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Canadian claiming border agency mistakenly detained him for 8 months sues for \$10M

A naturalized Canadian citizen who spent eight months in Ontario detention centres awaiting immigration officials to verify his identity is suing the Canada Border Services Agency for \$10 million.


Olajide Ogunye, 47, was

born in Nigeria and moved to Canada with his family in the 1990s. A few years after that, in 1996, he became a Canadian citizen. But his citizenship and Ontario health cards did not convince CBSA officers of his identity when they approached him outside his Toronto home on June 1, 2016, as he was headed to work at the hair salon he owned.

OLAJIDE OGUNYE SUING BORDER AGENCY

"I was confused, really confused," Ogunye says. The officers told him they were doing a sweep of the area, he says. **Cont on p41**

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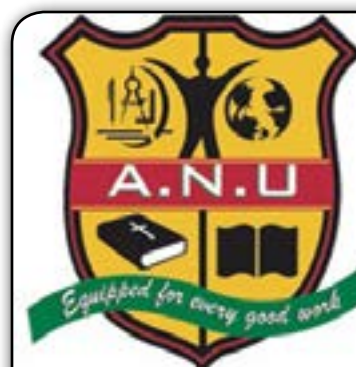
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The Ontario delegation called Afri-CAN is a group of 17 young adults who are passionate about seeing our nation thrive and being a part of valuable conversations about the social, political, economic and cultural state of our nation. At this conference we will collaborate with youth from 35 countries in Africa in one of 11

conference committees. These committees include health, governance and leadership, education, agriculture and food security, foreign affairs, gender and social inclusion, sustainable development goals (SDGs), employment and entrepreneurship development, environment, Justice/peace/security, and diaspora youth affairs. In

these committees we will discuss specific issues affecting our continent, develop tool kits and resolutions which, will be presented to the African Union and United Nations to be implemented as policy.

As youth, we are the leaders of tomorrow and we have the power to make positive change

in our communities, the African continent and the world. Our attendance at the 2018 AYGC will both African and Canada through the creation of global networks established during our stay in Accra, Ghana. It is our plan to take full advantage of this leadership platform this conference provides and we will re-

turn as educated, empowered and internationally connected cultural ambassadors.

Our Canadian delegation aspires to raise \$51 000 to enable us take part in the conference. Thus, we need your help. Through our efforts and personal contributions we have raised about \$30 000 and have \$21 000 left to raise. You can support through our GoFundMe at <https://bit.ly/2MgfjB8>. All funds donated towards the initiative will be received by Canadian charity Empowerment Squared (#806582896RR0001). A full tax receipt will be given for your donation. Please feel free to contact Priya Goorbarry at pgoorbarry@empowermentsquared.org or 9053935370.

Attached to this email are some additional information about the conference, our delegation and previous newspaper features. If you would like some quotes

from members of delegation for the article, I have attached document where some of our member have written a few things about their aspirations for the conference. I have highlighted the names of members who are Nigerians that you may use in the article.

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BUHARI ORDERS IGP TO RE-OPEN BOLA IGE, DIKIBO'S CASES

By Julius Oyekunle

President Muhammadu Buhari has directed the Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, to reopen cases of unresolved murder of former Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Chief Bola Ige, and ex-Deputy National Chairman, South-South, of Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Chief Aminasoari Dikibo, and ensure perpetrators are brought to book.

Both high profile assassinations occurred during the administration of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo

with much public outcry on the need to fish out the killers.

Chief Bola Ige was shot dead in his bedroom in Bodija, Ibadan, home at about 9 pm on December 23, 2001, after he arrived Ibadan from Lagos at about 8.30pm.

His security details were said to have sought permission from the former Attorney General to go and eat before the incident occurred.

The gunmen, who were said to have been waiting in the vicinity, then stormed the house and tied



President Muhammadu Buhari

up family members.

One of the gunmen reportedly pointed a gun at

a family member and asked him to lead them upstairs to Chief Bola Ige's room. They allegedly moved the wife and his son to an adjoining room, locked them up before shooting their target in the chest.

The Acting Inspector General of Police has instituted a high powered investigation team, headed by an Assistant Inspector General of Police, to crush the cases and ensure justice.

After the death of Bola Ige, there were several allegations leveled against several politicians

and interest groups. Iyiola Omisore, a former PDP Chieftain was incarcerated during the initial investigation as a prime suspect. Some are of the belief that Ige was killed to halt the rise in his political profile, while others said it had to do with his impending probe of the corruption in the power sector of the nation's economy.

Reacting to the development, Architect Muyiwa Ige, son of late Chief Bola Ige has welcomed the new development after 16 years. The former Osun state

commissioner expressed his delight, saying President Buhari did not disappoint him.

He said: "I knew right from the advent of the administration of President Buhari that the matter would be resurrected. The President is in the right direction. To God be the glory. It's a new day; we are happy, we will get justice after 16 years.

"We are happy that all those who murdered our father, including the star witness, will be brought to justice. It's good news", he concluded.

FG INCREASES MATERNITY LEAVE FOR WOMEN TO FOUR MONTHS

By Julius Oyekunle

Nigerian women will now enjoy four months maternity leave according to the Minister of Labor and Employment, Senator Chris Ngige. The four months replaces the initial three months. Ngige disclosed this at the International Labor Conference (ILC) in Geneva, Switzerland recently.

The former Governor also told delegates that employers of labour in the public and private sectors in the country have been barred from sacking wom-

en from work either due to their marital or maternity status.

"Employers of labour (in Nigeria) are, by regulation, requested to provide workplace crèches for nursing mothers for ease at work place. In the public service, government recently increased the period for maternity leave from 12 to 16 weeks; to allow enough recuperation for both baby and mother, especially in the area of breast feeding.

"In addition, all disciplinary proceedings against any female staff, which might have been taken dur-

ing the period of her maternity leave shall be put in abeyance till the expiration of the leave.

"Employers of labour are also barred from removal of women from work due to their marital or maternity status, illegal labour migration, contract staffing and labour casualisation which affects most women, are being reformed through policies and regulations at national, bilateral and multilateral levels."

"The ratification, domestication and implementation of the Maternity Protection Convention No.



Senator Chris Ngige

186 are conscious efforts to ensure that more women enjoy maternity protection in the country..."

Senator Ngige, however, stated that more pragmatic efforts need to be put

in place to allow for better participation of women in the labor force.

He also vowed to tackle discriminatory practices against women in the work place. "Women who fall victim to these abuses are encouraged to oppose such through legal actions and reporting to Labour Inspectors. The infusion into Labour Inspection Guides Laws and Code of Practice, with severe sanctions and serious punitive measures are prescribed as future deterrents.

"In this respect, we will need the Technical As-

sistance of the ILO in the area of gender audits, considering the good news that the ILO has in her pool, over 80 certified Audit facilitators. We can adopt the Train the Trainers (TOT) approach in this regard."

He informed the gathering that in accordance with regulations, it is mandatory for employers to provide crèches for nursing mothers. "Employers of labour in Nigeria are, by regulation, requested to provide workplace crèches for nursing mothers for ease at workplace," the Minister stated.

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Editorial

NIGERIA: LEARNING PEACEFUL DEMOCRATIC CHANGE FROM ONTARIO

No doubt, Ontarians in Canada on June 7, 2018, went to polls to elect their new leaders in a provincial election under the incumbent Liberal Party Premier Kathleen Wynne.

The major contenting parties are the ruling Liberal Party, Progressive Conservatives, New Democratic Party and the Green Party.

Prior to the Thursday's election, the major contenders went on campaign spree with no violence, no thuggery, and there was the absence of infighting, maiming, and killing of political opponents.

Indeed, the various political parties conducted themselves peacefully. They based their campaigns on promises that can benefit the people of Ontario Province, which is the richest and largest province out of the 10 and three territories in Canada with Gross Domestic Product of 765,276.

The political parties contested for no fewer than 124 seats in the 42nd Ontario general election to pick representatives for the Parliament

of Ontario that has been under the Liberal control since 2003 initially under Dalton McGuinty, a member of Provincial Parliament from Ottawa, till 2013 when Kathleen Wynne, representing Toronto, became the Premier. This election is the fifth attempt by the Liberal Party to retain seat with the incumbent Premier Kathleen Wynne still interested in retaining her office for another four years.

At the end of the peaceful election, the Progressive Conservatives, led by Councilor Doug Ford, won with 76 seats contrary to 27 earlier held in the Parliament while the National Democratic Party also jumped from its 18 seats to 40.

Unfortunately, the ruling Liberal Party, the party which is also at the Federal level under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, suffered a devastating loss from its majority seat of 55 to seven and the Green Party only got one seat to have a presence in the Ontario province's legislative arm in Queens Park. It had no seat before the election.

Significantly, the peaceful conduct of the elections right from individual campaigns to conduct of candidates during the elections is a great lesson to young democracies in Africa, particularly Nigeria.

This is because there was never a period of an election in Nigeria that there would be no violence ranging from abusive utterances, use of thugs, the campaign of calumny and character assassination, attack, and maiming of political opponents. There were myriads of cases of killings during the period, coupled with disruption of electoral processes in various ways, which snatching of ballot boxes and falsification of electoral results in favour of certain candidates.

Indeed, if there is any country that needs to learn from the recent Ontario Province election it is Nigeria and its political actors.

Though violence during elections, has been occurring since Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, got her independence from the British government in 1960, but recent elections did not deviate from this norm.

Since 1960, the country which had witnessed both civilian and military rules on several occasions had experienced political instabilities, which were largely caused by series of electoral malpractices after the conduct of its general election.

Year in year out, Nigeria's political leaders appeared not to have learnt the art of peaceful conduct of elections. Instead, they continue to perpetuate similar misconducts during polls, thus truncating various civilian administrations in the country.

In fact, the worst forms of Nigeria's political disruptions characterized by ugly incidents of political thuggery and violence, electoral malpractices during political party primaries to pick candidates and general elections, the crisis of legitimacy, endless litigations, political instability and chaos of high pedigree, had led to the military take over of government.

It will be recalled that the attendant crises after the first post-independence general election of 1964 and indeed the 1965 Western Region election led to the military coup staged on January 15, 1966. It's on record that the first election witnessed massive rigging, intimidation of opponents and anarchy that few political parties shunned participation in the election.

Though the election for the second attempt at democratic rule was conducted in 1979 when Alhaji Shehu Shagari emerged as civilian president. Opponents complained that the general elections were rigged, but the outcry was ignored. The Shagari administration's attempt to conduct an election, under the civilian regime in 1983, also witnessed massive rigging, with various international organisations that monitored the general elections confirming that the process was not credible.

The outcry against the massively rigging, series of corruptions, and political violence led to another military incursion on December 31, 1983. The military, under the leadership of Gen. Muhammadu Buhari, overthrew the civilian administration of Alhaji Shehu Shagari, thus ending another attempt to permanently return governance to a civilian administration.

Unfortunately, barely a year after, another military coup was hatched. The self-styled military ruler, President Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida, took over power. His regime's attempt to return the country to civilian administration was botched when he annulled the fairest and freest June 12, 1993 election in the annals of Nigeria. The election was believed to have been won by the Social Democratic Party candidate, Bashorun M. K. O. Abiola who later died in detention where he was detained by the late maximum ruler, Gen. Sani Abacha while laying claim to his victory.

However, since 1999, there appears to be stability in the civilian administration, but not without complaints of manipulations in the elections conducted in 2003, 2007, 2011 and lately 2015 that produced the incumbent President Muhammadu Buhari, who overthrew the Second Republic administration in a coup in 1983.

It is on record that the Human Rights Watch alleged that no fewer than 800 persons died in the riots that followed the 2011 general election in the Northern part of the country where much violence was witnessed.

Corinne Dufka, the Senior West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch, said on the riot: "The April elections were heralded as among the fairest in Nigeria's history,

but they also were among the bloodiest."

The Human Rights Watch official added: "The newly elected authorities should quickly build on the democratic gains from the elections by bringing to justice those who orchestrated these horrific crimes and addressing the root causes of the violence."

Similarly, the National Human Rights Commission said that prior to the 2015 general election, 58 Nigerians were killed during various violence witnessed in the country. The death occurred in 61 election violence in 22 states of the federation, the commission stressed.

"The world believes that Nigeria is going to eat itself up because we are going for an election, we must show we can do things differently," the chairman of the human rights body, Chidi Odinkalu, said.

Odinkalu also said: "We don't want our election administrators killed, we don't want our voters killed, and we don't want our politicians killed."

The germane question to ask at this point is that do Nigerians need to kill themselves over the contest for political positions during elections? No doubt, the answer is no.

Definitely, that is why as Nigeria prepares for another round of general elections in 2019, under the Muhammadu Buhari administration that defeated the last civilian regime of President Goodluck Jonathan in the 2015 presidential election, it is expected that the Ontario Province mode of elections, which did not witness infighting, maiming, and killing of political opponents, should be a model to emulate, and indeed display, particularly to halt wanton loss of valuable lives and destruction of millions of property.

Through this, Nigeria can stabilize the civilian administration in the country reputed as the most populous and leading leader in Africa, and join the civilized nations of the world in peaceful democratic changes and regime.

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ADVANCED BREAST CANCER CURED

In the first of its kind and signalling a major breakthrough in the treatment of cancer, a woman has been completely cured of breast cancer after doctors tweaked her immune system, allowing tumors spread to her body destroyed.

The treatment, which succeeded after all other conventional treatments had failed, marks the first successful application of T-cell immunotherapy for advanced stage breast cancer.

Although the technique is still in its early days, scientists have welcomed its potential as a future treatment for cancers that have resisted all other forms of therapy.

Judy Perkins, a 49-year-old engineer from Florida, had been given three years to live by doctors before her treatment and had undergone the cutting edge treatment after several chemotherapy sessions had failed to kill the tumour, which had begun to spread to her liver.

She was treated by a team led by Dr Steven Rosenberg at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in

Maryland.

The clinical trial, which is still ongoing, used modified T-cells - which make up part of the body's immune response - to tackle the patient's tumours.

Doctors say Ms Perkins's recovery has been "remarkable". She has now been entirely free of cancer for two years.

Immunotherapy, which involves stimulating the body's natural defences to fight cancer, is already being used to tackle certain cancers. Previous clinical trials using immunotherapy to treat breast cancer have proved largely ineffective.

The new approach pioneered by Dr Rosenberg and his team was based on an existing technique called adoptive cell transfer that has proved effective when treating melanoma, but not other forms of the disease.

According to Rosenberg, "oncologists have to recognize that cancer is unique to every patient, and that treatments must reflect that."

"We have to develop a new drug for every patient," he said.

IS IT SAFE TO DRINK URINE?

You might be surprised at all the reasons someone might drink their own or another person's urine. But is it safe? That depends on a few factors.

REASONS PEOPLE DRINK URINE

Ingesting urine or urophagia is a practice dating back to ancient man. Reasons for drinking urine include attempted survival, ceremonial purposes, sexual practices, and alternative medicine. Medical reasons include teeth whitening, fertility treatments, hormone therapy, and to prevent or treat cancer, arthritis, allergies, and other diseases.

IS DRINKING URINE SAFE?

Drinking a small amount of urine, particularly your own, isn't likely to be significantly hazardous to your health, but there are risks associated with drinking urine:

- Bacterial Contamination

While it's unlikely you could catch a disease you didn't already have from

your own urine, pathogens in urine or from the lining of the urethra could pose a health risk to others.

• HIGH MINERAL Content

Urine is excreted from the body, so it makes sense the salt and minerals aren't necessarily something you need to put right back into your system. Urine is high in urea, sodium, potassium, and creatinine. If you are hydrated, these minerals won't harm you, but they put stress on your kidneys if you don't have enough water in your blood to filter out the excess.

- Potential Drug Exposure Some drugs and their metabolites are excreted in urine, so drinking the urine from someone on a medication could purposely or inadvertently dose the recipient. In some cultures, drinking the urine of a person who has ingested a drug is a way for others to experience the effects. Otherwise, urophagia could medicate a person who does not want or possibly cannot tolerate the drug or metabolite.



In addition to drugs, trace amounts of hormones also are found in urine.

IS URINE STERILE?

Many people, including doctors and nurses, erroneously believe urine is sterile. This is because the "negative" test for bacteria in urine, developed by Edward Cass in the 1950s, set a limit of allowable bacteria to help health professionals distinguish between normal flora and an infection.

The test involves capturing midstream urine, which is urine that is collected after a small amount of urination has flushed the urethra. A negative bacteria test for urine is any number less than 100,000 colony-forming bacteria per milliliter of urine, which is very far from sterile. While all urine contains bacteria, the number and types of bac-

teria are different in a person with an infection. One argument against drinking urine is that bacteria from a healthy person may be fine in the urinary tract, yet infectious if ingested.

Don't Drink Urine When You're Dehydrated So, if you were dying of thirst, would it be okay to drink your own urine? Unfortunately, the answer is no.

Drinking any liquid, including urine, may relieve the immediate sensation of thirst, but the sodium and other minerals in urine would actually make you more dehydrated, in much the same way as drinking sea water. Some people did drink their own urine in extreme survival situations and lived to tell the tale, but even the U.S. military advises personnel against it.

In a survival situation, you can use your urine as a source of water, by distilling it. The same technique can be used to purify water from perspiration or sea water.

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HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT SUNSCREEN FORMULA

(NC) Sunscreen is an essential part of any sun safety routine, but with so many options available, how do you know which one is best for your skin? Here Banana Boat shares sun protection tips that can help you and your family.

When selecting a sunscreen, the first thing you should look for is a broad-spectrum formula that protects against UVA and UVB rays, both of which cause sun damage. Select an SPF of 30 or higher. Keep in mind the time you'll be spending in the sun - if you'll be spending more than one or two hours outside, go for a formula that's 50+.

A variety of different

formulas are available in stores, including chemical-based and mineral-based options. The active ingredients commonly found in chemical-based sunscreens provide broad-spectrum coverage to filter out both UVA and UVB rays.

The active ingredients in mineral-based sunscreens, titanium dioxide and zinc oxide, are similar to chemical sunscreens in that they absorb UV light, but different in that they can also scatter UV light away from our skin. Their large physical size of the active ingredients ensures they stay on top of the skin, where they are effective.

A great choice is the

new line of Banana Boat Simply Protect sunscreens, which are made with 25 per cent fewer ingredients and offer mineral-based protection for kids and baby. The spray and lotion sunscreens are made without oxybenzone, parabens and added oils and fragrances. Each formula is lightweight and easy to rub into skin. A variety of different formulas are available to suit your family's different needs, including kids, baby and sport protection.

Parents should be vigilant with their children's sunscreen routine, as their sensitive skin can be susceptible to sun damage when they spend their day playing in the sun. There are tear-

free, gentle formulas available that won't irritate babies' and kids' sensitive skin.

Also consider the activities you'll be doing so that you can select a formula that works best. If you'll be splashing around or taking your workout outdoors, opt for a water-resistant sunscreen that will keep your skin protected.

Regardless of which sunscreen formula you choose, each will adequately protect your skin from the sun's rays. What's most important is to find a sunscreen that contains the proper SPF and offers broad-spectrum protection, and remembering to diligently apply all season long.

ARE YOU SKIPPING THE DENTIST VISIT BECAUSE OF THE COST?

(NC) Somewhere along the line, as costs need to be cut and savings need to be made, many of us end up sacrificing dental care as a way to make ends meet. In fact, more than one in four Canadians still report not going to the dentist for reasons related to money.

Studies consistently show that oral health issues

impede quality of life and overall health, but access to dental care remains limited. Financial cuts to employment-based dental insurance and living in rural and remote areas only add to the pains of those seeking medical attention.

Fortunately, there are some resources and organizations in communities

across the country that are stepping up to the plate with support from Green Shield Canada, a not-for-profit focused on improving accessibility to healthcare. Here are some places to turn to for more affordable care that doesn't break the bank:

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JOLLY NYAME: STORY OF A REVEREND TURNED GOVERNOR TURNED PRISONER

“...I must say that I am morally outraged by the facts of this case; the people of Taraba State had elected the defendant, a clergyman, on three different occasions; their expectations must have been very high.
“How would he begin to explain to the people of Taraba State his actions? How would he explain such a colossal loss to the people?...”



Jolly Nyame was sentenced to 14 years in prison for fraud

and National Republican Convention (NRC) era, Mr Nyame, as pastor, was the coordinator for Atiku Abubakar who later became the Vice President of Nigeria.

He coordinated for Mr Abubakar in the zone that later fell into Taraba State when new states were created.

attracted by the trappings of politics – a trajectory that would soon make him to fall short of the glory of God.

He joined politics at a time the nation was attempting to return to democratic rule in 1991 and would later become the first clergyman to become a governor in Nigeria.

He was also the first governor of the then newly created Taraba state.

Though his tenure, that started in January 1992 was short-lived by a military insurrection in November 1993, the people of Taraba who were still thrilled by the idea of having a “man of God” as their governor voted for him again when Nigeria decided to finally return to democratic rule in 1999.

Mr Nyame ruled Taraba for eight uninterrupted years between 1999 and 2007 after winning re-election in 2003.

Unfortunately, during his time, the anointed man-of-God did not give a good account of himself; as his tenure was marred with all kinds of unwholesome practices that fell short of the character of a good leader.

Mr Nyame left his state and his dear people even poorer than they were, many say.

He did not leave, however, until he stuffed his pockets and his bank accounts with monies stolen from the treasury of Taraba State government via criminally manipulated contract awards that were never executed.

On Wednesday, May 30, about 12 years after he left office, a Federal High Court in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, found him guilty of massive corruption. He was sentenced to 14 years behind bars.

Those who know him very well in Taraba State said the convicted former governor was a pastor at the United Methodist Church of Nigeria in Kaltungo division of the defunct Gongola state (now in Gombe).

PREMIUM TIMES learnt that during the Third Republic of the defunct Social Democratic Party (SDP)

THE RISE AND FALL OF REVEREND JOLLY TAVORO NYAME

Once upon a time in a remote village of Zing in the Northeastern part of Nigeria, a child was born five years before the country got its freedom from British colonialists.

This child was considered a very special child because he came forth on the day the world was celebrating Christmas – the birthday of Jesus Christ.

His parents, of deep christian background were so overjoyed that they named him Jolly and wished that he grew to be a humble servant in the vineyard of thy Lord.

This child followed the path of his parents' wish and grew up to take a vocation in the priesthood.

He continued to excel in all his ecclesiastic endeavours till he became an ordained Reverend gentleman of the United Methodists Church of Nigeria (UMCN).

