask your child to stop being who he or she is because the family structure changed.

Both parents, if possible, should sit down and discuss visitation with their teen. Allow your teenager to voice an opinion and together make an honest effort to come to an agreement. If that means the adults will have to adjust their schedules, so be it. After all, the teen years fly by quickly and this is the last chance parents get to truly nurture their children.

A word to the wise: The urge to kiss away the hurt and make it better may be profoundly overwhelming. Be there for your teen in every way except one. Do not try to buy your way into emotional stability with your child. Do not give into his or her every whim. Over-indulgence does not make the hurt and pain go away, in fact, kids see right through the ruse and will use it to their advantage. Do not add fuel to a fire by believing that a monetary or turning-the-other-way-when-rules-are-broken band-aid will make it all better. It won't.

Communication is the most powerful tool that a parent has when it comes to teens. You want what's best for your child and even though you may be angry and you may see how to hurt an ex by using a child, let cooler heads prevail. Never allow your child to be a pawn in a cruel game. Keep the lines of communication open to yourself and your ex giving your teen the emotional support needed. Don't just give your teen the opportunity to be himself, encourage it. When all the shards of sadness and anger fall away, you want what's left to be your child: happy and whole with a little thicker skin than before.

Communicate, communicate, communicate, and then talk it over. Parents are not the top choice in a teens little black book, but keeping the lines of communication open will never be more important than with a teen facing the divorce of his or her parents. Often times adults want to control the conversation, but when it comes to your teen you'll gain more insight by listening and allow-

ing and you'll lose less moisture to evaporation.

- Keep an eye open for pests. A small number of weeds or bugs is nothing to worry about, and if you catch a problem before it gets out of hand you will have an easier time dealing with it. If your problem reaches a point where you need to use a pesticide, just follow the label. The products in our stores are approved by Health Canada before they are made available to consumers.

ing your teenager to rant, cry, moan, and be angry. Once the fog has cleared you'll be able to converse with your teen and help them understand.

Teens like most children of divorce blame themselves. They project their fears and insecurities onto a situation for which they hold no responsibility. The importance of reassuring your teen that the divorce did not happen because of anything they did, cannot be overstated. Assure, reassure, and load on the love. Be available to talk whenever your teen is ready. In this age of technology, communication is never out of reach.

So much changes during a divorce. Perhaps a new home, definitely a change in family dynamics, but try very hard not to make too many changes during this time of transition. Kids of all ages need two parents in their lives. The non-custodial parent must stay in contact with the children. It's important to continue being your child's biggest fan at school events. Do not let the old adage, "out of sight, out of mind" eek its way into your life leaving a gap in your child's life.

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TIPS FOR A GREAT YARD

(NC) Warm summer days mean more time spent tending to our lawns and gardens. Here are some tips to help make your yard one of the best on the block:

- Mow high. Keeping the blade raised for a 2.5 – 3 inch cut is best because it helps a strong root system develop and discourages weed growth.

- Don't water too often. By watering deeply and infrequently you can encourage deep root growth. Water in the morn-

ing and you'll lose less moisture to evaporation.

- Keep an eye open for pests. A small number of weeds or bugs is nothing to worry about, and if you catch a problem before it gets out of hand you will have an easier time dealing with it. If your problem reaches a point where you need to use a pesticide, just follow the label. The products in our stores are approved by Health Canada before they are made available to consumers.

A healthy yard is not only a beautiful way to add value to your property, it's also a good way to enhance the environment by filtering rainwater, attracting birds and good insects and absorbing pollution. Regular maintenance and keeping a watchful eye out for potential problems are two simple ways you can make the most of your personal, outdoor oasis while contributing to a beautiful, vibrant urban environment.

DEPRESSED TEENS CHOOSE MUSIC OVER BOOKS

By Dr. Kristie

Does your teen prefer books or music? Their answer may say something about their mental health. According to a new study published in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, depressed teenagers that favor music over books are more likely to be depressed. What's the relationship between music and teenage depression?

DO DEPRESSED TEENS LISTEN TO MUSIC MORE?

Researchers used a special technique called ecological momentary assessment to look at the link between music and depression in 106 teens, some of whom had a diagnosis of major depression. This method involved calling teens many times over a two month period to find out what they were reading, if they were listening to music or whether they were on the internet. This type of questioning in real-time is more accurate than using surveys that depend on re-

call.

What did they find? Teens that spent the most time listening to music were more than 8 times more likely to be depressed, whereas teens who read books were a tenth less likely to be depressed. Reading other forms of media such as newspapers, magazines or reading on the internet weren't linked with the risk of depression.

DO DEPRESSED TEENS TURN TO MUSIC AS AN ESCAPE?

The link between music and teenage depression is intriguing, but it's hard to draw any firm conclusions based on one study. Do depressed teens turn to music as an escape from their unhappiness – or does the music itself cause depression? Likewise, are emotionally healthy teens more likely to read - or does reading actually boost mental health? Does the type of music or reading material influence depressive symptoms? More research is needed to determine the relationship between teen depression,

music and reading.

THE DARK SIDE OF TEEN DEPRESSION

Still, teenage depression is on the rise in this country. About one in five teens will experience depression before they reach adulthood – and most will deal with it more than once. The incidence may be particularly high in kids who have other family members who suffered from depression. At best, severe depression can interfere with a teen's school performance and social life. At worst, it can lead to suicide.

If you're a parent, don't ignore the signs of teenage depression. Encourage your teen to talk about their concerns, and don't let them escape by putting on headphones and listening to music.

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Ontario taps Hudson's Bay Co vice-chairman Bonnie Brooks for new LCBO board chair

By N.Ugon

The government of Ontario has named Hudson's Bay Co. vice-chairman Bonnie Brooks as the new LCBO board president, one day after announcing the launch of an online site where customers will be able to order alcohol.

Bonnie Brooks, who has spent 40 years in fashion and retail marketing, had held senior roles with Hudson's Bay Co. since 2008 when she joined the company and became its first female president and CEO. Brooks is known for engineering a turnaround for the retailer, dropping its moribund apparel brands and bringing in mid-to-high end fashion products.

Brooks was set to retire from her role as vice-chairman before agreeing to take on LCBO part. She said this new opportunity would allow her to help "build on the great work that has already been done, and to take this exciting retail powerhouse to the next level," with its expansion online and its new role as the wholesaler to grocers.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa called Brooks a "visionary busi-



Bonnie Brooks

ness leader" and said she was chosen for the role because of her "incredible track record."

Brooks had previously spent 12 years at Holt Renfrew in merchandising and marketing. She spent another 11 years in Hong Kong as the president of Lane Crawford.

The announcement continues a period of change and innovation at the LCBO. Recently, the retailer announced customers would soon be able to buy from a selection of 5,000 beers, wine, and liquor products online and have them delivered to their homes.

If her appointment is confirmed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, Brooks will begin working in her new position as of Aug. 28, 2016.

HEALTH EMERGENCY IN BORNO STATE, WITH HIGH LEVELS OF MALNUTRITION

The health situation in Borno State in north-east Nigeria is critical. At least 500,000 people who are either displaced or cut off in enclaves outside the state capital Maiduguri are in urgent need of food, medical care, drinking water and shelter. "Aid agencies must deploy a massive relief operation to respond to this health disaster", says Dr Isabelle Defourny, Director of operations at Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

As the army regains control of the main towns and some villages in Borno State, the extent of the emergency is becoming all too apparent. Hundreds of thousands have been cut off from the outside world, some for as much as two years. Most displaced people are living in towns now controlled by the military, and they rely entirely on outside aid.

Assessments by United Nations agencies and the Nigerian authorities have shown how serious the situation is and teams from SEMA (Borno State Emergency Management Agency), Red Cross and Unicef have distributed food and provided medical and nutritional treatment at several locations. In June, an MSF team observed extremely high levels of malnutrition and mortality in Bama, Borno State's second largest town. Bama is now

a ghost town accessible only under army escort. Its inhabitants, estimated at over 10,000, live in a camp. While there are some food distributions and close to 1,500 people — the most vulnerable and sick — have been evacuated by the authorities, mortality rates are significantly higher than the emergency threshold and 15% of children are suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

An MSF team has arrived in Bama to provide support with medical and nutritional treatment. Their objective is to rapidly reduce mortality and malnutrition among the displaced. The most critical cases will be transferred to Maiduguri. Equally urgent is improving access to water as well as hygiene conditions in the camp.

Monguno, a town of 150,000 inhabitants — 65,000 of whom are displaced —, has been without medical care since January 2015. MSF plans to re-launch activities at the hospital and treat displaced and local children with severe acute malnutrition.

"A massive aid effort is vital to provide assistance to people who are cut off or in remote areas", continues Dr Defourny. "Everything suggests that the situation of people in other towns like Dikwa is just as critical and that they also need food and medical care." MSF is

conducting other exploratory missions when and where it can, as insecurity is a major issue. Bama and Dikwa and areas close to the frontline exposed to attack by Boko Haram can only be reached under army escort.

Meanwhile, the displaced are continuing to seek refuge in Maiduguri. With such an influx of people, the town's hospitals are overwhelmed and have to turn patients away. Only recently, six children with measles who could not be admitted to hospital were sent back to the displaced persons camp where their families had just arrived. Increasing inpatient capacity in Maiduguri is therefore another of MSF's priorities.

MSF has been working in Maiduguri in Borno State since August 2014. The organisation runs two clinics, a nutrition centre and a health centre in one camp and provides medical consultations. In recent months, MSF has developed large-scale projects to ensure water supply and acceptable standards of hygiene in camps in Maiduguri and continues to conduct epidemiological surveillance of people living in them. In 2015, MSF gave over 116,300 medical consultations, assisted 1,330 deliveries and treated 6,000 undernourished children.

NIGERIA – EFCC FREEZES BANK ACCOUNT OF FORMER DEFENCE MINISTER'S DAUGHTER OVER N1.2BN TRANSACTION

By Sandra Beagan

Nigeria's Economic Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has told Nigeria's *The Punch* newspaper that the EFCC has frozen a bank account owned by the daughter of Senator **Musiliu Obanikoro, former Minister of State for Defence.** The senator is under investigation for corruption.

The EFCC has reportedly traced approximately N1.2bn to the account be-

longing to Shalewa Obanikoro. According to *The Punch*, Ms. Obanikoro instructed Fidelity Bank to make an internal transfer of N800m from one account to another account.

An EFCC source told the newspaper on July 19, "We have frozen an account in which Obanikoro's daughter is a signatory. She specifically mandated the bank to transfer N800m from the account to another account."

"We discovered that

money was paid into the account at various times. The money came in N50m, N20m, N30m and various sums.

"She said the money was for oil and gas transactions. So, we have frozen the account as investigations continue. We want to know where the funds came from. At least N1.2bn has passed through the account."

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LCBO LAUNCHES ONLINE HOME DELIVERY SERVICE IN ONTARIO

By S.Ratko



Charles Sousa

TORONTO — The Liquor Control Board of Ontario launched online sales Tuesday with a website that lets people buy from nearly 5,000 products and have them delivered to their home or a local liquor store.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa said the creation of LCBO.com shows the government-owned liquor agency's commitment to evolving and modernize, and will provide greater convenience for consumers.

"The virtual shelf space now available to small wineries and breweries is fantastic," said Sousa.

"Consumers who may not have their favourite product at their local store will now have 5,000 products available right at their fingertips, and they'll be able to find what they need with the click of a mouse."

There is a \$50 minimum for any purchases through LCBO.com and purchases could be delivered to a neighbourhood LCBO store for free, or to a customer's home through Canada Post for a \$12 fee plus tax. Postal workers will have to ask for identification or return the liquor to the postal depot for customer pickup.

it's beer, it's spirits and a host of other products that are available."

The LCBO.com site will also be useful for suppliers of alcoholic beverages from around the world who are not well represented in LCBO stores because they don't meet the production quotas needed to be listed by the liquor agency.

"There are no more quotas for these products as long as they're willing to participate in e-commerce," said Soleas.

The LCBO said 800 of the products available online will be exclusive to LCBO.com and will not be available in any of its 655 retail outlets.

The online portal already lists more products than are carried in any LCBO store, added Soleas, who said the agency's flagship retail outlet in Toronto carries about 3,400 products while the large Summerhill store in Toronto carries about 4,000.

The agency said LCBO.com could eventually list up to 16,000 products for sale.

The LCBO reported record sales of \$5.6 billion in 2015-16, up 6.8 per cent over the previous year, and paid a dividend of \$1.9 billion to the government, an increase of \$130 million.

HOW TO MAKE BOLI AT HOME



Boli (roasted plantain) is one of Nigeria's favourite 'roadside' snacks, here is how you can make it in the comfort of your kitchen.

Are you one of those people who live in one of those boring estates where hawkers never come by with their wares and where it's simply impossible to get street food such as fried yam, akara or boli to buy?

Does this situation frustrate you whenever you crave such food badly? Worry not, salvation is here.

Homemade boli

is quite easy to make.

You will need:

- Plantain

- A microwave oven

Yes. That's all you need really, it's that simple.

The kind of plantain you use will depend on how you like your boli; whether you prefer the very ripe and soft plantain for boli, the unripe and hard type or the one that's just ripe, neither too soft or hard.

1. First you rinse the plantain and then peel off the skin.

2. Next you place the plantain on a plate and put in your microwave oven. Set the heat to medium or hot.

3. Turn the sides of the plantain from time to time, so it can cook properly and evenly.

4. Leave to cook for 10-15 minutes, depending on the quantity of plantain and how ripe it is. After 10-15 minutes it would be a nice golden brown colour, if you like your boli extra crisp, then you can leave it to cook for a few extra minutes.

5. Serve as desired! Boli is often served with roasted groundnut, grilled fish and/or pepper sauce.

Source: Pulse.ng

COOK WITH CANOLA OIL FOR PREMIUM HEALTH BENEFITS



(NC)—The bright yellow canola fields that span the Prairie provinces produce some of the healthiest cooking oil in the world, especially for the heart.

"Health professionals recommend that sources of saturated fat be reduced and replaced with unsaturated fat," says Shaunda Durance-Tod, a registered dietitian with the Canola Council of Canada. She adds that "canola oil contains less saturated fat than other common cooking oils — just 7 per cent. It is also rich in monounsaturated and omega-3 polyunsaturated fats, and provides vitamin E as well as plant sterols."

What many people may not know is that the vast majority of canola planted across Canada has been enhanced through biotechnology to make it resistant to herbicides. Herbicide-tolerant canola is part of a sustainable farming system and helps reduce soil erosion, conserve soil moisture and protect valuable wildlife

habitat.

There are a number of ways you can incorporate canola oil into your diet, says Durance-Tod. Try adding the oil to your morning smoothie — it provides omega 3 fats and vitamin E along with a smoother taste.

TIPS TO HELP LOWER CHOLESTEROL

• Eat meat sparingly. Relegate meat to a minor part of your diet instead of making it the centrepiece of most meals.

• Opt for low-fat dairy products. Avoid dairy foods that contain whole milk or cream; instead, use low-fat or nonfat versions.

• Watch the snacks.

Choose low-fat snacks (homemade popcorn, carrots, dried fruits, or fresh fruits) instead of high-fat ones like potato chips and candy bars.

• Cut down on saturated fat in cooking. Use liquid cooking oils rather than butter or margarine. Use non-stick pans. Instead of frying your food, bake, broil, roast, steam, or stew it.

• Avoid palm and coconut oils. Most vegetable oils are unsaturated, but these two contain mostly saturated fat. Choose canola, sunflower, safflower, corn, soybean, olive, and peanut oils.

• Reduce dietary cholesterol. Strive to eat less

than 200 mg of dietary cholesterol a day. Limit eggs to no more than four egg yolks per week; two egg whites can replace a whole egg in most recipes.

• Increase complex carbohydrates and fibre. Emphasise foods with complex carbohydrates—such as fruits and vegetables, whole-grain products, and legumes (dried beans and peas)—that are low in calories and high in fibre.

• Eat fruits and vegetables. To protect your heart, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Go for nuts. Nuts are associated with a lower risk of heart disease. They're a healthful and filling source of protein, but go easy on them; they have lots of calories, so too much could cause weight gain.

• Add fish to your diet. Countries with high fish consumption have a lower risk of death from all causes, as well as from cardiovascular disease.

Source: health.harvard.edu

WAYS TO SALVAGE OVERRIPE FRUIT



Did you know you can squeeze extra savings out of spoiled fruit? Here are a few tips on how to get the most out of your producer.

Take lemons, for example. Just because they've gone bad, doesn't mean that they've completely gone to waste. Ants, roaches, and fleas actually hate the smell of lemons.

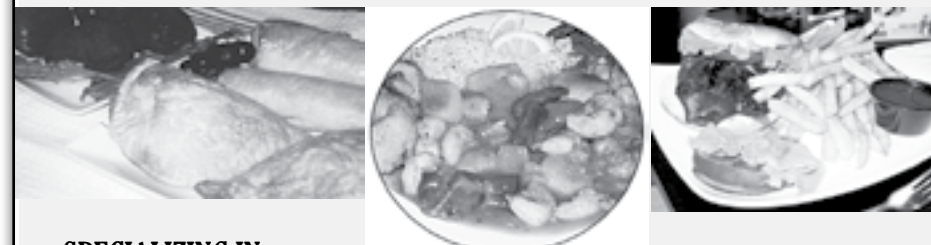
So, if you've got a pest problem, just place small slices of lemon peel on windowsills, in doorways, and near any cracks or holes. The scent is enough to drive those critters away.

Lemons can also be

used to remove mineral deposits that build up in your tea kettle. All you have to do is fill it up with water, add a handful of thin lemon-peel slices and bring to a boil. Afterwards, let it sit for an hour, drain and rinse, and your kettle will be as good as new.

Lastly, lemons are excellent stain removers. Just rub half a lemon on the stain and allow the garment to sit overnight.

So, when you can't turn lemons into lemonade, use these tips to cash in on their other fruitful benefits. <http://www.aol.com/>

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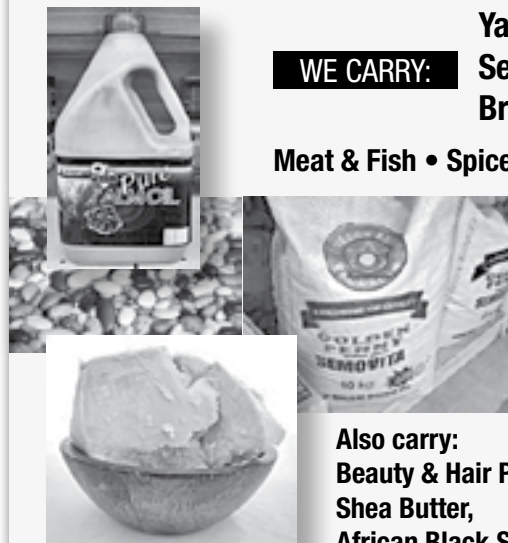
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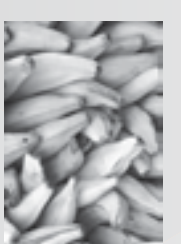


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NIGERIA ARMS FRAUD TRIALS: “WE WANT TO RETURN OUR LOOT”

By Sandra Beagan

The Nation reported on July 20 that the Economic Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has increased security measures to protect key trial witnesses in the \$2.1bn arms deals scandal. According to the EFCC, these witnesses have become “vulnerable” since the witness lists have been made public.

The same article reported that that three of the witnesses, who are also on trial, have sent letters to the EFCC asking for plea bargains. They want to return their stolen cash and surrender property to avoid prison.

An EFCC source told *The Nation* that the requests to refund stolen funds came from Air Marshal Mohammed Dikko Umar and Air Marshal Adesola Nunayon Amosu, both former Chiefs of Air Staff, and Olisa Metuh, a lawyer and former National Publicity Secretary of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP).

INDONESIAN AND THREE NIGERIANS EXECUTED FOR DRUG CRIMES

INDONESIA HAS CARRIED OUT THE EXECUTIONS OF FOUR DRUG CONVICTS, INCLUDING THREE FOREIGNERS.

The Indonesian man and three Nigerians were killed by firing squad shortly after midnight local time (17:00 GMT) on July 29 at the Nusakambangan prison island.

A further 10 convicts who had been expected to be killed had a last-minute stay of execution.

Amnesty International condemned the killings as a “deplorable act” that violated local and international law.

Indonesia’s Deputy Attorney-General Noor Rachmad said it was “not a pleasant thing but it was to implement the law”.

“The executions are only aimed at halting drug crimes,” he said, adding that the rest “will be carried out in stages”.

Indonesia has some of the world’s toughest drug laws, and has faced intense criticism internationally for resuming executions.

In April 2015, the execution of 14 drug convicts, mostly foreigners,

Umar is charged with seven counts that include criminal breach of trust, money laundering, and corruption to the tune of about N9.7bn. He was arraigned before Justice Binta Nyako of the Federal High Court, Abuja.

Amosu, is facing 26 counts amounting to approximately N50bn of siphoned money. He was arraigned at a Federal High Court in Lagos along with Air Commodore Gbadebo Olugbenga and Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Jacob Adigun.

Metuh is charged with receiving N400m from Col. Sambo Dasuki, former National Security Adviser (NSA), part of the \$2.1bn intended for procurement of arms for the military that is believed to have been diverted for personal use.

The EFCC source told *The Nation*, “We have, formally received letters of plea bargain from three accused persons – Metuh, Umar, and Amosu – we are studying their terms. “We may enter into

a plea bargain with the accused persons if it will serve the public interest. The interest is getting back the stolen funds. If they can fulfill this condition (public interest), we may accept their offers.”

The source added that the EFCC is still studying the requests and did not reveal the details.

The newspaper learned that the commission has increased protective security for key witnesses because of threats against their lives from unknown sources. The affected witnesses are those expected to testify against Col. Sambo Dasuki, including Umar, Amosu, Metuh, and Air Chief Marshal Alex Sabundu Badeh, yet another former Chief of Air Staff.

Most of the witnesses being protected are apparently from the Air Force; the Army; the accounts, procurement, and audit divisions of the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA); and other government departments.

STEPMOTHER AND TWO TEACHERS TO HANG FOR MURDER OF LITTLE GIRL

By Sandra Beagan

Benin City, Nigeria.

On July 28, an Edo High Court sentenced a stepmother and two teachers to death by hanging in the murder of a three-year-old girl.

The convicted are the stepmother, Betty Stephen, and teachers Nancy Aiwuyor and Johnson Ogbeide. They are said to have committed the offence in February of 2009 at Erhiborhibo village, Orhionmwon Local Government Area of Edo.

Justice Geraldine Imadegbello said in her ruling that the prosecution

had proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Stephen had given the child to Ogbeide who had in turn given her to Aiwuyor with the intent of selling her for ritual purposes.

As Justice Imadegbello reviewed the evidence she mentioned that, on the day the girl was stolen, her parents had left her in her stepmother’s care while they went off to farm.

The judge said, “When the victim’s parents returned, they could not find the child, only for the stepmother to confess that she sold the child to the two other convicts.”

Justice Imadegbello

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during the 2015 presidential election, was invited by the EFCC for receiving N840m during the build-up to the election.

According to documents sighted by our correspondent, the money was deposited into Fani-Kayode’s Zenith Bank account, Maitama Branch with number 1004735721 on February 19, 2015.

The EFCC has since frozen the account.

The EFCC has invited a former Minister of Aviation, Fani-Kayode,

for receiving N840m from the Director of Finance, Goodluck Jonathan Campaign Organisation, Senator Nenadi Usman.

Fani-Kayode, who was the Director of Publicity for Jonathan’s campaign organization, was said to have received the money in January 2015.

The money was said to have emanated from the Central Bank of Nigeria.

In a letter signed by Mr. Mohammed Umar Abba on behalf of the Acting Chairman, Mr. Ibrahim Magu, the Com-

mission explained that Fani-Kayode’s name featured prominently in the alleged scam, and he was needed to clarify some issues.

The money, which Fani-Kayode has confessed to receiving, was said to have emanated from the account of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

The former minister, however, said he did not know that the money emanated from the CBN as he received the money from Nenadi Usman, who was the Director of Finance of the campaign.

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it seemed like it was because we were immigrants or because we were black.” Ali came out of her building because she heard his cries of pain and saw him “lying in a pool of blood” on the ground.

She added that people in the community are sensitive to issues around police brutality because of the frequent stories on the news about deadly encounters with police in the United States.

She added, “It just felt like we weren’t being treated the way we were supposed to and we weren’t being cared for the way we were supposed to.”

The CBC reported that the police responded to reports of a man groping people at a coffee shop in Ottawa’s Hintonburg neighbourhood at about 9:50 a.m. that Sunday morning.

According to witnesses, they saw the police chasing him as he ran towards the apartment building calling out for people to help him. The police tackled him and began beating him when he didn’t comply with their orders.