Despite his stint in the Vineyard of God, this special child would later be

CANADA LEGALIZES CANNABIS

Canada has officially legalized recreational marijuana use after the country's two legislative chambers approved the Cannabis Act. The bill was initially approved by the House of Commons and the vote by the Senate makes it easier for assent.

The bill will allow Canadian provinces to control and regulate how marijuana can be grown, distributed and sold, and it's likely that sales will begin by the end of the summer. The Cannabis Act makes Canada the second country in the world (after Uruguay) to legalize marijuana for adults.

Senate passed the bill to legalize recreational marijuana, by a 52-29 vote after two members were absent.

The Cannabis Act will make it legal for anyone over 18 to possess up to 30 grams of marijuana, while adults will also be allowed to grow up to four marijuana plants at home. Each province will have to set



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

out a system of licensing and regulation that meets specific provincial needs.

In the US, nine states already legalized marijuana for recreational use and 29 others have approved its use for medicinal purposes.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal Party had in 2015 promised to legalize marijuana.

“We will legalize, regulate, and restrict access to marijuana, Canada's current system of marijuana prohibition does not work. It does not prevent young people from using marijuana and too many Canadians end up with criminal records for possessing small

amounts of the drug.”

Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould has described the approval of the bill by the Senate as “historic.” He also clarified the use of the substance especially outside the medical circles, “Cannabis for non-medical use is not legal yet. The law still remains the law,” the Minister maintained.

In Canada, thousands are arrested for marijuana offenses annually, with its attendant effects on communities and setting families apart as people are thrown in jail or prison and gain criminal records. Huge amount spent on law enforcement can be reduced, while legalizing and taxing marijuana could bring in extra revenue.

To allow provinces gear up and put machineries in motion for implementation, there would be a buffer of eight to 12 weeks between the bill's passage and full legalization for recreational marijuana to be available in stores.

34 NIGERIANS DEPORTED FROM THE US

34 Nigerians were recently deported from the United States of America for allegedly committing various offences in the country.

The deportees landed at the Cargo Wing of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMA), Lagos on Wednesday, 20th June comprising 32 males and two females, in a chartered Omni Air International aircraft with Registration Number W342AX.

Spokesman of the Lagos Airport Police Command,

DSP Joseph Alabi, confirmed the development.

Alabi said, “at about 14.30 hours (2.30 p.m.), we received 34 Nigerians who were brought back from the United States. They were made up of 32 males and two females.”

He said the 25 of the deportees were alleged to have committed criminal offences, with one involved in narcotics while others were alleged to have committed immigration-related offences.

Alabi said the deportees

were received by officers of the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) and the Police.

Also on ground to receive them were officials of Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

He said that the deportees were profiled by the relevant authorities and allowed to depart to their various destinations.

2007 as the second democratically elected governor of Taraba State. But they soon fell apart.

After Mr Suntai became governor, Mr Nyame was confronted with criminal charges arising from a petition written by two persons: Umar Baba and Kelas Obadia titled “Taraba State in a Mess; the Commissioner of Finance goofed”.

That single petition was the nucleus of other charges that were fashioned against Mr Nyame which finally brought him down.

In June 2007, the EFCC contacted Mr Nyame asking him to defend the allegations that he collected N180 million of the N250 million he approved via a memo for the purchase of stationery.

And in a letter he authored on June 6, 2007 and

addressed to the EFCC, the former governor admitted taking the money as his share of the unexecuted stationery contract, and that he was ready to refund same.

PARTING WAYS WITH SUNTAI

Mr Nyame who could not find a comfort zone in the then Governor Suntai-controlled Taraba PDP had to defect to Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) to ‘fight’ his successor.

And as a way of checkmating his former boss, the late Mr Suntai allegedly decided to fight his predecessor by revisiting a probe of the controversial stationery contract through which Mr Nyame was believed to have diverted Taraba's money to personal use.

In 2011, Mr Nyame defected to the then Action Congress of Nigeria to contest a senatorial seat in Taraba State. But Mr Abubakar decided to stage a proxy war by financially backing Jummai Alhassan (currently a minister in President Buhari's cabinet) to deal Mr Nyame a great defeat.

In 2015, Mr Nyame staged a dramatic come back to the state's ruling PDP with the hope of re-contesting the senatorial seat that Mrs Alhassan was leaving. Mrs Alhassan then contested for governor of the state on the APC platform. He lost out in the race.

NO TEARS FOR FALLEN NYAME

A government official in Taraba who

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FG INCREASES MATERNITY LEAVE FOR WOMEN TO FOUR MONTHS

By Julius Oyekunle



Senator Chris Ngige.

Nigerian women will now enjoy four months maternity leave according to the Minister of Labor and Employment, Senator Chris Ngige. The four months replaces the initial three months. Ngige disclosed this at the international Labor Conference (ILC) in Geneva, Switzerland recently.

The former Governor also told delegates that employers of labour in the public and private sectors in the country have been barred from sacking women from work either due to their marital or maternity status.

“Employers of labour (in Nigeria) are, by regulation, requested to provide workplace crèches for nursing mothers for ease at work place. In the public service, government recently increased the period for maternity leave from 12 to 16 weeks; to allow enough recuperation for both baby and mother, especially in the area of breast feeding.

“In addition, all disciplinary proceedings against any female staff, which might have been taken dur-

participation of women in the labor force.

He also vowed to tackle discriminatory practices against women in the work place. “Women who fall victim to these abuses are encouraged to oppose such through legal actions and reporting to Labour Inspectors. The infusion into Labour Inspection Guides Laws and Code of Practice, with severe sanctions and serious punitive measures are prescribed as future deterrents.

“In this respect, we will need the Technical Assistance of the ILO in the area of gender audits, considering the good news that the ILO has in her pool, over 80 certified Audit facilitators. We can adopt the Train the Trainers (TOT) approach in this regard.”

He informed the gathering that in accordance with regulations, it is mandatory for employers to provide crèches for nursing mothers. “Employers of labour in Nigeria are, by regulation, requested to provide workplace crèches for nursing mothers for ease at workplace,” the Minister stated.

CANADA, EU TO RETALIATE OVER US TARIFFS

By Julius Oyekunle



The EU has made a decision to impose tariff on imports and seems Bourbon and Whiskey will be worst hit starting from July in response to president Donald Trump's decision to impose a 25% tax on imports on steel.

In March, president Trump imposed a 25% import duty on steel and a 10% duty on aluminium in Europe, Mexico and Canada, claiming that such imports threatened the national security of the US and put US jobs at risk.

In a retaliatory move, Mexico swiftly imposed tariffs on US steel imports, as well as Bourbon, pork, apples and potatoes, ranging from between 15% and 25%.

The recent G7 summit also revealed there were infractions between the US and its allies. Justin Trudeau told newsmen after the summit held in Quebec that Canada will not be caged. Trump immediately replied on Twitter that he was not going to agree to a joint statement issued at the summit and described Canadian PM as “weak”.

With the White House

having used national security legislation to introduce the tariffs, Trudeau called the measures an “affront” to Canadians who had fought alongside their American comrades in arms. “That Canada could be considered a national security threat to the US is inconceivable.”

Canada's foreign minister, Chrystia Freeland, went further calling her country's \$16.6bn retaliatory tariffs “the strongest trade action Canada has taken in the postwar era. This is a very strong response. It is a proportionate response, it is perfectly reciprocal ... this is a very strong Canadian action in response to a very bad US decision.”

Bourbon and American whiskey are just two of the products already targeted in a lengthy list of imported US goods, which also includes steel, aluminium and cranberry juice.

From July, imports of Bourbon and American

whisky will be subject to an additional 25% tariff, which threatens to push up the price of the spirit within EU borders for consumers.

“This is a measured and proportionate response to the unilateral and illegal decision taken by the United States to impose tariffs on European steel and aluminium exports,” said commissioner for trade Cecilia Malmström. “What's more, the EU's reaction is fully in line with international trade law. We regret that the United States left us with no other option than to safeguard EU interests.”

The Distilled Spirits Council is worried about the recent trade tensions between the US and other EU countries and the effects of the retaliatory measures. “Global exports of U.S. spirits ... have benefited significantly from the United States' efforts to secure market opening trade agreements,”

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B.C. POLYGAMISTS WINSTON BLACKMORE AND JAMES OLER SENTENCED TO HOUSE ARREST

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has sentenced Winston Blackmore to six months of house arrest and James Oler to three months of house arrest for practising polygamy.

Justice Sherry Anne Donegan handed down the sentence in Cranbrook.

Blackmore will be under house arrest in his Bountiful area home, with allowances to go to work and attend to medical emergencies, while Oler will be able to serve his time where he works and lives in Alberta.

Both sentences will be followed by 12 months probation.

Blackmore has also been ordered to perform 150 hours of community work service, while Oler must do 75 hours.

As she handed down her decision, the judge noted both men were hard working, respected members of their communities with no prior convictions.

These convictions are



Winston Blackmore, left, and James Oler

a first for polygamy in Canada in more than a century. Special prosecutor Peter Wilson recommended three to six months in jail for Blackmore, 60, and one to three months for James Oler, 53.

The two former religious leaders were convicted last July of practising plural or "celestial" marriage in the community of Bountiful, B.C.

Blackmore's lawyer had asked the judge to consider all possible sentences, including an absolute discharge for his client.

Blackmore was found to have taken two dozen

wives, while Oler was found to have married five women. Oler did not have legal representation in court, but a lawyer who acted as a so-called friend of the court to ensure a fair trial said Oler is hard working and imprisonment may not be necessary to deter and denounce polygamy.

There are only two other convictions for polygamy in Canadian history, but because those cases took place in 1899 and 1906, Wilson told the judge they didn't set a precedent in determining sentences for the men.

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4 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE STARTING A BUSINESS

(NC) Thinking of going out on your own? Having everything figured out before launching a new venture is great, but not necessary for success. Many business experts agree that to start your business off on the right foot, you must first ask yourself key questions.

"While a small business will evolve over time, a successful small business owner starts off knowing what their mission and goals are and has a plan to achieve them," explains Jeff Mitelman, CEO of Thinking Capital, an online lender to small business. "We work with thousands of small business owners across Canada and see how asking the right questions can deliver big rewards in the

long run." If you're aspiring to start your own business, ask yourself:

WHAT PROBLEM WILL MY BUSINESS SOLVE?

If you can't answer that question right away, go back to the drawing board. If you're not solving a problem, chances are there is no demand for your business.

What resources do I have to get started? Make a list of all resources available, including your skills, contacts, finances and anything else that might be useful. You could be pleasantly surprised.

HOW MUCH CASH WILL I NEED?

Focus on the absolute necessities and keep spend-

ing limited to priorities such as a website and necessary inventory. As your business grows, so can your budget.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN EMERGENCY COMES UP?

There are some things that you can't plan for, so know your options for financing. Friends and family might be able to help you out. There are also small business loans from traditional banks and non-traditional lenders such as Thinking Capital that are using technology to change the way small businesses borrow.

Find more information online at www.thinkingcapital.ca.

4 STEPS FOR HANDLING TROUBLE DEALING WITH THE CRA

(NC) If you or someone you know is experiencing service issues with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), you are not alone. Rest assured that there are methods of resolving your service-related issues.

Following these steps will help you resolve or better understand some of the issues that may have arisen regarding the service you may have received. Here is how to begin:

1. Start by trying to resolve the issue with the agent over the phone.
2. If the problem is not properly addressed by the agent, it is your right to ask to speak with a supervisor.
3. If the supervisor fails to resolve your issue, the CRA encourages taxpayers to contact the ser-

vice complaint department and file a service-related complaint form, also called form RC193.

4. If after having filed an RC193 and having dealt with the Service Complaints Program you feel your issue has not been resolved or if you need more explanation, contact the Office of the Taxpayers' Ombudsman for an independent and impartial review.

HERE'S HOW MUCH YOU SHOULD BE TIPPING IN EVERY CANADIAN PROVINCE

TORONTO — To tip or not to tip, and if so, how much?

For Canadians embarking on road trips, day trips and cross-country trips this Canada Day long weekend, Square's 2018 Tipping Trend Report has announced the standard tipping rates in every province and in major cities across Canada.

Yes, tipping standards differ from province to province, so take note and be prepared to dish out!

Here's the full list of tipping averages in every province and territory:

- Prince Edward Island: 15.2%
- Yukon: 15%
- Northwest Territories: 15%
- New Brunswick: 14.9%
- Saskatchewan: 14.8%
- Nunavut: 14.4%
- Newfoundland and Labrador: 14.3%
- Nova Scotia: 14.2%
- Ontario: 14%
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- Manitoba: 13.9%
- Quebec: 13.9%
- British Columbia: 13.4%
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- Fredericton: 14.6%
- Toronto: 14.6%
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1. Start by trying to resolve the issue with the agent over the phone.

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If you are unsure if your issue is service related or if you are experiencing financial hardship because of the problem, contact the Office of the Taxpayers' Ombudsman for more information.

Find more information online at canada.ca/en/taxpayers-ombudsman.

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NEWS RELEASE

DOUG FORD AND CABINET TO BE SWORN-IN AS ONTARIO'S FIRST EVER GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE

TORONTO — Doug Ford is today joining thousands of people on the front steps of Ontario's legislature as Ontario's first ever Government for the People is sworn-in.

"I will never forget why I'm here: to work for the people of Ontario," said Ford. "I promised the people that I would help make our great province the best place in North America when it comes to business, creating jobs and raising a family. And I am going to keep my promise."

The Premier-Designate has met with The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to present his recommendations for appointments to Ontario's Executive Council.

The new Government for the People will be sworn-in and affirmed in a public ceremony on the front steps of the Legislative Building at Queen's Park.

THE NEW MINISTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Peter Bethlenfalvy - President of the Treasury Board
- Raymond Cho - Minister for Seniors and Accessibility



Doug Ford

- Steve Clark - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Christine Elliott - Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Deputy Premier
- Victor Fedeli - Minister of Finance and Chair of Cabinet
- Doug Ford - Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Merrilee Fullerton - Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Ernie Hardeman - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Sylvia Jones - Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- Lisa MacLeod - Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues
- Monte McNaughton - Minister of Infrastructure

- Caroline Mulroney - Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Franco-phone Affairs
- Rod Phillips - Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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- Todd Smith - Minister of Government and Consumer Services, and Government House Leader
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DUFFY SET TO SUE SENATE

Senator Mike Duffy wants to sue Senate because of his prolonged suspension without pay five years ago. The Senator wants the Senate to pay him more than \$7.8 million in damages.

Senate lawyers want an Ottawa judge to stop Duffy from suing the upper chamber. The lawyers argued that Canada's democracy would be in jeopardy if Duffy is allowed to continue with the lawsuit. They predicted a possible breach of the wall that keeps Parliament and the courts separate.

In April 2016, he was acquitted on 31 charges after a very public suspension and investigation that revolved around his expense claims.

Duffy's lawyers argue that senators did not follow the laid-down constitutional procedure when suspending him without pay in 2013. They also said that his charter rights were violated.

On the other hand, the Senate lawyers argue that the upper chamber is protected by the shield of



Senator Mike Duffy

parliamentary privilege. This shield protects the legislators' decisions while in the course of their duty and therefore the courts would be overreaching their powers if they don't stop Duffy's lawsuit.

Duffy will have the power to sue the federal government for the RCMP's actions during its investigation if the court gives his lawsuit a green light.

"Just like the House of Commons, the Senate has a constitutional right to discipline its members without legal consequences, even if their actions appear repugnant," said Senate lawyer Maxime Faillie.

Faillie said that the court lacks any jurisdiction to order the Senate to pay

any money to Duffy or review the Senate's decision. He emphasized that this is a matter that should only be handled by the Senate even in the case that they made a mistake.

Senators who supported Duffy's suspension maintained that the Senate should be free to penalize its members and manage its internal affairs without fear of a judicial sanction.

Lawrence Greenspon, one of Duffy's lawyers, told the court that the upper chamber lost its shield of parliamentary privilege when it used the RCMP and outside auditors when investigating Duffy's spending.

The Senate lawyers argued that the court would be taking a risk of destroying Canada's democracy especially considering recent events in other countries.

This has to be one of the most technical cases we have seen in recent times since it casts the judiciary against the legislature. Many citizens will be keen to see which direction the courts will take.

JOHN HOLER, MARINELAND FOUNDER DIES

By R. Njeru

John Holer, the founder of Marineland has died at his home. According to Andrew Burns, the Marineland lawyer, Holer's son and wife were with him when he died "peacefully".

Marineland is an amusement park and zoo in Niagara Falls, Ont. The 83-year-old turned the park into a popular tourist destination but it was also targeted by protestors who didn't like its activities. Holer stood by his park even when he faced sharp criticism from his critics.

Manitoba Conservative Senator Don Plett said that John Holer's death had come as a surprise despite the fact that he had been suffering from health issues over the past few years. The senator described John as "a close friend and an outstanding Canadian" as well as "the kindest person ever." He also sent his condolences to Holer's wife, family and friends.

Holer founded Marineland in 1961 after moving from Slovenia. He worked with circuses before he got his big break at the park. Today, Marineland hosts both sea and land animals.

Plett described Holer as a person with a soft heart



John Holer

for animals and businessman with an extraordinary work ethic. He said that the nation needs more hard working people like these in order to drive the economy.

However, not everyone agrees with Senator Plett. John Holer and Marineland have been facing many allegations of animal cruelty over the years. The management of the park has consistently denied these claims.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was involved in a court war with Marineland from November 2016 to January 2017. In the 11 charges, Marineland was accused of being cruel to its land animals like fallow deers, black bears, peacock, red deer, guinea hens and an elk.

The Crown withdrew those charges after citing no reasonable chance of conviction.

At the moment, Marineland is hoping to gain \$21 million in a lawsuit filed against OSPCA. The park claims that the agency unfairly targeted it with the intention of destroying it.

Burns said that the park will continue entertaining guests although they are still mourning the death of their leader. He made this clarification after social media users started speculating about the park's future.

The management of Marineland has assured the general public that the park will keep operating just how Mr. Holer would have wanted it to.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED PLANS FOR LEGALIZING CANNABIS

(NC) Across the country, people are talking about the upcoming legalization of cannabis. But what does the proposed Cannabis Act mean for you and your community? Here are some things you need to know.

Protections for youth.

The proposed Cannabis Act would restrict people under the age of 18 from accessing cannabis (note that the minimum age of purchase may be higher depending on your province or territory). The proposed Act would make it a criminal offence to give or sell it to youth or use youth to commit a cannabis-related offence. Promotion and advertising and products and packaging that are appealing to youth would also be prohibited.

Legal limits. If the Act becomes law this summer, adults 18 and over (19 in some provinces and territories) would be able to possess up to 30 grams of legal dried cannabis in public or

its equivalent and share up to 50 grams with other adults. Depending on your province or territory, the cannabis possession limits may be lower.

Where to purchase.

Adults would be able to legally purchase dried or fresh cannabis, cannabis plants and seeds, and cannabis oil from a licensed retailer in their province or territory. Other products, such as cannabis edible products and concentrates, would be available for purchase within 12 months following the coming into force of the proposed Cannabis Act. By that time, regulations would be put in place to address the specific risks associated with these types of products.

Homemade options.

Under the proposed Cannabis Act, adults would be allowed to grow up to four cannabis plants per residence for personal use with seeds or seedlings purchased from a licensed retailer. Depending on your province

or territory, the limit may be lower and additional restrictions may apply. Adults could also make cannabis products, such as food and drinks, at home provided that organic solvents such as butane, propane or other similar substances are not used. These substances are highly flammable and explosive, and using them can cause fires or explosions that can not only result in property damage, but also in serious injuries or even death.

New criminal penalties. Penalties would target those acting outside the legal framework, such as those involved in organized crime, and would be in proportion to the seriousness of the offence. Sanctions would range from warnings and tickets for minor offences to criminal prosecution and imprisonment for more serious offences.

Find more information at canada.ca/cannabis.

Share a problem with Auntie Agatha

HE IS EMBARRASSING ME

Dear Agatha, I have been married for over five years but my husband still does the shopping for the home. At the end of every month, he demands for the list of everything we need. He never queries the content of the list; he buys everything I put on the list. He also buys clothes, shoes, bags, toys and anything that catches his fancy for the children and I. In addition, he ensures I don't lack money to spend on other things I may want for myself and children.



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Ordinarily, I should be happy but this habit of his is embarrassing me among my family and friends. My father in particular calls him a 'she man' while my friends are of the opinion that he is stingy. According to them, only a man who is stingy would insist on going to the market.

Even though he has been the one taking care of my family since we got married, my siblings also think he is stingy for not allowing me to go to the market. The only person in the family who thinks highly of him is my mother. She has repeatedly cautioned me against allowing my siblings and friends ridicule my husband. I agree it is wrong but isn't he justifying their opinion of him by disallowing me from going to the market like other women? I have attempted to dissuade him from this habit of his but, he keeps insisting, he enjoys doing it.

I know my husband loves me dearly but this isn't the way to demonstrate his love for me. My father thinks only weak men shop for wives because God has defined the roles of the sexes. For this reason, my father doesn't accord him the respect he deserves in the family.

A friend of mine suggests I go against his wish by going to the market to signal my seriousness on the matter. I don't know what to do anymore.

Please, Agatha help me.
Entiola.

Dear Entiola, What is embarrassing about your husband going to the market and taking care of you? Where is it written that only women are allowed to shop for the home? Why are you creating problems where there are none? Why do you want to destroy your wonderful marriage because of the opinion of people who have no business in your affairs? Why are you exposing your husband to the ridicule of your family and friends? What does it matter

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PASSION

With This Ring

Continued from the last issue

By Pastor Taiwo Odubiyi

Grace knew the truth yet she was sometimes rebellious, Ibie thought and wondered what else she could do to help her daughter serve God better.

Suddenly, she heard Albert's raised voice and it seemed he was angry. What could the matter be? She listened but didn't hear anything again.

Just then, her cell phone began to ring. Without checking who the caller was, she answered it and heard the voice of Lizzy, her cousin. Had she returned from Australia?

"Are you back?" "Yes. I returned yesterday," Lizzy said.

Though Lizzy was two years older than Ibie, they were very close. They prayed together and confided in each other.

"Oh, I thought you said you were returning next weekend." Ibie said. "So how was your trip?"

"It was great. I enjoyed myself."

"I'm sure. Did you get the clothes for me?" Ibie asked. She had given Lizzy some money to purchase some clothes for her.

"Yes, I did."

"Oh thank you. I'll find time to come to your house to get them."

"I want you to come this Saturday."

"Fine. What time?"

"Afternoon will be good. I'll make fish peppersoup for you." Lizzy said.

Ibie smiled.

"And there will be snail."

Of course Lizzy knew she liked peppersoup and snail. "Really? Great. I'll be there. Er, I should be there at about four."

"Perfect. I'll expect you." Ibie put the handset down and soon, her thoughts returned to Grace. She might have to have another talk with her daughter when Albert had left. That man in there with Grace was up to no good. If Grace was not careful, she would get hurt; Ibie could feel it in her spirit.

She asked God to give her the right words to say to Grace.

FEMI

Femi was still in his living room but now, he was sitting on the sofa with his laptop on a table in front of him, drafting a proposal letter to an elementary school to use his bus services for their pupils. Dayo would take it to the school the next day.

Femi had not ceased

to thank God for providing such a trustworthy and very active young man for him. Honest people are very hard, almost impossible to come by these days, even among those who call themselves Christians.

One of his friends in America had told him of how he sent four cars to his brother in Nigeria to sell and give the money to his wife who was in Nigeria; the brother sold the cars but did not remit the money.

One of his church members in America also told him that he sent money to his friend in Nigeria to buy an acre of land for him. The friend told him it had been done only for the man to discover when he came to Nigeria that the friend spent the money, and there was no acre of land.

How could people be so deceitful? Femi had not ceased to wonder.

Suddenly, his cell phone which was beside him on the sofa began to vibrate, and then ring out the tone, 'Great is Thy faithfulness'.

He glanced at it and smiled when he saw that it was one of his very close friends, Jaye.

He picked it. "Pastor J."

"Hey FC, how are you?" Jaye said in greeting. He was the pastor of a young fast growing church.

"Good, good, good. And you?"

"I'm doing well." Jaye replied.

After exchanging pleasantries, Jaye told him, "Hold on for Lizzy."

"Is she back from her trip?"

"Yes. She returned last night."

"Oh, that's good." Femi said.

"Hold on. She wants to talk to you."

"What about?"

Jaye laughed. "Hold on for her. She will explain."

"Jaye, just a second." Femi quickly said.

If his wife was trying to fix him up with a woman, he wasn't interested.

When he had just returned to Nigeria and told Jaye of his plan to remarry, Jaye had told him that he would like him to meet one of his mature female church members who was also his neighbour. Although Femi told him he could get his own woman, he eventually agreed to come to Jaye's church and see the lady, after all it wasn't as if he had found someone else at that time. He had told Jaye not to discuss anything with the lady. If he would like to pursue a relationship, he would then make his intentions known to the lady.

On the agreed day, he went to the church. The lady seemed good enough and as Femi chatted with her, he checked his spirit. Somehow, he didn't think he'd like to spend the rest of his life attached to her. She appeared very desperate to get married. He invited her to lunch the next Saturday so he could ask further questions and know for sure whether or not she was right for him.

On the day, they met at a small restaurant. After two questions from Femi, the lady asked her own question. "When would you like to marry?"

While Femi was thinking of an appropriate answer, she spoke again. "If you'd like to marry me, it has to be as soon as possible because my biological clock is ticking away."

That put Femi off. He knew he had been right about what he felt in his spirit yesterday that she was not the one for him.

He was still wondering how to respond to her statement when he heard her speak again.

"We were taught in church that intended couples should discuss the number of children they intend to have. How many will you like to have?"

"I already have two. Er," he shrugged and paused.

What was she driving at anyway? He wondered. He had not even proposed to her. Her question was not appropriate.

He decided to throw the question back to her. "How many will you like to have?"

"I'd like to have at least three, two girls and a boy." She said matter-of-factly. "And if that is going to happen, I need to get started on time. I'm thirty five years old."

Is she serious? Femi thought. He immediately began to think of how to end this outing quickly.

When they finished eating and Femi had paid, he told her he'd like to leave. They left and he saw her off to her car. When she asked when she would be seeing Femi again, he was forced to tell her that he didn't think they were suitable.

She was clearly disappointed but he was relieved that the awkward evening had ended.

Femi didn't like such a situation and wouldn't want a repeat of it for two reasons: one, he hated to hurt people, and two, it had made going to Jaye's house a little awkward for him. Since that day, whenever he had to go to Jaye's house, he prayed he would



Pastor Taiwo Odubiyi

not run into the lady.

"Jaye?" Femi called his friend.

Jaye laughed. Femi started again, "Jaye look -"

But Jaye had given the phone to his wife. "Hello, Pastor Femi."

Femi laughed. "Hello, Lizzy. You're welcome back."

"Thank you, Pastor Femi. It really is good to be back. There's no place like home." She was Jaye's wife of seventeen years.

"Shouldn't you be in bed by now, resting?" Femi asked her.

She laughed. "I will, as soon as I'm through with you. I want you to come to our house on Saturday."

"What's happening on Saturday?"

"Nothing. I just want to see you."

He could hear Jaye's laughter in the background and he said, "I can hear your husband laughing. What exactly is it?"

"Don't mind him. I just want us to spend some time together."

"Lizzy?"

"Don't eat before you come because I will feed you. I'm cooking fried rice."

"Lizzy?"

"Fried rice with snails. You know how much you like snail. There will also be fish peppersoup."

"Lizzy! I want the real reason. You know I will ask your husband."

Laughing, she told him, "It's true. I haven't lied. I'm going to feed you if you come. But I have a second reason."

"That's what I want to know."

"Pastor Femi, I'd like you to meet a lady."

"Thanks but no, thanks." He said immediately.

"No, hold on. She's a wonderful woman."

"Lizzy look, one, I don't need help to get my own woman. And two, your husband introduced your neighbour to me some time ago. I'm sure you know about it."

"Yes. I knew about it but I wasn't involved. I wasn't really in support of that lady but you know your friend, he didn't listen. This is different."

"How?"

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YOU & the LAW

GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER POT PARDONS



Minister Ralph Goodale

Ottawa, Canada --- The government is considering pardoning some pot offenders if the recent comments of Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale are anything to go by.

The minister said that the legalization of marijuana has allowed the government to re-look at the cases of individuals who were found guilty of marijuana possession. Mr. Goodale said that this move by the government is meant to make things "fair" but it will only be actualized when legalization comes into force.

Goodale said that it was "legitimate" for the government to consider pardoning minor marijuana offences. Goodale was speaking on CTV's "Question Period".

The Public Safety Minister emphasized that they are committed to reforming the pardons system once Bill C-45 is enacted.

The government's legislation to regulate and legalize cannabis will come into effect in three months although it was passed last week.

Recreational pot will be legally used and bought in Canada from Oct. 17, this is according to an announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

A spokesperson for

conditions to ask for, and how to apply. If you can't afford a lawyer, there are resources to help you.

SAFETY PLAN

It can take a long time to get any type of court order, especially if the other person asks the court for more time to get ready.

The person you're asking for an order against doesn't have to keep away from you or your children while you're waiting for the court to make a decision. Think about making a safety plan for you and your children.

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A restraining order is a family court order that limits what a person can do in any way that the court thinks is appropriate. The order might limit where a person can go, or who they can

contact or communicate with.

A restraining order might say that a person must not:

- come within 500 metres of you and your children
- come within 750 metres of your home and work
- talk to or contact you or your children except through an agency or another person

Not following the conditions in a restraining order is a crime.

WHO CAN APPLY

You go to family court to get a restraining order. In most cases, you can apply for a restraining order against someone if at least one of these is true:

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A restraining order can be temporary or permanent. Most restraining orders are temporary.

The question "What is a restraining order?" has more information about restraining orders.

NEXT ISSUE.

BUYING OR SELLING A BUSINESS

Having your own business can be a joy, but also a real pain.

Whether you are planning on buying or selling a business, there are quite a few things to consider when doing either.

First of all, as with most things in Canada, businesses are regulated by the provinces.

However, when it comes to taxes, businesses are regulated by both the province and the federal government, so you have to file business taxes with both your provincial taxation body and the Canada Revenue Agency.

BUYING A BUSINESS

When businesses are for sale they are advertised in newspapers or on websites, however scams are always possible so make sure it's a legitimate business that is being sold. However, there are also specialists that can help you find a business to buy.

THINGS TO EVALUATE:

- What kind of business should I buy?
- Franchise or independent business?
- Where is your business going to be located?
- How much am I prepared to pay for the business?
- Do I need a business number?
- How do I set up my tax

information with the government?

- Do I have to file an HST/GST number?
- How do I set up payroll (if applicable)?

SELLING A BUSINESS

Tax considerations are quite important when you are selling your business.

You have to do the following when closing your business:

- Cancel your business number, if you have one - that means you will have to contact your tax services office;
- If you have employees, you have to close your payroll account;
- If your business has a GST/HST account, you must close it through the tax services office.

ASSETS OR SHARES?

This question is important, for both buying and selling a business. There are benefits and liabilities to both methods of buying or selling a business.

ASSETS

A sale of assets means that you are conveying the ownership of the company's assets to another owner or entity. Examples of the type of assets you can have are: inventory, accounts receivable, equipment and more.

SHARES

A share sale for a business works a bit differently than an asset sale. While selling shares to a buyer is also a sale of assets, you are also transferring the name of your business.

However, it goes even further than that: you are selling the liabilities, debts, lawsuits, tax problems and more to the person or company who or which acquires your business. That may be an attractive option to you if you need to sell fast and your business has problems, but it will likely lower the worth of your business to the buyer.

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Bargaining asset price can result in tax advantages.

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FAMILY

EAT TOGETHER TO CREATE HEALTHY HABITS FOR YOUR KIDS



(NC) Meals can be an important social outlet, whether it's lunchtime in the cafeteria with coworkers to take your mind off the job or reconnecting with the family at Sunday dinner. But the benefits of eating together reach well beyond social interaction.

Families who eat together eat better, so it's no wonder that Health Canada recommends sharing meals with friends and family whenever possible.

Karolina Otto, a registered dietician with Real Canadian Superstore, shares a few of the best reasons to spend more time together around the table eating.

CULTURE.

Eating with family helps pass on food traditions. Expanding your food repertoire is an excellent way to try new things and experience other cultures first-hand.

SOCIAL.

Eating together fosters social connections. A

paper from the Vanier Institute of the Family suggests that family meals are associated with benefits for youth, spanning mental health and literacy.

Nutrition. Eating as a family is tied to healthier weight and superior food choices among children — kids who eat dinner with their families also have more fruit and veggies and less unhealthy foods. Meal time with friends may also expand kids' horizons since food choices are heavily influenced by role models like peers and parents.

SECURITY.

Regular meal times provide reassurance for kids. Knowing they'll have breakfast or dinner at home is one less thing for them to stress out about in the morning or after a long day at school.

Learn more and speak to your local dietician at www.bookadietitian.ca.

5 TIPS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

(NC) Caring for someone with a chronic health condition takes time and energy, and can easily take an emotional and physical toll. If you're feeling stressed and under pressure, these tips may help you cope.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF CAREGIVER FATIGUE.

Exhaustion, sleeplessness, anger, and health problems are all signs that you may be taking on too much and need extra support. Reach out to your healthcare provider to seek treatment and con-

tact a support group.

SEEK OUTSIDE SUPPORT.

Ask family and friends for help, whether it's with cooking meals once a week or babysitting your kids so you have some time to rest and recharge. Community programs and volunteer organizations can offer some respite from caregiving, help with meals and housework, and provide some caregiving support.

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

If your loved one

HINDU JOINT FAMILY

A joint family or undivided family is an extended family arrangement prevalent throughout the Indian subcontinent, particularly in India, consisting of many generations living in the same household, all bound by the common relationship.

FAMILY STRUCTURE

Historically, for generations India had a prevailing tradition of the joint Hindu Family or undivided family. The system is an extended family arrangement prevalent throughout the Indian subcontinent, particularly in India, consisting of many generations living in the same home, all bound by the common relationship. A joint family consists of a husband and wife; their sons; their daughters, and so on up to generations. Any number of these people may without impacting the legal existence of the family, be decreased.

The family is headed by a senior person called a 'Karta', usually the oldest male or female, who makes decisions on economic and

social matters on behalf of the entire family, the patriarch's wife generally exerts control over the household and minor religious practices and often wields considerable influence in domestic matters. Family income flows into a common pool, from which resources are drawn to meet the needs of all members, which are regulated by the heads of the family. However, with urbanization and economic development, India has witnessed a break up of traditional joint family into more nuclear-like families, and the traditional joint family in India accounted for a small number of Indian households.

A Hindu undivided family or HUF is a legal term related to the Hindu Marriage Act, the female members are also given the right of share to the property in the HUF. The term finds reference in the provisions of the Income Tax Act, but the expression is not defined in the act. There are various aspects of Hindu law relevant for the purpose assessment of income of HUF with Hindu

Succession Act 1956 and Income Tax Act 1961 and wealth in the status of HUF, as well as the impact of the provisions of Hindu Succession Act 1956 as amended by Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act 2005 relevant for the purpose of assessment of income and wealth in the status of HUF under the Income Tax Act 1961.

In the case of Surjit Lal Chhabra 101 ITR 776 SC, joint family and undivided family are synonymous: "A joint Hindu family consists of persons lineally descended from a common ancestor and includes their wives and unmarried daughters, the daughter, on marriage, ceases to be a member of her father's family and becomes a member of her husband's family."

In 2016, a judgment of the Delhi High Court ruled that the eldest female member of a Hindu Undivided Family can be its 'Karta' (manager).

RELATIONSHIPS

Different relationships are addressed via dif-

ferent names, the nature of relationship also varies. Relations can be of equivalence, mutual respect or teasing in nature.

In joint families in northern and central India between a bride or sister-in-law and her younger brother-in-law, a joking or teasing relationship is common, and the relationship towards an older brother-in-law is that of respectfulness.

In a traditional joint Hindu family, there is a subservient relationship between the wives of the brothers: the patriarch's wife is addressed as "Badi Bhabhi" (in Hindi), meaning "eldest brother's wife." She is traditionally considered the mistress of the house and is in charge of running the household affairs and overseeing the servants (if any). The subsequent younger brothers' wives typically seek her advice and permission for any matters/decisions regarding the household and rearing of the children.

Source: wikivisually.com

STAYING FIT WITH YOUR KIDS

(NC) Exercising as a family is a fun way to get outside in nature, reduce stress and bond with your kids. One new fitness trend that's perfect for parents and kids is plogging, which combines the activity of outdoor jogging with picking up litter as you go.

First started in Sweden in 2016, the plogging craze is sweeping North America, helped by growing concerns about the harmful impacts of plastic and other litter in oceans, lakes and rivers. The eco-friendly workout mixes up a daily run with squats, lunges and bends as you scoop up trash along the way.

An unexpected benefit of plogging is the positive response from others to the green sport. "We were surprised to hear so many appreciative shouts of 'thanks' from fellow park users," shares Rachel Schoeler, manager for the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup who has organized several plogging events.

To start plogging with your family, check out these tips:

1. Remember that you can plog anywhere — on city sidewalks and urban trails, near storm drains, or along a beach, lake or river.
2. Carry a pair of reusable gloves and reusable



trash bag.
3. Unless equipped, don't pick up sharp metal or glass trash.

By registering a plog with Great Canadian Shore-

line Cleanup, you can contribute to a national database of shoreline litter. Find more information and register online at shorelinecleanup.ca.

has a condition that will get progressively worse, take steps to ensure that they will receive the care they need, now and in the future. Look into assisted living facilities or home support services available in your community. It's also important to make legal and financial arrangements that will best meet your relative's wishes and

needs.

LEARN ABOUT THE CONDITION.

Finding out more about whatever is ailing someone can help you know what to expect and dispel unhelpful myths and stereotypes. Advocacy organizations often have great resources for family members, including research and support

groups.

GRIEVE YOUR LOSS.

A condition like dementia may mean your loved one will face gradual losses, and you may also feel strong emotions about losing the person that they used to be. Don't be afraid to acknowledge this grief and speak to other family members or friends who

may be experiencing the same thing.

The federal government is working on a national dementia strategy that will complement existing initiatives to promote awareness, reduce stigma and support those affected and is committed to helping improve the quality of life for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

FAMILY IS NOT IMPORTANT THING. IT'S EVERYTHING.
Michael J. Fox

REAL ESTATE

PREMIER DOUG FORD AND ONTARIANS' EXPECTATIONS ON THE HOUSING SUPPLY

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Steve Ezeude

The tail end of the Liberal Government under the leadership of Ms. Kathleen Wynne saw a tumultuous real estate market laden with unprecedented price hike and harsh mortgage changes. It's no gain saying that the Wynne's Liberal Government was unfortunately unpopular during its last days but the antecedents allude to why the hitherto Government that ruled the Province for 15 years suddenly became a nonentity and without being recognized any longer as a political party based on the June 6, 2018 election. When salt loses its saltiness, it belongs to the dust and this was what happened to the Liberals.

As the newly elected Ontario Premier, Doug Ford and his team assume office, Ontarians are talking about how the new Government will impact the real estate market knowing where we had been in the hands of the Liberals prior to the change of baton.

Realistically speaking, a humongous work needs to be done in the Province's real estate market especially in the GTA. How will the new Government restore consumer confidence in the real estate market? Was the Liberal's 16 Fair Housing plan put up hurriedly by the then Government to garner votes and acceptance or was it done in good faith? The reader's guess is as good as mine.

Without delving into the details of the Fair Housing

Plan to strengthen the Residential Tenancies Act to protect tenants and ensure predictability of Landlords on rent increment resulted in putting a place a Standard lease effective June 1, 2018. This Standard Lease is very protection of tenants leaving the Landlords and Investors at the mercy of tenants. There should be a middle of the road solution where everyone wins to increase the housing supply.

4. Utilization of surplus provincial land assets for housing development. This, though one of the PC Party's campaign drive, should be vigorously pursued and implemented. The party proposed setting apart some portion of Greenbelt lands for housing development. This, if pursued will make more lands available and help reduce housing cost and increase housing supply.

5. Purpose Built Rental Housing: The Liberals' measure to encourage developers to build more new purpose built rental housing should be further pursued. The developers already selected by the Liberals should be supported and more land made available and incentives be provided.

6. Development Charges: The Liberals targeted \$125million, five year program for construction of new apartment buildings with rebate on development charges. Development charges should be reviewed downwards. Most developers blame high cost of buildings to high development charges. If Government wants to address the housing stock, a thorough review of development

continued on p(39)

3 TIPS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOUR BACKYARD RENOVATION

(NC) If you're thinking about transforming your outdoor space with a new deck or garden, here are a few things to keep in mind before you get started:

Think about appliances and equipment early. Give some thought to the types of appliances or equipment you may want installed based on what's most important to you. Is it comfort, energy efficiency or aesthetics? Plan based on what you'd like now and potentially in the future to identify what you'll need, such as support beams, electrical wires and natural gas lines. When choosing



the appliances, don't forget to factor in the fuel source. There are several natural gas appliances available, like fireplaces, pool heaters

and outdoor lighting. Barbecue like a chef. If you're designing your backyard with continued on p(47)

ESSENTIAL LAWCARE TIPS FROM THE PRO

(NC) Now's the time to get outside and survey lawns, gardens and shrubs to see how they weathered the winter. After a long period of dormancy, plants and turf are ready to grow during what amounts to a short season for most of Canada.

To maximize the health, resiliency and growth of your plants, regular feeding is required. All plants require nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus to grow. Nitrogen boosts growth and green colour. Phosphorus feeds seedlings and stimulates new root growth. And potassium provides all around vigour and health and strengthens resistance to disease and stress.

When it comes to lawns, feeding promotes a thick, healthy turf that can fight off weeds and withstand drought conditions. Fertilizer provides nutrients in the proper amounts. Review your options at your local lawn and garden centre by reading the fertilizer bag label or by testing your soil with a home kit or pro-



fessional lawn care service. The three numbers on the bag indicate the ratio of three key nutrients included in all fertilizers: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, listed in this order. For example, if a bag reads 21-4-3 it contains 21 per cent nitrogen, 4 per cent phosphorus and 3 per cent potassium.

Know the size of your lawn and buy only what you need. Follow the instructions on the bag and remember that more is not always better. Use a good quality lawn fertilizer spreader or a handheld model to distribute fertilizer evenly.

Feed your lawn every other month beginning in the spring. A lawn fed

three to four times a year develops a deep root system to resist heat, drought and wear. It also develops thick green top growth to naturally resist weeds, disease and insects. Canadian holidays are an easy way to remember best times to feed your lawn — think Easter, Victoria Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving.

To keep fertilizer on the grass and prevent it from running off into sewers, sweep any stray granules on driveways, patios and sidewalks back onto your lawn where it can do its job.

Find more information online at greenerworld.ca.

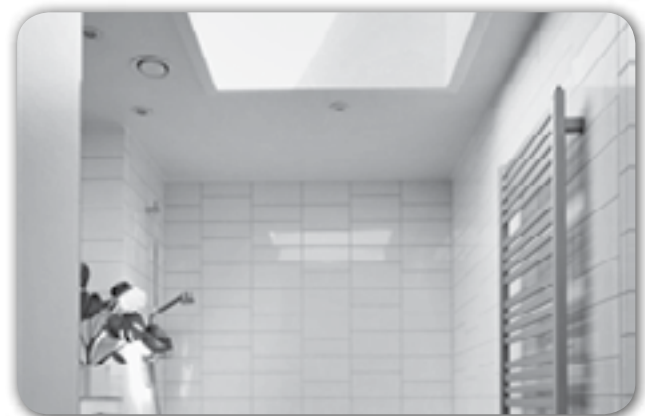
2018 TRENDS FOR THE BATHROOM

(NC) Did you know that bathrooms were the most renovated space in 2017? This has become a popular space for upgrading thanks to the at-home spa trend, which looks at the bathroom as not just a utilitarian necessity, but as an extension of the rest of the home that can be luxurious and revitalizing.

Need some inspiration for refreshing your bathroom? Check out these top trends favoured by designers and homeowners alike.

BOLD LIGHTING.

Use lighting strategically to set the ambiance for the space. Try warm brass globe sconces for an industrial aesthetic that feels very now; or use bold vanity



lighting for a touch of Hollywood glamour.

Dramatic accents. Create a defining style statement with a standout element, like a skylight. Velux's solar-powered venting skylight brings in natural daylight while allowing you to let steam out after a hot bath or shower. Enjoy privacy, an unobstructed view and a sophisticated design touch.