One of the witnesses,

Zainab Abdallah, lives in the building and knows the victim. She told the Ottawa Citizen, “I told the police he’s a crazy man. They hit, they hit, they hit everywhere. Then I was scared. Then I was shocked.”

Abdi’s family says that Abdirahman has autism spectrum disorder and is nonverbal.

At least one witness to the incident recorded the aftermath of the arrest on a cell phone. The video shows Mr. Abdi handcuffed and lying motionless on the ground. His shirt is covered in blood.

The video shows two cops leaning over the downed man but they don’t appear to be trying to revive him.

On the video, a woman’s voice can be heard saying, “Oh my god he’s going to bleed to death.” Minutes later the voice says, “Where’s the ambulance? He’s going to bleed to death!”

Another female voice can be heard yelling to the police officers that the man “is mentally ill,” and she asks them, “Why did you treat him like that?”



Aroh Cynthia Adaeze

By Aroh Cynthia Adaeze

Hi readers, today we will be concluding our previous journey on the different kinds of lovers.

Please keep an open mind. Give yourself a break if it seems that you are at fault for being a physical or transactional lover (described in Part 1). No, those are not the right way to love, but there is always room for change.

Emotional lovers: Lovers of this type are also called **affection lovers**. They feel their love energy through their **feelings**. This is the kind of love that songs are written about.

People who love this way hold on so tight in a relationship, and love so hard, that they have the worst experiences in relationships because they are easily hurt and easily disappointed. Their love is hot and they need that to be reciprocated. They live in fear of their partner’s rejection. They can be manipulative just to get attention. They are often insecure, and are usually addicted to the effect of powerful emotions. Some of them are broken inside, which makes them needy. They are often lacking in self-esteem, and this makes them vulnerable to being hurt. Once someone shows interest in them, they hold on

lovers: Spiritual lovers: They are called **heart lovers**. They love from their **spirit being**. The foundation of their love is from **commitment**. They make a decision to love and they follow through. They believe in channeling their resources for the good of another. They feel their love language through self-giving, sacrifice, selfless acts, and commitment. They feel good or fulfilled when they have done something good to make another person’s life better. They protect and help the people they love. They believe in values and in keeping covenants. Physical loving and emotions are embedded in their love energy, but they don’t really care about money. They are lovers without conditions.

I hope you learned something from this article. Please note that sex is not the basis of a relationship (marriage) but only a spice – don’t base your love energy only on sex, money, power, or emotions. You should strive to be a heart lover, one that helps to build people up. Take care and remain blessed.

For comments, questions, contributions, send an email to adaezecynthia@outlook.com

REFLECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS

CAN I GET MARRIED BEFORE MY OLDER SIBLING?



Pastor Taiwo Odubiyi

By: Pastor Taiwo Odubiyi

Question: I met my fiancé some months ago and he proposed to marry me after a while. My siblings were happy about it as we are all girls but I really don’t want to get married before them because I am the last girl, besides the first born is not even married yet. I’m really feeling uncomfortable about this. What should I do? (Lady).

ANSWER:

I’d start by revealing that I got married six years before my older sister, and my children were her little bride and flower girls.

However, through it all, I was praying for my sister and encouraging her, so there was no reason for her to be bitter or envious. Besides, she’s not that kind of a person. What people do and how they react to issues is a matter of who they are.

Why should anyone become disrespectful to his or her older sibling, look down on them or look down on anyone for that matter simply because he/she is married or has something which others don’t have yet? What does anyone have that is not from God?

1Corinthians 4:7 clearly states, “For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”

When a prayer is answered or a desire is

granted, it’s by God’s mercy. For God said, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion. So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.” (Romans 9:15-16)

At the right time, God answered my sister’s prayer, and I hope this makes you (dear reader) realise that God does not forget and has not forgotten you. Whatever you are trusting Him for, it will come at the right time.

As I have been pointing out in my books, teachings, and my blog, God wants us to take every matter to Him in prayer for He cares for us.

And so, dear ‘lady’ in this case, it’s a good thing that you’re considering the feelings of your sisters. This shows a good heart but I’d advice you take your feelings and the situation before God in prayer.

If you do, I’m certain God is going to tell you to go ahead and get married because He is in control and will answer your sisters’ prayers too. It may seem a little weird to get married before older siblings but if God is involved, it is not weird. He knows what He’s doing and makes all things beautiful in His time.

It may take some time but your sisters’ turn will come if they don’t give up and they put their trust in God.

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tenant and ACORN representative, told the Star the lobby channel “is a must” for apartment residents because it provides an extra level of security and deters would-be criminals.

“It’s ridiculous that TCHC owns these cameras but doesn’t have the power to control who can access it,” she said. “Many tenants are low-income and don’t have the money to pay extra for cable.”

TCHC spokesperson Lisa Murray said, “While we empathize with our tenants who have been affected, this is unfortunately not within our control.”

Before this upgrade, Murray said anyone could access the lobby camera, with or without a cable subscription.

The open access, however, was never intentional. It was a relic of the old analog technology that inadvertently let anyone with a television and coaxial cable access the channel.

“We have chosen to invest in technology that allows us to access a building’s security camera feed and provide a lobby channel for our customers in many large apartment and condominium buildings, including some owned by Toronto Community Housing,” said Aaron Lazarus, a Rogers Communications spokesperson.

“Any company can make these investments.”

Meanwhile, a Bell spokesperson confirmed that tenants who subscribe to its TV service are unable to access the feed, but the company “is looking at the possibility of adding the capability in future.”

In Goneau’s case, her home phone is broken so she’s unable to use her building’s audio intercom system properly, either. Losing access to the camera feed is worry-

ing, she said, because uninvited guests have visited her building before.

Recently she came across a woman sleeping and washing herself in the utility room. “She had a bath in the laundry tub,” Goneau said. “I told her if she didn’t leave I was going to call security.”

Although rent for TCHC tenants does not include cable, Murray said the agency has reached out to Rogers to discuss potential ways residents can regain access to the channel. In the interim, staff is placing information posters in all affected buildings to notify tenants of the change.

“Given the apparent importance of the system to the tenants, one might expect that TCHC might make efforts to make an arrangement with Rogers to continue to make the channel camera feed accessible to all tenants without the necessity of subscribing to a complete cable service,” said Michael Janigan, of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre. “Similarly, it would seem to be good public relations for Rogers to attempt to find a technical fix that would accomplish the same purpose.”

Separate from the lobby cameras; the TCHC also has 6,000 security cameras installed in both exterior and interior locations across the city.

Murray said the housing provider is in the midst of replacing all of its older analog cameras with high-resolution digital models by 2020. It has already invested \$6 million this year alone to overhaul 1,500 cameras in its security surveillance system.

These new cameras are expected to provide authorities with clearer, less grainy footage, even at night.

CANADIAN HISTORY

The first Prime Minister of Canada was truly a founding father. Instrumental in the politics of Upper and Lower Canada he helped bring the provinces of Upper and lower Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick together in 1867 to form Canada. He then brought British Columbia, PEI, and the great North West Territories into the Canadian Federation. A Scottish highlander, and proud of it, he was a master of recognizing the human condition and dealing with it in whatever form was required. His wisdom in politics and his passion for Canada served to drive him and his ambitions for the country at an astounding pace. His main accomplishments as Prime Minister of Canada also include the building of the Trans-Canadian railroad, his deft handling of relations with the United States, rising to the challenge of the Northwest rebellion and his balancing of French and English interests in acceptable terms for most.

His private life was full of tragedy and sorrow. He watched for more than a decade while his first wife, desperately ill, died slowly. His son died as a baby and his daughter was born with Hydrocephalus which caused a swelling of the brain and brain damage. He would return late at night from a session in the commons to hold and rock his little baby girl to sleep. It is little wonder, in his day and age, that he sometimes turned to the bottle for solace. The public however was quite tolerant of his indulgence and Macdonald himself often claimed that the public quite frankly preferred John A. drunk to his enemies sober. During a campaign speech, after a particularly long evening he was unable to hold his own and threw up on the back of the platform. His opponent

pointed and said "Is this the man you want running your country, a drunker."

Macdonald pulled himself together and stood up for his rebuttal and quietly said " I get sick sometimes not because of drink or any other cause, except that I am forced to listen to the ranting of my honourable opponent."

Macdonald's family left Glasgow Scotland in 1820 and emigrated to Kingston Ontario. He grew up under stressful financial circumstances and by fifteen was out working and soon thereafter was articling at a law firm. He answered the call in 1837 when William Lyon Mackenzie lead the march on York and tried to upset the family compact. In 1840 when Upper and Lower Canada set up a joint legislative assembly, Macdonald opposed this union and also spoke out against expanding the union to the Maritimes. He joined the joint Canadian parliament in 1843 and supported the conservative forces in the house.

Macdonald realized that the governing power in the joint Canada House would have to be a wide coalition of interests and beliefs. Macdonald's great opponent, George Brown led the Clear Grits, "all sand and no dirt, clear all the way through." He was an anti-papist and hence never gained much support from Lower Canada. Macdonald was very open to dealing and ruling with the Lower Canadian population, be they English or French. He developed a great ally in George Etienne Cartier who led the Lower Canadian section of their party supporters.

By 1864 the forces, which would lead to the greater Canadian Confederation, were well under way. The American Civil War raged across the great landscape of the United States



John A. Macdonald

and the political philosophy of American federalism was becoming well established. It also presented the British Colonies in North America with a frightening specter of a huge standing army south of the boarder that could easily roll into Canada and the Maritimes and swallow them up with little trouble. There were many in the United States who felt that this should be done and that it was the 'Manifest Destiny' of the United States to take over all of North America.

In 1864 Macdonald's conservative government was defeated in the house and the Governor, Lord Monck, was ready to dissolve the assembly. George Brown at that point rose to the occasion and offered Macdonald the opportunity to form a coalition government. The offer was accepted under the leadership of Sir Etienne Tache and the movement towards confederation had begun. The leaders of the movement, with John A Macdonald at the forefront sailed to Prince Edward Island in 1864 and meet with the maritime leaders who themselves were looking at their own union. With Champaign and banqueting as their allies, Macdonald and company managed to convince enough of those assembled at Charlottetown that a

grander Canadian Union would be the answer. They agreed to reassemble at Quebec City and the Quebec resolutions were hammered out which would form the basis of the new Canadian Confederation or the British North America Act.

Although Macdonald was a late convert to federalism he did become its main supporter. Macdonald's influence is reflected throughout the documents and most of it is in fact written in his hand. He and his colleagues tried to learn from the American experience what not to do and come up with a better option. In 1865 Macdonald, Brown and several other of the fathers of confederation set sail for England where they meet with the Queen, parted often and worked to get the required acts passed in Westminster. In the meantime an Irish group known as the Fenians invaded Canada from the United States on June 1st, 1866. They were determined to recruit the Canadians to their cause and create an anti-British nation in North America.

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On July 1st, 1867 Sir John A. Macdonald and his wife led the ceremonies which official oversaw

the birth of Canada in the sleepy lumber tow of Ottawa. During the summer of 1867 Sir John A. Macdonald easily won the national election against his rival George Brown. In November of 1867 Macdonald at the age of 52 opened the first Canadian Parliament in Ottawa. Macdonald's first year was spent overcoming the anti-federalism of Joseph Howe and winning them over to the idea that Canada was going to make it. He recruited Howe into his cabinet and secured the support of the Maritimes for the great Canadian experiment. William McDougall set in motion a process whereby Canada formally requested that Rupert's land be awarded to Canada as a part of the new nation.

The United States was anxious to purchase the land which had belonged to the Hudson's Bay Company since 1670 and offered the British Government \$10,000,000 for it. The Canadian Government eventually did buy it for £300,000 and Sir John A. Macdonald found himself and his country with an additional 1/3 of the North American continent added to Canada. Macdonald appointed William McDougal as the Lieutenant Governor of the huge territory and he set out for the Red River settlement to establish his authority. The Métis in the settlement did not accept the transaction of their land by the British government to Canada and decided to set up their own government. This action was lead by the fiery Métis leader Louis Riel. This situation developed into one of the most challenging of Macdonald's political career. He refused to deal with Riel and instead of recruiting him into the great Canadian experiment, Macdonald dealt with him as a rebel and thus the Red River Rebellion began.

The interest of the

United States in the area forced the Canadian Government to act and Macdonald sent Donald Smith west to offer inducements to the settlement and its leaders to join Canada on a friendly basis. Unfortunately events out ran the arrival of Smith and an Anglo Saxon settler named Thomas Scott tried to strangle Riel and was sentenced to death for his act. He was shot by a firing squad. The population of Ontario reacted immediately and about 12,000 volunteers headed west to capture the Métis rebels and serve them with frontier justice. Riel fled and the settlement was safely cooped into Canada and in 1870 the province of Manitoba was officially formed.

Macdonald offered Riel £1000 to stay away but he did return and in 1874 was elected to the Canadian Parliament. Macdonald considered him a clever fellow and Riel even managed an appearance in Ottawa at the House of Commons. Macdonald's next step was to bring British Columbia into Confederation. BC had been inundated with American prospectors during the Barkerville gold rush in the 1850's and quick action by Governor Douglas brought the colonies of Vancouver Island and the mainland together as the British Colony of British Columbia in 1866. BC was cut off from the rest of Canada by the mountains and a large number of its inhabitants were pushing for joining the United States. Macdonald, as shrew as he could be, offered the people of BC a link to the east by railroad as an inducement to joining Canada. The deal was done and the railway issue became the one overwhelming project of the remainder of his career. Macdonald's personal problems once again began to overtake his political challenges. By this time it had become quite

OSC LAUNCHES PAID WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM TO CRACK DOWN ON WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

TORONTO -- Ontario's securities watchdog has launched the country's first paid whistleblower program, a move the securities commission says it expects will be a "game changer" in its attempts to stamp out white-collar crime such as accounting fraud, insider trading and market manipulation.

"These are sophisticated matters that can go undetected for long periods of time and seriously cause harm to investors," Maureen Jensen, chair and CEO of the Ontario Securities Commission, said Thursday.

"A whistleblower who has knowledge of these activities, of this kind of misconduct and who reports it will allow us to take early action and to potentially minimize or avoid investor losses."

Under the program, the OSC offers rewards of up to \$5 million for tips that lead to successful prosecution and result in monetary penalties of \$1 million or more.

Tipsters can receive five per cent to 15 per cent of the sanctions levied, with the total reward capped at \$1.5 million.

The maximum goes up to \$5 million in cases where the securities regulator is able to collect at least \$10 million in sanctions related to a case.

clear that their child Mary was retarded and she would never be able to lead a normal life. Macdonald deeply in debt and not sure if he would be able to support his family began to drink heavily again. In 1870 Macdonald had to pull himself together to once again face the problem of living next to the United States. The British North America Act had granted Canada the right to control its internal affairs, but foreign affairs were still handled by the British Authorities. The United States decide to cancel the reciprocal across-the-boarder trade agreement, Canada responded by cancelling U.S. fishing rights in Canadian waters. The pursuit of an investor's group which would be able to build a trans-Canadian railway led to the development of questionable relationships with a consortium which also contributed heavily to the Conservative party and Macdonald's Quebec lieutenant Cartier. The resultant scandal forced Macdonald to call an election in 1874 which he lost to the Liberal party under Alexander Mackenzie. That year saw four small Canadian vessels seize several hundred American fishing boats for trespassing in Canadian waters.

This crisis lead to a conference in Washington where all of the issues left over from the Civil War were to be resolved. Sir John A. was included as a member of the British delegation and quickly become



The program also includes protections for those who come forward, such as confidentiality and anti-retaliation measures.

Several components of the OSC's program were hotly debated during the consultation process, including how much to pay whistleblowers and whether those involved in the wrongdoing should be eligible for a reward.

The OSC had originally planned to cap maximum reward payments to \$1.5 million, but it raised that after experts suggested that was too little to compensate senior executives who risk losing high-paying jobs and being blacklisted from their industries.

Quebec's securities regulator, the Autorite des marches financiers, launched a whistleblower program last month, but opted not to provide financial incentives at all.

disliked by the American and British delegates because of his protection of Canadian interests. He won compensation from the British for the Fenian raids and conceded fishing rights to the Americans in Canadian waters for ten years. The pursuit of an investor's group which would be able to build a trans-Canadian railway led to the development of questionable relationships with a consortium which also contributed heavily to the Conservative party and Macdonald's Quebec lieutenant Cartier. The resultant scandal forced Macdonald to call an election in 1874 which he lost to the Liberal party under Alexander Mackenzie. That year saw four small Canadian vessels seize several hundred American fishing boats for trespassing in Canadian waters.

By 1891 Macdonald conducted his last campaign and won a majority for the Conservatives. The election had however, taken to much out of him and on June 6th, 1891 he passed away in Ottawa and the Father of Canada was universally mourned by Canada and the British Empire. Source: www.canadahistory.com



individuals -- meaning whistleblowers who participated in the crime they are reporting -- to be eligible for rewards.

"The simple truth is that culpable individuals often have detailed knowledge of the misconduct, which will allow us to quickly identify and put a stop to ongoing harm," said Gorman.

"To be clear, however, while a culpable whistleblower may be eligible to receive an award, they do not receive immunity

from us, and we may take enforcement action against them."

Gorman said the OSC will also consider the level of the whistleblower's involvement in the incident when determining the amount of the reward.

"This may include denying an award where the whistleblower's conduct would bring the administration of our program into disrepute."

Source:CTV

research." Gorman added. "We think the financial incentive is a critical piece to compensate whistleblowers for coming forward. They take personal and professional risks when they do so, and that financial incentive piece is meant to tip the balance."

The securities watchdog also decided it would allow culpable

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questioned by the EFCC and they seized her passport.

"We seized her passport because we were told that she was planning on travelling soon. We had to prevent her from travelling since she is part of the investigation," the investigator said.

The anti-corruption

commission was investigating N4.7bn allegedly paid into an account belonging to Sen. Obanikoro's sons Gbolahan and Babajide when it discovered Shalewa's transactions.

The EFCC source said that the money was paid into the Diamond Bank of Sylvan McNamara for the use of the former deputy

governor of Osun State, **Iyiola Omisore**, the governor of Ekiti State, **Ayodele Fayose**, and **Sen. Obanikoro**.

The commission has also seized a house in Ikoyi, Lagos, which belongs to Obanikoro's to sons. The sons have been in the United States for the past 14 months.

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position of a man; he remains the head of his home; to treat him otherwise is to cause a dislocation in the home.

The impudence with which you conducted yourself throughout this marriage has become your albatross now that you want him back. What were you expecting him to do when you left him in the cold? If you cannot even remember the last time you and your husband made love all because of your so called career, then it tells of the kind of wife you have been to him.

What woman packs from the master bedroom into the guestroom and also makes it difficult for her husband to gain access to her body? A woman may earn all the money in the world but she will never be the man; the reason he can get away with having children outside his home and you, struggling to awake the embers of a fire you thoughtlessly poured water into.

You are lucky he had the discipline not to have slept and impregnated your house-helps. Another man with less discipline would have and dared you to make noise about it.

If you want him back,

you have to first ask yourself what is important to you as a woman and mother. If he agrees to come back, what are you willing to offer him? Are you prepared to give up your career for him and the children? Also you have to factor the presence of the other woman and her children into all these. If the other woman has the support of the mother, she has come to stay; a situation you unfortunately helped to create.

This isn't just about you and your husband anymore; your efforts must incorporate the other woman who whether you like it or not has become your mate. Do you have that special grace to share your husband with another woman? This isn't time for idealistic solutions; you have to be very realistic about this.

If you don't have the stomach to share him at all, be honest with yourself so you don't complicate things for your children in the long run because they are the ones that would forever remain in the family.

Besides, it isn't always wise for a woman to be the one to end the marriage, because it is one decision she will forever carry the blame.

Since your husband

hasn't said anything about ending the marriage, I suggest, you continue to make the efforts of making the marriage work; at least if not for yourself but, for your children who will not be able to enjoy the presence of their father as they used to.

By now, it should be clear to you that they remain your most priceless gifts.

Go around his family members, including his mother and friends to bring both of you to the discussion table. Cry, apologise and beg him for everything you have done wrong. It may not give you instant result but if you persist and patient, things will work out between the two of you eventually. No matter what your options are, it is important you both talk about the future of your marriage.

Also, resist the urge to go to the other woman's domain again. She had nothing to do with the situation that drove your husband out of your arms and home. You did that all by yourself so don't complicate things by looking for a scapegoat.

Finally, go on your knees for a humble spirit. Your pride went before your fall.

Good luck.

Nunavut MP Hunter Tootoo returns to politics

By R.Stambolija

OTTAWA — Hunter Tootoo has been working through "deeply personal and private issues," the ex-Liberal said recently as he resumed his MP duties following two months off to seek treatment for alcohol addiction.

Tootoo, who represents the northern riding of Nunavut, held a news conference at his office in Iqaluit, his first appearance in the public eye since abruptly leaving cabinet and caucus at the end of May.

He said alcohol, which has long posed a

challenge to some Tootoo's family members, is often used as a coping mechanism for trauma — and trauma is far too common a plight in aboriginal communities.

"I have personally been affected by those impacts," Tootoo said, acknowledging that the words of encouragement he received from friends, family, and supporters during the recovery process made a significant difference.

"I am extremely grateful for the patience you have granted me during my healing," he said.

"I know I let people down — my family, friends, and the people of this riding — and myself. I have work to do to regain their trust and respect. That work begins now."

In a statement, Tootoo confirmed that the decision to resign his post as fisheries minister and leave the Liberal caucus was his and his alone — a detail Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had already made plain.

However, while wishing Tootoo well in his return to work, the Prime Minister's Office suggested it's unlikely he'll be invited to go back to the caucus

fold anytime soon.

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It would be a tremendous loss to the territory if Tootoo is not welcomed back by the government, said Iqaluit Mayor Madeleine Redfern.

Many northerners were proud and excited when Tootoo was elected as a Liberal MP and later named to Trudeau's cabinet, she said. As an Independent, he would not have access to a party network and the research support it affords, she noted.

"It is important when you're in a territory with only one member of Parliament to have an effective MP who has access to the government in power, who has access to ministers and the senior bureaucracy, the decision-makers," Redfern told The Canadian Press.

Redfern admitted she is struggling to understand why it was necessary for Tootoo to resign from caucus.

"There was no need for another MP (Liberal Seamus O'Regan), who sought treatment earlier

on, to resign from caucus," she said.

"It leaves open the question of whether or not he will be able to return."

Government House leader Dominic LeBlanc, who assumed Tootoo's responsibilities on the fisheries file, has since juggled both roles, fuelling speculation about the need for cabinet changes.

Tootoo said he still respects Trudeau and his government, adding he plans to remain in Nunavut for the summer.

"I remain just as committed to my work as your Member of Parliament."

MOM OF VANCOUVER MAYOR’S GIRLFRIEND COULD FACE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN CHINA

By R.Stambolija

Chinese prosecutors plan to seek the capital punishment in a corruption case against the mother of a Chinese pop star who is dating Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson.

Qu Zhang Mingjie, the mother of Vancouver-based singer Wanting Qu, learned at trial last week she could face execution for alleged financial crimes, according to an article published in the South China Morning Post recently.

Zhang stands accused of taking part in a real estate scam in the city of Harbin while serving as a high-ranking official. She was first detained in the fall of 2014.

The South China Morning Post has reported Zhang is accused of using her position to embezzle 350-million Yuan (\$69-million CAD) from a deal to transfer state-owned farmland to a private company.

Qu has served as an ambassador for Tourism Vancouver because of her



L - Qu Zhang Mingjie mom

fame as a pop star in China. She recently released a new single called “Your Girl,” which she dedicates to her mother.

“Though I haven’t been able to talk to her, feel her or reach her in any way in the last two years, I know deep down in my heart, there’s a place that’s warm like the sun and bright as the moon,” said Qu in a statement from her record label.

“It’s a place for a daughter as a mother like her and me. I believe that place exists in everyone’s heart. I hope she can hear the song, and it gives her love and strength.”

Amnesty International-

Canada tells CTV News its position on the capital punishment is clear, and it condemns China’s use of it. “Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases regardless of the nature of the crime, the characteristics of the offender or the features of the victim,” reads a statement from the human rights agency.

“The capital punishment is an affront to human rights and by its nature violates the right to life and by practice violates the right not to be subject to cruel or inhumane punishment. Rights laid out in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”

NIGERIA: FORMER BOSS OF NURTW OYO CHAPTER SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS

By Sandra Beagan

In Ibadan on July 18 **Alhaji Mukaila Lamidi** (nicknamed **Auxiliary**), former Chairman of the Oyo State chapter of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), was convicted by Oyo State High Court and sentenced to six years in prison.