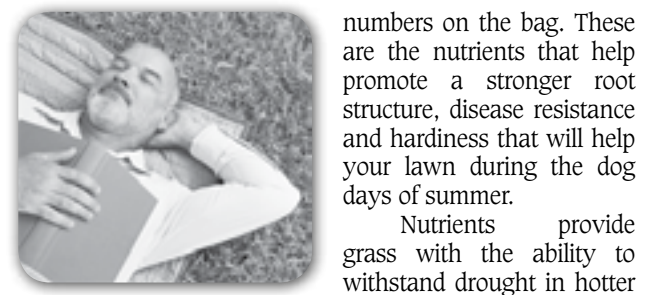
MODERN METALS.

Warmer hues like brass and gold are making a comeback, and bring in some depth and complement the neutral greys continued on p(41)

PREP YOUR LAWN FOR SUMMER

(NC) Healthy lawns provide kids and pets with a safe, soft place to rest or play. Did you know your lawn also plays a significant role in cooling the environment around your home? These are just some things to think about as you get back to the garden.

When caring for your green space, remember that just like all living things, plants need food. Turf fed three to four times a year develops a deep root system that can resist heat, drought



and wear. It also develops thick green top growth to naturally resist weeds, disease and insects.

Look for a fertilizer with higher nitrogen and potassium, the first and last

numbers on the bag. These are the nutrients that help promote a stronger root structure, disease resistance and hardness that will help your lawn during the dog days of summer.

Nutrients provide grass with the ability to withstand drought in hotter summer temperatures, and to survive the winter and bounce back in spring. You can find more helpful information about the right way to fertilize online at greenerworld.ca.

FOOD

5 TIPS FOR HEALTHIER GROCERY SHOPPING

(NC) Eating well starts at the grocery store. It's much easier to prepare healthier meals and snacks when your kitchen is stocked with healthier ingredients. But with thousands of products to choose from, buying nutritious foods can be a challenge. Follow these tips to make tasty and nutritious food choices for you and your family:



foods in your grocery cart.

4. USE THE FOOD LABEL.

Read the information on the food label to make informed choices. Choose products that are lower in sugars, saturated fats and sodium. Remember, 5per cent Daily Value is a little, 15per cent is a lot.

2. WRITE A GROCERY LIST.

Writing a grocery list before going to the store will save you time and money and help you shop only for the foods you need.

3. THINK ABOUT WHAT GOES IN YOUR CART.

Include a variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains, and protein-rich

5. CHECK OUT SERVING SIZES ON THE NUTRITION FACTS TABLE.

The nutrition information in the Nutrition Facts table is based on the specific serving size listed. If you're comparing different products to find the healthier choice, be sure that the serving sizes on both products are similar.

1 PLAN HEALTHY MEALS AND SNACKS.

Think about your family's schedule. Planning quick and easy meals ahead of time could be the answer to a busy week filled with sports and other activities, without falling into the trap of eating unhealthy convenience foods and snacks.

PREPARING FURA DA NONO THE FULANI WAY

The Fulanis are not just pastoralists, they are also good cooks, they can turn natural food into a special menu.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of Millet or Guinea corn flour
- 1 cup of Soya bean flour
- 1 teaspoon Dried pepper (ground)
- 1 teaspoon Cloves (ground)
- 1 teaspoon African black pepper (ground)

PREPARATION

Mix the flours with all the spices thoroughly. Add a little water and mix to form a thick paste. Mould into medium sized balls. Boil the water for about 5 minutes. Add the

balls to the boiling water and continue boiling for about 20 minutes.

Remove the balls from the boiling pot and pound thoroughly. Mould into small balls and sprinkle corn flour to keep the balls moist.

Serve mashed with Nono or Yoghurt and sugar to taste.

So, on that special occasion of yours, a specially made Nono can add a cultural bite to the event.

EASY SALAD PERFECT FOR SUMMER

(NC) Enjoy the beautiful weather with a crisp, delicious romaine salad, which is perfect for entertaining or savouring solo. Add a delightful seasonal twist with fresh veggies perfectly grilled on a natural gas grill.

This tasty recipe from renowned chef Rob Rainford makes it easy to see why so many top chefs prefer cooking with natural gas. It's more even, direct and precise heat bumps up the flavour and makes grilling a breeze.

Grilled Romaine Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 60 mL olive oil
- 15 mL balsamic vinegar
- 15 mL Dijon mustard
- 15 mL fresh lemon juice
- 4 anchovy fillets, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- Dash of hot sauce, such as



LIFESTYLE TIPS FOR HEALTHIER EATING

(NC) Today's on-the-go lifestyles and the abundance of tasty, tempting fast food options can make sticking to healthy eating goals challenging. But maintaining a nutritious and appetizing diet can be easier than you think.

The College of Family Physicians of Canada's Prevention in Hand website offers one-stop-shopping for current information from numerous healthcare organizations to support your individual wellness, healthy lifestyles and the prevention of chronic diseases. Here is what some of their resources say about helping you and your family make good nutrition choices:

MAKE A PLAN.

Take a few minutes on the weekend to plan out healthy meals and snacks for the upcoming week, including brown bag lunches for work and school. Having

the dishes planned and ingredients purchased will encourage you to follow through on smarter eating and avoid reaching for the vending machine.

start your day.

EAT THE RAINBOW.

Enjoying a variety of fruits and vegetables with all the colours of the rainbow ensures you receive lots of vitamins, nutrients, fibre and antioxidants. Aim for at least one dark green and one orange piece of produce every day.

TRY A MEATLESS MONDAY.

Avoid foods that are high in sodium, fat or cholesterol and go with healthier options with natural ingredients and nutrition – fresh fruit, vegetables or grains. Try a Meatless Monday with protein sources like lentils, beans and tofu. Reduce your sodium intake by seasoning dishes with herbs and spices rather than salt.

Find more information at www.preventionin-hand.com.

FIND FRIENDLY FATS.

It's a myth that all types of fat are bad for your body. Healthy fats and oils help us absorb nutrients and add flavour to foods. Opt for natural fats from avocados, nuts and seeds, and oils like olive, coconut and flaxseed.

MAKE IT A RITUAL.

Research shows that eating together as a family can help you make better food choices, so try to enjoy at least one meal together every day. If varying work and school schedules prevent you from eating together, try breakfast together instead of the traditional family dinners. An omelet bar loaded with veggies is a fun and nutritious way to

5 BENEFITS OF EATING MUSHROOMS

(NC) Mushrooms are one of those items in the produce section that not all of us will pick up. Many people enjoy eating them, while others are still on the fence.

But from their range of flavours to their variety of uses, there is a mushroom for everybody. Here are just five reasons to love (and eat) more mushrooms.

1. They can go with anything. Mushrooms are so versatile that you can pair them with any food. You can sauté them for on top of steak, throw some fresh mushrooms in a salad, blend them together with meat for a healthier alternative, and chop some up and toss them in an omelet.

2. You can try a different mushroom every day of the week. Did you know there are seven different types of mushrooms commercially grown in Canada? You can choose between the three primary mushrooms, white button, crimini or port-



abella, or can mix in a specialty variety, such as enoki, shiitake, oyster or king oyster.

3. Mushrooms are very beneficial for your health. They contain vitamins D and B, potassium and plenty of antioxidants. Thanks to their high fibre count, mushrooms also help support a strong immune system.

4. Mushrooms are a great snack to fill up on. As a low-energy, dense food, they can be effective for reducing

daily energy and fat intake while still helping you feel full, so you can keep on track with your healthy lifestyle.

5. The mushroom industry never stops. Fresh mushrooms are grown and harvested and delivered fresh to local stores every day of the year. Not only are you buying fresh, you are also buying local and Canadian.

Find more nutritional information, cooking tips and recipe ideas online at mushrooms.ca.

Tabasco
 • Dash of Worcestershire sauce
 • Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 • 2 hearts romaine lettuce, halved lengthwise
 • 2 firm avocados, halved and pitted, skin left
 • 500 mL cherry tomatoes
 • 60 g wedge fresh parmesan, shaved
 • 15 mL thinly sliced fresh basil

Method:

1. Combine oil, balsamic vinegar, mustard, lemon juice, anchovies, garlic, hot sauce, Worcestershire

sauce, and salt and pepper to taste in a blender to make vinaigrette. Purée until smooth.

2. Preheat grill. You need a medium-high temperature of around 350°F (180°C). Prep grill for cooking over direct heat.

3. Drizzle a small amount of vinaigrette over the romaine lettuce in a large bowl. Place lettuce on the grill, cut sides down. Grill for 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until lightly charred. Remove from grill and place on a serving platter.

4. Toss avocados and tomatoes with a small

amount of remaining vinaigrette in the same bowl. Place on grill, arranging avocados skin-side up. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until warm and slightly softened.

5. Remove from grill. Scatter tomatoes over lettuce. Scoop avocado flesh out of the skin. Slice avocado flesh and scatter over lettuce.

6. Top salad with parmesan shavings. Drizzle with remaining vinaigrette and sprinkle with basil.

Serves 8

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TRAVEL

PASSENGERS SUE SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

By NCNC Staff

Passengers are suing Southwest Airlines over a flight from New York that suffered engine failure in April this year, killing one woman on board.

Eight passengers and the husband of a passenger say the airline was negligent and failed to properly maintain the 737 aircraft.

Flight 1380 was on its way to Dallas when debris from an engine hit a window, causing the plane to depressurize.

The sad event occurred on April 17 after an engine exploded about 20 minutes into the flight at an altitude of 32,500 feet, causing Jennifer Riordan to be almost ripped apart by slaying engines.

The agonizing effects on the mental, emotional and psychological state of the passengers reflected in the suit against the airlines.

"During the excruciating moments following the explosion, the plaintiffs endured the horrific fear of a plane crash - suddenly and unexpectedly, they were facing death," the lawsuit claims.

The suit was filed in Manhattan Supreme Court and also claimed that "Southwest Airlines negligently failed to reasonably monitor, inspect, test service, maintain and repair the aircraft and engine."

The accident left the businesswoman hanging half outside a shattered window.

Jennifer Riordan, a mother of two from New Mexico, was pronounced dead after the flight made an emergency landing at Philadelphia International Airport with part of an engine cover ripped off and a window damaged.

The engine had blown off as a result of what experts call "metal fatigue," according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

"IT HAS EXCEEDED ALL OUR EXPECTATIONS": FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FOR AIR CANADA ROUGE

MONTREAL — Low-cost carrier Air Canada Rouge got a jump on the market back in 2013 and now five years later the airline is marking its anniversary with more than 25 million passengers flown and 100 routes (up from an initial 14) on five continents.

Air Canada Rouge's fleet now includes 53 aircraft, with 22 Airbus A319s, six Airbus A321s and 25 Boeing 767s.

"In five short years Air Canada Rouge has established itself as an integral part of our Air Canada family by delivering an excellent customer experience in key leisure markets and in helping achieve our strategic business objectives," says Air Canada's President, Airlines and Chief Operating Officer, Benjamin Smith.

"It allows us to offer travellers a much greater variety of attractive destinations while enabling us to successfully compete in an evolving industry. In doing so, it has exceeded all our expectations."

For summer 2018 Air Canada Rouge has added more international and domestic routes, including: Toronto and Montreal to Bucharest; Toronto to Porto and Zagreb; Toronto to Nainimo and Kamloops; Montreal to Lisbon and Montreal to Victoria.

Five years after its July 1, 2013 launch Air Canada Rouge now offers an upgraded streaming in-flight entertainment system, new onboard food options and enhancements to the Premium Rouge cabin. The carrier has also started offering high-speed, satellite Internet aboard its aircraft.

Source: www.travelweek.ca

TECHNOLOGY

USING TECHNOLOGY DURING AN EMERGENCY



(NC) We use smartphones and social media to send emails, share funny memes and binge-watch our favourite shows. But in the event of a disaster or major emergency, these tools can become vital in helping you and your family get in touch and stay informed.

Whether it's a power outage, flood or natural disaster, here are some tips to keep in mind for using technology in an emergency:

Use non-voice channels. If possible, communicate via text messaging, email or social media. These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service doesn't.

Keep conversations brief. If you must use a phone, make the call short and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and family. This will also conserve your phone's battery.

Wait 10 seconds before redialing. If you're unable to complete a call, this short wait can help reduce network congestion. Remember that cordless phones rely on electricity and will not work during a power outage. So, if you have a landline, keep at least one corded phone in your home.

Stock up your emergency kit. Keep extra batteries or a charger for your mobile device. Consider get-

ting a solar-powered, crank or vehicle phone charger. If you don't have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit.

Listen for updates. The Alert Ready system is designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio and now mobile. Keep an eye or ear out for these alerts, which will override regularly scheduled programming and send you text messages in a threat to life situation. Visit alertready.ca for more information and to find out if your phone is compatible.

Save your safe meeting location. If you have a smartphone, add this spot to its mapping application so you can easily navigate to it in a pinch.

Conserve your battery. Reduce your smartphone's screen's brightness, set it to airplane mode, and close apps you are not using — you never know how long a power outage will last.

Know who to call. Remember, in an emergency or to save a life, call 9-1-1 for help. You cannot currently text 9-1-1. If you are not experiencing an emergency, do not call this number. If your area offers 3-1-1 service or another information system, call that number for non-emergencies.

Find more information at www.getprepared.ca.

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nections to over 150 cities across its six-continent network, including new destinations Santiago, Chile and London Stansted, launching this summer. Those travelling with children can also take advantage of Emirates' extensive family offerings, from priority boarding at all airports to special kids meals, dedicated children's entertainment and activity bags onboard.

REFLECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS

THE CHRISTIAN HOME: EXPECTATIONS AND REALITY

By: Pastor Taiwo Iredele Odubi



Pastor Taiwo Odubi

A Christian home is one where the man and his wife have truly given their lives to Jesus and lead the home which includes the children, not by personal opinions or opinions of others but by biblical principles and the fear of God, to glorify God.

Some of these biblical principles are:

1) "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:7-9 NKJV)

2) Now to the married, I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. (1Corinthians 7:10-11 NKJV)

3) Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not [b]uffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, [c]thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. (1Corinthians 13:4-8 NKJV)

4) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her. (Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:18,19 NKJV)

5) Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:33 NKJV)

6) In a Christian home, each member knows his or her God-ordained role and is submitted to it.

Expectations:
1) Jesus rules the home as the members practice the principles of God's words.

Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (2Corinthians 10:5 NKJV)

2) The husband loves his wife.
Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. (Colossians 3:19 NKJV)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave

earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3 NKJV)

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. (Colossians 3:20 NKJV)

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, (Proverbs 1:8 NKJV)

10) No divorce. The marriage is expected to last to the end. In Matthew 19:3-8, Jesus made His followers know that divorce is not a part of God's plan for those who choose to marry.

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who[a]made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for [b]sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." (Matthew 19:3-6,9 NKJV)

For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. (Romans 7:2 NKJV)

REALITY:
In reality, however, some homes fall short of these expectations, not because God cannot help them but because the members choose to abandon the biblical principles for various reasons which include satanic attacks upon the home.

In one of my novels, Marriage on Fire, Beauty turned, pointed a finger at her husband and screamed, "No, you're not my husband! You're not the same man I fell in love with and married. A husband loves his wife, a husband is supposed to be there for his wife, protect her, and be faithful to her. A husband loves his wife as Christ loves the church! You have done none of that! You are not the man I married! ... When we were getting married, I told everyone who cared to listen that you were a great man, wonderful and loving. I told them that I must be the most fortunate woman around to have found you and you destroyed everything! Everything!"

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honour your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the

The couple in the novel apparently had missed the biblical principles somewhere.

In some homes, there's no agreement between couples which in turn affect the way they raise their children and execute their plans. If the husband is pulling in one direction and the wife is going in the opposite direction, they cannot have the right result. The children will sense the problem and go in an unwanted direction.

Misunderstandings are sometimes not properly handled which lead to many other issues, distractions, and lingering problems. Some people resort to wrong counsel from ungodly friends and family members concerning their homes, and things become complicated.

Some spouses become involved in illicit affairs because they are not committed to their marital vows which they made before God and His saints.

Some of these homes have ended in divorce. Getting a divorce has become easy these days whereby marriage can be dissolved at will and this has influenced some people's decisions.

The preservation of a Christian home:

In spite of the challenges, all hope is not lost and it is very possible to have a Christian home and preserve it.

Two of the things to be done are:
1)The man and his wife should make Jesus their personal Lord and Saviour, and surrender their will to Him. Their prayer daily should be - Not my will but Yours be done. They must be willing to trust in the Lord with all their heart without leaning on their own understanding. If they acknowledge Him in all they do, He will direct their paths.

2)The family should daily cover their home with prayer and the name of Jesus.

Dear reader, if you have not surrendered to the lordship of Jesus, you need to do so. Simply pray: Lord Jesus, I come to You today and accept You as my personal Lord and Saviour. Forgive my sins, make me a child of God, and let my name be written in the Book of Life, in Jesus name.

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Jesus is Lord!



Mr. Steve & Mrs. Amaka Ezeude

THE TRUTH ABOUT MARRIAGE

By Santoba Joshua



Santoba Joshua

'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free' (In 8:32).

The idea of 'the perfect marriage' misleads and disillusion us, preparing us to walk away when fantasy clashes with reality. It always does!

Only when you accept the truth about frail, faltering, frustrating people (and you yourself are one), can you find lasting happiness in marriage.

THE LOVE BUG
We think if we're in the right place, at the right time, with the right person, love will 'bite' us and we'll embark on a lifetime of bliss.

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SORORATE MARRIAGE

Sororate marriage is a type of marriage in which a husband engages in marriage or sexual relations with the sister of his wife, usually after the death of his wife or if his wife has proven infertile.

From an anthropological standpoint, this type of marriage strengthens the ties between both groups (the wife's family or clan and the husband's) and preserves the contract between the two to provide children and continue the alliance.

The Inuit people (formerly known as Eskimos) of northern Alaska, Canada and Greenland follow or followed this custom. It is followed by the Chiricahua group of the Western Apache, who are Athabas-

kan speaking, as is levirate marriage. Sororate marriage is practiced by the Sioux (Lakota) tribes, and some Western Mono tribes in California, such as the Wukwachi or Waksachi.

Sororate marriage is practiced by the Swazi people and for the same reasons as stated. This type of marriage is made in Bhutan, the former King Jigme Singye Wangchuck (the current king's father) is married to four wives, all of whom are sisters. There is evidence that sororate marriage existed in ancient China.

Levirate marriage and junior sororate marriage are permitted for the Hindu Bania caste.

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Violence Against Women

AFRICAN NEWS

23 CANDIDATES JOSTLE FOR ZIMBABWE PRESIDENCY

By Julius Oyekunle



President Emmerson Mnangagwa

23 candidates have made their intentions known to lead Zimbabwe after Mugabe in the country's historic election in July, the highest number of candidates since the country gained independence from the U.K. in 1980.

Among individuals who has signaled their intention to contest the presidency is incumbent President Emmerson Mnangagwa, who took power in November last year after Robert Mugabe was ousted in a bloodless coup. Mnangagwa is Mugabe's former deputy, and represents Zimbabwe's ZANU PF party.

Also with his name on the ticket is Nelson Chamisa, the young leader of Zimbabwe's main opposition party, Movement for Democratic Change.

The large number of

candidates will split opposition vote, which will in turn work in favor of the opposition.

The election, to be held on July 30, will be the first without Mugabe on the ticket in nearly four decades. Mnangagwa has pledged that the vote will be free and fair, and has invited western observers and the EU.

Mnangagwa is expected to be re-elected, although without a majority vote.

Mnangagwa has

pushed reform in Zimbabwe in an attempt to heal the economic wounds left from previous decades of mismanagement, which resulted in hyperinflation. He has courted foreign investors, and when launching the ZANU PF manifesto in early May, said that \$11 billion had been committed.

Zimbabwe has also applied to re-join the Commonwealth, a bloc of former U.K. colonies which could bear economic fruit.

Earlier this week Mnangagwa hosted the China-Zimbabwe Business Forum in the capital Harare, at which he presented Chinese investors with an array of areas in which to put their money.

Meanwhile, More than eight out of 10 Zimbabweans (85%) surveyed said they have registered to vote in the upcoming elections.

ANGOLA PROSECUTES TOP JOURNALIST

By Julius Oyekunle

Rafael Marques, one of Angola's foremost journalist faces prosecution for accusing a former attorney general of corruption in a real estate deal. The government is seeking for a conviction in his trial.

Pedro Pederreira said Marques had insulted public authority in the 2016 article where he alleged that Joao Maria de Sousa had been involved in a dodgy land purchase.

Marques, who is on trial with another journal-

ist, risks a three-year prison term if convicted. The court will give its verdict in July.

'Public prosecutor calls for my conviction for crimes of insult to public authority & against the state. He exonerates his ex boss - the plaintiff - of corruption & blames local admin instead,' the 46-year-old Marques tweeted after the court hearing.

Marques was educated in Oxford and runs the news website Maka Angola. He has been in and out of Angola's courts, having been arrested and detained



Rafael Marques

several times.

In 2015, he was convicted of defaming military generals in a book and was handed a six-month suspended prison sentence.

In September, President Joao Lourenco succeeded Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, who had ruled Angola for 38 years.

ZAMBIA OBSERVES 3-DAY MOURNING FOR GENDER MINISTER

By Julius Oyekunle



Zambia President Edgar Lungu

Zambia President Edgar Lungu has declared a three day national mourning for the Late Gender Minister Victoria Kalima who died recently.

In a statement issued by Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet for Administration Patrick Kangwa. The late Minister of Gender, Honorable Victoria Kalima died on the 11th of June at Maina Soko Hospital after an illness.

The period of national mourning ran through 14th June to 16th June 2018. During this period, all flags was at half-mast and all radio and

television stations were directed to play solemn music from 06:00 Hours to 18:00 Hours everyday.

Secretary-general of the governing Patriotic Front (PF), Davies Mwila said the party regrets the death of the former gender minister.

He said in a statement

that the former gender minister was a fighter and dedicated to her duties, adding that as gender minister, she worked tirelessly to champion for the rights of women, especially the fight against child marriages.

Victoria Kalima, 46, who was also a lawmaker for the ruling party in one of the constituencies in the eastern part of the country, was appointed gender minister when Lungu was re-elected after the 2016 general elections.

All activities of entertainment in nature was also postponed or cancelled. The late Hon Minister was laid to rest at her house in Lusaka.