The former union leader was tried with his lieutenants **Abu Kareem**, **Saheed Kareem**, **Kazeem Kayode**, and **Taiwo Tijani**. Tijani died before the trial was over, but the rest were convicted and sentenced to six years along with their former leader.

The charges they faced – conspiracy, attempted murder, and murder – stemmed from an incident at the Iwo Road motor park in Ibadan in March 2014 in which a medical student, **Adekunle Oladipupo**, and others were killed.

They were convicted



Mukaila Lamidi (alias Auxilliary)

only of conspiracy. Justice Eni Esan of the Ring Road High Court ruled that the prosecution had not convinced the court beyond a reasonable doubt on the other two charges.

Prosecution witness, **Akeem Agbaje**, told the court that he was beside **Adekunle Adedipupo** in the motor park when the defendants and others tore into the motor park in Lamidi’s Peugeot 604 and two other cars, shooting.

Agbaje stated that it was during this shooting that Oladipupo was hit by a bullet and died immediately. Agbaje himself sustained serious injuries.

Counsel to the defendants, Olalekan Ojo, said that his clients would appeal their convictions. He argued that, since the defendants had been acquitted of murder and attempted murder, the conspiracy of which they were convicted could not exist.

HILLARY CLINTON: “I ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES”

By Sandra Beagan

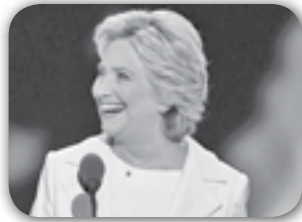
On July 29, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton formally accepted the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, becoming the first woman to be nominated by a major U.S. party.

She told Americans that she would be a unifier in divided times and reminded them that a volatile world needs an experienced leader. Promising to lead with a steady hand, she questioned Republican nominee Donald Trump’s ability to do the same.

In her acceptance speech Clinton said about Trump, “Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis . . . a man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons.”

On the final night of the 2016 Democratic National Convention, Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from the delegates on the floor. But many U.S. voters, while they appreciate her experience as First Lady, senator, and secretary of state, may question her character.

She briefly addressed those concerns during her speech: “I get it that some people just don’t know what to make of me.” But the main focus of her speech was to persuade U.S. citizens not to be seduced



Hillary Clinton

run the country and to be Commander-In-Chief. She must also overcome the visceral connection he has with a large cohort of voters.

Clinton embraced her reputation for being less about rhetoric and more about policy, saying, “I sweat the details of policy.”

According to her acceptance speech, Clinton will continue with President Obama’s priorities of restricting gun access, overhauling immigration laws, and taking on climate change. On the issue of guns, she firmly disputed Trump’s accusation that she wants to repeal the Second Amendment: “I’m not here to take away your guns.

Before her speech, she was publically endorsed by a bevy of law enforcement officials, military leaders, and even Republicans.

Retired Marine General John R. Allen, who was a commander in Afghanistan, said, “This is the moment, this is the opportunity for our future . . . we must seize this moment to elect Hillary Clinton as president of the United States of America.”

As people in the jam-packed convention hall waved U.S. flags, calls of “No more war” were drowned out by chants of “Hill-a-ry” and “U-S-A!”

Clinton now has slightly more than three months to convince Americans that Trump is unfit to

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FINANCE / AUTO

Tax tips for vehicle deductions

(NC) Aside from a few rare exceptions, vehicles are generally considered a depreciating asset. There are, however, several ways to minimize this pain by capitalizing on savings when it comes time to file your taxes. That is, if you meet certain criteria set out by the Canada Revenue Agency.

“It’s important to do your tax homework when deciding between buying

or leasing a new or used vehicle,” says Jonathan Yarkony, senior editor at autoTRADER.ca, “Consider your options and weigh the many variables to find the solution that best meets your personal situation.”

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

In cases where you are self employed, and even some where your employer doesn’t provide a car allowance, the criteria for tax

deductible expenses related to your vehicle includes basic operating costs, such as fuel, insurance, maintenance, licensing, registration and delivery fees. This capital cost allowance is the amount you are able to claim as a vehicle expense, which also includes the cost of leasing or interest on a loan taken out to finance or purchase the vehicle. So depending on what you drive and how far, it could lead to

a significant amount.

THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

Not everyone who is eligible for these deductions takes advantage, but there are restrictions and limitations. Unfortunately, simply commuting from home to work isn’t considered an eligible driving expense. If you use your personal vehicle for work travel, you could be entitled to tax

deductions. You will also require confirmation from your employer that you have not been reimbursed by the company. The CRA doesn’t let you double dip. Alternatively, working from a location aside from your employer’s office may permit certain financial incentives when tax season comes around.

MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE

If you happen to use

your vehicle for both work-related transportation and personal use, you are expected to track mileage to determine the amount that you are able to deduct. For instance, if your vehicle use is 75 per cent work-related and your yearly operating expenses were \$2,000, you would be able to claim \$1,500.

More information is available at www.auto-TRADER.ca.

REAL ESTATE

Cottage ownership: Know what you’re buying

(NC) There are few traditions more Canadian than weekends at the cottage. For many families, a cottage property provides the setting for both summer and winter holidays, and allows multiple generations to spend time together.

To ensure that your time at the cottage is filled with relaxation instead of drama, be aware that cottage properties can differ from urban ones in important ways. Consulting a lawyer before you buy can protect you from unexpected problems.

LIMITED ROAD ACCESS

Some cottages can be reached only by crossing a neighbour’s property. Others have easements registered on title that allow neighbouring residents, or even members of the general public, to travel across the land.

Even where a cottage is accessed by a municipal road, its use might be seasonal only. This might mean the municipality won’t provide garbage collection, snow removal or emergency services in winter.

you have a situation where Officer Forcillo was trying to say Mr. Yatim was getting up again, and Justice Then was required to reject that thoroughly.”

Falconer called the sentence an exception to the rule, showing a police officer can be held accountable by the justice system.

“Bad policing was convicted. And we should see it that way. Not a sentence on police officers. But at the same time we have to make the world where good police officers can be supportive of what



A lawyer can determine whether a cottage is subject to easements, and can tell you whether the access road is public or private.

SHORELINE RULES

Where a cottage is located on the water, there is often a shoreline road allowance along the water’s edge that is owned by the local municipality. Unless the municipality has transferred the rights to this allowance to the individual property owners, members of the public are entitled to walk, or in some cases even drive, along it. A lawyer can conduct searches to reveal whether there is an allowance and who

owns it.

There may also be rules about construction at the edge of, or extending into, the water. These rules can prevent you from building a dock or boathouse. It’s not possible to tell whether you can build a boathouse just because some neighbours have them. In many locations, existing structures have been “grandfathered,” while new ones are prohibited.

Working with a real estate lawyer familiar with rural properties can help you know what you’re getting – and whether it includes peace of mind – when you buy a cottage.

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Abigail Needs Your Help

Abigail is a 24 year-old international student from Ghana, West Africa who has recently been diagnosed with cancer (Acute Lymphatic Leukemia). Abigail is not covered by OHIP (Ontario Health Insurance Plan). Abigail is in dire need of treatment; her current treatment could be terminated by the end of June if she is unable to pay her medical bills. Ultimately, been returned to her home country where she will not get the lifesaving treatment she need.

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ABIGAIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Robert Njeru

Recently, we received a letter from one of our esteemed readers by the name of Olatundun Olasusi asking us to help create awareness about a young lady called Abigail Bafowaah who is in dire need of donations in order to save her life.

Abigail is a Ghanaian international student who has been living with her aunt in Toronto, Canada. The 24-year-old has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (Cancer).

The good news is that she has a good fighting chance because the disease was discovered in an early stage. However, she is not a citizen or on permanent residence and therefore she cannot access the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

Abigail has had to stop her chemotherapy treatment at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto because she could not afford the high prices.

In order to save her life, Abigail has to somehow come up with a total of \$250,000 that includes a down payment of \$100,000. The situation gets scarier because if she cannot manage to raise the crazy amount required by

this leading cancer treatment hospital she will eventually be returned to Ghana where she might not get the treatment she needs.

The only thing that is keeping Abigail strong and positive at this moment is her 3 year old daughter who lives in Ghana as well as the outpouring of love messages and donations she has been receiving from total strangers.

How to help

Many people have been moved by Abigail's unfortunate story and have been sending their donations to (www.gofundme.com/helpabigail03). So far, she has managed to raise \$22,853 through this GoFundMe account, this means that she still requires \$227,147 in order to reach the required \$250,000. Olasusi is asking for just \$1 from 227,147 people in order to save Abigail's life.

Back home in Ghana, West Africa, Abigail's community and church leaders have been organizing urgent meetings aimed at mobilizing people to contribute money towards her medical bill. Ms. Bafowaah attends the Church of Pentecost while her aunt is a devoted member of the SDA church.

As the Nigerian Canadian News Paper, we

would like to lend a helping hand by encouraging our readers to contribute as much as they can to the account named above. You can also help spread this touching story by checking out (<https://www.facebook.com/abigail.bafowaah?fref=nf>) and using the hash tag #HelpAbigailFightCancer across all social media platforms.

You can also make your contributions using the following bank details: Account name Abigail Bafowaah, Account # 5113923, Institution # 003, Transit # 05220. Alternatively, you can use gety915@hotmail.com for E-transfer.

This is an unfortunate turn of events that can happen to anyone of us or even the people we hold dear in our lives. With this in mind, we would ask you to view Abigail as our daughter, sister, aunt, niece or friend who is asking for our help.

Abigail is quite young and has her whole life ahead of her, and if that is not enough, then her innocent daughter definitely needs her mother. Come on people; let's join the band wagon!

All donations, big or small, are welcome. Above all that, please remember Abigail in your prayers.

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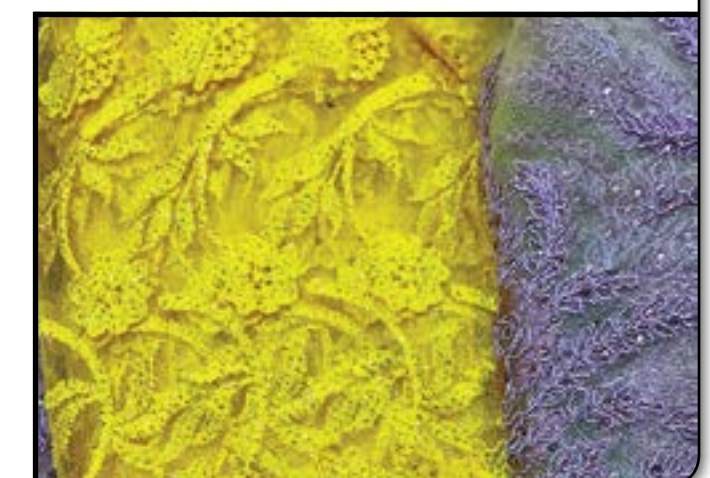
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TIPS FOR KEEPING LONG HAIR HEALTHY

By Dr. Kristie

Healthy, long hair is beautiful to look at and touch but caring for it can be a challenge. Long hair is prone towards split ends and breakage, especially if you color, perm, or straighten it. If you don't care for it properly, you can end up with hair that's frizzled and damaged beyond repair. Don't let that happen to your hair. Here are some simple tips you can use to keep your long hair soft and healthy.

TREAT LONG HAIR KINDLY

It takes years to grow long hair. Of course, you already knew that! Don't destroy years of growth by pulling your hair back tightly with a rubber band. The traction will lead to breakage and damage. Instead, pull your hair back with a coated band made specially designed for hair. You can find them at most drugstores in the hair care section.

Be gentle when combing or brushing. Never use a brush on wet hair. Keep a wide-toothed comb on hand to gently comb wet hair in small sections - starting from the ends and working up. Don't brush your hair unless it's completely dry. Use a natural bristle brush to reduce the risk of damage.

TO HAVE LONG, HEALTHY HAIR, HERE'S WHAT TO AVOID

The two biggest enemies of long, beautiful hair are heat and chemical treatments. It's tempting to use a blow dryer to dry your hair fast, especially when you're in a rush, but it's healthier to let it dry naturally. An alternative is to let it dry naturally until it's seventy percent dry and then finish it off with the blow dryer.

Use a heat activated condition to protect your hair when drying it and keep the hair dryer as far from your hair as possible. Keep the dryer moving so it doesn't stay in one place too long. Stay away from curling iron, flat irons, hot rollers, and crimpers.

Thinking about perming or straightening your long hair? Don't. Perms are usually too damaging. Hair coloring can also be damaging -- especially if you lighten your hair too many shades. Never use bleach on long hair and let a professional do a coloring job -- preferably with a low peroxide formulation or henna.

HOW TO CARE FOR LONG HAIR: OTHER TIPS

Don't shampoo too often and always use a conditioner -- at least on the ends. Do a hot oil or deep conditioning treatment every two weeks, religiously. Conditioners don't repair damage but they do help moisten and protect the hair shaft.

Trim your hair at least every two months. Many people neglect this step because they don't want to lose the length. Don't be shortsighted. Not doing regular



trims will lead to split ends which can't be repaired. Find a hairdresser who understands that a half-an-inch means just that and no more.

CARING FOR LONG HAIR: THE BOTTOM LINE?

Treat long hair with a little T.L.C. and enjoy the many benefits of having long, healthy hair that turns heads and raises eyebrows.

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TIPS FOR DEALING WITH SPLITTING CUTICLES

By Dr. Kristie

Healthy, nicely groomed fingernails say something about a person. They show attention to detail. Besides, who wants to deal with the headache of dry, peeling cuticles. Splitting cuticles are a common problem - particularly if you work in a profession where your hands are exposed to harsh chemicals and water. Ragged, peeling cuticles are not only unattractive, they can be painful. Need guidance? Here are some tips for turning damaged cuticles into healthy ones.

THE CAUSES OF SPLITTING CUTICLES

The most common cause of splitting, peeling cuticles is a lack of moisture. When you expose your hands to harsh chemicals or repeatedly place them in soap and water, it dries them out and leads to unsightly splitting and peeling. Another way cuticles become damaged is when you trim them with scissors. Trimming cuticles not only damages them - it increases the risk of a cuticle infection called paronychia, which can be quite painful. Some people also pick at

their cuticles which cause them to split and peel.

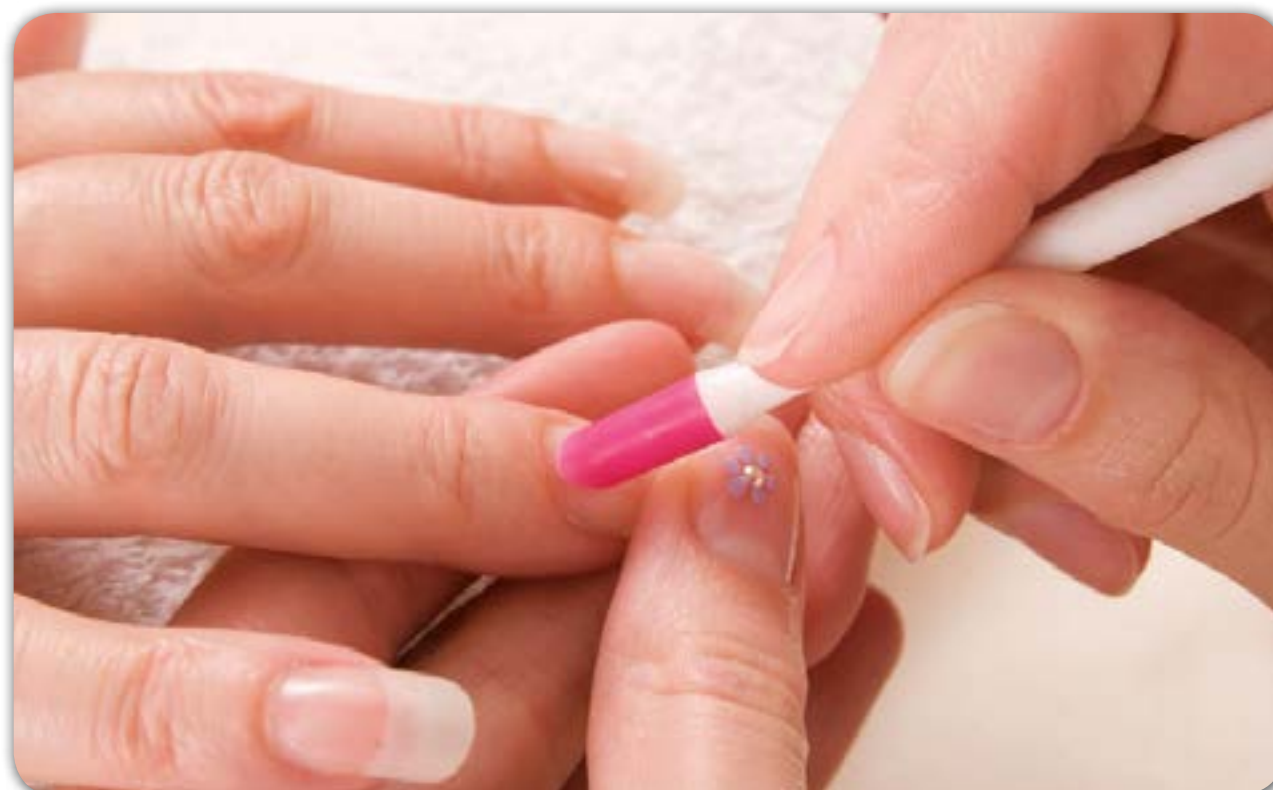
HOW TO DEAL WITH DAMAGED CUTICLES: STOP TRIMMING THEM

It's important to stop trimming damaged cuticles with scissors and avoid picking at them. If the cuticles are covering too much of your fingernail, use an orange stick to gently push them back after soaking them in warm water. Then apply a light oil such as olive oil to the cuticle for softening. Never try to push your cuticles back aggressively or use any type of instrument that isn't sterile. This will only increase the risk of infection. Once your cuticles are groomed, apply a layer of cuticle moisturizing cream to give them added protection against dryness. If you're in a bind, you can use petroleum jelly as a cuticle moisturizer.

FOR HEALTHY CUTICLES, KEEP HANDS AND CUTICLES MOIST

If you expose your hands to chemicals or soap, wear rubber gloves.

Repeated exposure to water, soaps, and chemicals leads to dryness and further damages already damaged



cuticles. Use restraint when grooming your fingernails. Pushing back the cuticles too often increases the risk of irritation, splitting, and peeling. Do it only as often as necessary.

DAMAGED CUTICLES AND THE RISK OF INFECTION

Monitor for any pain or swelling around your cu-

ticles. These signs can indicate a paronychia or cuticle infection. Look for signs of redness or drainage from the nail. If you see any, contact your doctor. Some paronychias are caused by fungi and will respond to anti-fungal medications, while others are bacterial and need an oral antibiotic prescribed by a doctor. In severe cases, a cuticle infec-

tion may need to be drained by a doctor.

SPLITTING CUTICLES: THE BOTTOM LINE?

The key to preventing peeling cuticles is to keep them moist and avoid exposing them to trauma. Don't pick at them or overgroom them. Wear rubber gloves to shield the hands from soaps and chemi-

cals. With the right habits, almost anyone can have healthy cuticles and more beautiful hands.

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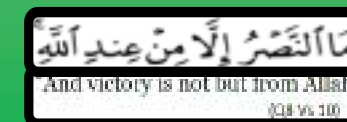
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Fox News Chief Resigns Amid Harassment Claims

By NCNC Staff

Roger Ailes recently resigned as chairman and chief executive of Fox News Channel following allegations of sexual harassment, an abrupt end to his 20-year reign over America's most lucrative and influential cable news channel for conservatives.

Rupert Murdoch, 85, the executive chairman of Twenty-First Century Fox Inc, the parent of Fox News, will assume the role of CEO Fox News and Fox Business Network on an interim basis, the company said recently.

Ailes, who will serve as an informal adviser to Rupert Murdoch and no longer have an official role at the company, will receive a severance package of about \$40 million, according to a source familiar with the situation, who asked to remain anonymous.

In his resignation letter to Murdoch, Ailes did not indicate he had done anything wrong.

"I take particular pride in the role that I have played advancing the careers of the many women I have promoted to executive and on-air positions," Ailes wrote in the letter, which his lawyer



Roger Ailes

& assures me that 'Trump' will be treated fairly on @FoxNews. His word is always good!"

Former Fox News anchor Gretchen Carlson sued Ailes earlier this month, claiming sexual harassment. Ailes has denied the charges. Fox hired a law firm to conduct an internal investigation.

Susan Estrich provided to Reuters.

However, he added: "I will not allow my presence to become a distraction from the work that must be done every day to ensure that Fox News and Fox Business continue to lead our industry."

The resignation marks a swift downfall for Ailes, the 76-year-old media executive who advised several U.S. Republican presidents, including George H.W. Bush, and turned Fox News into the most-watched U.S. cable news channel.

His departure comes on the final and biggest night of the Republican National Convention, where Donald Trump will formally accept the Republican presidential nomination.

Trump tweeted recently, "Roger Ailes just called. He is a great guy

Ailes, who founded the cable channel in 1996, did not sexually harass Kelly, according to a statement attributed to his lawyer in the New York Times.

The resignation comes as Fox News, known for a lineup of politically conservative commentators including best-selling author Bill O'Reilly, is drawing record viewership. The network is the most-watched channel in all of the basic cable television this year with an average of 2.2 million prime-time viewers, according to Nielsen data through June.

Ikea to add PayPal for online purchases in Canada

By N.Ugoh

Ikea Canada is adding a PayPal payment option for online purchases from the home furnishings company.

The Swedish retailer says it wants to make Ikea more accessible to Canadians.

PayPal has about 6.4 million active user accounts in Canada.

The service is an al-

ternative to credit and debit cards, which Ikea Canada will continue to accept.

CREDIT CARDS FACE RIVALS

Walmart stopped taking the Visa credit card at some of its stores in Thunder Bay, Ont., recently in a dispute over fees.

Visa Canada says it offered Walmart one of the lowest rates in the country but the department store

chain wanted more.

Walmart says credit card fees in Canada are too high by international standards and has threatened to ban Visa cards at all 400 of its stores in the country.

A spokesman for Finance Minister Bill Morneau says he's waiting for a report on a voluntary fee reduction that Visa and MasterCard introduced in 2014.

Walmart Canada will no longer accept Visa due to high fees



By R.Stambolija

TORONTO — Walmart says it intends to join the list of retailers in Canada that don't accept Visa cards, citing high fees for transactions.

It's a move a retail analyst has said will cause "pain on all sides."

All credit cards charge fees to retailers, which generally are between one per cent and 2.5 per cent of the cost of what's being sold. The fees depend on the type of card the customer is using — cash-back and premium cards generally have higher fees — and the type of retailer they're shopping at.

Walmart Canada quietly made the announcement recently that it would gradually stop accepting Visa cards at all of its locations, citing "unacceptably high" fees.

But a statement from Visa said the credit card company offered Walmart "one of the lowest rates available to any merchant in the country."

Doug Stephens, a Toronto-based retail analyst, and strategist noted that both sides would likely see disadvantages to this deal.

"If you can't walk into a mass merchant and use a Visa card, that's going to seem very strange," Stephens said.

"You can't ignore the fact that Visa has a tremendous market share," he said. But he added, "If you do business with Walmart, and Walmart ceases to do business with you, you can't help but feel that."

Consumer finance industry newsletter Nilsson Report says that Visa made up 56 per cent of credit card transactions

globally in 2015, and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Walmart Canada's parent company, is widely reported to be the world's largest retailer.

"At the end of the day, when we strip everything out of the debate, we're dealing with the potential that six out of ten customers will come into a Walmart store and be disappointed that they can't use their credit card," Stephens said. "Competition is extremely tough. This is not a good time to limit your consumer's ability to buy from you."

He pointed out that this isn't the first time the two titans have clashed — in the U.S., Wal-Mart is currently suing Visa for the methods it uses to verify transactions, and the companies have also reportedly butted heads over fees, although American stores will still accept Visa cards despite the change in Canada.

He said Walmart's analysts have likely crunched the numbers and determined that without having to pay Visa's fees, which the company characterized as "unacceptably high," it would stand to make more money than it loses.

While debit cards charge only a couple of cents to retailers per transaction, no matter how much money is being spent, merchants get charged a percentage of what they sell to customers using credit cards.

Documents on Visa Canada's website show that for standard retail purchases made in-store, fees range from 1.42 to 2.08 per cent.

Meanwhile, MasterCard's website shows that for standard purchases at

independent retailers, its fees range from 1.44 to 2 per cent.

But MasterCard also offers lower rates to large retailers — as low as 1.26 per cent for those that have a minimum "net purchase volume" of \$3 billion.

According to the statement posted on Walmart's website, the first stores to stop accepting Visa will be in Thunder Bay, Ont., starting July 18. After that, it will be rolled out Canada-wide in phases.

A representative from Walmart said the company chose to start in Thunder Bay because the stores in the northern Ontario city have the infrastructure to make the change easily. He said Walmart started informing Thunder Bay customers of the change recently.

Walmart has more than 400 locations in Canada, and more than 11,500 worldwide.

Walmart isn't the first store to stop accepting Visa — No Frills doesn't accept Visa or American Express, saying that they are too expensive for their business. And Costco only accepts MasterCard.

Walmart says it will continue to accept MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards.

A representative from Visa Canada stated in a written statement that the company "regrets" Walmart's decision and that it will have a "negative impact" on Walmart's shoppers.

Walmart Canada said it's holding out hope that it can "reach an agreement" with Visa for lower fees.

5 Ways You Can Start Selling into International Markets

Studies have shown companies that export are more profitable, stay in business longer, are more productive and generally are not as vulnerable to economic downturns(1).

Breaking into markets, however, is no easy feat, especially for a small or medium-sized company. Your current production, sales and distribution strategies may need to be adjusted. But a well-thought-out diversification strategy can help a company increase its chances of success.

FIVE MARKET-ENTRY STRATEGIES

1. SELL DIRECTLY TO CUSTOMERS

Direct exporting excludes middlemen, provides control over sales transactions and keeps you close to customers. However, you will be on your own to figure out the cultural differences in doing business in the new market, find efficient distribution methods and deal with issues such as returns, all of which may exceed your time and re-

sources capacity.

2. USE A REPRESENTATIVE

An agent or distributor allows you to sell internationally without fielding a sales force, managing distribution, providing after-sales service or coping with language and cultural barriers. However, finding a reputable and effective agent or distributor can be a challenge in itself.

3. PARTNER WITH A LARGER CANADIAN COMPANY

By building a strategic partnership with a larger company, you can benefit by leveraging the larger company's expertise, brand, sales force, customer base and other advantages. You can meet larger partners through networking activities and by demonstrating that the partnership can add long-term value to the larger company's business.

4. FOLLOW YOUR CUSTOMER INTO THE

MARKET

If you sell to a company in Mexico, for example, and that Mexican company has an affiliate in Colombia, you may be able to sell directly to the Colombian business. This will help you familiarize yourself with the local market, which in turn may help you find other local customers.

5. PARTNER WITH A LOCAL COMPANY

Partnering with a local company already operating in a market can provide on-the-ground knowledge and contacts, as well as gateways for expansion into surrounding countries and beyond.

Once you select an emerging market to enter, make sure to flesh out your export plan with clear objectives, staffing and financing requirements, competitive analysis and market risks, pricing, product adaptation, and a chosen market entry strategy. Go, grow and succeed!

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Getting a business loan can be a great way to grow your business and make it more competitive and profitable. A business loan can help you finance an acquisition, buy real estate, invest in new equipment and bolster your working capital.

Beyond allowing you to grow your business, taking out a loan can also help you conserve your everyday cash to guard against unexpected events.

THINKING THROUGH YOUR DECISION

Whether you're about to take out a busi-

ness loan or only beginning to think about it, a number of factors beyond the interest rate should be considered when shopping for your loan.

• THE LOAN TERMS OFFERED BY THE LENDER

A longer repayment period might mean higher overall costs for borrowing, but it can be a good way to ensure you don't put too much pressure on your cash flow.

• THE PERCENTAGE OF THE PROJECT THE LENDER WILL FINANCE

This amount will affect how much of your own money you need to invest as well as whether you need a second lender to fund your project.

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Many lenders charge administration fees or application fees. Make sure you take these into account as you calculate your total cost.

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Would your bank allow you to temporarily suspend your principal repayments while you get a project going or if your business runs into difficulty? Would you be penalized for paying off your loan ahead of time?

• COLLATERAL

What guarantees does your banker require? You need to know what assets you risk losing before you decide whether the loan is right for you.

CALCULATE YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENTS

To provide you with more information before you take out a loan, BDC has created a business loan calculator for entrepreneurs.

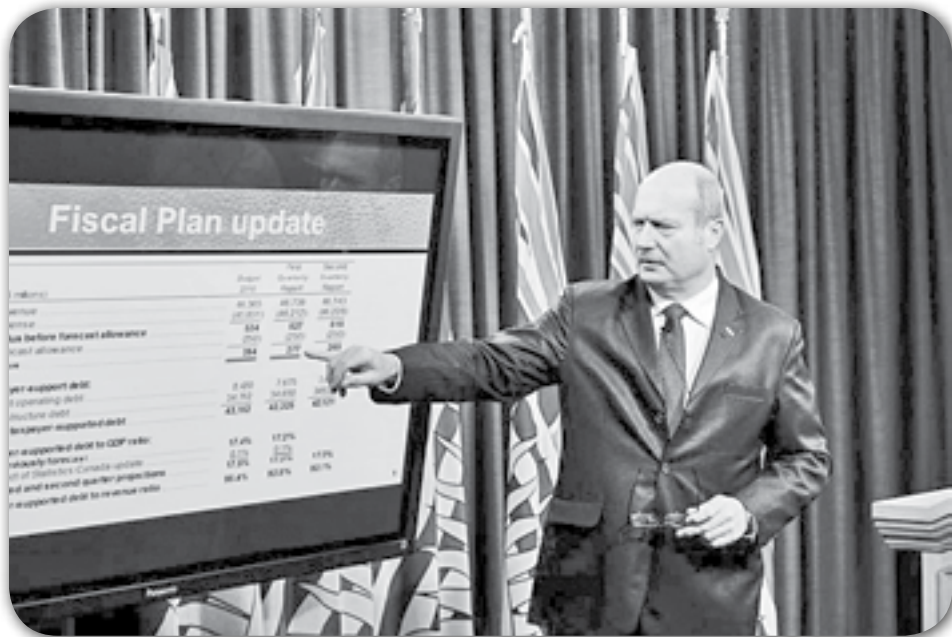
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Determine the interest rate, the amount borrowed and the number of periods to pay the loan back. When you meet with the bank, it will provide the rate and the number of payment periods. This number is typically monthly, so if a lender says the small business has two years to pay the loan back, the number of periods is 24.

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B.C. slaps 15% additional tax on foreign nationals buying property in Metro Vancouver



Finance Minister Michael de Jong.

By S.Ratko

International buyers will pay an extra 15 per cent in property tax fees on residential real estate in Metro Vancouver, a move British Columbia announced Monday to cool the country's hottest market.

"The data we started collecting earlier this summer is showing that foreign nationals invested more than \$1 billion into B.C. property between June 10 and July 14, more than 86 per cent of it in the Lower Mainland," said Finance Minister Michael de Jong.

"While investment from outside Canada is only one factor driving price increases, it represents an additional source of pressure on a market struggling to build enough new homes to keep up. This extra tax on foreign purchases will help manage external demand while new homes are built to meet local needs."

Some who follow real estate in the province, where existing home prices in its largest city rose about 36 per cent in June from a year earlier, questioned whether the punitive tax would have any impact on property prices in the single-detached home market it targets.

Others wonder whether off-shore speculators will find a way around the tax, which would amount to \$500,000 on a \$2-million sale. B.C. already has a property tax transfer rate of one per cent on the first \$200,000, two per cent on the portion greater than \$200,000

up to and including \$2 million, and 3 per cent on the part of the fair market value greater than \$2 million.

The new tax will go into effect Aug. 2, but will not impact treaty lands of the Tsawwassen First Nation.

Foreign-controlled corporations will be subject to the additional tax, as will Trustees if they are a foreign entity, or if at least one beneficiary of the trust is a foreign body. Corporations are also liable if controlled by foreign entities.

Up until the announcement, the B.C. government had been resisting calls to tax offshore investors, although earlier this month it agreed to a request from Vancouver to allow the city to impose a special tax on the owners of vacant property.

Bob Rennie, a marketing specialist in Vancouver who has called for a speculation tax, said he didn't think the tax would be as high as 15 percent, but acknowledged everybody is trying to find a way to cool demand and increase supply.

"No one thing will solve affordability, there is no silver bullet," said Rennie, adding that with a tax this high there be incentives to find a way of avoiding it. Fines for offenses related to the tax will be the amount of unpaid tax and interest plus \$200,000 for corporations and \$100,000 for individuals.

Douglas Porter, chief economist at Bank of Montreal, says he'll be watching closely to see the impact of the move,

adding that, with prices in Toronto's detached home market rising almost 20 per cent annually, he thinks Ontario would be wise to monitor the situation.

"I think the revenue aspect is secondary. If (the B.C. government) happens to bring in a fair bit of money, that will be a bonus," Porter said. "From a personal standpoint, I think Ontario should take a long hard look at this immediately. First of all, Ontario does have much more of a fiscal challenge than B.C. so any new revenue source that does nothing to harm residents should be worth a look."

Brendon Ogmundson, an economist with the British Columbia Real Estate Association, says now that the government is tracking foreign investment through property tax transfers, it will be easy to follow offshore investing in real time.

"Given the low share of purchase by foreign investors in Greater Vancouver, the overall impact should be relatively small, but (the tax) could be significant in markets that showed a lot of foreign investment, like Burnaby and Richmond," he said.

Brad Henderson, chief executive of Sotheby's International Realty Canada, said how the new tax is policed will be important in determining its impact. "Investment is a factor, but it's not the only factor driving the market. What is still the case is there are too many buyers for the number of homes available," he said.

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DESPITE WORKING AT A BANK, THIS IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEUR STRUGGLED TO GET FINANCING

When Ralston De Zilva moved to Winnipeg from Sri Lanka eight years ago, he longed to start his own business. But he had no credit history in Canada, and little in the way of assets.

"There's a huge initial expenditure associated with moving your whole family to Canada," he says. "It takes you quite a number of years to again build your capital."

It wasn't until a year and a half ago, when Mr. De Zilva's sister, Amanda, arrived that he felt ready to launch launch Chizma Tea Company – a retail shop and online purveyor of premium Ceylon teas.

Amanda had contacts with several large tea companies in Sri Lanka, and Mr. De Zilva had a good grasp of the business culture here. Together, the pair began to seek out financing.

The problem: like many immigrants to this country, the De Zilvas had nothing to use as collateral for a loan. Even a bank Mr. De Zilva had worked for in the past was only willing to pony up \$2,000. "That would not have taken me anywhere," he says.

Statistics Canada figures indicate newcomers tend to be drawn to entrepreneurial activity. By the end of the 2000s, about 19 per cent of immigrant workers were self-employed, compared with 15 per cent of those born in Canada. And a 2013 Government

of Canada report shows 21.7 per cent of small to mid-sized enterprises had a majority owner or CEO born outside of Canada.

Yet they face some unique barriers to getting their businesses off the ground. Apart from the fact that English may not be their first language and they may be unfamiliar with the business culture here, they often have a tough time getting financing, says Julia Deans, CEO of Futurpreneur Canada.

"They may not have a network of friends and family to help them get the ball rolling," says Ms. Deans. "That's often the first port of call when you're setting up a business."

On top of that, they usually don't have a Canadian credit history. And if they haven't yet found a permanent place to live, they can't even get a bank account, she adds. "That makes them pretty high-risk in the view of traditional lenders."

Nonetheless, there are funding options that lend themselves particularly well to new Canadians: Here are four of them:

1. LOOK FOR GOVERNMENT LOANS.

After several banks turned Mr. De Zilva down for a loan, he came across Futurpreneur Canada's Newcomer Program through an online search. Not only did the De Zilvas get help honing their business plan

and access to a business mentor for two years, they snagged a \$15,000 collateral-free loan.

That enabled them to create a professional website, do some marketing and stock the shelves of their first shop. In March, they opened Chizma Tea Collections at Winnipeg's downtown Cityplace mall.

Applicants for the Newcomer Program must be 18 to 39 and have been in Canada for less than 60 months (Amanda De Zilva qualified). They're eligible for \$15,000 loans, or as much as \$45,000 if they already have a credit history in Canada.

Loans can be repaid at any time, usually over a five-year term and the interest rate "is slightly lower than the bank rate," says Ms. Deans. "Because we are a not-for-profit, we can take a greater risk."

To find other helpful government programs, do a search of 15,000 funding sources at fundingportal.com, suggests Teri Kirk, CEO of Funding Portal Inc. Plug in a few details about yourself and your business and Funding Portal turns up provincial and federal government funding sources.

2. BUILD A NETWORK.

Ms. Deans suggests reaching out to the chamber of commerce in your home city, as well as ethnic chambers of commerce (most have national offices), such

as the Indo Canadian Chamber of Commerce or the Chinese Professionals Association.

The latter, in particular, "understands the transition you're making and they can help build your network right away," she says. "They may even be sources of financing."

You can also search out angel investors or venture capital firms who may be able to provide financing through websites such as the Canadian Investment Network (which offers an online matching service for entrepreneurs and investors) and through Funding Portal (which keeps information on private funding sources as well).

3. GET A CROWD ON YOUR SIDE.

When Jamil Kahn of Toronto designed a new kind of parka with gloves, hat and scarf built right in, he didn't even consider going to the banks for funding. "They want to see three years of cash flow," he says.

Instead Mr. Kahn, a computer programmer who came to Canada from Pakistan in 2009, launched a Kickstarter crowd funding campaign. Apart from the Kickstarter fees of 8 to 10 per cent (payable only at the end of successful funding campaigns), it cost less than \$1,500 to develop a catchy video of a few friends in the prototype.

As a result, Mr. Kahn was able to presell his SmartParkas for \$320 each (they will retail for \$600 to \$750), raising almost \$3.26-million to get his company, North Aware Inc., off the ground.

"Crowdfunding is an enabler to many underserved populations, including newcomers to Canada," says Craig Asano, founder and executive director of the National Crowd Funding Association of Canada (NCFAC).

"It allows you to showcase your product or service to the market and get on the first step of the funding escalator. And it offers a choice for resourceful entrepreneurs who are often turned down by the banks."

4. EXPLORE FACTORING AND INVOICE LENDING.

Cash flow is a perennial problem for small businesses, particularly for those growing quickly. The beauty of "factoring" or invoice lending for newcomer entrepreneurs is that funding is based largely on your sales, not your credit history or collateral.

"Normally, when a business invoices clients, they have to wait 30, 60 or 90 days to get paid," explains Steven Uster, co-founder and CEO of online lending platform FundThrough. "We take away the wait so they can get the cash they need to

grow their business."

Factoring comes in two flavours: some companies purchase your receivables for a set sum (say 95 cents on the dollar) and they then become responsible for collection. Others, such as FundThrough, issue a line of credit based on a percentage of receivables. (At FundThrough, the interest rate on that line of credit ranges from about 10 to 18 per cent annualized.)

"The more you sell, the more access to capital you have," says Mr. Uster. "And the pricing is based on the strength of who you sell to, so if you're selling to high-quality customers, you can use their credit worthiness to get access to capital."

For newcomer entrepreneurs, who lack a long business and credit history (and who would likely have a difficult time wrestling money out of the banks even if they did), factoring can be another avenue for short-term funding.

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By Frank Ofili

The call came in the forenoon of an otherwise ordinary Tuesday five years ago. I was engrossed in a particularly explosive mail from top Management. The mail laid out the details of an impending exercise aimed at repositioning the conglomerate for improved performance.

I ignored the first and second ring. As a matter of fact I barely heard the first ring. On the third ring however I scooped up the phone and muttered the usual "hello".

"Mr. Frank"? The voice asked, to which I answered in the affirmative. "This is..... speaking". I practically jumped out of my seat. I couldn't believe my ears. There must be a mistake. What on earth would I make my Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer call me? And he did not just call me, he did so directly, by-passing my immediate boss, the General Manager (Human Resource)? My heartbeat razed to an all-time high. God, what have I done?

The man politely asked me to see him at 12 noon on Thursday of that week. He even followed it up with a polite question if that was okay by me. My God, did I have a choice?

My employer at that time was a conglomerate of 18 subsidiaries owned and managed by two highly shrewd Chinese brothers, with about 2,800 employees all together. I was just a lowly-placed manager having joined the company the previous year. It was a fairly large corporation with opportunities for growth and development. My direct boss was returning to his home country but he was not due to leave for another two months. So why would the boss of my boss himself by-pass him and call me directly? I was soon to find out.

After the call from the GMD I went straight into my direct boss's office and there and then the look on his face gave me my answer. He knew about the call from the GMD. His smile said it all. "Congrats" he said. "For what sir?" I asked.

"Come off it Frank, how often do CEOs call their employees?" I had no answer to that. He continued, "sit down Frank. Now listen and listen good, you know I would be leaving soon. So I told the GMD he does not need to get someone else to take my chair. I told him you are good to do my job....." To say that

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are asked to wait, wait patiently. Exchange minimal talk with her. Don't go on and on chatting, and don't feel too important even if you are superior in position. Do not be surprised if your meeting has to be rescheduled.

3. APPEARANCE

Do not make the mistake of appearing before the GMD in just shirt and tie. Wear a suit. Most CEOs like their managers to look professional, even though some, like our own GMD, hardly wears suit themselves. So dress decently, if in doubt, better to play safe, overdress. Watch your posture, speak clearly and confidently, and greet him with a smile and firm handshake. He likes people who exude self-confidence.

Remember, he cannot possibly be an expert in every aspect of the company. It is your job to be his expert in your area of the company. If you are not, you have no reason to be meeting with him. So prove to him that you are worth the position you are occupying. Be damned good and don't disappoint me. I don't want to let him set the tone. Be prepared to answer questions about your background, family, role, interests, aspirations etc...Big men are normal everyday people too - it might even be a welcome relief to them spending time with a "regular" employee for a change. Depending on his/her style and mood, this could eat up most of your time if you are not careful. Some crafty CEOs like to introduce irrelevant discussion simply to waste your time and watch how you would handle the situation. Be patient, but after 5-10 minutes, make a tactful transition to the meeting topic.

4. DON'T WASTE HIS TIME

When asked a question, make sure you understand the question before you answer it. Then, answer it directly and succinctly. If you do not know, do not attempt to bluff your way through it. Just say "good question, sir. Unfortunately for me, I do

not have the answer, but I would be glad to get the answer and get back to you sir". If challenged, and you disagree, do not automatically back down and agree. Remember, you are the expert. If you back down too readily, you will lose authenticity. However, do not be stubborn – know when to back off. Take notes, but do not write down every word like a court clerk. Also make sure you understand the nature of the question. For instance, if he asks you a pointed question, go straight to the point. Do not attempt to give him the background information first. You won't impress him that way. Remember, before he asks you a direct question, he already has the background info. However, if he asks you to "tell me about so, so and so...." it means he is not sure and wants you to give him as much background info as he needs to make an informed decision, or that he wants to match what you would tell him against what he already knows. Be careful though, state the facts, be brief but as informative as possible.

5. IRRELEVANT TALKS

This can come at any time – before or after the main issues have been discussed. If you have done your homework well, you will know if it is better to start with small talk. The GMD is a cricket fan, so you might consider researching his favourite team and make a positive comment about them during small talks (I have actually done this myself). Or you may get right to the point. However, do not assume – let him set the tone. Be prepared to answer questions about your background, family, role, interests, aspirations etc...Big men are normal everyday people too - it might even be a welcome relief to them spending time with a "regular" employee for a change. Depending on his/her style and mood, this could eat up most of your time if you are not careful. Some crafty CEOs like to introduce irrelevant discussion simply to waste your time and watch how you would handle the situation. Be patient, but after 5-10 minutes, make a tactful transition to the meeting topic.

On returning to my office, I spent the next 30 minutes or so wondering how I was going to handle myself. It dawned on me that I just might be in for a thorough drilling by the GMD, and that it might turn out to be my last opportunity to ever appear before him. I was apprehensive, but I promised myself to

make the desired positive impression on him. It only meant getting prepared, and for that I did my best to get as much information as possible on major developments in the group prior to my coming on board.

On the appointed day I set off two hours ahead of schedule. The GMD's office was on Marina and mine was on the mainland. With Lagos traffic one could never be too sure. Better not to take chances. All through the drive to the Island I took care to avoid BRT lane or break any traffic rule. I am the type that drives fast but not necessarily over-speed. I like to overtake any vehicle before me that slows me down. On this day however I took care not to over-take or struggle right of way with any motorist lest I got involved in a traffic incident. That would be a recipe for disaster on this very day. I had never met the GMD before this day and anything that would give him a wrong impression of me must be avoided by all means.

I made it to the personal assistant to GMD's office 45 minutes ahead of schedule. I thought I should announce my presence and then wander somewhere else to ease off the tension building in me, but it was not to be. She picked up her phone, muttered a few words, and asked me to go in. That was surprise No. 1.

Surprise No.2 came when I knocked at the GMD's office door and instead of hearing the usual "come in", the door jerked open and right there at the door was the man himself. He offered a handshake, a broad smile and the words "welcome my good friend". The last bit was surprise No. 3 but that was okay. Surprise No. 4 came when instead of going to the seat behind his desk, he walked to an extended part of his office that looked like a board room, took one of the chairs and motioned me to sit right beside him. A lady office assistant served coffee which I accepted because I learnt from my background work that in his home country, it was taken as an offence for someone to decline an offer from an elder. After two or three sips of the coffee in-between which I was fairly certain he was assessing me, he shot his first question.

"So what do you think of the memo?" he asked in halting English. I answered that it was about time the memo came and that the HR department role in the plan was fully understood. "You have no misgivings whatsoever?" He asked.

About an hour later the reply came from "above" simply as "good, proceed", followed immediately by another from my boss. It simply said "congrats". Then I realized I did not fail the test.

I thought here was an opportunity to point out a weak link in the plan. "Actually, I do have just one area of concern sir", I replied. "The whole idea is no doubt a welcome development. However, I do think we first of all need to sensitize the divisional heads, the line managers and the workforce. We need to seek buy-in sir. It will require visiting the locations sir. Three to four months would be enough to do this sir, then we can implement. That way we would have done everything to ensure a seamless exercise sir". Not that there are guarantees, but any change comes with reactions and resistance sir.

He thought about this for a while and then threw in surprise No. 5, which was simply to ask me to oversee the whole exercise. The meeting was over. As I was about exiting his office, I asked him if it would be okay to ask him a favour, to which he answered in the affirmative. I told him that though I was aware my immediate boss was billed to leave soon, it would be mightily helpful if he was involved from the onset. "I still have a lot to learn from him sir, and this is one more opportunity before he leaves the company sir". He replied that he would see to that.

Back at my desk, I recollected what a wise mentor once told me. He said "never leave an executive with a long to-do list". For one thing, it may not get done. But more importantly, he will appreciate your respect for his time and your willingness and ability to get things done on his behalf". So after every meeting with an executive, send a brief thank-you, meeting summary, including any decisions and next steps". This advice came handy.

I did a one-page summary of the meeting, the overall re-organisation plan and the role expected of the HR department. I reduced the HR role to an acronym called SR3T – Sensitize, Review, Re-align, Re-design and Train with timeline assigned to each, in line with the general plan. I avoided using the dreaded word, the meaning of which is all too clear. I sent the draft first to my boss for his review and input. He made a few corrections and sent it back with an instruction to "send".

About an hour later the reply came from "above" simply as "good, proceed", followed immediately by another from my boss. It simply said "congrats". Then I realized I did not fail the test.

IMMIGRATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN CANADA- NEWFOUNDLAND

The first ever Labrador and Canada-Newfoundland Immigration Agreement was signed by Canada's Minister of Immigration John McCallum and Newfoundland's Minister of Advanced Education and Skill, Gerry Byrne, in St. John's, Newfoundland. The intention of signing the agreement is to improve the federal and provincial government connection to encourage immigration between the two places.

This comes with the latest development of f upcoming changes and other announcements to immigration programs in Atlantic region of Canada. The goal will remain as to attract the skilled immigrant and refugee workers in the region. McCallum dedicated that recent days promoting the Liberal Party campaign promises for immigration in the Atlantic region, accepted that "the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has ambitious immigration



Canada- Newfoundland Sign Historic Immigration Agreement

objectives and this historic agreement will play a key role in supporting those ob-

jectives."

Newfoundland and Labrador already have a

Provincial Nominee Program which will be improved due to the agreement, that

strengthening their existing procedures. The PNP consist of The Selection Process,

Supporting Integration and Settlement of Newcomers, Responding to Immigration Priorities, and Collaborating on Resettlement of Refugees. Byrne spoke, "it strengthens our partnership with the Federal Government and our commitment to attracting and retaining more immigrants to Newfoundland and Labrador to address our economic, labor market and demographic needs."

Local immigration advocates received the agreement, which was signed at the Association for New Canadians in St. John's, Newfoundland warmly. Megan Morris, Executive Director of the Association for New Canadians says, "As an organization that has assisted refugees and immigrants for over 35 years, we look forward to continuing to work with our federal and provincial partners in supporting the inclusion and integration of newcomers to Newfoundland and Labrador."