BURUNDI PRESIDENT ENACTS CONTROVERSIAL NEW CONSTITUTION

By D.Forrester



Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza

In a swift move and what political pundits refer to as an affront to the constitution, Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza has just enacted a new constitution adopted by a referendum, despite opposition concerns that the charter will enable the self-proclaimed born again Christian leader to keep his grip on power until 2034.

The official presidential Twitter handle reveals, "History is being written in the centre of the country at Gitega, the head of state Pierre Nkurunziza has just put his signature to the new constitution of Burundi."

The constitution, ap-

proved on May 17 by a majority of voters around the densely-populated central African country, will allow the president run for office twice more in seven-year terms from 2020.

Nkurunziza was a former war lord who found his

way to power in 2005 after a bloody civil war between ethnic Tutsis and Hutus.

Opposition parties argue that the new constitution will threaten a peace treaty negotiated in the Tanzanian town of Arusha and signed in 2000.

That deal opened the way to an end to the 1993-2006 Burundian war, which claimed around 300,000 lives.

The Arusha Accords notably provided for equitable power sharing among ethnic groups in political institutions, steps to integrate former rebels into the armed forces, and constitutional checks to prevent a concentration of power.

SIERRA LEONE: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SIGNS OVER U.S.\$44 MILLION GRANT WITH U.S. GOVT.

In a bid to broaden and bolster economic and technical cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr. Alie Kabba, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and witnessed by the USAID Country Coordinator, Khadijat Mojidi, stipulates that the U.S. Government through USAID agrees to provide to the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone a grant assistance in the amount of 8,893,448 to improve the Agricultural and Food security situation of the Sierra Leonean population, the rehabilitation of the National Stadium project and support to the Agricultural sector and 35, 527,314 US dollars to advance democratic governance and economic growth.

In her brief remarks before the signing of the agreement, the USAID Country Coordinator, Khadijat Mojidi, gave a brief historical background on U.S. assistance to Sierra Leone since 1961 in enhancing political stability, achieve food security and strengthen democratic governance through targeted assistance to key sectors such as education, health and agriculture. She also highlighted some of the assistance provided during the civil war and the Ebola outbreak, including humanitarian and emergency assistance, reintegration and reconciliation, Ebola emergency response and investing in the country's post Ebola recovery.

The agreements which were signed by USAID Mission Director for Guinea and Sierra Leone, Barbara Dick-

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AIR NAMIBIA LAUNCHES NEW WEST AFRICAN ROUTE

Air Namibia has announced it has added Lagos and Accra to its route network effective 25 March 2018. According to a statement issued on its website, "This fits in with growing the business and increasing our footprint on the African Continent."

The new flight has commenced on June 29, 2018 in Lagos-Accra route.

The two new destinations routine are Windhoek-Lagos-Accra and Windhoek-Lagos-Accra and the return will be Accra-Lagos-Windhoek four times in a week, using the Airbus A319-100 aircraft. Apart from providing direct con-



nection from Namibia to West Africa, the operation will further transport passengers and cargo on the Lagos-Accra-Lagos route, using the fifth freedom traffic rights granted by the Ghanaian and Nigerian Governments, as contained in the existing Bilateral Air Service Agreements jointly signed by the West African

countries.

Days of operation departing from Windhoek are on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Air Namibia Acting Director, Advocate Mandi Samson stated, "The operating schedule and flight timings allow smooth and convenient connections inbound *continued on p(45)*

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN PRESENTS AWARD TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NIGERIA DEDICATED TO CHANGING THE WORLD

• Young people from 38 countries across the Commonwealth celebrate their Queen's Young Leaders Award with guests including Sir John Major, David Beckham OBE, Sir Lenny Henry CBE, Nicola Adams OBE, Neelam Gill, Caspar Lee, Tina Daheley and Ore Oduba

• Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Sussex joined Award winners at final ever Queen's Young Leaders Awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace, London

Her Majesty The Queen has today presented Hauwa Ojeifo, Isaac Ezirim and Kennedy Ekezie-Joseph from Nigeria with a Queen's Young Leaders Award at a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace, London, in honour of the work they are doing to transform lives in their community. The Queen was joined at the Award ceremony by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke

and Duchess of Sussex in recognising their success.

The Queen's Young Leaders Awards programme, now in its fourth and final year, celebrates the achievements of some of the most exciting young change-makers from across the Commonwealth. This year's cohort from 38 Commonwealth countries are finding solutions to global issues such as climate change, food scarcity, gender-based violence, mental health, and access to education.

Guests including David Beckham OBE, Sir Lenny Henry CBE, Nicola Adams OBE, Neelam Gill, Caspar Lee, Tina Daheley, Ore Oduba and Chairman of The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, Sir John Major, joined Award winners at Buckingham Palace to congratulate them on their remarkable achievements.

Speaking at the Awards ceremony, His Royal Highness The Duke of Sussex, who was recently

named a Commonwealth Youth Ambassador said: "In this rapidly changing world, it is heartening to meet so many inspiring young people gathered here today, who have already stepped up as leaders and improved the lives of so many people across the Commonwealth. You are the hope and optimism the world needs and we will all do whatever we can to support you in it."

David Beckham OBE said: "I'm so proud to be here with the Queen's Young Leaders tonight. It's really inspiring to meet these hardworking young people, who continue to dedicate their time and energy to helping other people live a better life. Hearing their stories and the sacrifices they've made is a real honour and I feel very privileged to celebrate with them today."

Isaac received his Award for the work he is doing to teach coding to teenagers in low-income areas, founding Teens Can Code which is currently

training 200 teenagers how to build web and mobile applications using the same tools that are used by professionals in the tech industry.

Hauwa received her award for the work she is doing to tackle the stigma around mental health, running a women's support group called She Writes Women, which focuses on mental health support and outreach among some of the most vulnerable people in the community.

Kennedy received his Award for the work he is doing to promote women's rights in Nigeria, founding the Calabar Youth Council for Women's Rights (CY-CWR), which supports the rights of women in the areas of female genital mutilation (FGM), domestic abuse, forced child marriage and access to education for girls

Isaac Ezirim, 28, said: "I am extremely honoured and thankful to Her Majesty The Queen for *continued on p(45)*

ETHIOPIA ACCEPTS A PEACE DEAL WITH ERITREA

By Julius Oyekunle

The prospects of peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea is likely to go to happen if recent events are anything to go by. Ethiopia has declared it is committed to the terms of a peace agreement with neighboring Eritrea in a major step toward reducing decades-long tensions with its East African neighbor.

The development came as the ruling party also announced that the East African nation, will

open up parts of state-owned enterprises in sectors such as energy, aviation, and telecoms to private investment and others, such as railways and hotels, to full privatisation.

Ethiopia had lifted a state of emergency in what had been the biggest reform yet under new Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who has promised change after more than two years of deadly anti-government protests demanding greater freedoms in Africa's second most populous country.

The peace agreement signed in 2000 ended a two-year border war that claimed the lives of tens of thousands of people, but a no-peace-no-war situation continued, with the two countries skirmishing from time to time. Ethiopia had refused to accept the deal's handling of key locations, including Badme, to Eritrea and continues to control that town.

Ethiopia's ruling party now accepts that agreement without conditions and calls on Eritrea's government to

do the same.

"The suffering on both sides is unspeakable because the peace process is deadlocked. This must change for the sake of our common good," the chief of staff for the prime minister's office, Fitsum Arega, said on Twitter.

When the 42-year-old Abiy was installed as Ethiopia's prime minister in April his inaugural speech mentioned the need for reconciliation with bitter rival Eritrea, raising hopes of peace.

ZAMBIAN UNIVERSITY GETS UNESCO GRANT FOR WITCHCRAFT STUDIES

By Julius Oyekunle

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has given the University of Zambia \$340,000 to grant degree Programme to in witchcraft.

The training in what is referred to as Intangible Cultural Heritage will commence with the first intake comprising of 20 students.

The Zambia National Commission for UNESCO Secretary-General, Dr. Charles Ndakala, said despite efforts in safeguarding cultural heritage, there are cases of destruction of priceless cultural heritage in certain countries which threatens traditions and customs.

Ndakala stated this recently while speaking to journalists on the sidelines of a five days' workshop for the orientation of UNZA Lecturers on Intangible Cultural Heritage.

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Zambia's Higher Education Minister Professor Nkandu Luo announced that Zambia should consider research and the study of witchcraft as a science that

can be used productively for the benefit of the country.

Professor Luo said Zambian scientists can learn from the South African counterparts who have commenced studies in witchcraft in some universities.

"I could not help but think of witchcraft when I saw a mobile phone put into a box and it turned into a lady's pant!" she said during the commemoration of the World Science Day for Peace and Development dubbed: 'Recreating interest in science, technology, and innovation'.

What constitutes witchcraft under Zambian law is using "non-natural

means ... to discover where and in what manner any property supposed or alleged to have been stolen or lost may be found or to name or indicate any person as a thief or as the perpetrator of any crime or any other act complained of."

Lily Gray, a representative from UNESCO's liaison office to the United Nations in New York said she wasn't aware of the specifics concerning the funding of the University of Zambia's degree program but didn't believe witchcraft would be funded.

Even though the practice of witchcraft is culturally embedded in Zambian culture, the country, it is also illegal.

VOLKSWAGEN TO ASSEMBLE CARS IN RWANDA

By Julius Oyekunle



A car assembly plant owned by Volkswagen will take off in Kigali's Special Economic Zone.

The German car-maker will assemble the Hatchback Polo and Passat models in the East African country.

Using the Uber car sharing model, the firm plans to start with about 150 vehicles for car pooling through an online platform.

Another 150 vehicles will be produced for the ride hailing service.

According to Volkswagen South Africa CEO Thomas Schafer, the Kigali plant is expected to employ between 500 to 1,000 people.

The cars will be mostly for export due to its high cost of production to other African nations and will remain unaffordable for the average Rwandan. The per capita income is \$724 a year as of 2017 estimates.

"Rwanda is a young, modern and digital country, and because of that it is perfectly suited for new, interconnected mobility services," Schafer said. Volkswagen seeks to

expand its presence in East Africa after opening an assembly plant in Kenya in September 2016.

President Paul Kagame said Africa should not be a dumping ground for secondhand items, and that African consumers will be among the biggest contributors to global demand in the coming years. "Africa and Rwanda deserve better and this is one way of showing we can afford it," he said.

In 2017, over 300,000 cars registered in Rwanda, a country of 12 million people, according to revenue authority records. Most of the cars were imported as used vehicles from Japan. This new initiative it is hoped, will reduce the country's reliance on Asia for cars and boost the economy and reduce time wasting as a result of insufficient public transport.

TANZANIAN ENVOY REQUESTS NIGERIAN TEACHERS

By Julius Oyekunle



Muhidin Moweto

The High Commissioner of Tanzania to Nigeria, Muhidin Moweto, has made a plea for the deployment of more Nigerian teachers and factories in the country.

Moweto said this after presenting his Letter of Credence to President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, recently also expressed gratitude to the Federal Government for posting 41 teachers to Tanzania under the Technical Aid Corps programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The envoy admired the presence and positive roles of Nigerian firms in the South African country, particularly in the manufacturing and banking sectors.

"My primary objective is to strengthen and enhance existing relations of both nations and to take our economic ties to a new height. We need more Dangotes (companies) in Tanzania to help in developing the country," the envoy said.

The High Commissioner also conveyed the appreciation of the President of Zanzibar, which is a semi-autonomous region within Tanzania, to Buhari

for the deployment of 41 Nigerians teachers in the region.

"The teachers are doing very well," Moweto said, appealing for the deployment of more Nigerian teachers to Tanzania.

The President, however, said that Nigeria was ready to boost bilateral ties with Tanzania, for the benefit of citizens of both countries.

He said both countries had a lot of potentials which could make them key economic actors in the region.

The President congratulated the Government of Tanzania on the recent discovery of gas reserves in the coast region, noting that it offered a lot of opportunities for the country.

"Nigeria and Tanzania have a lot of potentials. We will do our best to improve relations, which dates back to the pre-colonial era," Buhari said.



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OPINION

FROM THE DOCTOR'S DESK

THE WAILING WAILER

Mr. William Henry Gates was born on 28th October 1955 in Seattle, Washington United States of America (USA); a business magnate, investor, author, philanthropist, humanitarian, and principal founder of Microsoft Corporation. During his career at Microsoft, he held the positions of chairman, CEO and chief software architect, while also being the largest individual shareholder until May 2014. In 1975, Gates and Paul Gardner Allen launched Microsoft, which became the world's largest PC software company.

He led the company as chief executive officer until stepping down in January 2000, but he remained as chairman and created the position of chief software architect for himself. In June 2006, Gates declared that he would be transitioning from full-time work at Microsoft to part-time work and full-time work at the Bill and Melinda Ann Gates Foundation, which was established in 2000. He gradually transferred his duties to Ray Ozzie and Craig Mundie and stepped down as chairman of Microsoft in February 2014 and assumed a new post as technology adviser to support the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Satya Narayana Nadella.

However, Gates is one of the best-known entrepreneurs of the personal computer revolution. He has been carped for his business maneuvers, which have been considered anti-competitive. This opinion has been upheld by numerous court rulings. Since 1987,

Gates has been included in the Forbes list of the world's wealthiest people, an index of the wealthiest documented individuals, excluding and ranking against those with wealth that is not able to be completely established.

From 1995 to 2017, he held the Forbes title of the richest person in the world all but four of those years, and held it consistently from March 2014 to July 2017, with an estimated net worth of US\$89.9 billion as of October 2017. Furthermore, on July 27, 2017, and since October 27, 2017, he has been surpassed by Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Preston Bezos, who had an estimated net worth of US\$90.6 billion at the time.

Later in his career and since leaving Microsoft, Gates pursued several philanthropic endeavors and donated large amounts of money to various charitable organizations and scientific research programs through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2009, Gates and Warren Buffett founded The Giving Pledge, whereby they and other billionaires pledge to give at least half of their wealth to philanthropy. The foundation works to save lives and improve global health and is working with Rotary International to eliminate polio.

Furthermore, Mr. Bill Gates, Microsoft founder was in Nigeria recently, but he ended up violating the official interpretation of "table manners" in Nigeria's corridors of power. When you are a guest in people's home, you do not count

their nine toes one by one. It is an indispensable part of African tradition and culture that when people host you in their homes, treat you with courtesy, open their doors to you, even if the dinner they serve you is the worst you have ever had, you are still required to say pleasant words. According to Bill Gates, I do not enjoy speaking to you this bluntly when you have been gracious enough to invite me here

He had a singular audience with the President, he was also a special guest at one of the most memorable weddings on the Nigerian social calendar: the wedding of Alhaji Aliko Dangote's daughter to the son of a former Inspector General of Police, IGP Mohammed Dikko Abubakar. Mr. Gates was also invited as a Special Guest to the meeting of Nigeria's National Economic Council and was given the opportunity to make a speech and he simply proceeded to tell Nigerian leaders that they are not doing enough to help their people.

More so, the only problem is that Bill Gates chose to determine his own table manners. He did not come to Nigeria to "eat". He is not a contractor; he is not looking for an oil bloc, and he obviously has no plans to take a Nigerian wife. He was in a manner of speaking, putting his mouth where his money is. "I have been coming here regularly since 2006", according to Gates. He defined his bona fide further: The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has spent about \$1.6 bil-

lion in Nigeria's health sector trying to make the lives of Nigerians better, that is more than 500 billion Naira and that's Mr. Gates' hard-earned money. He reiterated that with the money I have been lucky enough to earn at Microsoft, we started working toward a different goal: a healthy and productive life for everyone.

That is why I come to Nigeria, and that's why Melinda and I will continue coming for as long as we are able. Our foundation's biggest office in Africa is here. We have committed over \$1.6 billion in Nigeria so far, and we plan to increase our commitment. We have strong relationships with the federal government, state governments, businesses, NGOs, and civil society organizations. We are eager to support you as you work to make Nigeria a global economic powerhouse that provides an opportunity for all its residents.

Also Mr. Gates' speech was not just about "im-mense promise; it was also about the seeming reluctance of the Nigerian state to confront the hard facts and avoid the risks of failing to commit fully to the development of human capital in Nigeria. He took one good look at the Nigerian government's Economic Recovery and Growth Plan" and dismissed it claiming it does little to develop human capital. He also believes that a lot more can be done to develop the health, agriculture and education sectors.

While it may difficult to transform Nigeria overnight, given the extent of the rot, the decline is

because something has gone erroneous with the nexus between leadership, democracy and public opinion in Nigeria. Those in the corridors of power, perhaps because of the triumph of politics over rationality, have resolved to filter everything through the lens of partisanship – religious, ethnic and political. Every critical opinion is dismissed as the opinion of a wailing wailer – not Bob Nesta Marley's "Wailing Wailers" – no certainly not in that sense. The Nigerian "wailing wailer" is dismissed as a frustrated person, an irritant, claiming to know how best Nigeria should be run, because his or her party, God-fathers, kinsmen, associates or members of the same religious faith are no longer in power. Every contrary opinion is therefore dismissed as procured; every contribution is rejected except it comes as a perfumed eulogy.

He cannot be accused of ethnic bias, or religious or political partisanship. He would also feel insulted if he were to hear that some Nigerians have been saying that he is probably echoing the thoughts of some Nigerians, acting as their spokesperson. Among many Nigerians, the label "wailing wailer" has since been adopted as a badge of honor. The "wailing" citizens of Nigeria are, like Mr. Gates, frustrated with what Nigeria has become in the light of what it can become, and the opportunities that have been wasted. The people have expected a change in their circumstances for so long, but change is so long in coming. Even when

the change that the people were promised in 2015 has turned out to be a myth, they are like Mr. Gates still asking for change – real change. Nigerians like other human beings just want to be happy. They want a country that works. They want exactly all those basic things of life that Mr. Gates outlined in his speech: they want their needs to be addressed.

Although Mr. Gates' place in Nigeria is tied in the health sector, to help the Nigerian people through their governments and other institutions to fulfill these expectations. And to that end, he has committed \$1.6 billion from 2006 to date. To be sure, his speech is not quite a criticism of the Buhari administration. He may have cited the Buhari government's Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP), but I think, in a sense, he may just have felt the same way about the Olusegun Obasanjo government, the Umaru Musa Yar'Adua eight-point agenda, the Good luck Ebere Jonathan Transformation Agenda, and the efforts of the various state governments he has had cause to work with. He has offered us an informed commentary on the Nigerian state since 2006 as he has seen it. His speech is a comment on the leadership elite in Nigeria, he calls them out on the duty they owe their people and the need to do more in terms of policy thrust and execution.

But there is a aroma of frustration and disappointment in that

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THE "JUNE 12" MATTER AND YARI'S U-TURN

Afolabi Gambari

Whoever advised President Muhammadu Buhari to make what has now been regarded as "June 12 Declaration" did a fantastic job. But if he had advised himself, it's all well and good. The ultimate advantage belongs to Nigeria; the more so to ease the tension across the land.

The fact that the individuals that were invited by President Buhari to Abuja for the investiture of the GCFR honour on the June 12 presidential election standard bearer, late Chief MKO Abiola, reflected the ethnic representation of the country, as well as gave long-awaited honour to the deserved who include Prof. Wole

Soyinka, Chief Frank Ovie Kori and late Chief Gani Fawehinmi.

The event wore a choreographed look, even if it was not exactly so.

Hafsat Abiola-Costello delivered a moving speech on behalf of his family, in which she asked Buhari to forgive whatever sin her father might have committed against the incumbent president in the past.

Muhammed Fawehinmi also declared Buhari as the "most listening president" Nigeria ever had. But Soyinka's speech was vintage the Nobel laureate. It seemed a laceration, yet it was measured to hit its target. The scholar had queried why Buhari should

see former military head of state late Sani Abacha as a benevolent leader than a brutal one. He seemed to speak the minds of many Nigerians who felt Abacha's reign had better not be remembered, let alone accorded any regard whatsoever. Soyinka knew exactly what he was saying: the world renowned figure was a victim of Abacha's inglorious five-year rule when he along with like minds had to either settle for life in exile or remain home to put their lives on the line.

Nonetheless, the event highlighted that Nigeria's unity can always be bemoaned by any leader with nationalistic fervor. Not a few people have thought warmly of the Abuja event, although

it lasted only a few hours.

In the same vein, however, not a few persons would now hope that the justice the Federal Government sought to achieve by honouring the "June 12" heroes should spread to other sore areas of the national life. And where else than the herdsmen's mayhem that has been unleashed on almost across the country on mostly innocent people, especially in the past three years. It is bad enough that valuable properties were lost to the mayhem. But it is worse that tens of hundreds of lives of the innocent have also been lost in a manner that portrays Nigeria in savage terms to the outside world. Even worse it is that the murderous herdsmen have almost often commit-

ting the heinous acts with no challenge whatsoever from security agencies. The government of Buhari has suffered loss of goodwill based on perception that it has looked away while the herdsmen snuffed life out of their victims. It was as curious that Buhari did not use the "June 12" event in Abuja to make any pronouncement on the herdsmen scourge and the wholesome compensations due them with a view to healing the wounds inflicted on especially the victims' survivors.

A curious twist to the herdsmen's menace, however, emerged during the past week, with Zamfara State Governor Abdulaziz Yari announcing that he could no longer be security chief of his state after

alleging that his executive control of security in Zamfara had been taken away from him. It was a real capitulation-cum abdication of responsibility. It recent months, the murderous Boko Haram insurgents have exploited the somewhat Zamfara flank to perpetrate their infernal activities. God forbid that Governor Yari has seen the storm coming and taken a duck fast.

At any rate, though, the Zamfara numero uno has been taken unawares several times, suggesting he has not been at the center of security in his own state. Perhaps, then, the sudden and curious retreat is to save face after failing to live up to his people's expectation on security for their lives and property.

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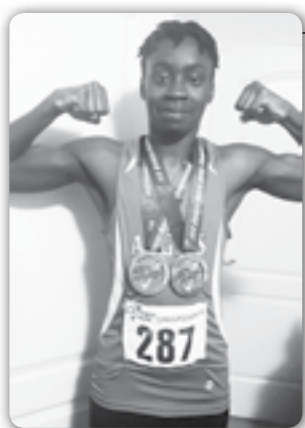
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YOUTH CORNER



OLUCHI UGOH

Another month is here and what a beautiful weather we have been enjoying. Again, I have loads of information to keep you busy. In this issue, you will find new words to add to your word bank. We hope you had fun last month with our books and of course, you can wrap up the excitement by checking out books that can inspire you to excel. Be the best by being informed. Please, enjoy and keep liking my page.