NIGERIA'S BUDGET PADDED BY N284BN: ABDULMUMIN JIBRIN

By Sandra Beagan

Abdulummin Jibrin, fired from his position as chairman of Nigeria's House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations in mid-July, has made shocking accusations – in great detail – on how N284bn in constituency projects was sneaked into the country's 2016 budget.

He says that members of ten standing committees inserted projects into the budget without the knowledge of their members.

Mr. Jibrin has claimed that he was removed from his position as chair of the Appropriation Committee because he stood in the way of some sleazy moves by some House members in relation to the budget.

He accused Speaker Yakubu Dogara of secretly persuading him to sneak N20bn into the budget through Service Wide Vote.

Mr. Jibrin issued a lengthy statement in Abuja on July 24 in which he alleged that Speaker Dogara has been hijacked by factions with their own agendas.

He said: "I am compelled again for the purpose of emphasis to state categorically that my allegations are against the quartet of Speaker Yakubu Dogara, Deputy Speaker Yusuf Lasun, House Whip Alhasan Doguwa, and Minority Leader Leo Ogor – not the Honourable House as an institution nor other members

of the body of principal officers.

"I have to state this very clearly because this quartet has resorted to desperate moves to drag the entire House of Representatives into the case of gross abuse of office I have leveled against them as individual presiding and principal officers of the House. This is a mischievous move to set me on collision with the entire house.

"They have also recruited four from the very few members of their cabal to use some elements of the Nigeria police to kidnap, harass, blackmail, and intimidate me into silence. Until yesterday, the police were laying siege to my house, blocking the entrance and exit, shouting that they wanted budget documents.

"Whenever I am released, an irreparable damage would have been done to my person that will stick for life.

"As God Almighty will have it, I had traveled out of town before they could execute their evil plan. God is always with the innocent. The members in the tick of this plot are Jagaba Adams, Jika – both chairmen – Interior and Police Affairs respectively – Muhammed Bago, Muhammed Zakari.

And the last one, I need not introduce him to Nigerians.

"During the budget period, when they discovered that I was not the kind of person they could use to perpetrate their illegality,



Abdulummin Jibrin

Mr. Speaker and the three other principal officers took away the entire Appropriation Committee Secretariat to a secret location where all sort of insertions were made into the budget."

Mr. Jibrin continued his statement: "The blackmail has always been, Abdul, people will laugh at you if anything goes wrong between you and Dogara because of the lead role you played and the many toes you stepped on to get him elected.

"It's been a painful experience.

"Again the secretariat was taken away from me on Speaker Dogara's instruction for the second time to a location I didn't know, and all sort of insertions into the budget were made and returned to me for signature.

"I said, over my dead body! It was a massive crisis behind the scene until the early morning of the Friday that Mr. President assented the budget. It was Senator Danjuma Goje that brokered a compromise that, since the deputy speaker led the harmonization committee, he should also sign, such that the harmonization committee will share responsibility with us.

"Senator Goje pleaded with me so hard all night and later shouted heavily at me, reminding me that he was not talking to me as a senator but as a father. I cried heavily all night.

"When the budget harmonization committee, headed by Deputy Speaker Yusuf Lasun, gave out 80% concession across board to the executive demands during the harmonization negotiation, it was agreed that the remaining 20% should go to the entire NASS. The deputy speaker excused himself that he wanted to go and consult with Mr. Speaker.

"He came back after [a] few hours and, in an unprecedented display of greed, presented to me a hand-written note distributing the remaining 20% to only principal officers – 70% of the 20% was reserved for Mr. Speaker and himself, while the remaining 30% of the 20% went to other principal officers. I am sure he will recognize the hand writing when he sees it."

Jubrin added: "My colleagues didn't know all of these.

"Mr. Speaker also directed me to create what I advised him will be a controversial line item under Service Wide Vote to introduce about N20bn projects using the name of NASS. He

directed me to see a highly placed PDP politician, which I did, and collected the documents. I advised him repeatedly against it but he kept pressuring me until I bluntly told him, I will not!

"When the Appropriation Committee received all the budget reports from standing committees, an analysis was conducted. We discovered that about 10 of the 96 standing committees of the House introduced about 2,000 projects without the knowledge of their committee members, amounting to about N284bn.

"I was alarmed. But I was cautious because at our pre-budget meeting with the committee chairmen, I was clearly warned not to touch their budgets. I reported the matter to the speaker. He did nothing about it, obviously because he was working behind the scene with the committee chairmen.

"That was the beginning of the whole budget problem from the side of House, and the whole exercise had to go through several versions before it was passed.

"So, is it Abdul that introduced 2000 projects into budget worth 284 billion? But I quietly bore the pain and abuses from all over the country and continue to defend the committee inputs as a show of loyalty to the institution I represent, which I so much love and still have many great minds

in there.

"Apart from Chairman Agriculture Hon Mongunu who owned up and explained his inputs at the only executive session I was allowed to attend, the other few chairmen who loaded the budget kept quiet and watched me bashed from every angle by angry Nigerians.

"Speaker Dogara has completely derailed, remains clueless, keeps on with an unmatched ego and surely leading the House to the biggest scandal it may ever experience.

"He has failed to live above the fog in public duty and private thinking, a direct opposite of what my favorite American poet Josiah Gilbert Holland prayed Lord to grant us leaders.

"All I am asking for is my right to be heard by my colleagues which they denied me. I am calling on my colleagues to plead with Speaker Yakubu Dogara, Deputy Lasun, Whip Doguwa, and Minority leader Ogor to stop obstructing justice and allow me my right to be heard by the House.

"It is the House that will institute a special investigation on this matter to allow me testify and provide evidence before any other external action," Jibrin concluded.

He did clarify that Majority Leader Femi Gbajabiamila and three other principal officers are not involved in the scandal he has described.

By Uju Onyechere

Failure is the highway to success. Tom Watson Sr. said, "If you want to succeed, double your failure rate."

If you study history, you will find out that all stories of success are also stories of great failures. But people don't see the failures. They only see one side of the picture and they say that person got lucky: "He must have been at the right place at the right time."

We all know the story of the man called Abraham Lincoln. Just in case you don't know it, Abe failed in business at the age of 21; was defeated in a legislative race at age 22; failed again in business at age 24; overcame the death of his sweetheart at age 26; had a nervous break-down at age 27; lost a congressional race at age 34; lost a senatorial race at age 45; failed in an effort to become vice-president at age 47; lost a senatorial race at age 49; and was elected president of the United States at 52. Would you call him a failure? He could have quit. But to Lincoln, defeat was a detour and not a dead end.

In 1913, Lee De Forest, inventor of the triode tube, was charged by the district attorney for using fraudulent means to mislead the public into buying stocks of his company by claiming that he could transmit the human voice across the Atlantic. He was publicly humiliated. Can you imagine where we would be without his invention?

A New York Times editorial on December 10, 1903 questioned the wisdom of the Wright Brothers who were trying to invent a machine heavier than air

that would fly. One week later, at Kitty Hawk, the Wright Brothers took their famous flight.

Colonel Sanders, at age 65, with a beat-up car and a \$100 cheque from Social Security, realized he had to do something. He remembered his mother's recipe and went out selling. How many doors did he have to knock on before he got his first order? It is estimated that he had knocked at more than a thousand doors before he got his first order. Today, he owns one of the biggest fast food joints in the world. How many of us quit after three tries, ten tries, a hundred tries, and then we say we tried as hard as we could?

As a young cartoonist, Walt Disney faced many rejections from newspaper editors, who said he had no talent. One day a minister at a church hired him

to draw some cartoons. Disney was working on a small mouse – infested shed near the church. After seeing a small mouse, he was inspired. That was the start of Mickey Mouse.

Successful people don't do great things; they only do small things in a great way.

One day a partially deaf four-year-old kid came home with a note in his pocket from his teacher, "Your Tommy is too stupid to learn, get him out of the school." His mother read the note and answered, "My Tommy is not stupid to learn, I will teach him myself". And that Tommy grew up to be the great Thomas Edison. Thomas Edison had only three months of formal schooling and he was partially deaf.

Do you consider these people failures? They succeeded in spite of problems;

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EVERY SUCCESS STORY IS ALSO A STORY OF GREAT FAILURE

not in the absence of them. But to the outside world, it appears as though they just got lucky.

All success stories are stories of great failures. The only difference is that every time they failed, they bounced back. This is called failing forward, rather than backward. You learn and move forward. Learn from your failure and keep going.

In 1914, Thomas Edison, at age 67, lost his factory, which was worth a few million dollars, to fire. It had very little insurance. No longer a young man, Edison watched his lifetime effort go up in smoke and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burnt up. Thank God we can start anew." In spite of the disaster, three weeks later, he invented the phonograph. What an attitude!

Setbacks are inevitable in life. A setback can act

as a driving force and also teach us humility. In grief, you will find courage and faith to overcome the setback. We need to learn to become victors, not victims; fear and doubt short – circuit the mind.

Henry Ford forgot to put the reverse gear in the first car he made. Thomas Edison failed approximately 10,000 times while he was working on the light bulb. Henry Ford was broke at the age of 40. Lee Lacocca was fired by Henry Ford 11 at the age of 54. Young Beethoven was told that he had no talent for music, but he gave some of the best music to the world.

Ask yourself after every setback: what did I learn from this experience? Only then will you be able to turn a stumbling block into a stepping-stone.

Good luck

TRAVEL

5 UNIQUE LAST-MINUTE CANADIAN GETAWAYS

(NC) So you spent your trip-planning time binge-watching the latest season of your favourite show. Don't worry, because all the research and legwork are done for you in this handy guide to great Canadian locales for a last-minute vacation, so pick whichever one sounds most interesting to you and your entourage and start packing.

1. MALIGNE LAKE, ALBERTA.

Nestled in Jasper National Park, Maligne is the largest glacially-fed lake in the Canadian Rockies. It boasts pristine water, spectacular views of surrounding glaciers and world-renowned Spirit Island, one of the most photographed views of our Rockies. Enjoy a guided boat tour or try your hand at sport fishing, kayaking or canoeing.

2. MONTREAL.

If you've been to this city but haven't checked out Old Montreal, then you're missing out. One of the oldest urban areas in North America with some buildings dating back to the 17th century, most of Old Montreal was declared an historic district in 1964. Be sure to see the gorgeous architecture at Place d'Armes and Notre-Dame Basilica for yourself, and walk down the area's cobbled streets for incredible restaurants, museums and the city's old port. Find some modern-day balance by staying at the hip Renaissance Montreal Hotel.

land is rich with Gaelic, Aboriginal and Acadian cultures. Enjoy being so close to the water with an Atlantic fisheries tour, boating, or visiting the Cape Breton Highlands National Park for panoramic views of the Acadian coastline.

5. OKANAGAN LAKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Located in downtown Kelowna, Okanagan Lake lets you get the best of both worlds with city creature comforts like museums and shopping, along with beautiful lake and mountain views of Okanagan Valley. Visit vineyards in nearby wine country and explore local festivals, parks, beaches and walking trails near the water. Stay in the heart of it all at the stylish Delta Grand Okanagan Resort.

4. CAPE BRETON ISLAND.

Visit this eastern island for its spectacular scenery, outdoor trails for adventures, and charming heritage sites and museums. Located on the north-eastern tip Nova Scotia, Cape Breton is-

STOP SELLING TICKETS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES, NCAA WARNS AIRLINES



The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has warned all airlines selling flight tickets in foreign currencies in Nigeria to desist from the practice forthwith.

The NCAA issued the warning in a statement issued by its Acting General Manager, Public Relations, Mr Sam Adurogboye, in Lagos.

The statement said the act contravened the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) guidelines on the cost of products or services in Nigeria.

"The CBN, via a circular issued on April 17,2015, has directed that "pricing of any product shall continue to be in naira only and it is illegal to price or denominate

the cost of any product or service (visible or invisible) in any foreign currency.

"The NCAA is disturbed by reports that some foreign airlines are declining to accept Nigeria's local currency – the naira – as payment for tickets.

"In other words, some foreign airlines have blatantly resorted to selling tickets only in foreign currency," it said.

According to the statement, the act is considered insensitive to passengers who have elected on their own volition to choose the airlines for their travel.

The statement said such act also contravened the provisions of

the Bilateral Air Services Agreement (BASA) between Nigeria and other countries as contained in Article 8 (4).

"As a consequence of this action, the regulatory authority has written warning letters to such erring airlines to immediately comply with the provisions of BASA and CBN directive.

"Sales of tickets and services should henceforth be offered to air travellers in naira without further delay," it said.

The statement added that the Federal Government had taken measures to ameliorate the subsisting foreign exchange issues.

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deepened voters' concerns with her trustworthiness and honesty.

In addition, a pre-convention scandal resulted from hacked Democratic Party emails that showed the party leadership had their thumb on the scales in favour of Clinton over Sanders during the primaries. This added to a perception that Clinton prefers to play by her own rules.

But the heavyweights of the Democratic party told a different story about Clinton through their polished speeches during the convention. President Barack Obama, who beat her in the primaries in 2008, declared in a rousing speech that Clinton can not only can defeat Trump's "deeply pessimistic vision" but can also realize the "promise of this great nation."

Referring to the extent of her experience in governance he added: "She's been there for us, even if we haven't always noticed."

Secretary Clinton was introduced to the stage by her daughter Chelsea who said that her woman is a woman "driven by compassion, by faith, by kindness, a fierce sense of justice, and a heart full of love." Numerous other speakers spoke of Trump as being out of touch with the fast-changing and diverse nation that America has become.

Khizr Khan, an American Muslim whose son Capt. Humayun Khan died in Iraq serving in the American Army, made an emotional plea that voters must stop Trump, who has famously announced that he would put a temporary ban on Muslim immigrants.

Mr. Khan said, "Donald Trump, you are asking Americans to trust you with their future . . . let me ask you, have you even read the United States Constitution? I will gladly lend you my copy."

During the convention, police killed during duty were memorialized

and the five officers who were killed in Dallas this month in retaliation for officer-involved shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota were spotlighted.

Dallas Sheriff Lupe Valdez said, "Violence is not the answer . . . yelling, screaming and calling each other names is not going to do it."

On the closing night of the convention, Doug Elmets, a Reagan administration official, announced that he will be casting his first vote for a Democrat this year. He urged other Republicans who "believe loyalty to our country is more important than loyalty to party" to do likewise.

Meanwhile, Trump said that he would like Moscow to find the thousands of emails that Clinton deleted from the account she used when she was secretary of state. He also tweeted that Russia should share the emails with the FBI.

A few hours later, he told Fox News that he was being sarcastic.

AFRICA

In Malawi, trafficking targeting albinos

Across Malawi, the abduction and killing of people with albinism has increased at an alarming rate in recent years.

Government officials and locals claim that the body parts of those with the genetic condition - which causes low or absent pigmentation in the skin, eyes and hair at birth - are being trafficked by criminal gangs hired by businessmen and witch-doctors.

The victims' body parts are used in rituals based on local beliefs that potions or amulets made from the body of people with albinism possess magical powers that bring good luck, wealth or boost business.

According to local sources and reports by Amnesty International, the perpetrators have even exhumed the graves of albino individuals in search of bones and other body parts.

Malawi's police inspector General Lexen Kachama says there are about 10,000 people with albinism in the country. So far 18 have been killed and 83 abducted. Five have been missing since 2014.

The traffickers allegedly include goods exporters, estate owners, politicians and other business operators. A complete set of body with albinism can go for \$72,000 on the black market, according to sources.

Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries with a human development index rating of 160 out of 182 globally. As a result, many poor people - including relatives of the victims - have been tempted to engage in the killings.

A witchdoctor involved in processing the rituals who refused to publish his name for fear of reprisals tells This is Africa that the victims' body parts are currently in high demand among witch doctors and the wealthy in neighbouring Tanzania and Mozambique.

"[Albinism] has magical properties to boost your business or bring luck in your career, including winning votes if you are a politician - but we mix that with other traditional medicines to make it work," the individual says.

The killing of people with albinism first esca-



Lexen Kachama

lated in Tanzania in 2008, where more than 200 victims have been killed for their body parts.

Government-led education and protection efforts, in partnership with NGOs, have helped to reduce attacks against albinos. "We tightened security for the victims, banned witchdoctors, and imposed stiffer sentences against offenders to end the crime," says Tanzanian government spokesperson Assah Mwambene.

However, the government of Malawi blames demand from Tanzania for the uptick in violence inside its borders.

Victims are often targeted by those who are close to them. Thirty-three-year-old Sam Kumbwa, for instance, is currently serving a life sentence for attempting to murder his 11-year-old nephew Morton Juma. Mr Juma is an albino.

"He took me into a nearby bush where he said would collect chicken for supper but upon reaching there, we [were met by] three men with Panga knives," Mr Juma recounts.

Mr Juma claims he was saved by the arrival of a mob, who put a stop to the attack.

Within the same week, two other men were arrested for attempting to smuggle the body parts to of an albino person killed in Dezda district to Mozambique.

Government action: too little, too late?

The surge of attacks has prompted Malawi's parliament to amend its laws concerning killings and attacks on people with albinism and other vulnerable groups.

The amended laws punish any person trespassing in a graveyard with intent to exhume a body with 21 years imprisonment with hard labour. Penalties for smuggling are harder still. "Those found exhuming the graves for the dead body, smuggle or engage into any trade regarding

the victims' body parts will be sentenced to life imprisonment with no chance to pardon," says minister of justice Samuel Tembenu.

But despite these efforts, only 130 perpetrators have been arrested and convicted since 2014. Most of the crimes against albino people remain unresolved. This has created a sense of impunity.

A June 2016 report by Amnesty International attributes the increase in attacks to systematic failure of policing in Malawi. "Poor police investigations may have also allowed perpetrators of murders to avoid facing serious charges, particularly in cases where suspects were arrested in possession of human bones," says the report.

"The unprecedented wave of brutal attacks against people with albinism has created a climate of terror for this vulnerable group and their families, who are living in a state of constant fear for their lives," said Amnesty's director for southern Africa Deprose Muchena at the report's launch.

Local activists are also accusing government of not doing enough to end the attacks.

"It is surprising that most of those arrested are the poor who are just hired to engage in the killings. We expect government to intensively investigate, expose and bring to book those buying the body parts and the witchdoctors involved in the crimes," says Kinnear Mlowoka, programme manager for Mzuzu city-based Mphunzirani Development Organisation.

Malawi has now also banned witchdoctors - as Tanzania did - with a life sentence for offenders. Some politicians are demanding a death sentence. The Malawi constitution imposes a death penalty for murder and other serious offences, but no president has signed a death penalty since the country became a multi-party democracy in 1994.

More deaths do not seem likely to help matters. Better policing and education will go much farther towards protecting Malawi's albino population from violence and persecution.

Source: <http://www.thisisafrikaonline.com>

FORMER DICTATOR OF CHAD ORDERED TO COMPENSATE HIS VICTIMS

By N.Ugoh

Hissène Habré ruled Chad from 1982 until he was deposed in 1990. On May 30, 2016 the Extraordinary African Chambers (Chambres africaines extraordinaires or CAE) sentenced him to life in prison. On July 29 he was ordered to pay thousands of euros in compensation to his victims.

Prisoners of war and victims of arbitrary detention or their families are to receive up to €15,000 each. Victims of sexual slavery or rape are to receive up to €50,000 each.

It is expected that more than 4,700 people will receive these compensations.

Jacqueline Moudeina, lead counsel for Habré's victims, said, "We feel satisfied, but somehow we are also flayed because we asked for the erection of



Hissène Habré

monuments at sites where the major massacres took place. Unfortunately, the judges did not give us that."

Moudeina says that there are 4,733 victims of Habré, but some civil society groups put the number of identified victims at 8,600.

The CAE was established in 2013 in Senegal by the African Union (AU). The life sentence it imposed on Habré was for torture, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. This is the first time an AU-backed court has convicted a former ruler of human rights

abuses.

The trial, which began in July 2015, heard more than 90 witnesses. Habré refused to recognize the court as legitimate and refused legal representation but was appointed Senegalese lawyers. He and his supporters often disrupted the proceedings with shouting and singing.

According to a 1990 Chadian commission of inquiry that investigated Habré's crimes, 40,000 people were killed during the rule of "Africa's Pinochet." He has denied responsibility for the killings.

Survivors have described horrible torture at the hands of his secret police including cigarette burns, electric shocks, having gas squirted in their eyes, and near-asphyxia.

Habré fled into exile in Senegal in 1990 and was arrested there in 2013.

Congolese Singer Olomide Charged With Assault & Battery, Out on Bail

By Sandra Beagan

Congolese rhumba musician, Koffi Olomide, one of Africa's most popular musicians, will spend some more time in jail waiting for his hearing on another assault case.

The 60-year-old star was arrested at his Kinshasa home on July 26 on the orders of the DRC Attorney-General for the assault of one of his female dancers.

On July 22, a video of Olomide kicking the dancer at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Kenya went viral and he was arrested by Kenyan police. His concert there was cancelled as was another concert scheduled for



Koffi Olomide

Zambia. He spent the night in the custody of Kenyan police at JKIA. He was deported to DR Congo on July 23.

Congressman Zakarie Bababaswe had filed a petition on behalf of the Congolese people to have Olomide punished for the

assault.

The singer was charged with assault and battery after his arrest on July 26, but was subsequently released on bail.

One of his lawyers, Benoit Tayeye, said in a statement, "Prosecutors granted bail to Koffi Olomide because he does not present a flight risk. The defence has shown that the singer has a known residence, is a famous music star, and his principal interests are here in DRC."

The prosecutor's office confirmed that he had been released from jail and added that the charges will not be dropped.

No details were given about the amount of bail.

Authorities in Senegal Cracking Down on Forced Child Street Begging

By Sandra Beagan

In recent weeks, authorities in the Senegal capital Dakar have been rounding up packs of child beggars off the streets and loading them onto buses.

This initiative comes after years of inaction. The West African country passed a law in 2005 to stop the abuse of talibés - children who attend

schools (daaras) in large cities for religious instruction - but there have been very few prosecutions since then.

Some of the children are sent to the boarding schools by their parents ostensibly to learn the Koran. Some of the children are from homeless families. Others are trafficked from nearby countries.

The children attend

Former President of Benin, Emile Zinsou, dead

By N.Ugoh

Émile Derlin Zinsou, former president of The Republic of Dahomey, which became the Republic of Benin in 1975, died on July 28, 2016 at the age of 98.

The death was announced by Gratien Ahouanmenou, a family friend: "We are all in mourning. Former President Émile Derlin Zinsou passed away last night after 11pm, at home."

Zinsou was trained as a doctor and worked as a journalist before becoming a politician. He served in the French National Assembly in the 1940s and 1950s.

He was the minister of foreign affairs in Dahomey in 1962-1963 and 1965-1967.

He was president of Dahomey from July 1968



Émile Derlin Zinsou

to December 1969 and had some success in dealing with the country's economic and financial problems.

However, his popularity declined due to austerity measures, and he was ousted by the army - which had convinced him to take the position in the first place. He then had a poor showing in the 1970 presidential election. After that loss, he became the primary opposition leader,

based in Paris.

He opposed the government of General Kérékou, who ruled the country from 1972 to 1991 and again from 1996 to 2006.

In 1975 he was implicated in a coup attempt and was sentenced to death, in absentia.

In the late 1980s the political climate of Benin changed and he returned, but was not very active in Beninese politics during that era.

In 1999 he helped to organize the mediation efforts that were aimed at ending the Second Congo War and met with Laurent-Désiré Kabila. He was also active in the International Organization of La Francophonie.

He was the uncle of Lionel Zinsou, prime minister of Benin from June 2015 to April 2016.

DR CONGO VOWS TO JAIL PRESIDENTIAL RACE CONTENDER IF HE RETURNS

By Sandra Beagan

Democratic Republic of Congo: In May, businessman and former Governor of Governor of Katanga Province, **Moïse Katumbi**, announced his intention of running against **President Joseph Kabila** in the country's upcoming elections. Almost immediately, he was faced with an arrest warrant for allegedly preparing to stage a coup.

By June, he was in South Africa, ostensibly for medical treatment. On June 22, he was tried and convicted in absentia a fraudulent sale of property and sentenced to three years in prison. Since then, he has been in London or Paris according to different news sites, reportedly meeting with other opposition lead-

ers.

He is seen as President **Kabila's** main challenger in the presidential race and stated early in July that he would return to the capital, Kinshasa, as soon as possible. DRC's Justice Minister **Alexis Thambwe Mwamba** vowed on July 29 that Katumbi would be jailed if he returns.

Mwamba told African Free Press, "If Mr Katumbi enters Congo, he will be taken to prison, that is the law," and added, "It is not a special rule invented to target him."