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DRAW THE CLOCK HANDS TO SHOW THE TIMES



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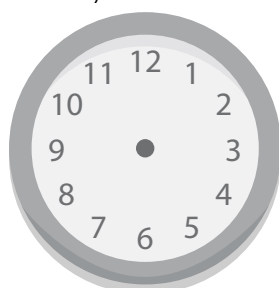
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ENGLISH

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2. Teacher librarian _____
3. Family name _____
4. Son-in-law _____
5. Commander-in-chief _____
6. Trade union _____

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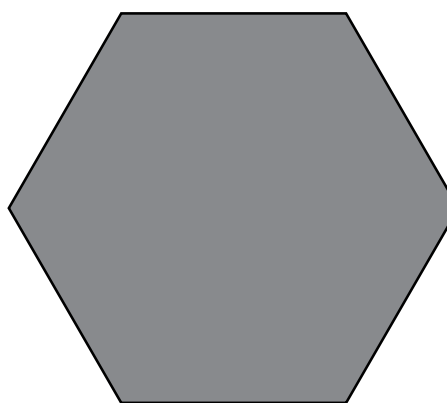
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| 1. A cough potato - <i>Someone who sits around and watches too much TV.</i> | <i>To be ill</i> | 8. Curiosity killed the cat - <i>Being too curious can get you into trouble.</i> |
| 2. Tie the knot - <i>To get married.</i> | 5. To be snowed in - <i>To be trapped in a building due to snow.</i> | 9. Bookworm - <i>Someone who reads a lot.</i> |
| 3. A piece of cake - <i>Something very easy to do.</i> | 6. A cat nap - <i>Short sleep during the day</i> | 10. Eager beaver - <i>A hard working and eager person.</i> |
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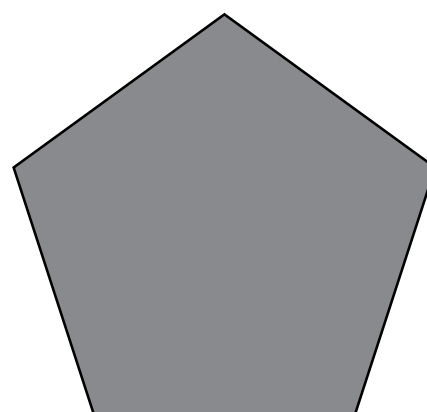
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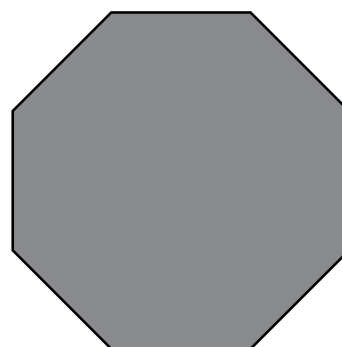
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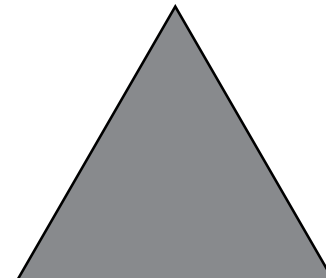
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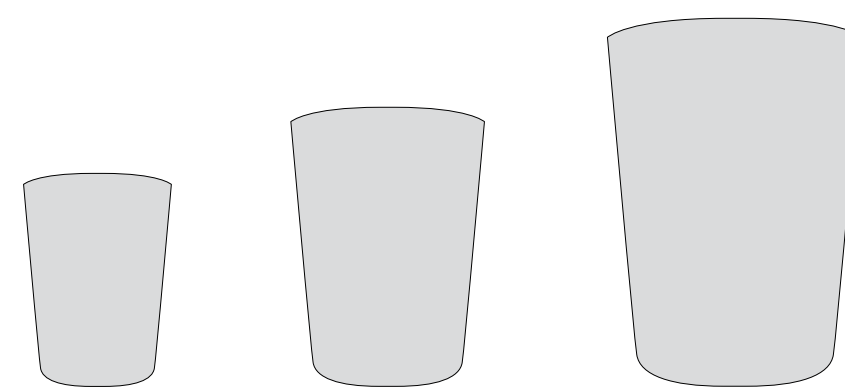
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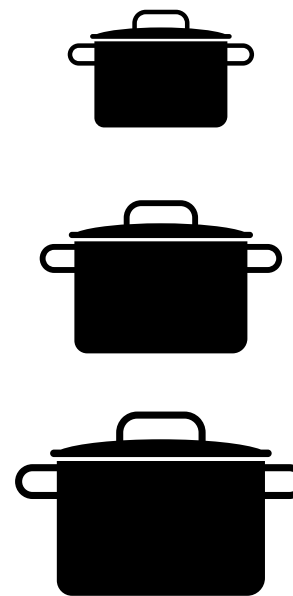
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CAPACITY

CIRCLE THE CUP THAT HOLDS THE MOST



CIRCLE THE POT THAT HOLDS THE LEAST



BOOK OF THE MONTH

There's more to pick from in this issue. Get your minds ready for a 'bookish' summer and add more value to knowledge in an amazing way. Remember readers are leaders. Impact others as you read.

GHOST BOYS

By Jewell Parker Rhodes

This amazing story underscores the need for black youths to understand history and the imprints of racism through time. A story of absolute reality with fantasy and a must read for black youths.

Jerome, 12, is shot and killed by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. He turns a ghost

and observes what his loved ones had to endure from the injustice and devastation suffered as a result of his death. Meanwhile, he's not alone. He meets another ghost, Emmett Till and together they will travel through time to unravel this pattern of racism with the help of another ghost - the daughter of his killer.



BUSINESS

TOP 3 WAYS SMALL BUSINESSES CAN KEEP STAFF MOTIVATED

(NC) It's no secret the holidays are a stressful time for everyone, from shoppers to business owners, service providers and especially customer support teams. This time of year brings on a higher volume of customer issues, which can lead to some highly emotional moments.

The good news is that innovative technology tools like customer relationship management, or CRM for short, are designed to help teams collaborate and increase productivity by enabling the sharing of files and working on projects together, thereby helping every employee do more with less.

In a recent survey of small and medium-sized business owners by Salesforce, the global leader in CRM, 47 per cent of companies said meeting customer expectations was among their biggest growth challenges. Of course, giving employees additional training can help, but 57 per cent of firms said costs and time investments often get in the way.

In order to shine during this critical time and maximize your holiday efforts, your support team needs to provide superior customer service. Here are a few other ways CRM can help:

Increase product knowledge. Sales associates need the right technology to better serve their customers. They need access to inventory, sizing

information and manufacturing details so they can quickly answer questions and get the right products into their customers' hands. They also need it to be easy — 96 per cent of those surveyed cited "ease of use" as the most important factor when bringing on new tools.

Deliver a personal experience. Small businesses that embrace CRM tools powered by artificial intelligence, for example, can provide staff with more personalized offers for customers, making them feel known, valued and noticed. Customers are more willing than ever to trade information for relevant, personalized and tailored shopping experiences. Take them up on this and you'll earn their loyalty. In fact, 51 per cent of small and medium businesses said AI capabilities are important to any new tools they use.

Solve issues quickly. If a customer buys a pair of pants online, you should know all about that purchase if they come into the store. Right now, 59 per cent of small businesses say their business data (like marketing, sales and support) is connected, but there are obviously more who should do the same. Make shopping a seamless, easy experience regardless of where customers connect with your brand. This will save on frustration and make your sales staff heroes when it comes to solving issues quickly.

PURDUE PHARMA LAYS OFF SALES TEAM



By Julius Oyekunle

Purdue Pharma LP, the company that made OxyContin a household name, has laid off its sales team.

According to Robert Josephson, a spokesman

for the privately held Stamford, Conn.-based company, it laid off a total of 350 employees will lose their jobs in a sweeping move to reorganize the company. About half of them were charged with selling the company's products, which include the painkillers, sleep medications, laxatives as well as antiseptics and dietary supplements.

The company received approval for OxyContin in 1995, and the drug was originally prescribed as a painkiller for cancer patients and those suffering with intense ongoing pain.

The personnel cuts mean that Purdue no longer has sales staff interacting with doctors regarding prescription medicines.

The company still has 550 employees. It was incorporated in 1991 and at

COURT APPROVES AT&T TAKEOVER OF TIME WARNER

AT&T has announced that it has completed the acquisition of Time Warner. The announcement comes two days after a judge ruled that the deal does not violate antitrust laws.

The deal, now finalized, combines one of the world's largest telecom carriers with one of the world's largest media organizations.

Judge Richard Leon ruled in favor of AT&T's \$85 billion acquisition of Time Warner, rejecting the government's antitrust objections.

AT&T argued the deal was critical to its survival in an industry increasingly dominated by Netflix, Face-

book and other newcomers. The Justice Department said a combination would harm competition and raise prices for consumers.

With the closing of the deal, AT&T now owns dozens of brands, as well as the rights to some of the most popular shows on TV. It has quite a bunch of cable channels, and if the worst fears about programming disputes play out, AT&T could black those channels out from your pay TV provider during a dispute.

This means that brands such as HBO, TBS, Turner, Warner Bros, New Line Cinemas, CNN, DC Entertainment have all been



acquired by At&T.

Trump had criticized the merger prior to his election victory in 2016. Time Warner and AT&T first proposed the merger in October 2016, ahead of the presidential election. According to him, "AT&T is buying Time Warner,

and thus CNN, a deal we will not approve in my administration because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few," Trump said at a campaign rally in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, citing it as "an example of the power structure I am fighting."

8 SACRIFICES ENTREPRENEURS SHOULD MAKE TO SUCCEED

If you truly want to succeed as an entrepreneur, there are sacrifices you will have to make. Some of these sacrifices may not be easy, but they are for your benefit.

In today's post, I am going to share 8 sacrifices you should consider closely to enhance the possibilities of having success as an entrepreneur.

Be sure and read through to the end as I have a special offer for you.

And don't worry, we are civilized so we are not talking throwing people off cliffs or burning them at the stake.

Sacrifices For Success

#1: Stability

Many people have become adapted to the stability of their 9 to 5 job. Knowing when to get up, the days off and primary daily tasks that must be completed.

As an entrepreneur, stability is not found. There may be some days when sleep is an obsolete word. Days off? What is that? And daily tasks change hourly.

You MUST sacrifice stability!

Sacrifices For Success

#2: Some Friends

There are just some people who can drag us down to their negative frame of mind. Everyone of us have had some friends

who fit into that zone.

There is a point where we must de-friend those of these people or our success will be fleeting.

Sacrifices For Success

#3: Security

Even if it is a calculated risk, it is still a risk.

That security we once had with our finances in a savings account or CD's now will become a huge risk as we "gamble" on the business ventures we undertake.

Sacrifices For Success

#4: Free Time

Gone will be those times when you "plop" on the couch to watch reality shows, soap operas and American Idol.

You need to have a mindset that unproductive activities like those above are erased from existence.

Sure, there will be a day you can watch the "boob-tube," but by that time, you probably will not want to.

Sacrifices For Success

#5: Social Life

Going right along with the free time sacrifice, your social life can get hit hard too!

If you really want to have entrepreneurial success, you may have to cut the Friday night dances, Saturday movies and

Wednesday bar run.

Sacrifices For Success

#6: Income

Believe me, when starting a business, you will probably take a drastic reduction in pay.

The majority of businesses do not go in the black in the first year. And most of the profits need to be put back into business operations.

When starting a business, it is wise to have a strong savings to help you maintain until the business can provide you the income you expect.

To add to this, most financial experts will tell you it can be bad if a business is in the black the first year. Because the IRS will come knocking hard.

Sacrifices For Success

#7: Hobbies

Most of you know that I love golf. Especially when I hit that hole in one with the great basketball legend, Julius (Dr J) Irving as a witness.

But early in my entrepreneur life, golf had to be set on the back-burner.

By doing that, I was able to grow my businesses and I can now play golf on a regular basis... And on better courses with better clubs.

Sacrifices For Success

ing its opioid-based medicines. It discontinued its program of having sales staff call on physicians across the country to push the painkillers for sale. The

move represented a significant departure from the company culture which included aggressively marketing the painkillers that Purdue is known with.

UK APPOINTS TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR AFRICA



On Wednesday 20 June, the UK International Trade Secretary, Dr Liam Fox MP appointed Emma Wade-Smith OBE as HM Trade Commissioner for Africa.

The appointment will be of particular importance as the UK seeks out new trade opportunities, particularly with Africa, post Brexit.

More than £28 billion of goods and services were traded between the UK and African countries in 2016. The continent is also home to 4 of the top 6 fastest-growing economies in the world (Libya, Ethiopia, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire) and opportunities in infrastructure alone are worth £62 billion a year.

The appointment will build on the UK's position as a leading partner for Africa's peace, security and prosperity – supporting trade, investment and job growth.

British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Guy Warrington said: "Trade is at the heart of our approach to Africa and I am delighted by the appointment. HM

Trade Commissioners play a critical role in our international economic department and will have more autonomy to do what works best in their region to improve trade with key markets of the future. With young and growing populations, and the world's fastest-growing middle class, there is huge potential for British businesses to create modern trading partnerships across Africa. Emma will help unlock the continent's potential, supporting jobs, growth and prosperity in the UK and Africa."

All of the new HMTCS will cooperate closely with HM Ambassadors and High Commissioners, the wider diplomatic network, and other UK Government colleagues based in countries in their region, in a joined-up and coordinated Government effort overseas to promote UK trade and prosperity. In total, there will be nine HM Trade Commissioners, with seven now appointed

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HARLEY-DAVIDSON THREATENED WITH HIGH TAX BY TRUMP

US President, Donald Trump has accused Harley-Davidson Inc. of using new tariffs on trade as cover to shift some production abroad as he threatened the motorcycle manufacturer with a "big tax" on bikes imported to the U.S.

After the 2016 election, Trump had been a huge fan of Harley-Davidson workers for having "supported us big league" when he welcomed executives from the company to the White House. It however seems that the romance between the two love birds has ended when the company said in a government filing that it may move some production outside the U.S. in response to European retaliation for the president's tariffs on imported metals.

"When I had Harley-

Davidson officials over to the White House, I chided them about tariffs in other countries, like India, being too high. Companies are now coming back to America. Harley must know that they won't be able to sell back into U.S. without paying a big tax!", Trump wrote in a tweet.

The manufacturing giant had said it was due to the impact of the tariff on EU influenced her decision. "To address the substantial cost of this tariff burden long-term, Harley-Davidson will be implementing a plan to shift production of motorcycles for EU destinations from the U.S. to its international facilities to avoid the tariff burden," the company said.

Harley shares fell almost 1 per cent immediately after the announcement

and may witness further decline in coming weeks. The one per cent decline was the biggest drop in almost five months. The stock is down 18 per cent this year.

Trump did not hide his displeasure about the company's decision, saying he was surprised the motorcycle manufacturer "would be the first to wave the White Flag."

In a subsequent tweet, Trump said the U.S. is managing to get other countries to lower existing tariffs and barriers that he said have been in place for years through bad deals. "We are opening up closed markets and expanding our footprint. They must play fair or they will pay tariffs!" he said in another post.

In the mean time, office of House Speaker Paul



Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican who has opposed Trump's move to impose tariffs, said the company's announcement was evidence of the detrimental effect of the president's trade policy.

"This is further proof of the harm from unilateral tariffs," AshLee Strong, a Ryan spokeswoman said. "The best way to help American workers, consumers, and manufacturers is to open new markets for them, not to raise barriers to our own market", she lamented.

PASSENGERS SUE SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

By NCNC Staff

Passengers are suing Southwest Airlines over a flight from New York that suffered an engine failure in April this year, killing one woman on board.

Eight passengers and the husband of a passenger say the airline was negligent and failed to properly maintain the 737 aircraft.

Flight 1380 was on its way to Dallas when debris from an engine hit a

window, causing the plane to depressurize.

The sad event occurred on April 17 after an engine exploded about 20 minutes into the flight at an altitude of 32,500 feet, causing Jennifer Riordan to be almost ripped apart by slaying engines.

The agonizing effects on the mental, emotional and psychological state of the passengers reflected in the suit against the airlines.

"During the excruciating moments following the explosion, the plaintiffs endured the horrific fear of a plane crash - suddenly and unexpectedly, they were facing death," the lawsuit claims.

The suit was filed in Manhattan Supreme Court and also claimed that "Southwest Airlines negligently failed to reasonably monitor, inspect, test service, maintain and repair the aircraft and engine."

The accident left the businesswoman hanging

half outside a shattered window.

Jennifer Riordan, a mother of two from New Mexico, was pronounced dead after the flight made an emergency landing at Philadelphia International Airport with part of an engine cover ripped off and a window damaged.

The engine had blown off as a result of what experts call "metal fatigue," according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

shocked the wine and restaurant industry. Ottawa-area restaurants have also pulled Hardie's wines from their shelves.

LCBO WON'T RESTOCK NORMAN HARDIE WINE AMID SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

LCBO 'WILL NOT BE PLACING NEW ORDERS' OF NORMAN HARDIE WINE, STATEMENT SAYS

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) says it will not restock Norman Hardie products in its stores amid allegations of sexual misconduct against the Ontario winemaker.

"Current inventory of Norman Hardie brand products will remain available

at LCBO stores; however we will not be placing new orders at this time," said a statement issued by the LCBO on Twitter.

The Globe and Mail published an investigation alleging a "pattern of alleged sexual advances and sexual harassment" against

Hardie, the founder of an esteemed winery and vineyard who has been credited for putting Prince Edward County on the map as a Canadian wine destination.

CBC News has not independently verified any such claims.

The allegations have

shocked the wine and restaurant industry. Ottawa-area restaurants have also pulled Hardie's wines from their shelves.

The LCBO says it "may make further determinations as more information becomes available."

Source: www.cbc.ca

SAUDI ARABIA INVITES RUSSIA TO JOIN OPEC

By N.Ugoh

Khalid Al-Falih, Saudi energy minister says Riyadh has invited Russia to join the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) as an observer.

"We have invited Russia to join as an observer. We believe they are considering it," Al-Falih stated this during a news conference as part of the country's move to regularize fuel output.

"I can assure that the

entire membership of OPEC would welcome Russia," the minister added.

OPEC members and other major producers agreed to raise their oil production, easing the constraints of the output curb agreement.

BOOKS - EDITOR'S PICK

FICTION & NON FICTION BOOKS

This book provides you with 37 separate daily habits that will completely change your life and health for the better. Along with discovering what these habits are, you will also learn why they are beneficial for your health to add into your life, followed by a step-by-step Action Plan that shows you EXACTLY how you can implement in your life immediately!

SHE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE

BY JASHEEM WILSON

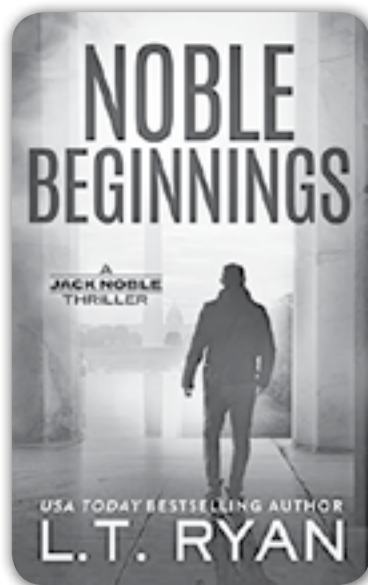


To individuals who judge others by their actions, it is through this suspense filled thriller that readers can understand how things could go wrong.

Born in California to a family that can be categorized as just enough, Scheyenne Henrietta Iverson is ready to pick her pieces after her family got destroyed by a mysterious fire the same day her brother disappeared. Sex, drugs and alcohol aren't going to restore her except and of course, the suspense becomes unbelievable.

NOBLE BEGINNINGS:

BY L.T. RYAN

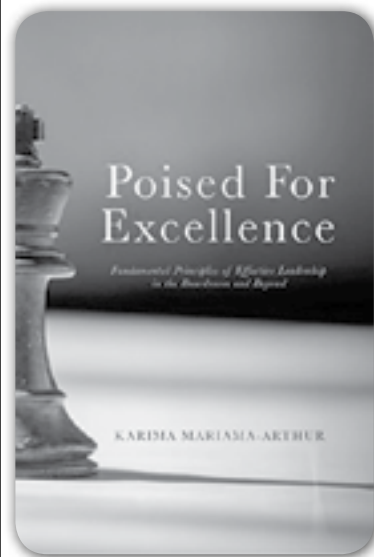


Find solace in this epic thriller and discover again that in an evil world, good still prevail if we remain undaunted.

Afghanistan has been torn apart by war and now a young Marine's life is about to unravel through his first hand experience. Jack though on loan with the CIA soon finds out that he's nothing more than a security personnel who is being watched in Baghdad. With her ex-girlfriend, Jessica they must continually be on the run as it seems they are being trailed, however, except they find answers to problems that brought them in the first instance.

BUSINESS

BY KARIMA MARIAMA-ARTHUR



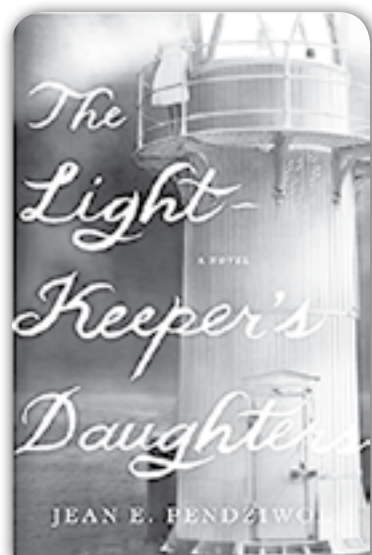
Poised for Excellence: Fundamental Principles of Effective Leadership in the Boardroom and Beyond:

For leaders and indeed those poised for leadership, this is a guide book that offers explicit and practical tools to set you apart. It is life molding.

Excellence in leadership isn't a one-way thing. As Karima observed, the pathway to stand out involves a conscious decision and approach which requires learning and focus. Our approach in the boardroom and beyond is determined by our bold decisions and conclusion reached on any questions that could be raised before the implementation of major decisions.