For a decade, Katumbi was a Kabila ally. He quit the ruling People's Party for Reconstruction and Democracy (PPRD) in September 2015 over the splitting of several provinc-

es, including his own, into smaller provinces, and over Kabila's alleged attempts to change the constitution so he can stay in power.

Kabila has been president since 2001 when his father **Laurent-Désiré Kabila** was assassinated.

The country's opposition parties said in June that they have created an alliance to force Kabila to resign when his current term expires in December of this year.

Mr. Katumbi, 51, is one of the wealthiest people in the DRC. He was named "African of the year" in 2015 by the news magazine *Jeune Afrique*, and he owns the Tout Puissant Mazembe football club, winners of the African Champions League in 2009, 2010, and 2015.

explained, "The children are generally unaccompanied. When they come here we ask them for the telephone number of their tutor or Koranic teacher and they give it to us."

Ms. Balde added that the marabouts or the parents generally come and pick up the children, at which point staff members explain that if the children are picked up again the parents or marabouts will be prosecuted.

Guardians or parents of child beggars face the possibility of fines of up to \$3,355 and two to five years in jail.

In the first two weeks of July, authorities picked up 270 street children in Dakar. That, it would seem, is a drop in the bucket.

Gambian parliament passes law prohibiting child marriage

By Sandra Beagan

On July 21, the parliament of Gambia passed a law prohibiting child marriage.

The law adopted by the National Assembly says, "An adult who voluntarily enters into marriage on behalf of a child or who pushes a child into a marriage, helps, encourages or participates in the celebration of any wedding of a child, commits an offense and is liable to imprisonment not exceeding twenty years."

It also says, "An adult who learns about such a marriage proposal and willfully fails to report it commits an offense and is liable to imprisonment for ten years."

Gambia's minister of justice and attorney general, Mama Fatima Singhateh, presented the draft law before the members of the National Assembly.

"It aims to discour-

age a persistent practice in our society by criminalizing child marriage. The authorities hope that this law will have a deterrent effect on potential offenders," she said.

The Gambian Constitution states: "Men and women of full age and capacity shall have the right to marry and found a family." The Children's Act defines a child as "A person under the age of 18 years". The constitution contains no legal provision expressly forbidding forced marriages or child brides.

Two weeks before the passage of the new law, President Yahya Jammeh demanded that lawmakers immediately introduce legislation banning child marriage. During an audience granted to Muslim dignitaries, he announced, "Starting today, July 6, child marriage is illegal and prohibited in Gambia."

He went on: "Now, whoever marries a girl

who has not attained the age of 18 will be jailed 20 years in prison. The girl's parents will do 21 years in prison and anyone with knowledge of this marriage and not having reported to authorities will spend 10 years in prison. The Imam and those who lead the wedding ceremony will also be sent to prison."

The practice has long been customary in the largely Muslim West African country, which President Jammeh renamed "the Islamic Republic of Gambia" in December.

On June 16, Gambia's first lady Madam Zineb Jammeh, speaking at the national launch of the African Union's (AU) End Child Marriage campaign, said, "Eliminating child marriage should be our priority, to allow young girls to develop and contribute to development. We can't afford to allow child marriage to hold back our beautiful girls any longer."

Public Notice

Delta State Women Association, Canada

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Delta State Women Association, Canada to discuss matters arising from our last meeting.

Date:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016
TIME: 5PM PROMPT
VENUE: CALL CONTACTS

Regular meetings: 6 times a year.

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Yanyi Dumuje
Social & Publicity Secretary

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Oduah is a former Minister of Aviation and is accused of number acts of fraudulent contracts and massive embezzlement of public monies.

Since early in 2016, federal prosecutors have been going after Rickey Tarfa, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Rickey Tarfa, and others for bribing judges. Justice Yunusa has been name as a major recipient of those bribes. Tarfa's trial had been adjourned until October.

Yunusa has become notorious for making rulings that have hamstrung law enforcement agencies such as the EFCC, mostly in cases where major public figures are being investigated for corruption.

A source from the NJC said, "We found out that Justice Mohammed Yunusa basically committed acts that amount to subversion of the course of justice."

Justice Oloyede was found to have conducted herself in a manner that

undermined the dignity of her office and the independence and impartiality of the judiciary. She caused a scandal in 2015 when she accused Osun State's Governor Rauf Aregbesola of corruption and petitioned the State Assembly to impeach him.

The NJC recommended that the Justices be compulsorily retired and suspended them pending approval of the compulsory retirement by President Buhari and Governor Aregbesola.

BOOKS - EDITOR'S PICK

FICTION & NON FICTION BOOKS

By N.Ugoh

Life is a journey to-

wards survival. We have to overcome challenges and face infinite possibili-

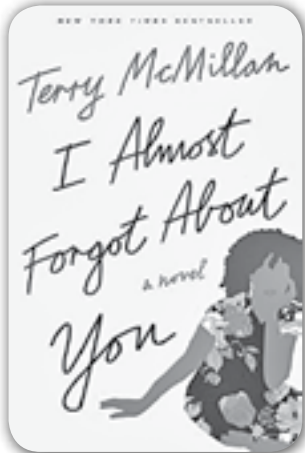
ties ahead of us. Things may be unknown and new to us as we move on with

our lives but these things will show us who we are and what we do best.

Some of these books will show us the risk of taking a chance of trying out

new things, opting for a desired choice and chasing a dream.

I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT YOU: A NOVEL KINDLE EDITION



By Terry McMillan

Here's a novel that will surely excite women who wanted to take a risk in journeying life to the unknown in a new direction. Terry McMillan tells the story of Dr. Georgia Young, an inspiring, high-spirited woman who braved the odds in taking a major turnaround from a wonderful life to a wild journey. Her new life may or may not bring her to find the love of her life, but it showed her the person she wanted to be.

BLACK DIAMOND: BILLIONAIRE SOULMATE SECRET MEGA BILLIONAIRE

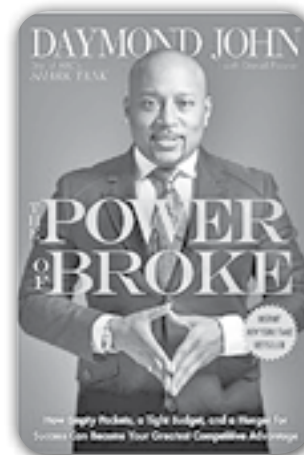


By Viola Angel

Sexy surprises will make your senses tingling with the mesmerizing love story of Michael and Jacqueline who are worlds apart for 7 years without any communication. When they met again, Michael tried to win her back and change the life she used to live. For this unique love team, love is hotter and sexier the second time around.

THE POWER OF BROKE: HOW EMPTY POCKETS, A TIGHT BUDGET, AND A HUNGER FOR SUCCESS CAN BECOME YOUR GREATEST COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

By Daymond John and Daniel Paisner (Authors)



With only \$40 dollars in his pocket, Daymon John started a small business selling home-sewn shirts in the streets of Queens.

From an out-of-the-box idea of practicing the power of broke, Daymon was able to create a unique campaign that ferociously drove FUBU - his \$6 billion dollar global brand - to an eventual success. In this book, you will find out how being broke will push you

TO THE RESCUE

Ibadan 1981

By Pastor Dele Dada
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A louder and greater applause erupted from Abundant Life students with a standing ovation. Mercy being a little skinny girl was initially being looked at as someone who may not be able to talk. It was a surprise when she took the microphone and with a high pitch stunned the audience with her submission. Even Tosin was lost in what she was saying as she did not react but was just gazing at Mercy. Mercy was poised to maximize the opportunity.

She continued, "As it is pretty obvious by now, education is not just the ability to read and write and count. In our incredibly sophisticated age, some clever machines can be programmed to perform those acts; but while we are overawed by their performance feat, we can hardly conceive or refer to these mechanical devices as "educat-

ed."

In like manner, the baboon, the dog, the chimpanzee, and the orangutan may be able to perform certain tasks after rigorous training and repetitious coaching, but this drill-and-do process can hardly be regarded as education. Thus while educa-

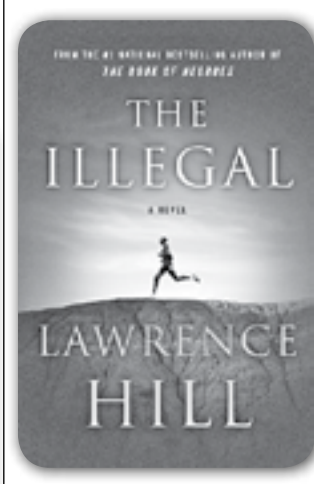
101 QUOTES AND SAYING FROM MAYA ANGELOU



By Maya Angelou

Multi-talented Maya Angelou has come up with a book that shows the strength and foundation of her words of wisdom. The writer showed how she lived life as a courageous woman God through her quotes and sayings that may last until the end of time. Her wisdom is exemplary, putting emphasis on being true to oneself and putting one's best foot forward.

THE ILLEGAL



By Lawrence Hill

Keita Ali is running for respect and for survival. But, after failing to top his first race, he escapes into the wealthy Freedom State where refugees settling within its borders are being deported. To stay safe, he has to keep on moving to get away from the police and government officials while surfacing from time to time to earn from local road races to survive in a nation that dislike them.

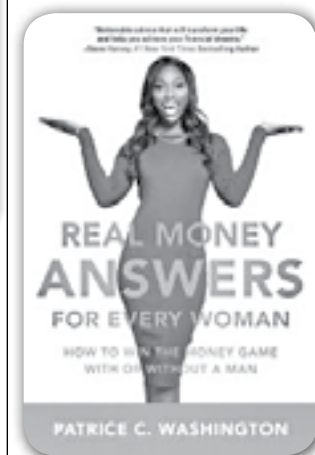
not parts thereof for the performance of tasks that may be specific or general, routine or completely unexpected. Life is about values. What develops a nation is the values they embrace. Our parents did not acquire all this stereotyped education but they had a more peaceful environment. I will like to give opportunity to my other colleagues hence I will pause for now."

By now even students from It Is Well High school were either standing giving her a standing ovation or completely looking down finding a way that they can prompt the next speaker so that he will be able to demolish the powerful arguments of Mercy.

The voice of Tosin rang from the high table, "Can we have some order in this place? We have heard from the leaders of each group, we shall now proceed to the next person. From It Is Well High school I will like to call Henry."

TO BE CONTINUED

REAL MONEY ANSWERS FOR EVERY WOMAN: HOW TO WIN THE MONEY GAME WITH OR WITHOUT A MAN



By Patrice C. Washington

Transform your life with this award-winning guide that helps women in particular to be free from debt, refurbish their credit status and achieve their financial goals. Author

Patrice Washington shares useful spending habits that personally helped her to get out from debt and put up her own real estate and mortgage brokerage successfully. This Q and A format book is filled with relevant tips on how to manage student loans, home ownership, credit cards and even tips on how to get a raise.

DIPPING INTO SIN



By DJ Parker

What Andriano wants, he gets. Simone was no exception despite the fact that he was already engaged to another woman. Simone was warned to stay away from the sexy Andriano Balducci, but she still took the chance as she tried to escape from the life she had. On the other hand, Andriano can't let her go, slowly he saw himself being drawn to her almost turning his world upside down.

YOUTH CORNER

Your children need your presence more than your presents" - Jesse Jackson



OLUCHI UGOH

Again, I welcome you to the month of July. This is my month, July 10th was my birthday. As I get older, the presents get smaller ha! Luckily for me, my siblings were very generous because I have been a good boy; helping with this page and my chores. I attended summer school this year, it's not as bad as I thought it would be. It is already done, just doing tracks now and enjoying it. On the other hand, my mom is not really enjoying, because she has to drive me there two times a week.

Every time she would say, "I forgot about this part that I would have to drive you there, if I had remembered I wouldn't have signed you up" trust Naija mamas. Just wait until you start making money, and then they'll change - they'll be all proud and head to church for thanksgiving. "Praise thy lord, I say praise thy lord with me oooooo....."

Our games are every other Sunday; please why is that some parents drop off their children at games and go to church? Who's going to cheer

them up? Other parents? We do well when our parents are there supporting us. Please make the time to support, others do it, so can you.

School supplies are out already, which means we're going back soon. Please enjoy your summer, as it is almost over.

Happy birthday to all the July celebrants.

Please feel free to send comments to: publisher@nigeriancanadiannews.ca

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADVISE AND ADVICE?

"ADVISE" OR "ADVICE"?

A very common error in the English language is misusing "advise" and "advice". Those words are related but they do have different meanings. Keeping these two words straight isn't actually all that hard.

"**Advise**" is a **noun** that means an opinion or a suggestion on what you should do about something. We give or receive advice almost every day. "Joe's advice to Sally was that she should eat her vegetables."

"**Advise**" is a **verb** that means to **give advice**. "Advise" is the information given. "To advise" is the act of giving it. "Joe advised Sally to eat her vegetables."

So, eating vegetables was the advice that was being advised by Joe.

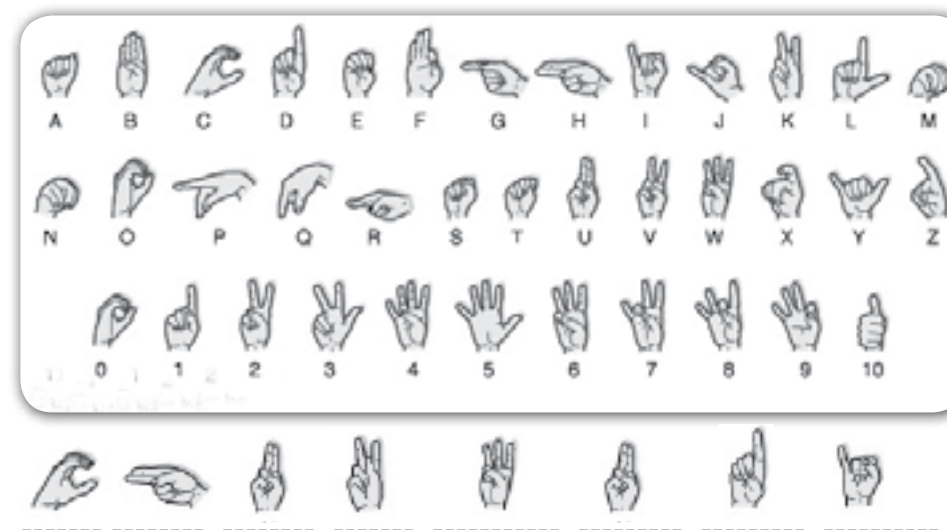
I **advise** you to take my **advice** and learn the difference between these words.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OLUCHI DARLINGTON UGOH - July 10, 2016



SIGN LANGUAGE CANADIAN

What word is spelled below



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REARRANGE QUOTES

1. Come **physical** **does** from **indomitable**
"Strength _____ not _____ from _____ capacity. It comes _____ an _____ will."
- Mahatma Gandhi

2. **change** **achieve** **reality** **inwardly**
"What we _____ will _____ outer _____."
- Plutarch

3. **amazed** **pursue** **achieve** **dreams**
"_____ your _____. You will be _____ about what you can _____."
- Lailah Gifty Akita, Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind

4. **friend** **damage** **enemies** **five**
One fake _____ can do more _____ than _____

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DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

A Shark can live for SIX WEEKS without eating
Octopuses have three hearts
Girls have more taste buds than boys do

Only female Bees sting
Toronto, Vancouver and Niagara Falls are the most visited cities in Canada.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

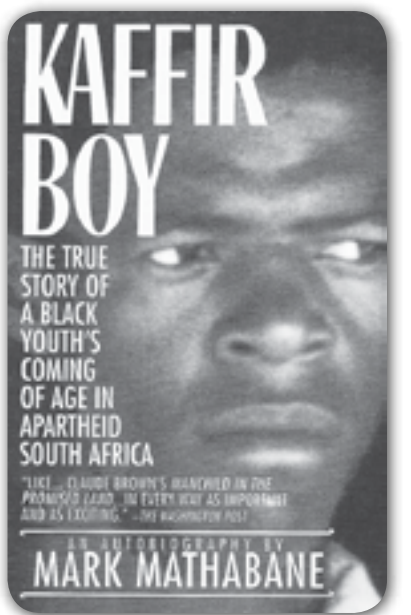
KAFFIR BOY: THE TRUE STORY OF A BLACK YOUTH'S COMING OF AGE IN APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA

By Mark Mathabane

At a young age, it is exhilarating to see kids flourish and develop as they explore their talents and skills. It is important that at this early, they are inspired to build their dreams so that they will become optimistic and trustworthy citizens in the future. Listed below are books that are worth reading for young people who are learning to face challenges as well as learning to hone a budding musical talent.

Kafir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa/Kafir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa

Mark Mathabane, a young African who grew up in one of South Africa's notorious black townships, successfully raised himself from the hopelessness of apartheid. In this book, Mathabane reveals the fact of his life on how he and his family triumphantly crossed line between black and white and courageously lived his life amidst the bloody gang wars in the cruel streets of South Africa.



LET'S PLAY FLUTE! - METHOD BOOK 1: BOOK WITH ONLINE AUDIO

By Elizabeth Weinzierl (Composer), Edmund Waechter (Composer)

Young children, teenagers and adults who love playing flute will surely find this guide very useful. European flutists and pedagogues Elizabeth Weinzierl and Edmund Waechter come up with this method book for beginners to improve their techniques through songs and exercises with easy-to-follow steps. Learning to make music with flute is now fun and exciting either alone or with friends



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

ELTON JOHN SETTLES SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE WITH BRITISH MALE EMPLOYEE



Elton John

By S.Ratko

Sir Elton John has reportedly paid a former British male employee a six-figure sum to settle a sexual harassment case.

The unnamed British male was dismissed by the Rocket Man singer in mid-2015, and he launched legal action against Elton and two of his companies for unfair dismissal and sex discrimination, including allegations of sexual misconduct in August.

Elton reportedly paid a six-figure sum to settle the case out of court in February, and the employee withdrew his claim.

The singer strongly denies the allegations, but is pleased the legal proceedings have been settled, his spokesman said.

"These employment proceedings were brought after Sir Elton John's company parted ways with one of its employees in June 2015," the statement to British newspaper The Sun.

"The claims were always strongly denied, and we continue to deny them... Sir Elton John is pleased that the former employee with-

drew the claims in full and that the issue was settled in February this year."

Details of the case were made public by the newspaper on Sunday after Britain's Court of Appeal lifted reporting restrictions following numerous attempts by the singer to keep the case secret since December through a series of appeals.

The settlement took place just a month before the singer was hit with separate sexual harassment allegations from former security guard Jeffrey Wenninger.

He filed a lawsuit in March claiming he was groped by the 69-year-old while he was employed in 2014, but Elton's lawyer Orin Snyder issued a statement denying the claims.

"This baseless lawsuit is brought by a disgruntled former security officer seeking to extract an undeserved payment," he told Digitalspy.com at the time.

"These claims are patently untrue and contradicted by numerous previous statements made by this plaintiff. We will not give into his latest abuse of the legal system."

'Cosby' actress announces pregnancy, husband files for divorce

Just one week after former Cosby Show actress Keshia Knight Pulliam shared the happy news of her pregnancy, her husband filed for divorce.

Former NFL player Edgerton Hartwell II, 38, filed a divorce complaint Monday in Fulton County Superior Court in Atlanta after six months of marriage. The three-page document said that "the marriage is irretrievably broken and there is no possibility of reconciling," without elaborating. According to the complaint, the couple married on Jan. 2 and were recently separated.

Hartwell was previously married to Real House-



Keshia Knight Pulliam

wives of Atlanta personality Lisa Wu.

Pulliam, 37, is best known as daughter Rudy Huxtable on The Cosby Show. She also played Miranda Payne on Tyler Perry's House of Payne.

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LADY GAGA AND TAYLOR KINNEY CALL IT QUILTS AFTER 5 YEARS

By N.Ugoh

Lady Gaga and Taylor Kinney have decided to end their relationship and engagement after more than five years together.

According to the press, Gaga and Kinney called it quits earlier this month. So far, there is no news on who pulled the plug on the relationship and what ultimately led to their demise.

Fans have noticed that Kinney has been missing from Gaga's life for the last month on social media and at events. Just recently, Gaga has been spotted alone in Malibu without her engagement ring on Kinney's birthday.

The couple began dating in 2011 after meet-



ing on the set of her music video for "You and I." On Valentine's Day 2015,

Kinney proposed to Gaga with a massive heart-shaped engagement ring,

and just two months ago opened up about their wedding plans.

EX-SUPERMODEL HAILS 'HISTORIC' £53M AWARD IN DIVORCE BATTLE

A former supermodel declared "we have made history today" after winning a £53 million award in a High Court divorce cash battle with her Saudi billionaire ex-husband.

Christina Estrada, 54, was fighting for £196 million from international businessman Sheikh Walid Juffali, 61, to meet her "reasonable needs".

Family judge Mrs Justice Roberts, sitting in London, said that during their 12-year marriage "extremely wealthy" Dr Juffali and Ms Estrada had enjoyed an "exorbitant standard of living" and "magical" lifestyle. The judge said that standard of living had to be reflected in her judgment.

She ruled that, even though some of the former Pirelli calendar girl's claims were inflated and needed pruning, she was nevertheless entitled to a lump sum of £53,330,000 to meet her future needs "as she moves into an independent life outside her marriage".

Dr Juffali has been ordered to pay Ms Estrada the lump sum by 4pm on Friday July 29.

Ms Estrada's lawyers said the total settlement, taking into account her own assets, is in the region of £75 million.

She had rejected a total offer from Dr Juffali worth some £37 million. His lawyers had argued her claims were excessive and exaggerated and had entered "gasp factor" territory. Leaving the Royal Courts of Justice in Lon-



Christina Estrada

don, a "very happy and delighted" Ms Estrada said: "I guess we have made history today. Hopefully it is a precedent in a very complex and difficult situation."

Her solicitors, Hughes Fowler Carruthers, said the award of approximately £75 million is "by more than £50 million the largest needs award ever made by an English court".

The case was brought under Part III of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984. This allowed Ms Estrada to apply for financial relief in England because she could not bring a case in Saudi Arabia following an Islamic divorce.

Ms Estrada said in a statement: "I am very grateful for today's ruling. I have lived in the United Kingdom since 1988 and am thankful for access to the British courts."

Thanking her legal team for their help, she said: "I never wanted to be here. I always wanted to resolve the matter amicably. This process has been incredibly bruising and distressing.

"Walid and I were happily married for 12 years and have a beautiful daughter together. He took both a second wife and divorced me without my knowledge.

"His use of diplomatic immunity to try and prevent me from access to a legally binding settlement set a worrying precedent.

"Having grown up in a middle-class family and having enjoyed a successful career until my marriage, I am fully aware that the spectacular life Walid and I led was immensely fortunate and rarefied.

"And I fully understand how this can be perceived in the wider world.

"My focus now is to support my daughter and move forward with our lives. For her sake and the sake of our wider family, I hope we can now resolve matters sensibly."

Dr Juffali's solicitors Mishcon de Reya issued a statement after the hearing, stating: "Dr Juffali has shown himself to be a fair man who has been prepared to offer his ex-wife

SPORTS

Allardyce: "Jose Mourinho to determine Wayne Rooney's England role"

By James Clancy

Upon the crowning glory of his career, being appointed the new England manager, Sam Allardyce has said that whatever position Wayne Rooney undertakes for Manchester United will be what decides where he'll play for England.

The new England manager has offered no



guarantees that 30-year-old Rooney would stay on

as captain when he faced

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Dozens of Wrestlers sue WWE Over Neurological Injuries

By S.Ratko

World Wrestling Entertainment Inc (WWE.N) was sued recently by Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka and dozens of other retired male and female wrestlers seeking to hold it responsible for neurological injuries they claimed to suffer by participating in its bouts.

The complaint was filed on behalf of more than 50 plaintiffs who have

performed with WWE or its predecessors since the 1970s, including Joseph "Road Warrior Animal" Laurinaitis and Paul "Mr. Wonderful" Orndorff.

It accused Stamford, Connecticut-based WWE and Chairman Vince McMahon of intentionally classifying wrestlers as "independent contractors" rather than employees, as a means to avoid liability un-

der applicable worker protection laws.

"WWE placed corporate gain over its wrestlers' health, safety, and financial security, choosing to leave the plaintiffs severely injured and with no recourse to treat their damaged minds and bodies," the complaint said.

The lawsuit seeks compensatory and

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Gascoigne exposes himself in the street

By James Clancy

Fears are growing for Paul Gascoigne after he accidentally exposed himself to the public in the street.

The football icon, who was heading to buy alcohol in a dressing room, tripped up whilst barefoot and walking from his flat with a twisted cigarette hanging from his lips.

Whilst slurring his words the 49-year-old clambered into a taxi before coming back with a bottle of gin, cigarettes and painkillers.

When he stepped out of the taxi his gown opened up and revealed that he was naked underneath.