THE LIGHTKEEPER'S DAUGHTERS

BY JEAN E. PENDZIWO

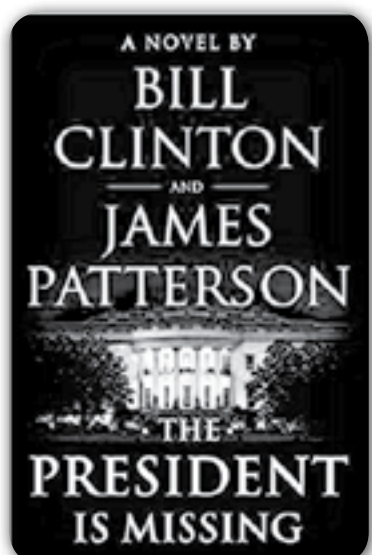


Though her mind is still sharp, Elizabeth's eyes have failed. No longer able to linger over her beloved books or gaze at the paintings that move her spirit, she fills the void with music and memories of her family—a past that suddenly becomes all too present when her late father's journals are found amid the ruins of an old shipwreck.

With the help of Morgan, a delinquent teenage performing community service, Elizabeth goes through the diaries, a journey through time that brings the two women closer together...

THE PRESIDENT IS MISSING

BY JAMES PATTERSON & BILL CLINTON



The President Is Missing confronts a threat so huge that it jeopardizes not just Pennsylvania Avenue and Wall Street, but all of America. Uncertainty and fear grip the nation. There are whispers of cyberterrorism and espionage and a traitor in the Cabinet. Even the President himself becomes a suspect, and then he disappears from public view...

Set over the course of three days, The President Is Missing sheds a stunning light upon the inner workings and vulnerabilities of our nation. Filled with information that only a former Commander-in-Chief could know, this is the most authentic, terrifying novel to come along

IF ONLY MY HUSBAND WOULD CHANGE, I'D BE HAPPY

BY RHONDA STOPPE



The expectation of most couples for a happy ever after marriage may be cut short due to realities and circumstances beyond husband and wife. Rhonda offers a down to earth approach to stay happy and still committed.

She addresses issues that border on; understanding your husband's need for your unconditional respect, rekindling the love that drew you to your husband in the first place and not accepting the lies that you'd be happier married to someone else, learning to be content in the midst of financial struggles and sexual relationship.

TO THE RESCUE

SAY NO TO CORRUPTION - CHAPTER FOUR PG. 70

By Pastor Dele Dada



to exchange it for genuine naira. We shall be the big suppliers to you. I have already bought another car for my fiancée. If you have a car and bought a car for Tosin, this issue of her foot dragging in accepting your proposal will not arise. The girl is just telling you spirituality with poverty is not her portion. She wants you as a Christian, but as a rich Christian. Or you

have not heard that the only language that women understand is money? Let me tell you when our mothers were courting, their principle of life was 'Surulere' (meaning patience has its reward), but this time around what ladies want is 'olorunsogo', (meaning ready-made soup, a finished man, no more struggle.) Harrison said with confidence and laughter.

"Harrison, this is not for me, count me out of this. But you know I am a Christian. Why are you proposing this to me?" He said still looking serious and baffled "what are you young people doing in the name of making fast money. Please never you approach me with this kind of business opportunity again in your life. Kola said with annoyance and clarity.

"Did I hear you say you are a Christian? Who is not a Christian, Don't I go to church. I was baptized and confirmed. All my

parents and siblings go to church. Besides you are a Christian you are waiting at the bus stop for taxi. If you have your car will you not get to school faster? Tell me which church does not need money?

You make cool money and you go to church do thanksgiving pay tithe, donate to church and charity, that is what Christianity is about. Nowadays people don't worship God under trees, dilapidated building but, architecturally distinguished building, church buildings with full air-conditioning. Go to this church in Lekki you will see them. So don't use that as covering. This business is for Christians. Harrison said trying to convince Kola to change his mind. I will branch at my house briefly and you will see bags of fake currencies."

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WELLBEING

3 PROVEN WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR CONFIDENCE

Confidence has a hypnotic effect on people.

The first time I recognized it was at a flamenco show in Barcelona a few years back. I was mesmerized by the performance of a beautiful full-figured middle-aged woman. I couldn't keep my eyes off her as she danced. My friends and I eventually dubbed her "the most confident woman in the world."

It was like she bathed in a tub full of confidence on a daily basis. I knew if I had just a piece of what she exuded while on that stage, I would be unstoppable.

There's data to back that up. Studies show that confidence is closely correlated with success, and even more so than competence.

That's why it feels like some of the people we most associate with being successful appear to have an abundance of the coveted trait.

But the reality is, confidence is something we all

can develop and increase. Even better, science has shown us specifically how to do it.

In their book The Confidence Code, authors Katy Kay and Claire Shipman went on an extensive quest to find out how people could increase their confidence. Here's how they summarized their findings:

"And so fortunately, a substantial part of the confidence code is what psychologists call volitional: our choice. With diligent effort, we can all choose to expand our confidence. But we will get there if we stop trying to be perfect and start being prepared to fail."

Take imperfect action. Fail. Use what you learn to take action again. Repeat until you consistently get results you can feel proud and confident about.

Let's take a closer look at how to start implementing these methods:

1. Surround yourself

with confident people.

In her best-selling book Grit, Angela Duckworth explained that one of the ways to develop grit, or any other trait you aspire to have, is to spend time with a group of people who are doing what you want to do or possess the skill you desire to develop.

"The drive to fit in—to conform to the group—is powerful indeed. Some of the most important psychology experiments in history have demonstrated how quickly, and usually without conscious awareness, the individual falls in line with a group that is acting or thinking a different way."

Thus, if you struggle to be confident, start hanging around confident people. Not only will you start embodying the mindset that helps them be successful, but you'll start to latch on to the activities that enabled them to get there, too.

When I started learning how to dance Argentinian

tango, everyone I knew danced better than me. My confidence level was at zero. But they kept encouraging me to dance, to go to classes and to try new things while on the dance floor. Their confidence in me fueled my own. And their commitment to practicing to get better made it easier for me to do the same.

2. Take consistent action.

I've spent a significant amount of time studying successful entrepreneurs, performers and leaders from many different walks of life. And one of the key markers that fueled their attainment of mastery, that gave them the confidence to perform at such a high level, was taking action. Consistently.

They showed up, day in, day out, over and over again, to do the work that would help them improve their skills.

Performers who sell out stadiums around the

4 THINGS SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE DO EVERY DAY

(NC) Success seems to come easier to some people. While no one says that life is fair, many high achievers share a lot in common, specifically around their daily habits. If you're looking to accomplish your goals and advance your career, here are three habits you can emulate:

1. **Ask for help.** Successful people know that you can't get far in life on your own. Whether it's seeking advice from a mentor or delegating work to a team member, you will need help from the people around you to get where you want to go.

2. **Take care of your body.** Physical health impacts your overall mindset. By working out regularly and eating healthy, you will not only have more

energy to conquer the work week, you will feel better about yourself.

3. **Take care of your mouth.** Make sure you're exercising good oral health as well. By upgrading to an electric toothbrush like the new Philips Sonicare ProtectiveClean, you can improve your gum health and whiten your teeth. This gentle yet effective clean will give you the confidence you need to succeed.

4. **Get home for dinner.** What good is success if you have no one to share it with? The people we most envy in life have more than wealth, they have loving families to come home to. No matter what career goals you're pursuing, make sure you have work-life balance.

world, pro-athletes who dominate their sport, entrepreneurs who appear to have the magic touch—all of them invested significant time in the trenches taking the actions necessary that enabled them to get so good that they could not be ignored.

Confidence comes from knowing you are capable of completing a task to your level of satisfaction. You can't think your way to that kind of confidence. Deliberate action (not merely busyness) produces the know-how you need.

Data proves this, as well. Dan Chambliss is a sociologist who spent years studying Olympic swimmers and what enabled them to perform at such a high level. "Superlative performance is really a confluence of dozens of small skills or activities, each one learned or stumbled upon, which have been carefully drilled into habit and then are fitted together in a synthesized whole. There is nothing extraordinary or superhuman in any one of those actions; only the fact that they are done consistently and correctly, and all together, produce excellence."

When excellence becomes your habit, confidence will be a natural byproduct. And the only way to develop a habit is to do the work over and over again.

3. **Fail your way to mastery.** You don't get to mastery without a string of failures that point you in the right direction to deliver predictable high-quality results.

Of course, nobody wants to fail. But if you want to succeed, that is exactly

what you have to get more comfortable doing.

Failure leaves clues as to how to succeed. And success breeds confidence.

The more often you fail, the more knowledge you obtain about what works and what doesn't. The more insight you have about how to produce a hit, the easier it becomes for you to be confident that the path you are moving along will bring you the results you desire. The more progress you make, the less likely you have your confidence destroyed when something doesn't go your way.

Seth Godin is an 18-time best-selling author. Before he published any of his best-sellers, he spent 10 years as a book packager, producing a book a month. Producing 120 books, many of which sold very little, taught him many things about how to deliver work his audience wanted to buy.

James Dyson spent 15 years producing more than 5,000 prototypes before he developed the one that launched his billion dollar vacuum company. He wrote:

"There were tough times, but each failure brought me closer to solving the problem."

You can become more confident no matter your starting point. It all starts with recognizing that you can develop the competence you need to be excellent. And then, of course, you've got to take the necessary actions that will help you get there.

In time, as your skills grow, so will your confidence, the mesmerizing effect you have on people and your level of success.

Source: www.success.com

AFRICAN FASHION



TORONTO DRIVE-BY SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

By N.Ugoh

Toronto, Canada – Police have announced that an undisclosed woman was recently shot dead in drive-by shooting.

Jenas Nyarko, 31, was coming from a funeral when she was struck and killed. She was sitting in the back seat of a vehicle.

According to a statement by Mark Saunders; the Toronto police Chief, they are currently working on stopping the growing "street gang subculture". This is the 47th homicide this year and the fourth in the city in 24 hours.

Authorities released a video footage in which a silver SUV is seen moving around a neighborhood before slowing down when passing another vehicle.



Jenas Nyarko, 31

Police have said that a shot was fired from the SUV. The police have not released any details about the suspect but they confirmed that the SUV continued to fire other shots as it drove away.

Saunders said that the shooters should stay

warned that the long arm of the law will catch up with them once they are done with the investigations.

Nyarko worked at a shelter. She moved in from Ghana in 2001. She was in the car with three of her friends when she died.

There is no evidence to suggest that Nyarko or her friends were potential targets of the shooter, this is according to Detective David Dickinson of the homicide squad. He also suggested that it is likely that the shooters live in another area and they just shot the first person they saw.

Investigators have also said that there is no connection between this shooting and the other recent homicide cases.

John Tory; the To-

ronto Mayor has also addressed the issue while recently speaking at the Pride Parade. He said that the city is ready to give the police all the resources they need to stop these killings. He revealed that he had spoken to the police chief who assured him that they were doing everything in their power to get rid of these murderers. He also said that his office and the police department would continue responding quickly when dealing with issues like these.

The police have asked members of the public to contact them if they know anything about the shooting incidence. The investigators are currently in the process of doing an autopsy.

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charges needs to be done.

7. Barriers: The PC Party in its campaign manifesto promised to fight bureaucracy impeding housing development projects. It is expected that the Premier will work with the Government in addressing the existing barriers.

8. Transit Development: With Premier, Doug Ford, being an ardent supporter of massive transportation and in line with his campaign promise, it is expected that the expansion of subway lines within and outside the GTA will help support the 'places to grow' project and decongest Toronto and move people to the suburbs. The impact of this on real estate cannot be overemphasized.

When there is good transit network, people will move to suburbs where housing development is affordable and at the same time being connected with other commercial communities.

These expectations may be huge but if the new Government can take on these, we will see housing stock that will be affordable and available.

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"I'm involved in this, and I wouldn't do that if I wasn't sure she'd be perfect for you. Besides, I prayed."

"You prayed? To get a wife for me? Very interesting. Well, I'll have you know that I have found someone." Femi revealed.

"That's good, but still, I'd like you to meet this person and pray about it." She insisted. "She's just perfect for you."

Femi laughed. He tried again to get out of the plan. "I said I have found my own person."

"I know but ... Pastor Femi ... just meet this person, that's all. Besides, you have nothing to lose by coming, you will eat."

"And who is this wonderful person you are talking about? How well do you know her?"

"I know her very well. She's my cousin."

Femi laughed. "This is becoming more interesting. Your cousin? Are you serious?"

"Yeah. What's bad in that? The fact that she's my cousin doesn't mean a thing if ..."

"Can I talk to your hus-

band?"

"No, not yet. Promise me you'll come. Pleeese?"

"Alright, I'll come but I haven't promised anything. I will say hello to your cousin, eat your food and leave. And please, don't say anything to the woman about me. Is that okay?"

"Okay."

"Can I talk to your husband now?"

"Yes."

When Jaye came on the line, Femi asked him, "What part of 'I have found my own woman' does your wife not understand?"

"Look Femi, please just come or she won't let me rest."

"I've told her I will be there."

Grace

The next day in the afternoon, as Grace left the courtroom, she used a pink coloured fingernail to turn on her cell phone and a text message entered immediately. She checked, it was a bank alert of a money transfer from Albert. He obviously couldn't wait for her to have the abortion done, she thought with a sad smile.

She got inside her official car, fastened her seatbelt, and as she drove in the direction of her workplace, she thought about the conversation her mother had with her last night after Albert left. Ibie had expressed her opinion about Grace's relationship with Albert, adding that she wanted a good life for Grace.

Grace could still remember her exact words: "Don't think I'm being harsh or unreasonable. I'm saying all these because I want your future happiness. I want to see you married and enjoying your marriage. But if you get married to someone who does not love God, having a good marriage is not going to happen."

(To be continued)

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the council said in a statement. "Over the past two decades, US spirits exports have increased from \$575 million in 1997 to \$1.64 billion in 2017, a rise of 185%."

"However, the imposition of tariffs on these products by our major trading partners threatens to seriously impede the

export progress that has benefited our sector and created jobs across the country."

German chancellor Angela Merkel, warned that treating the EU as the "enemy" would damage US consumers.

"Europe does not want a trade conflict. We believe in a fair trade re-

game from which everybody benefits," she said.

"We have tried everything to make dialogue and mutual understanding prevail. If President Trump decides to treat Europe as an enemy, we will have no choice but to defend European industry, European jobs, European interests."

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To brand him "she man" or stingy isn't right. Just as your father has the right to be the lord of his home, so does your husband whose only offence is loving you too much. Your father is clearly out of line here.

If your husband were stingy, he won't assist your family in anyway. Insults and hostilities aren't what he deserves from your family. If the reactions of your siblings can be excused due to their inexperience in marital affairs, your father should know better. Encouraging your siblings to be rude to a man who has shown them nothing but care, is unfair to your husband who is denying himself in some areas to meet up with the responsibilities he has taken towards your family. Time is now to enlist your mother's help in discouraging your father from further weakening the position of your husband in the family. If your father thinks him a weakling, he should not be collecting his money at all.

You and your husband are the only parties in this union. If you feel so bad about this issue, call for a dialogue between the two of you. Chances are, he may be unaware of the extent of your resentment towards his decision but, talking to him about it will certainly help him understand you better.

His reason maybe encased in his love for you but if it is making you unhappy, he might just allow you be! Marriage is an ev-

erlasting book of dialogues and compromises. He won't know how you feel unless you sit him down to a peaceful meeting.

Another way you can resolve this seemingly difficult issue, is to accompany him to the market when next he goes shopping. It will help both of you work out a more acceptable routine.

As a woman, never forget the place of prayers and wisdom in the affairs of your home. To do anything without the presence and direction of God, is to give an open invite to marital anarchy.

You may not have thought about this, what happens when he agrees to step down and your house-keeping money isn't enough to stock the home? At that point he may not be so understanding or willing to part with so much money as he is doing now. Be wise. View every issue holistically before acting to avoid a backlash.

Good luck

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ernors of the state to learn that no matter how long they try to cover the track of their misconduct, the law will still catch up with them."

On Wednesday, Jolly Tavoro Nyame, born December 25, 1955 in Zing Local Government Area of Taraba, an ordained priest of UMCN, three times elect-

ed governor of Taraba State, was convicted at age 63. The judge gave him no option of fine. He will spend the next 14 years behind bars for failing to distinguish himself as a servant of God while in office; unless his conviction is overturned by the appeal court.

"We just hope that this should be a lesson to other serving and former gov-

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SPORTS

MAN JAILED FOR RACING ACROSS THE FINISH LINE IN LONDON MARATHON



Thirty-eight-year-old Stanislaw Skupian, also known as Stanley, crossed the finish line after running less than two miles with legitimate runner Jake Halliday's lost number.

He was pictured at the end of the 26.2-mile race celebrating with a medal.

Meanwhile, Police in the UK said Skupian has since been charged and appeared at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court.

The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that he pleaded guilty to one count of fraud by false representation at the hearing.

The 2018 London Marathon was held on 22 April 22 with hundreds of athletes in attendance.

The charge, detailed in court papers, states Skupian used a 'stolen race identifier for the London Marathon' and crossed the finish line.

Skupian told the Sun he spotted the lost number as he neared the finish line having jumped a barrier to join the race at the 12-mile mark.

"I had no thoughts of the person whose number it was," he said.

PAKISTAN BATSMAN TESTS POSITIVE

Ahmed Shehzad has failed a dope test and may face a minimum three-month-long suspension. The 26-year-old was reportedly tested during the Pakistan Cup, the country's domestic five-team one-day tournament, held from April 19 to May 1.

Shehzad, who played for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that went on to win the tournament, was the highest run-getter - scoring 372 runs at a towering average of 74.40. He struck three fifties and a century.

In a tweet, which was retweeted by the board chairman Najam Sethi, the PCB confirmed that a player had failed a dope test. "A player has reportedly tested positive for a prohibited substance," the tweet said.

"But under ICC rules, PCB cannot name the player or chargesheet him until the chemical report is confirmed by the Anti-Dope Agency of the government.

FIFA FINES MEXICO OVER HOMOPHOBIC CHANTS



The Mexican Football Federation (FMF) has been fined CHF 10,000 (£7,616/\$10,035) by FIFA in relation to "discriminatory and insulting chants" at the World Cup.

Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer was the latest to be targeted by an alleged homophobic slur, a common chant among the Mexican fans who have been warned about its use and asked to avoid it by players, as he prepared to take a goal-kick in the first half of a Group F encounter in Moscow.

Disciplinary proceedings were opened following Mexico's 1-0 win over the

SMUGGLERS HIDE COCAINE IN WORLD CUP TROPHY REPLICAS



Drug dealers in Argentina have been caught with 8 replicas of the World Cup trophy containing marijuana and cocaine. Each of them was used to store 1.5kg of drugs.

The drug gang were quite inventive in their approach. They capitalized on the current craze caused by the poor performance of the Argentine team to pedal drugs. Six of the gang members have been arrested by security officials in Buenos Aires.

"It is important that they be imprisoned, that they not return to the business," Buenos Aires Security Minister said. Members of a notorious drug smuggling ring known as "Narcos de la Copa" managed to stuff 10 kilograms of cocaine into replica World Cup trophies. They also found 20 kg of marijuana and 1800 doses of crack cocaine, along with nearly \$15,000 dollars.

Two middle aged women and four men were arrested in connection with the smuggling incident. Police also seized two firearms and two vehicles allegedly used to distribute the drugs. The 2018 FIFA World cup currently taking place in Russia has led to greater inventive ways of smuggling hard substances due to the open merchandise.

30 STUDENTS OFF TO CHINA FOR TAIJI BOXING TRAINING

The Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone on Thursday, 14th June awarded scholarship to some thirty students from the Confucius Institute at Fourah Bay College (FBC), University of Sierra Leone, to undergo Taiji Boxing training in China.

Economic and Commercial Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Sierra Leone, Zhang Xueqian, stated that he was happy to have attended the farewell ceremony for participants of the Taiji Boxing of Chen style in China.

He encouraged the students to take advantage of the training opportunity, pay attention to the trainings, follow the directions of the organisers, work hard to expand their knowledge and enhance their understanding of China.



"This programme will help them to experience the glamour of Martial Arts and share Chinese traditional culture and have opportunity to visit the birthplace of Taiji Chenjiagou Village and Shaolin Temple," he said.

Alusine Turay, Team Captain, stated that he was happy for the opportunity to speak on behalf of them with one voice, and that from that voice the Chinese Embassy could hear a heart full of appreciation and assurance that the team would not disappoint them.

Entrusted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, Haut is to organise a Training Course on Taiji Boxing of Chen Style for Sierra Leone 2018, from June 18th to September 15th in Zhengzhou.

The training course strives to present courses of both theory and practice by virtue of the unique ingredients of the Birthplace of Taiji, Chenjiagou village and Shaolin Temple.

Local Director of Confucius Institute, Kenneth Osho, said he was proud of his students as they have got good opportunity they should make the best out of.

"I am happy that this year Confucius Institute was able to produce thirty students as compared to last year. This shows that the institute is making progress and wishes to have more in the coming years," he said.

Prof. He Mingqing, Director of Confucius Institute, noted that with care and support from Chinese Embassy, through the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, he could now assure the thirty students that they were in good hands, and that there was nothing they should worry about.

Prof. He called on the departing awardees to pay attention to the organisers as the people of China would be waiting to receive them with open hands.

"We wish to ex-

SUPER FALCONS QUALIFY FOR WOMEN AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS



Four goals by Desire Oparanozie and a brace by Asisat Oshoala enabled reigning champions Nigeria to spell GAMBIA in Lagos and qualify for the 11th Women Africa Cup of Nations on a 7-0 aggregate win.

Oparanozie started early, blasting past goalkeeper Aminata Gaye from the spot in the second minute after Francisca Ordega was upended in the box by Nenneh Jallow.

The visitors strung

passes together brilliantly in the midfield but could not get past the experienced Nigerian rear wall of Faith Michael, Ngozi Ebere, Osinachi Ohale and Skipper Onome Ebi.

Typically, Ngozi Okobi dominated the midfield, orchestrating brilliantly and earning standing ovation on several occasions with her intelligent play and passes. Her clever

knock-down in the box in the 45th minute freed Asisat Oshoala to score Nigeria's second.

Oparanozie knocked in her second and Nigeria's third in the 48th minute, and although Penda Bah, Adama Tamba, Isatou Jallow Mam Drammeh and substitute Clarra Gomez tried to fashion a different approach, the 2016 Women AFCON final goalscorer hit Substitute Hali-matu Ayinde failed to connect with the net gaping after a brilliant Ordega pull-out in the 72nd minute, but Oshoala quickly made amends for that and several other misses with a captivating solo run and strike two minutes later.

With six minutes left, Oparanozie rifled into the far corner after her initial effort was blocked, to make it 6-0.