An onlooker said: "He stood there in the middle of the street where all the neighbours could see him."

"It was really a very sad public indignity for Gaza. All of us around here are very worried for him."

The ex-England, Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur midfielder was forced to phone neighbours' door bells so as to be able to enter his beachside flat because he had forgotten his key.



Paul Gascoigne

He was recently helped into an ambulance whilst again bare foot, with blood seeping from a head wound. He was checked over before he decided that he would like to go in for treatment.

Gascoigne then dropped a bundle of cash whilst he was disembarking from the van and a police officer had to pick it up to give to him. Police and an ambulance were called to his flat in Poole, Dorset, again over the course of the last week.

Two officers spent three hours inside whilst medics also tended to Gascoigne. Then, a day later, a police van, police car and an ambulance were called over further concerns for Gascoigne's health. Gascoigne has been in and out of alcohol rehab

during his decade-long battle against alcohol addiction which has lasted for more than a decade.

In 2013 he was sent to a clinic in Arizona in the USA, following videos which showed him slurring his speech at a charity event.

Despite promising to give up alcohol, he has fallen off the wagon on several occasions.

In March photos were seen of Gascoigne's bruised face after he had suffered a fall.

He later admitted on ITV's Good Morning Britain that when he saw the photo it was the catalyst to make him realise how low he had sunk. Whilst suffering another relapse in May, an idiotic "fan" bought Gascoigne a bottle of gin after Tesco staff had refused to serve him. He was also forced to call a locksmith after he got so drunk that he was unable to get into his flat. A further low has been marked by the fact that Gascoigne is set to stand trial this coming September having been accused of making a racist joke/slug during his stage show.

HIGUAIN TO BECOME THIRD MOST EXPENSIVE FOOTBALLER EVER

By James Clancy

New Juventus striker Gonzalo Higuain says he intends to prove his value to the club after his 75.3million/€89.37million transfer from Napoli.

Higuain, aged 28, has signed a five-year deal to complete the third most expensive transfer of all time.

The Argentina international has stated: "Now I need to show the world that I am worth the money that has been paid for me."

"What can you say about Juventus, they are



Gonzalo Higuain

known in every corner of the globe. It is a great team that has it all to gain."

Higuain has set his sights on winning "many titles" with "The Old Lady" following his move to Turin, while admitting he understands Napoli fans' anger at joining a direct rival.

He has spoken at length about his motivations behind the move: "I have chosen Juventus because of the club's winning mentality; this club is famous and known worldwide," Higuain said during a press conference following his unveiling. "They are used to winning and that's the main reason that I have decided to come here."

"Coming to Juventus is my own choice, my present and my future. I aim to have a great season. I want to show my worth here

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CANADIAN OLYMPIC TEAM SUPPORTED BY TEAM OF NOVA SCOTIAN SPORTS SCIENTISTS

By James Clancy

Some 313 Canadian athletes will compete at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games which open next Friday and behind each and every athlete are a team of sport scientists — ranging from doctors to physiotherapists, strength and conditioning experts to nutritionists.

LEO THORNLEY:

Every resource will be used which might squeeze a tiny little bit more out of an athlete so as to get him or her onto the Olympic podium. Leo Thornley, who is the director of sports science at the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic, will have the task of measuring all

the details that go into an athlete's day, from sleep to water intake, nutrition to training.

"My job at the Olympic Games will be to collect all the information that will help us to understand how they have performed, so if they have a medal, that's excellent; but what

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Russian participation at Rio Olympics shrouded in controversy

By James Clancy

The Russian flag will fly at this summer's Olympic Games, after all the hoopla surrounding the eastern European nation, as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has decided that athletes from the nation mired in an ongoing drug scandal will be permitted to compete on the sporting world's biggest

stage next month in Rio de Janeiro.

Less than two weeks before the start of Rio 2016, the IOC has ruled against barring Russia from the Games but approved measures that might reduce the number of Russian athletes taking part. Members of the executive board met on a conference call and granted authority to the 28 individual federations that govern

each sport to rule on which Russian athletes should be allowed to take part in their respective disciplines.

While that might curtail Russia's participation in the Olympics, it means the number of Russian athletes and medal hopefuls representing the nation might remain in flux until days before the opening ceremony, which will be on

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TENNIS

Federer ruled out of Rio Olympics and US Open

By James Clancy

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer will not complete the rest of the season, including the Olympic Games and US Open.

The 34-year-old has said that he had been given advice not to play again this



Roger Federer

year in order to fully recover from a knee surgery he suffered in February.

"I'm very disappointed to reveal that I won't be able to represent Switzerland at the Olympic Games and that I will miss the remainder of the season

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WORLD

A look at Donald Trump’s presidential manifesto

By Robert Njeru

Over the years many people have known Donald Trump as the American no-nonsense, billionaire businessman who stars in NBC’s “The Apprentice,” that is until he won the Republican presidential ticket.

Trump has a knack for courting controversy with almost everything that he says; for instance he has declared his support for the usage of nuclear weapons to deal with terror attacks like the one in Brussels. He also swears that he will use Mexican resources to build a huge wall that will separate the two nations along

the southern border of the U.S.

This article looks into some of the promises Trump has pledged to fulfill if he is elected as the next U.S president in November.

TRADE DEALS

Trump has been talking about a trade deal that involves the U.S negotiating with other Pacific Ocean nations; the contentious deal is known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

The Real Estate tycoon feels that the growth of the U.S economy is being dragged down by other nations like Mexico, Japan and China. He further added

that the U.S was being punished financially by Japan and China who export their products like cars to them and win majority of the international trade deals.

ENTITLEMENT

Unlike other leaders, Trump has sworn not to cut social security spending; instead he promises to save it by bringing in more money.

UNEMPLOYMENT

According to Trump, the high unemployment rate is as a result of poor international trade which in turn slows down the growth of the economy.

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Hillary Clinton’s Presidential Agenda

By Robert Njeru

For many years, Hillary Clinton has maintained a reputable public figure image. She is renowned for her services to the U.S. Secretary of State Office from 2009 to 2013, she also secured tenure as the Senator for New York back in 2000 until 2006. Many people also know her as the wife of former president Bill Clinton.

Hillary Clinton has not yet come up with a new agenda for the Ameri-

can citizen but has instead brought forward plans and strategies she intends to use on every field. Her strategy of laying down multilayered policies is both an asset and a limitation to her bid for the presidency come November 2016. Her approach is of great value in sending out messages to various groups affected by her policies, and therefore a great governing asset when elected.

For this reason, here are some domains Hilary Clinton has addressed as

part of her agenda in the race for the presidency later on this year.

TECHNOLOGY

Hillary Clinton has released an extensive plan detailing how her administration would tackle technology issues, promising to link every American at home with high-speed Internet within the next ten years. She also promises to revamp the country’s education system to support U.S entrepreneurs

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Hillary Clinton Appoints Tim Kaine as her Running Mate

By Robert Njeru

Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton finally declared Tim Kaine as her running mate of choice. She made this public announcement via her Twitter account, describing him as a leader who has always fought for the people.

Tim Kaine is an American lawyer and politician from Virginia, U.S.A, who has been serving in the Senate since 2012.

Hillary Clinton made the announcement mid this month, only three days before the commencement of her convention in Philadelphia. She had earlier shared her list of preferred running mates with the media and the public. She believed that one of these candidates was



most likely to lift the Democratic ticket in an unpredictable race against the Republican’s Donald Trump.

Responding to the announcement, Kaine expressed his delight. He said that he had just been talking to her over the phone and he could not wait to begin working as her running mate. It is evident that both Clinton and Kaine have similar views and approaches to some issues;

they share the same political philosophy and pragmatic approach towards governance.

On the other hand, The Republican National Committee was not amazed at Hillary Clinton’s pick. This is mainly because the RNC had higher expectations for Bernie Sanders, who was absent for comment during and after the announcement by Clinton.

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Donald Trump chooses Mike Pence as his Vice President

By Robert Njeru



Republican presidential candidate, Donald Trump has officially named Mike Pence, the serving Governor for Indiana as his running mate.

The announcement that was made mid this month comes after several weeks of vetting some high-profile leaders from the Republican Party. In a typical “Trump” fashion, Trump and his campaign team had earlier told the media that they were yet to decide who would be the “final, final” candidate for the job.

Trump was forced to delay his long-awaited announcement in Manhattan after an unfortunate attack in Nice, France, that resulted in the death of not less than 70 people. This delay forced Pence’s lawyers to act swiftly in order to avoid a possible political crisis in Indiana since he was running for reelection. The lawyers have officially withdrawn Pence from the governor’s race and thus given room for the Republican Party to choose another candidate.

Pence responded to Trump’s announcement via his twitter account, stating that he was “Honored” to receive the appointment and he looked forward to working with Trump as his vice president. This means that he has a chance of being the first Indiana vice president since 1989 when Dan Quayle served under George H.W. Bush.

This development promises some interesting times in the future since the two leaders have contrasting styles of leadership. Many will be waiting to see how the presumptive and sometimes controversial Trump will fair with the conservative Pence who started in talk radio.

According to GOP strategists, Pence is a social conservative who will help restore confidence among

cautious Americans that Trump has their best interests at heart. Veteran political observers feel that he will bring an effective counter to Trump’s improvisational approach to his campaign.

has been responsible for Indiana’s income tax reduction and worked on a new state budget.

Republicans will be feeling better about their chances of winning in November since they have put a conservative touch to Trump’s campaign; this is likely to consolidate their votes. On the other hand, the Democrats might see this as a chance to attack Trump on several issues that Pence has been moderately good on, like gay rights and access to abortion.

Lieutenant General Michael Flynn; another front-runner who was supposedly considered as a possible running mate for Trump, supported Trump’s pick, describing it as the best move for the future of America. Other front-runners included: Chris Christie; the New Jersey Governor and ex-House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

The Indiana Republican leaders now have a daunting task of replacing Pence, who was already facing stiff competition from Democrat, John Gregg ahead of the gubernatorial election to be held in November.

The entry of Pence means that Trump has someone to work with in his battle for the white house against Democrat, Hillary Clinton. According to a recent New York Times/ CBS News poll, Clinton has lost her 6 percent lead over Trump and they are now tied at 40 %. However, state polls maintain that Clinton has slight lead over Trump.

On the other hand he

Former Ku Klux Klan leader Duke runs for U.S. Senate

By S.Ratko



Former Ku Klux Klan

is a former Louisiana state legislator and unsuccessful

David Duke, a former head of the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan, launched his candidacy for the U.S. Senate from Louisiana, saying white people are threatened in America and that he hears echoes of his views in Donald Trump’s rhetoric.

Duke, a Republican,

candidate for governor who served a 15-month federal prison sentence after pleading guilty in 2002 to felony charges of tax evasion and mail fraud.

Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, drew criticism in February for failing to disavow support from Duke quickly.

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and win as many titles as possible.”

It is hardly surprising that the promise of silverware has proved impossible to resist for Higuain.

A Coppa Italia winner’s medal in 2014 is the only major silverware that the striker has won since 2012, despite excellent performances at club level throughout that period and reaching three finals with Argentina (the Copa America in 2015 and this year as well as the 2014 World Cup final).

The 2015-’16 season saw Higuain rack up 38 Serie A goals to win the Capocannoniere (Serie A’s leading goal scorer award) by a massive 17-goal margin from his nearest challenger - compatriot and new team-

mate Paulo Dybala. His goal scoring feats saw his Napoli side finish in second place in Serie A, nine points adrift of Juventus.

His departure angered Napoli owner Aurelio De Laurentiis, who called Higuain’s exit “a betrayal of this club”.

The ex-Real Madrid man has defended his decision to join the Bianconeri saying: “Relations with him (De Laurentiis) never went well because of the fact that his way of thinking is at odds with my way of thinking,” added Higuain.

“I chose to join Juventus but he pushed me to do it. Now, I’m really happy I did and I want to thank Juventus for the effort they made to come and bring me here.”

However, even though the striker caused

controversy with the residents of Naples, he was most certainly welcomed with opening arms by those in Turin.

But, none more so than Juventus’ French international Patrice Evra. He took his delight to Instagram and uploaded an unusual welcoming video.

The clip shows the Euro 2016 finalist innocently playing table tennis with some younger fellows.

Not much of a welcoming start, but, soon the music drops and out comes Evra’s finest attempt at the Running Man Challenge. Even though it looks more like he’s skipping.

That’s all well and good, but it is unclear exactly how he is welcoming Higuain.

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punitive damages, as well as improved medical monitoring.

WWE, in a statement, called the lawsuit another attempt to hold it liable by a lawyer who had two earlier lawsuits dismissed and added that “we’re confident this lawsuit will suffer the same fate.”

WWE has won the dismissal of some claims in other lawsuits accusing it of hiding the risks of head trauma from wrestling.

The National Football League and National Hockey League have also been sued by retired players over head injuries.

Monday’s complaint

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the press at St. George’s Park.

In a later briefing however, Allardyce’s regard for his nation’s record goal scorer was clear to see as he talked about what role Rooney would play in the future.

“I still think that Wayne Rooney still has a massive place to play in the England side,” he said. “I don’t think there is any doubt about that at all.”

Roy Hodgson picked Rooney in midfield at Euro 2016, whereas incoming Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho has said that he still believes the former Everton man to be a striker.

Allardyce plans to closely monitor how Mourinho uses the playmaker before he decides on a suitable England role.

He said: “I think

Jose Mourinho will determine that [where he plays for England].

“If Jose says that he is not going to play him in centre midfield and instead that he is going to play him up front and score goals for Manchester United, then it would be pretty pointless for me to bring him into the England setup and play him in central midfield.”

When asked if Rooney could remain first-choice if he loses his United place, Hodgson replied: “I don’t know until that happens with anybody, let alone Wayne Rooney.

“Like everything else, you wait until the season starts. I hope there are standout players all over the place when the new Premier League season starts. I hope it’s a hugely difficult task for me to pick

my first squad.

“I do think form at a football club has a place when I am making my selection.”

Allardyce plans to do the rounds of Premier League clubs and managers so as to establish working relationships and he said: “We have got to try and help each other if we possibly can at all.

“It won’t always be the case, the demands on Premier League managers and demands on me as England manager is bound to cause some conflict down the line because the pressures are far greater than ever before.

“So they are bound to want to protect their players and that is what I have to try and overcome with a little bit of give and take, hopefully.”

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as well,” the 17-time grand slam champion stated on his official Facebook page.

Federer, who had to undergo surgery for the first time after suffering a shock knee injury running his daughters a bath, sat out the French Open with a back injury, which ended his record-breaking run of 65 straight grand slam appearances, but came back to reach the semi-final at Wimbledon, before losing to Milos Raonic.

He has now been told that he needs more time off however.

Federer, who lost to Andy Murray in the men’s singles final at the London Olympics four years after winning gold alongside compatriot Stan Wawrinka in the doubles in Beijing in 2008, stated: “Considering all the options after consulting with my doctors and my team, I have made the very tough decision to call an end to my 2016 season as I need more ex-

tensive rehabilitation following my knee surgery earlier this year.

“The doctors have advised that if I want to play on the ATP World Tour injury free for another few years, as I intend to that I must give both my knee and body the proper time to fully recover.

“It is a tough decision to miss the rest of the year. However, the silver lining is that this experience has made me realise how lucky I have been throughout my career to have suffered very few injuries.

“The love I have for tennis, the competition, tournaments and you the fans, remains intact. I feel as motivated as ever and I plan to put all my energy towards coming back strong, healthy and in prime shape to play attacking tennis in 2017.”

For a large portion of his career, the seven-times Wimbledon champ was blessed with a body that appeared bullet-proof

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5th August.

“This is not about expectations. This is about doing justice to the clean athletes all over the world,” IOC President Thomas Bach said. “In this way, we protect these clean athletes because of the high criteria we set for all the Russian athletes. This may not please everybody on either side... but still the result today is one which is respecting the rules of justice and which is respecting the right of all the clean athletes all over the world.”

Others had a different interpretation of the IOC’s decision, stating that permitting Russia to take part in any part of the Rio Olympics threatens the integrity of the competition and invites imbalance and doubt to the Olympic Games.

“The decision regarding Russia’s participation

and the confusing mess left in its wake is a significant blow to the rights of clean athletes,” Travis Tygart, the CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said in a statement.

Tygart has been among those most vocal in recent weeks for an outright ban of Russia at these Olympics.

“The IOC has stated before that they believe anti-doping should be wholly independent, and that is in part why it is so frustrating that in this incredibly important moment, they would pass the baton to sports federations who may lack the adequate expertise or collective will to appropriately address the situation within the short window prior to the Games,” Tygart said. “The conflict of interest is glaring.”

In noting that the de-

against the aches, pains and injuries suffered by most top athletes.

One false move by the man known for his gliding footwork however, while running a bath for his twin daughters following his Australian Open semi-final loss, means he’ll have gone a whole season without a title for the first time since 2000.

His announcement also probably ended the former world number one’s hopes of ever winning an Olympic singles title.

He turns 35 on 8th August. The arthroscopic procedure Federer had on his knee in February, repairing torn cartilage, was the first operation of his lengthy and hugely accomplished career. So after participating in every single Grand Slam tournament from the 2000 Australian Open through the 2016 Australian Open, Federer will be sitting out two of the last three this year.

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were the bits that contributed to that?” said Thornley.

“We will collect so many metrics that probably the athletes aren’t even aware of. So we will function in the background to make certain that what the metrics are saying is what we expect them to say.”

LORI DITHURBIDE:

Lori Dithurbide is a sports psychologist who will be working with the Canadian Gymnastics team in Rio, has worked with Halifax gymnast and Olympian Ellie Black for years.

“Ellie is very good at maintaining perspective

and we make it our mission to always focus on the process,” Dithurbide said.

Constantly maintaining perspective is an onerous task to accomplish amid the distractions that come with competing at the Olympic Games.

Dithurbide’s job will be to keep the athlete’s mentally strong and confident. As well as that, because some of those distractions could be the fear of the Zika virus or security concerns; she aims to help to keep those fears at bay.

“It’s all about being open and talking about them (the various fears). The Canadian Olympic Association has done a good

job at making sure precautions are in place, so I find the athletes aren’t thinking about it too much,” Dithurbide said.

DARREN STEEVES:

Darren Steeves, who is a strength and conditioning coach with the Canadian Olympic Canoe Kayak team, has worked for a long period of time with 200 metre sprint kayak medal hopeful Mark de Jonge.

“Strength and power are both so important for the 200 metre kayak. So sure, we want to taper, but we are also pushing right up to the event to sustain that strength and power,” Steeves said.

RELIGION

MY MONTH OF UNCOMMON FAVOUR

By Pastor Amos Dada PhD; P. Eng, Chem Eng

For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a life time; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5

I welcome you in the name of the Lord to your month (July) of **uncommon favour**. I pray that your years of toiling and disfavour will evaporate like vapour this month in Jesus name. I pray that favour will give you divine acceleration, that instead of crawling to achieve you will gain eagle speed. You did not hear me, I said where you have been struggling, this month God will as an act of favour carry you on Eagles wing.

Hear the word of thy Lord: *“Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. 5’ Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine. Ex 19:3-4. Before I begin to share the ingredients, purpose and mechanism of favour I have an unction to declare some prophetic words that will cause you to experience levels of spiritual, material, and financial metamorphosis. I perceive in my spirit that some of you listening to me or reading this have been under some generational manipulations and curses that have limited your horizon, frustrated your vision, held your destiny down and confused your life movement as the generation of Israel experienced in Egypt that provoked God’s favour to carry them from slavery to freedom, poverty to riches (they spoil the Egyptians) and gave them identity and security.” And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egypt-*



Pastor Amos Dada

tians.” Ex 12:36. Favour this day, this month, will enable you to plunder your tormentors and oppressors in the name of Jesus. This month favour will locate and relocate you to your land that shall flow with milk and honey. You will metamorphosize this month from that unwanted state of lamentation you have found yourself to the glorious state of rejoicing you have always desired, by the power of God’s uncommon favour upon you.

WHAT IS FAVOUR?

Favour is a mystery word and complex to define, we see the outcome of favour and from there postulate that this and this could not have happened except the person has experienced favour. Favour is manifestation without the hand of flesh. When God chose Saul to be king of Israel it was favour. When God chose David Jesse above Eliab, Shammah and Abinadab and other four senior brothers of his to become king over Israel it was favour. When God spoke to Rachel with two unborn children loaded in her tiny womb and said the elder shall serve the younger it was favour upon the younger one. Favour enabled Jesus Christ to choose to borrow Peter’s boat and turn his destiny around in a moment out of all the fishermen at the shore on that faithful day. Luke 5:1-4. That favour will single you out, pull you up from under the carpet and put you where God has intended

you to be in Jesus name. Favour is when everything is working for you. Whatever you touch turns to gold. You start a company and before you know it, it begins to expand, gain momentum, and becomes profitable; it is favour. I hear your protest ‘what of my hard work?’ I celebrate hard work but I am not naïve to say it is favour because many people even work harder on a similar project and did not achieve corresponding favour or experienced disfavour. *“ For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?” 1 Cor 4:7* Favour is when those who hate you turn around to love you. (Matt 5:44) Favour is getting what you did not ask for and not missing the one you requested. (Rom 9:16, Eccl 9:11, 10:7) Favour is that you do your shopping and heaven pays the bill. (Phi 4:19) Favour is what commands attention to you. (Gen 6:8, Gen 12:1-3) Favour makes you to be a source of wonder. (Gen 41) Favour is when everything you touch prospers (Psalm 1:1-3) Favour is when you forget your past failure because the blessings have overtaken you. (Job 42:10)

Apart from the definition above, I want to consider two aspects of favour

1. Ingredients
2. Purpose

To be continued

United Methodist Church Elects First Openly Gay Bishop



By Catherino Grebatore

Representatives of the United Methodist Church have elected their first openly gay bishop, in defiance of church prohibitions on homosexuality. Rev. Karen Oliveto, the senior pastor of Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, was elected bishop of the church’s Western Division at a conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

“I think at this moment I have a glimpse of the realm of God,” 58-year-old Oliveto said after her election, according to a news story from the church. “Today we took a step closer to embody beloved community and while we may be moving there, we are not there yet. We are moving on to perfection.”

The United Methodist Church, which has more than 7 million members in the United States, is divided over the issue of homosexuality. “This election raises significant concerns and questions of

church polity and unity,” Bruce R. Ough, president of the Church’s Council of Bishops, said in a statement after the vote.

As Ough wrote, “we find ourselves in a place where we have never been.” He highlighted the divisions on the issue:

“There are those in the church who will view this election as a violation of church law and a significant step toward a split, while there are others who will celebrate the election as a milestone toward being a more inclusive church. ...Our differences are real and cannot be glossed over, but they are also reconcilable.”

As the Associated Press reported earlier this year, “other mainline Protestant groups, including the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have approved same-sex marriage.” In a vote in May, the United Methodist Church’s top policy-making body “narrowly approved a full review of all church law on sexuality.”

That is happening now and is expected to take at least two years.

Oliveto’s election, while the church’s practices are under review, garnered immediate criticism from some church members.

“If the Western Jurisdiction wanted to push the church to the brink of schism, they could not have found a more certain way of doing so,” Rev. Rob Renfroe, head of the evangelical organization Good News, said in the church’s news story.

However, as the church noted, many were celebrating – such as Wesley Hingano, who called it “a beautiful day.” The church added that “his father, Rev. Sisofina Hingano, was also a candidate for bishop. When Hingano withdrew his name from the ballot, he said he was doing it so people like his son could walk through the doors to freedom in the church.”

Hingano said: “I want to see gay and lesbian people walk freely.”

SIGN LANGUAGE ANSWER FROM 41

C H U K W U D I

REARRANGE QUOTES ANSWER FROM 41

“Strength **does** not **come** from **physical** capacity. It comes from an **indomitable** will.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

“What we **achieve inwardly** will **change** outer reality.”

- Plutarch

“**Pursue** your **dreams**. You will be **amazed** about what you can **achieve**.”

- Lailah Gifty Akita, Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind

One fake **friend** can do more **damage** than **five enemies**.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS / EDITOR’S PICK

FICTION & NON FICTION BOOKS

By N.Ugoh
Second chances are not easy to give or take. If you

SECOND CHANCES



By Shannon Gardener

Donna thought she is living a dream – a modeling career and a perfect engagement. But, a car crash turned her world upside down after losing her beloved fiancé whom she later find out cheated on her while they were together. This caused her to distrust men, end her modeling career and focus her life in serving her community and the Lord...until she met billionaire Marcus who fell in love with her at first sight.

were hurt before, sometimes the hurt compels you to hold back your feelings and

HER BILLIONAIRE WIDOWER



By Cher Etan

When workaholic lawyer Angela took a vacation with her daughter Nayda, they unexpectedly met David, a handsome, single parent billionaire, and his son whom Nayda saved from drowning in a beach somewhere in California. Because the two kids became inseparable, Angela and David decided to spend the week together and end up with a romantic relationship. Now, Angela is torn between work and her budding relationship with David.

swear not to try again something that would rekindle the pain. But, there are second

GRACE: MORE THAN WE DESERVE, GREATER THAN WE IMAGINE

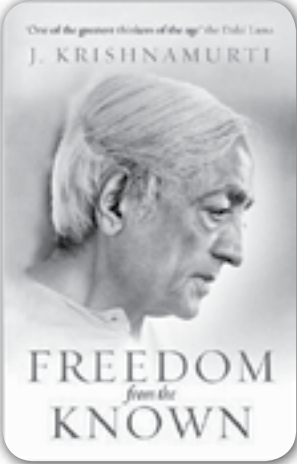


By Max Lucado

Many of us have used the term grace in a lot of ways but most of us never realized the real meaning of the word. In this book of bestselling author Max Lucado, we will get to know the term deeper as to how grace change, shape, strengthen, embolden and soften our lives. It is only in God’s grace that we become secured, empowered and prepared to fly.

chances that are worth the risk, you can either compromise or sacrifice in order

FREEDOM FROM THE KNOWN



By J Krishnamurti

Jiddu Krishnamurti is one of the greatest thinkers of his time. In this wonderful book about seeing the truth, he points out to people the ways to combat tyranny radically and immediately. He views the world beyond its material welfare and opens the door to the transformation of the society, religion, family, values, authorities and their relationships which are characterized as violent and toxic at present.

to achieve something bigger and better. Indeed, the stories of these books will allow you

WE ALL FALL DOWN: LIVING WITH ADDICTION

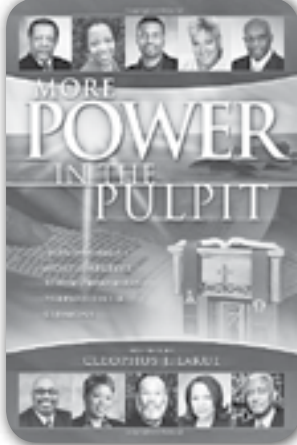


By Nic Sheff

After Sheff’s popular memoir Tweak, he makes a heartbreaking follow-up with this book that narrates his struggles against crystal meth. He provides a candid account of his days as a rehab in-patient who battled against devastating relapses helping him to realize the profound meaning of life while living with addiction.

to see that there are second chances that are worth the wait after all.

MORE POWER IN THE PULPIT: HOW AMERICA’S MOST EFFECTIVE BLACK PREACHERS PREPARE THEIR SERMONS



by Cleophus James LaRue

After the bestselling Power in the Pulpit (2002), here comes More Power in Pulpit that points out the preparations done by the most influential African American preachers in making their sermons. This sequel presents various sermons of preachers which also give emphasis on their specific technique on sermon preparation. Pastors and students will surely gain advantage from this how-to manual that provide sage advice, present insights on preaching and impel inspiration from the works of the most prominent black figures of the African-American church.

IN A CHURCH HALL I CAME ON THIS NOTICE:

SIX RULES

The six most important words:

“I admit that I was wrong!”

The five most important words:

“You did a great job.”

The four most important words: “Consider others , not yourself.”

The three most important words: “May I help ?”

The two most important words: “Thank you!”

The least most important words: “I”.

These words add up to a lot of good sense.

-The Friendship Book

DIASPORA IGBO WOMEN LEADERS EMBRACE IGBO LANGUAGE CULTURAL PRESERVATION FESTIVAL: BALTIMORE MARYLAND AUG 5-7



ICOTTH's first lady
Mrs. Franca Onyedum



Ezinne Helen Duruhsie
(Oputaozuo)



Kanayo Ntukogu,
PILA founder



Mrs. Iffy Davis



Nkiru Onyema
(Odibeze)



Mrs. Ngozi Igwe

The Igbo Language Preservation and Iri Ji Cultural Festival is at hand. This history-making event takes place on Aug 5-7 at Coppin State University, Baltimore Maryland.

The organizers, ABW and ICOTTH USA, have worked hard to ensure the success of the event, which will put special emphasis on ways and means of keeping the Igbo language alive. They have also lined up a spectacular entertainment program for their guests coming from around the world.

This year's event is devoted to Igbo Women Cultural Wears. The organizers have consulted with women on their own team, who certainly are experts on Igbo cultural wears. And those women stepped up the plate to help out

not only with the cultural wears aspect, but with other aspects of this spectacular Cultural Festival.

Leading this effort was none other than **ICOTTH's first lady Mrs. Franca Onyedum**, with the help of other ICOTTH wives. Mrs. Onyedum organized the Igbo Women Cultural Wears Competition, a project aimed at displaying the beauty of Igbo Culture and traditions.

Volunteers:
Nkiru Onyema (Odibeze)

Hon. Nkiru Onyema (Odibeze), VP of Greater Awgu Association USA and the Social Director for the Nwanedinamba Association of Washington DC, is very passionate about the welfare of Igbo. She is assisting the Festival in many capacities.

Ezinne Helen Duruhsie (Oputaozuo)

Another influential Igbo women leader on board with her organization is no other than Ezinne Helen Duruhsie (Oputaozuo), a highly accomplished Igbo woman and president of Umuada Digo Mma of Los Angeles California.

Kanayo Ntukogu, PILA founder

Mrs Kanayo Ntukogu is the founder of PILA Igbo School of Baltimore. She volunteered to do anything she can to assist with the success of the Igbo Language Preservation Initiative aspect of the Festival. She is also one of the judges for the Igbo Women Cultural Wears competition.

Mrs. Iffy Davis

Mrs. Iffy Davis is resourceful Igbo lady from Maryland who has volunteered for the good of Ndigbo. Iffy is and is also one of the judges for the Igbo Women Cultural Wears competition.

Mrs. Ngozi Igwe, Gospel Singer

Mrs. Ngozi Igwe is a well-known Gospel singer in Maryland. She has many talents other than singing. She is a great performer, she has a dance troupe for the Egedege Igbo traditional. Ngozi teaches Igbo language and also produces Akuko Uwa in Igbo. This multi-

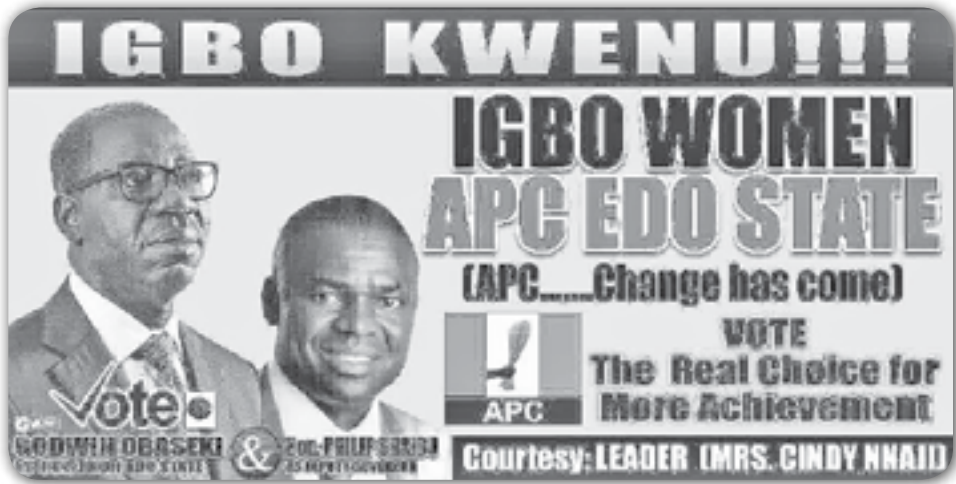


Mazi Samuel Olekanma

CAMPAIGN IN CANADA & NEW YORK BY IGBO WOMEN LEADER "EDO STATE" HONORABLE CINDY NNAJI



L-R Lolo Lizzy Ngozi Izenwata, Sis.Marble Otioto, Minister Magdalene Kamalu, Lady Nkiru Egomole "Adankili" and Lolo Chibuzo Odocha.



On a round table meeting, Mrs. Cindy Nkeiru Nnaji, The Senior Special Assistant to Comrade Governor Adams Aliyu Oshomoile on Women Affairs Edo State showered Encomium to his boss, the Comrade Governor for his unbeatable determination to transform Edo State & she went further to say: as far as Godwin Obaseki & Honorable Philip Shaibu is concerned in Edo State oncoming election. Tomorrow is great

for Edolite.

The future of Edo people is green. Godwin Obaseki is the right person at the right time for the right reason. In fact, getting them elected means getting results. They are the real choice for more development in Edo State.

Honorable Mrs. Cindy Nkeiru Nnaji asked the Igbo, Edolites and the Favoured Women Global Ministry in New York & Canada to always pray and support

these candidates, because they are the best material for effective government in the oncoming election. VOTE FOR APC!!!

Vote Godwin Obaseki as Governor for Edo State & Honorable Philip Shaibu for Deputy!!! Vote for Continuity! The choice is clear.

Honorable Cindy Nnaji senior special assistant to comrade governor Adams Oshomoile with Favoured women Global fellowship NY branch.

talented artist will perform her Igbo dance Gospel music on Friday night (the 5th).

Ngozi Igwe is also one of the judges for the Igbo Women Cultural

Wears competition.

Mazi Samuel Olekanma

Mazi Samuel Olekanma is a multi-media publication expert and very passionate about his Igbo

cultural heritage. He will provide the man's perspective as a judge for the Igbo Women Cultural Wears extravaganza.

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DISTINCTLY AHEAD

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Despite being a low-key senator, Tim Kaine is not a bad choice for Hillary Clinton who has been in dilemma over who would be the best fit for her. Kaine is setting himself up as a man ready to battle with the progressive wing of the party, having championed for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade.

According to GOP, Kaine's stand on almost every critical issue is out of step with the Warren/Sanders wing of the Democratic Party. However, it is clear that his career is lacking accomplishments since most of his achievements have only been workmanlike.

Even though Kaine appears to be a more traditional option for Hillary Clinton, this is perhaps what she needs at this time. Clinton is entirely satisfied with her choice of presidential running mate because of his deep background. He is an effective surrogate with good relationships all over the United States of America.

Tim Kaine's background

Timothy Michael Kaine, 58, was born in Minnesota to an economics teacher and an ironworker. He would later move and grow up Kansas City, Missouri.

Kaine earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Missouri before moving on to Harvard Law School where he graduated with a law degree in 1983. During his time in Harvard, Kaine worked together with Jesuit missionaries as a volunteer in Honduras; he did this for one year.

In 1994, Kaine's political career took off when he was elected to the Richmond City Council. He did this job for 4 years and even got the Mayor's office for another 2 years. Kaine is re-membered for executing a law that cracked down on gun violence.

In 2001, he was elected as the lieutenant governor for Virginia.

In January 14 2006, Tim Kaine be-

came the governor for Virginia where he served until 2010. As governor, Kaine balanced the state's budget by cutting the social welfare programs, he was also active in the growth of infrastructure. However, he found it challenging to push major legislations.

Kaine was a favorite to become President Obama's running mate but he lost that race to then Delaware senator Joe Biden. Before his appointment by Clinton, he has been serving in the U.S. Senate since 2012.

The introduction of Tim Kaine means that Hillary Clinton can work with ease since she has a running mate that has similar views to those she believes in.

The competition for the white house has just gotten stiffer. The United States citizens now have to choose between Democrats Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine or Republicans Donald Trump and Mike Pence in the November elections.

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Trump has stated that the gross domestic product was below zero in the last quarter. He has also been quoted arguing that the unemployment rate is not 5.5%, as the government reports, but ranges from 18% to 20%. Trump's theory includes people who are no longer looking for work although they are unemployed.

ISIS

Donald Trump has promised to deal with the problem of the Islamic State militant group (ISIS) by finding the perfect U.S military leader to force the terrorist group back into the Middle East.

IMMIGRATION

Apart from building a wall in the southern border of Mexico and the U.S. to prevent illegal immigrants from entering he promises to change some immigration laws.

He plans to increase the punishment for visitors who overstay their visas and end birthright citizenship for children born by illegal immigrants. He also promises moderation of immigration; he will stop the issuance of new green cards to allow companies to employ American citizens first, including legal immigrants.

SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Trump has promised to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens who own arms. He has emphasized that it is a constitutional right for people keep and bear arms as long as they are responsible; this is a provision in the Second Amendment of the U.S. constitution.

This is a serious issue especially because there have been cases of some people going on a rampage and hence killing and injuring others.

NUCLEAR RESOURCES

In a previous speech, Trump stated that he intended to replace the out-dated nuclear arsenal especially because other nations were getting stronger and this situation is putting the U.S on the spot for all the wrong reasons.

EDUCATION

Trump has firm stand regarding education; he opposes Common Core standards, insisting that education should be local.

He further stated that it was unacceptable for the U.S. to be at position 26 in the world in the provision of quality education although it uses more money per capita than any other country with regard to education.

According to Trump some "undeveloped countries" have better education.

HEALTH

President Barack Obama's Obamacare has not been spared of Trump's ridicule either; he has described it as a hoax and even reminded Americans about its buggy website that allegedly cost \$5 billion.

According to Trump, this legislation must be repealed. He suggests that the nation should adopt another cheaper and better healthcare policy.

INFRASTRUCTURE

If elected, Trump has promised to use his real-estate background to repair the country's out-dated infrastructure system at a cheaper price. The infrastructure he plans on fixing include: airports, roads, bridges among others.

CONCLUSION

The above American and international issues have been in the fore front of Trump's campaign in his quest for presidency. Any good leader should be elected based on his or her manifesto and the ability to deliver it; only time will tell if Trump's policies and promises are good enough to beat Hillary Clinton.

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conference in Baton Rouge after officially filing as a candidate to succeed outgoing Republican Senator David Vitter, Duke, 66, said he watched Trump's speech accepting the Republican presidential nomination on Thursday in Cleveland and heard echoes of his own past political platforms.

"I don't really care what Donald Trump says about me. I respect what he's doing," Duke said.

In an online video announcing his candidacy, Duke also said, "I'm overjoyed to see Donald Trump and most Americans embrace most of the issues that I've championed for years."

In his video, Duke said he believes in equal rights and respect for all Americans but "what makes me different is I also demand respect for the rights and heritage of European-Americans."

Duke's announcement came as Louisiana's capital grapples with racial tensions after the fatal July 5 shooting by police of a black man named Alton Sterling and the July 17 shooting deaths of three police officers by a black U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

In his comments to reporters, Duke called the

Black Lives Matter protest movement that arose after a series of killings of black men by police in various U.S. cities a "terrorist group."

Duke said that "European-Americans" need a politician to fight for their interests and that white people are threatened in the United States. Duke, the former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, said he was no longer affiliated with the group.

'HATE - FILLED FRAUD'

Duke's announcement drew and swift and scathing condemnation from Republican leaders and others. The Republican Party of Louisiana called Duke a "felon and hate-filled fraud" who does not embody Republican values.

Ward Baker, executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which supports Republican candidates in Senate races, said Duke would never get the organization's backing.

Louisiana does not hold party primaries. Instead, candidates from all parties are placed on the same ballot. If no one wins a simple majority in the Nov. 8 election, the top two vote-getters enter

a runoff.

Duke used this system to his advantage when he ran for governor in 1991 and made it to a runoff against former Governor Edwin Edwards, who had left office under a cloud of controversy for misconduct in office.

Other candidates seeking to replace Vitter in the Senate include Republican U.S. Congressmen Charles Boustany and John Fleming. Vitter did not seek re-election to the Senate after a prostitution scandal helped derail his bid to become Louisiana governor.

"I strongly denounce the racism, bigotry, and anti-Semitism of David Duke. His views are a relic of ancient history and are repugnant to Louisianians," Boustany said.

A spokesman for Fleming said the congressman "is wholly focused on uniting Louisiana voters of all races, creeds, and religions."

In February, Trump initially blamed his failure to reject Duke's support on not having heard an interviewer clearly.

"I disavowed David Duke all weekend long, on Facebook, on Twitter, and obviously, it is never enough," Trump told NBC's "Today" show after being widely criticized.

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and foreign-born engineers.

GAY RIGHTS

Hillary Clinton is seen to be changing her initial stand on same-sex marriages. Back in April 28, when the United States Supreme Court scheduled to rule on a same-sex marriage case before it, she came out to show her support for the gay community. This is despite opposing it for more than ten years; she stated that she had re-evaluated her stand.

PRIVACY POLICY BILL

The Democrat presidential nominee has advocated for the development of a privacy bill of rights to safeguard an individual's personal data. Her speech on protecting the American citizen from a snooping government was one of her latest stands.

National Art Endowment

After the deduction on the national arts funding, Clinton pledges to continue to promote the art sector in the USA. She has been an active campaigner for artists, with a collection of crafts for the White House and a sculpture garden that is currently on exhibition in New York. She is a vocal supporter of the National Endowment for the Arts. We can mostly re-

late her pledge for art based on her view that such crafts tell of who we are.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Clinton has great respect for international relation policies, she promises to stick to the rule of law and respect institutions as well as basic human rights.

On the matter of terrorism, she believes that if she is elected president, she would have an obligation to protect the American citizens. She has promised to strengthen the nation's defence system to protect citizens from internal or external aggressors; this is with consultation with the relevant authorities.

Clinton's counterterrorism strategy is stopping attacks before they happen by keeping the tools required for an attack out of the reach of terrorists. This is by improving the intelligence system at home and in the Middle East.

CONCLUSION

By touching on these key issues, Hillary Clinton expects to gunner extra support from particular groups directly or indirectly affected by these issues. All this is set to work to her advantage over her immediate rival, Donald Trump.

YORUBA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (YCA) FUND RAISING PROJECT



L-R: Chief Tunde Olagundoye, Ms. Monica Ayodeji, Otunba Olukemi Agbeke, Chief Dayo Akindolie, Ms. Kemi Adebayo (behind), Chief Josiah Idowu, Chief Mrs. Sola Olubumi, Dr. Ola Kassim, Mr. Michael Abiodun, High Chief Femi Adeite, Mr. Benn Adeoba (behind), Mrs. Abigail Omotosho, Chief Afolabi Olanmiju, Mrs. Fola Kolawole and Chief Funmi Olumade.

By Robert Njeru

The Yoruba Heritage Centre committee (YHC) on July 2, 2016 organized an event held at the Jamaican Canadian Banquet Hall. The event was meant to raise funds for the Yoruba community in the Greater Toronto Area.

Speaking in the event, Chief Mrs. Sola Olubumi, the president of YCA, thanked the past presidents and their executives, the Chairman of the Board of Directors as well as the Patron and Matron for piloting and ensuring the association stays alive.

The Yoruba Community Association (YCA) has been going through some tough times. Leading up to this occasion, the president has been aggressively campaigning for this event by visiting many other associations.

The YCA president urged the members to follow the example set by other successful non-profit agencies like Jewish community. She emphasized that the Jews were successful because they were united and supported each other's efforts.

She further challenged the YCA members to make contributions that would leave a great legacy to their children, grand children and great-grand children.

The funds raised will be used as donations to the Yoruba Heritage Centre. According to the president, the funds will go a long way in promoting Yoruba culture as well as helping the weak members of the community. Mrs. Olubumi quoted an unknown author who stated all things are possible when generosity, genius and courage hold hands. On the other hand, she reminded her audience that they still had to focus on own-

ing a space that suits their needs.

Despite the president's tireless efforts and promise that some companies were considering joining them, we as the Nigerian Canadian Newspaper feel that the turnout was not encouraging.

Many of the Nigerians that we spoke to expressed their concerns about the division in the community and what happens to the property later. Considering that each group wants its own house, it is possible that the people would rather do fund raisings from one Nigerian house instead of different groups.

It is quite discouraging to note that the different groups that exist have been raising funds for the same project. It is even worse that there is no single community house for the Nigerian people. According to some of our respondents, this is another reflection of the lack of unity back home, others were of the opinion that it was more important to have one community irrespective of who buys the property.

As it stands, majority of the Nigerian people agree that the community has enough people with the ability to build or buy a good property; they feel that resources should be brought together in order for this to be successful.

Finally

Moving into the future, it is important that the Nigerian people work as a team in order to reach their common goal of buying or building property. It is about time that the community comes up with one Nigerian house instead of operating from different groups; after all, unity is strength and division is weakness. Nigerians should stop renting from others.



L-R: Idiat Busari, Mrs. Asami and Ms. Joke Popoola



L-R: Chief Fred Akindolie, Mr. Oluwale Akinkugbe and Mr. Dipo Olapade



Chief Funmi Olumade, Mrs. Ngozi Ugoh & Ms. Joke Popoola



Chief & Mrs. Fred Akindolie



L: Mrs. Ngozi Ugoh & Mrs. Franca Adeyeri

Mr. Kunle Johnson

Pictures by NCNC



High Chief Femi Adeite, Chief Mrs. Sola Olubumi (kneeling) and Chief Dayo Akindolie (behind)



L-R: Mrs. Abigail Omotosho, Chief Funmi Olumade, Chief Mrs. Sola Olubumi and Mrs. Solape Adeniyi



L-R: Mrs. Adebayo, Madam Rhoda Olawuyi and Mrs. Kemi Olubunmi



Mr. Akin (Benade Praise) and Mr. Ojofeitimi Sayo (Omo Alade Ogo)

ALL THE FUN OF THE AFROFEST



Summer is full of outdoor events, festivals, parties, but this was no ordinary event with over 50 vendors. This year, Afrofest festival was held July 9-10, 2016 respectively at the Woodbine Park, Toronto, Ontario. AFROFEST is becoming the largest free African festival in North America. It represents Canada's growing culture in its finest form. There were performances by internationally acclaimed bands, exhibits by artists such as ACHONUHOUSE gallery, food vendors, showcase of fashion and arts.

"While I stood next to a painting by ACHONUHOUSE:—consisting multiple images of a man sitting on a toilet seat, I thought this was just art, we shouldn't

worry much what others call it". Next to the gallery booth was another vendor, there was a long line of customers rummaging through the racks, it felt like a goldmine. The super-hip line have also made their way onto a mini range- kids, babies too, exclusively available online and lots of styles to choose from - Ace Kouture.com. This label is sharp and appealing silhouettes, to a whole new audience. The summer collection is everything you could ever need on holiday.

This was a huge success, it creates an openness in ways of experiencing diversity and culture. This is what makes a community great!



THE TASTE OF LAWRENCE 2016

INTERNATIONAL FOOD, MUSIC AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL
8-10 JULY 2016



By N.Ugoh

The Taste of Lawrence is a food and culture festival that celebrates the cultural diversity of the Wexford Heights community of Toronto.

This community is on the western end of the district of Scarborough, and spans Lawrence Avenue East between Birchmount Road and Victoria Park Avenue.

The Taste of Lawrence is Scarborough's largest street festival.

This year, the event took place from July 8 to July 10. National foods were featured, and those included dishes from India, Italy, and Jamaica, as well as an ASIA Expo.

The festival had midway rides and games for families, and many opportunities for children to take part in arts and crafts. There were over 130 street vendors.

The live entertainment on two stages included reggae, soca, techno, and electro music.

The festival was founded by Scarborough Centre Councillor Michael Thompson and businessmen Tony Kiriakou and Riyaz Kara in 2004 in a parking lot.

The event has grown since then, mostly through word of mouth.

At this year's event, Councillor Thompson was present, meeting and greeting with the attendees. When we spoke with him, he expounded on how happy he was to see the turnout and to see that so many cultures were represented.



L-R: Patricia, Ngozi and Councillor Michael Thompson (Councillor Scarborough Centre, Ward 37)



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We shall surely miss him but we are hopeful he would always come back to visit us whenever he is free. We wish him a successful home apostolate in Nigeria when he gets there to pontificate.



Fr. Adolphus Chukwuka (Fr. Oyoyo) and Ike Orakwe family



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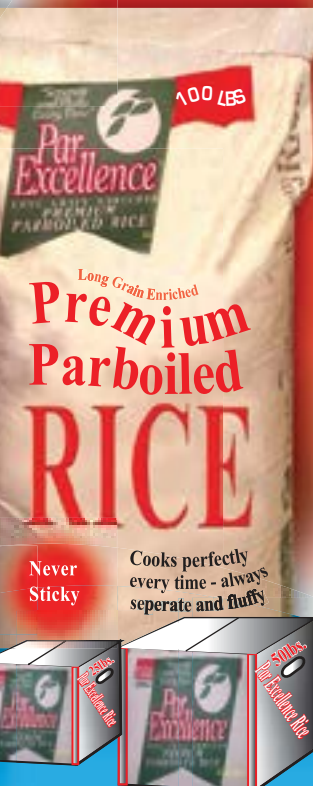
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