The Falcons thus join Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Zambia, South Africa, Algeria and Cameroon (who qualified in previous days) at the finals slated for later this year.

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OLAJIDE OGUNYE SUING BORDER AGENCY

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After the officers searched his home and told him they did not believe he was truly Olajide Ogunye, they brought him to CBSA's base at Pearson airport, the Greater Toronto Enforcement Centre.

According to Ogunye's statement of claim, the officers ran his fingerprints, which they said matched the identity of a man named Oluwafemi Kayode Johnson, a failed refugee claimant who had been deported from Canada to Nigeria in the 1990s.

Ogunye says he was told the CBSA believed he was actually Johnson, who had returned to Canada illegally and assumed Ogunye's identity. Those fingerprints, according to court documents, were never produced by the CBSA to Ogunye.

"It was very frustrating. Somebody telling you you're not your name," says Ogunye. "I showed them all my IDs. I showed them my citizenship. How are you going to put a Canadian citizen in jail?"

8 months behind bars Ogunye says he was locked up for a total of eight months, from June 2016 through February 2017, spending a month at Maplehurst Correctional Complex

in Milton, Ont., and the rest of his time at Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay, Ont., a medium/maximum security prison. Because of almost daily lockdowns, Ogunye claims, he was unable to contact family members.

"One time, for the whole month, I was crying non-stop. I was crying continuously," he recalls, and was put on suicide watch as his mental state suffered. "The nurse had to give me depression pills to make me calm down."

Ogunye says his physical health declined as well, and he was taking pills each day for high blood pressure,

depression and a prostate condition.

"They destroyed my life"

On Feb. 4, 2017, he was released. CBSA issued a report on his release, detailing efforts to interview members of Ogunye's family members. The first interview was conducted 6½ months after his initial arrest.

Ogunye says he wants to sue for \$10 million because of how long the investigation into his identity took.

"They put me through a lot. They destroyed my life. I lost my job," said Ogunye. "They destroyed my family. I don't have a good relationship with my kids anymore. I don't think that's going to come back."

The same report from CBSA mentions Ogunye has

been convicted of various charges, including fraud, impersonation and possession of a credit card obtained by crime, and the officers found an "issue of his credibility." The report says there is "no doubt this person detained is Ogunye" but also states in the same paragraph, "the person in custody may be Olajide Obabukunola Ogunye."

Ogunye's lawyer says it ultimately comes down to the fact his client's charter rights have been violated.

"The individual who is being targeted is a Canadian citizen," says immigration lawyer Adam Hummel. "An individual... who shows his identity card is not automatically given the benefit of the doubt but is questioned and accused of being someone else and detained while an investigation is taking place.

"The truth is, if this is the way they're going to conduct themselves, it could happen to anyone," he says.

Hummel says the CBSA had a "duty of care" to Ogunye but breached this duty, and his "unlawful detention was the result of hasty decision-making and a negligent investigation."

CBC Toronto asked the CBSA why it wasn't able to verify Ogunye's identity if he had been previously charged and, on a number of occasions, convicted of various crimes under the name "Olajide Ogunye" and why the investigation took eight months. It told CBC Toronto it is aware of a lawsuit but that any further comment would be "inappropriate."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SONS OF ANARCHY ACTOR DEAD

By Julius Oyekunle

Alan O'Neill, who played Hugh on "Sons of Anarchy" had died, his manager Greg Meyer confirmed to newsmen. The actor was 47.

O'Neill's body was discovered by his girlfriend in the hallway of their Los Angeles apartment. The Irish-born actor has had a history of chronic heart problems and was a heavy smoker, in addition to struggling with a drinking problem.

O'Neill's agent Annette Walsh described him as brilliant and funny.

"I'll personally miss knowing Alan isn't sharing the planet with us any longer, despite the miles between L.A. and Dublin, Alan was only ever a phone call away," she said.

O'Neill is mostly known for his role in the sixth and seventh seasons of Kurt Sutter's hit FX series, but the actor's career dates back to the 90s. He also played the regular role of Keith McGrath in the drama series "Fair City" — set in the town of Carrigstown — from 2006 to 2012.

Making his acting debut in the 1997 TV movie



Alan O'Neill

"Ballyseedy" as Captain Jim Clarke, O'Neill soon followed up with a run on the 2001 mini-series "Rebel Heart." He also went on to star in the 2002 short "Strangers in the Night" as Tony, the psychotic ex-boyfriend, 2007's "32A" as Paddy, 2009's "Moore Street Masala" as Robert, and in the U.K. crime drama "Inspector George Gently" the same year.

O'Neill also appeared on "Undercovers" in 2010 as well as "Shadow Dancer" and short "Invisible," both in 2012. His most recent credits include the Captain in 2016's "Urge," in addition to his announced role as Pepper in the upcoming horror film "Charlie Lives: The Family's Return."

Although no official cause of death has been released, reports suggest that "no foul play is suspected."

OMOTOLA JALADE INVITED TO BECOME OSCAR MEMBER

This year, the Academy has made do with its promise to diversify its members, by bringing in 928 new people into the Oscar membership from 59 countries — 49% of which are women and 38% of which are people of colour. Nigeria's "omosexy" is one of the stars invited to vote in the 928 member list.



Omotola Jalade-Ekehinde

they are looking forward to us coming."

Omotola Jalade-Ekehinde has said the decision to include African filmmakers and actors into the voting membership of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a sign Hollywood is ready to "move closer to African filmmakers."

Reacting to her inclusion, the Nigerian star said she was "optimistic, and happy for Nigeria and Africa."

"This is an olive branch stretched out to us, and I believe that they are trying to let us know that we are welcome and that

D'BANJ'S SON DROWNS INSIDE IN-HOUSE POOL

Nigerian Afrobeats star Dapo Oyebanji aka D'banj has lost his only son in a drowning incident in his Ikoyi home.

Daniel Oyebanjo III, who turned one in May, was reported dead in the musician's swimming pool.

Although D'banj has not made a comment addressing the death directly, he posted a black background on his Instagram page with the caption: "Trying times but my God is Always and Forever Faithful."

D'banj, 38, was not in the country when the incident occurred. He was at the BET Awards in Los Angeles. Many people took to social media to mourn with the death of the young lad but chided the music legend and his wife for not taking into account the safety of the child while constructing the pool.

Meanwhile, condolences from celebrities and followers of the 'koko master' has not ceased to pour in.

The senator representing Bayelsa East Constituency, Ben Bruce, asked D'banjo take heart.

"@iamdbanj, I am really sad to read about the death of your lovely son.



Death of a child is the saddest thing for any parent. On behalf of my family and I, please do accept our sincerest sympathy," he wrote on his Twitter page.

Other artists who offered him condolences were Tiwa Savage, Michael Ajereh (Don Jazzy), Folarin Falana (Falz), Funke Akindele, Olamide Adedeji,

Omotola Ekeinde, Jackiah Appiah, Genevieve Nnaji, Peter Okoye (PSquare), Olubankole Wellington (Banky W) and Toke Makinwa, among others.

MICHAEL JACKSON'S FATHER JOE JACKSON DEAD

By R.Njeru

Michael Jackson's family members have announced that his father, Joe Jackson has died. The 89-year-old created the Jackson 5 music group and made the Jackson family one of the most famous musical families.

He has been involved in a long battle with terminal cancer and he even hinted at his impending death in a recent tweet. The tweet said that his "sun was about to set."

In the past few years, he has been struggling with his health. He suffered from a stroke in 2015 and high fever in 2016. He was hospitalized in both cases.

Joe Jackson was a legendary music manager and stage parent. The late Michael Jackson and Janet Jackson are certainly his most famous children. Other children include La Toya, Jermaine, Tito, Randy, Rebbie, and Marlon Jackson.

The steelworker and father of 11 was a strict disciplinarian. He became one of the most successful managers after he created international music superstars from his own family.

Michael Jackson, the King of Pop, had a terrible

relationship with his father and he even left him out of his will. Even as an adult, Michael would often cry when he remembered his father beating him with his belt. However, he publicly forgave him.

La Toya Jackson said that she would be forever grateful to her father for all the sacrifices he made for them. The pop singer said that it was Joe Jackson who brought them together and made them one of the world's most famous families.

Grandson Randy Jackson Jr posted a tweet declaring his love for his grandpa. He went ahead to thank him for making everything possible."

Earlier, a source from the family had revealed that doctors had said that the illness was untreatable and he had a few days left to live.

Grandson Taj Jackson also posted a tweet aimed at people who were talking badly of his grandfather. He said that Joe Jackson was well loved by his family and people should stop talking negatively of a person they only knew through the media.

Joe Jackson was born in 1928 to Crystal Lee King



and Samuel Jackson. He once said that he had a very lonely childhood.

Joe Jackson's death comes after Jermaine Jackson said that the family had been prevented from seeing him by people around Joe. The family was finally allowed to see him after they

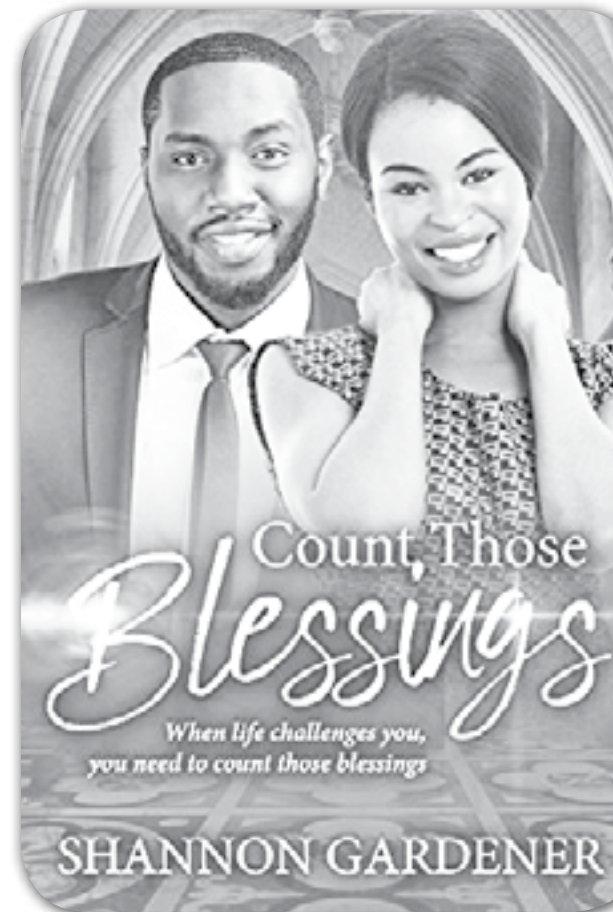
pleaded with the senior Jackson's manager, Charles Coupet.

Joe Jackson died just two days after the death anniversary of Michael Jackson. Joe is survived by his wife, Katherine Jackson, his ten living children and his grandchildren.

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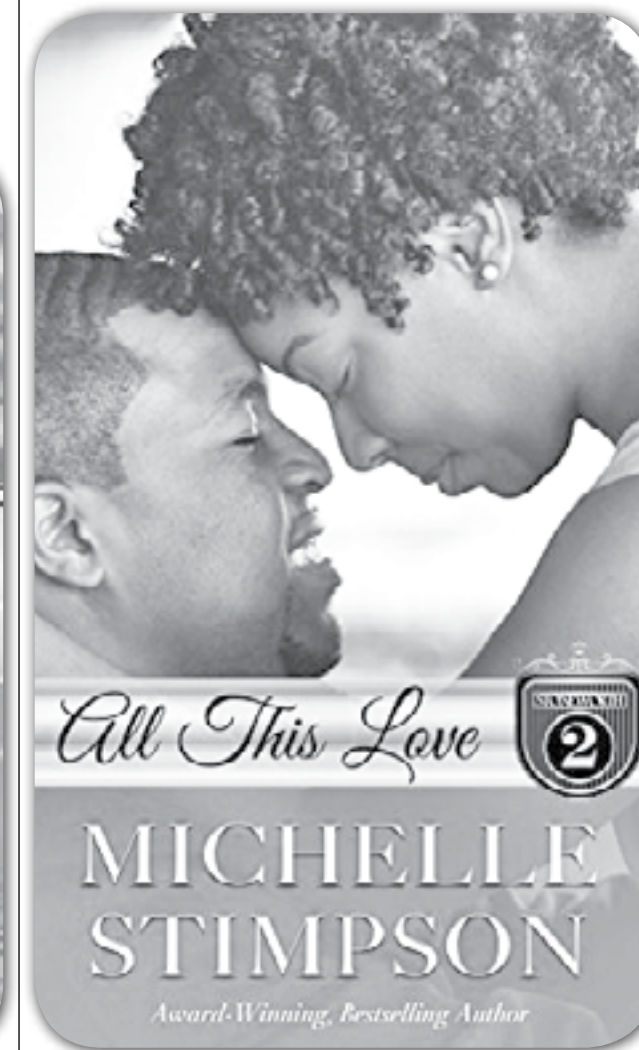
The trials that engulf marriages may turn out to be the spark of long lost love. This christian romance tells us more about the unchanging God.

Tyrese and wife Kayla have been abundantly blessed.

Kayla is a huge sing-

ing sensation, thanks to his billionaire husband Tyrese. They have a wonderful marriage, and a beautiful daughter, yet not exempted from trials. Accident, the dark and horrible side of fame and the sickness of utter distress, if God isn't on their side, there may not be a way out.

ALL THIS LOVE



By Michelle Stimpson

The shocking memories of the past can't supercede the opportunities that beckons. See through Michelle's lens to unravel how God's grace is effectual.

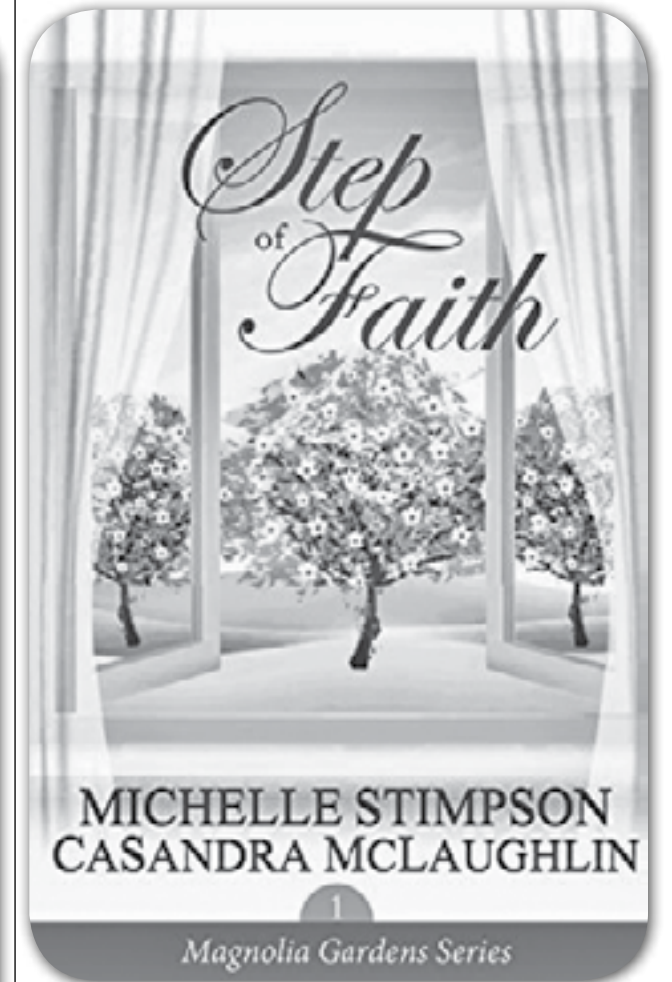
After a disappointing wedding, Knox Stoneworth would get isolated. The pains of her past almost dis-

suaed her from a perfect gentle stranger with love in his kitty.

The thin line between Knox and Jada is about to be expanded when he couldn't seem to understand her inglorious past with a Godly family.

Except he sees the right things, the journey to Texas isn't far away.

STEP OF FAITH



by Michelle Stimpson (Author), CaSandra McLaughlin (Author)

When the family means so much, we are willing to make sacrifices. As long as its what gives us joy, never relent until it is renewed. A great insight for those that cares for loved ones.

Frenchetta Davenport has seen it all, but not the raging storms of life could make her continue I'm isolation. With no children and grandchildren for Christmas. But do they really care? If they don't, how would she have to deal with loving people who don't love you back in return?

IF YOU'RE WITH ME



By Kim

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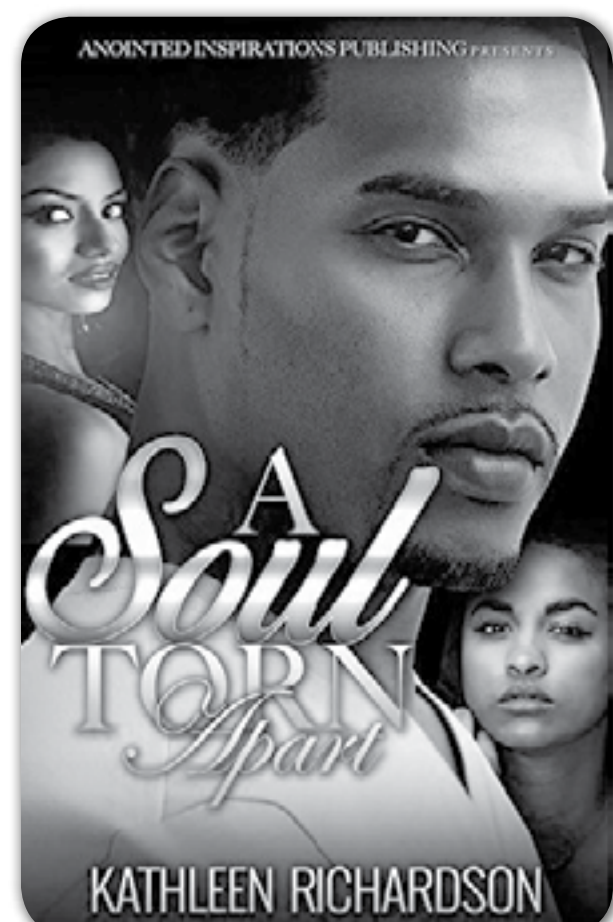
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A SOUL TORN APART KINDLE EDITION

By Kathleen Richardson



Daniel and Jasmine had been married for the last 10 years. Some would say that they had the picture perfect relationship. They had it all. The elaborate dream home, two adorable daughters that they adored and everything in between. Daniel even served in their church as one of its most faithful deacons. So what more could a woman ask for, right? But, things weren't always what they seemed. When Jasmine finds out that Daniel once again steps out on their marriage all hell breaks loose. With one secret unfolding after the next, Jasmine begins to spiral out of control. Will prayer be enough to rebuild this broken home or are the skeletons that come tumbling out of the closet be too unforgivable to forgive?

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RELIGION

WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION?

By Pastor Amos Dada PhD:P. Eng



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"My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else"

Rom 15:20.NLT.

About five years ago three of us came together to start a leadership institute. Through we have made some strides we are convinced the company was not growing with the commensurate effort and resources we are putting in. So we began to look inwards and outwards to seek for 'growth wisdom'.

In the process we had a meeting this week with a successful entrepreneur. He shared with us not a completely fresh idea but something that made an impression on me afresh. The first one was that successful business ideas respond to three things, problems, needs and desires. The second point was that most people start business on two prongs:

" Me Too" and "Niche".

When I read the above passage this morning I saw that Paul was using this model in propagating the gospel. He was focusing on 'The Gentiles' who needs the gospel like any other man. Secondly he said - my ambition is to plant church not according to " Me Too" syndrome but to follow the 'Niche' philosophical trail . What is the difference, 'me too' people want to do things because others are doing things. My friend is a pastor I want to become a pastor , my friend is selling cement I want to sell cement, my friend has traveled abroad me too must travel abroad, my

friend has started a church me too must start a church. Paul says my ambition is not to preach Christ where his name has been heard. But to go and preach where it has not been heard. Paul was a trail blazer in this area. Though he was not one of those Apostles who walked and dined with Jesus Christ physically on earth, but from the moment in Acts 9 when he had a personal encounter with Jesus and Acts 13 when by prayer, fasting and laying on of hands he was separated to preach the gospel he always stood out as not part of the 'Me too' party.

He championed three missionary trips to new grounds. At the climax of his constant trials, persecutions and perils he said ' I appeal to Cesar' and that brought the gospel to another frontier and a new continent and which was a master stroke to enlarge and expand the kingdom territory.

But the focus today is ambition. What is ambition? It is defined online 'as a strong desire to do or to achieve something, typically requiring determination and hard work.' So we see that like every other man Paul had an ambition, but his ambition was different. His ambition was not to do 'me too' stuff but to form a niche for himself and his God.

In a month of walking in the Power of Holy Ghost, amidst all developments what is the Holy Spirit

teaching us today.

1. Nothing is wrong with having ambition as a matter of fact you are encouraged to have ambition.

2. Have the right ambition which is to help the needy.

3. Let your ambition not fall into the 'Me Too' category.

4. There are so many churches around you why plant another church there, go where the gospel is yet to reach, be practice novelty..

5. Let your preaching break fallow grounds through that idea you are avoiding overcrowding a crowded area and you are reaching new and fertile grounds.

6. There are over 7 billion people around the world and only one-third (approximately 2.6 billion) of this are Christians of all shades(Catholics, Orthodox, Anglican, Mainline churches, Evangelicals, Pentecostal, Protestant, etc.) meaning there are two-thirds (4.4 billion) of the world population that needs to hear the gospel as a matter of necessity. The bulk of these people are in the 10/40 window. That is where like Paul we need to develop passion, compassion and ambition to reach. Go where there are no churches!

7. Give yourself an upgrade, stop thinking in the realm and areas of 'me too' business and ministerial ideas, join the league of the 'niche' syndrome. Come to think of it they are the people who have the wealth and the power who you call today 'the rich and the powerful'

8. Life is about novelty, you have only one life live your life in novelty.

In conclusion, what are you waiting for, what is your ambition?

Shalom.

POPE ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF THREE CHILEAN BISHOPS

The resignations of three Chilean bishops have been accepted by the Pope after sex abuse scandals. Earlier in May, all Chile's 34 bishops offered to resign en masse after attending a crisis meeting with the pontiff over allegations of a cover-up of sexual abuse in the South American nation.

Among Bishops quitting their roles include Bishop Juan Barros whose parish is at the center of the scandals. Others are Cristian Caro Cordero, bishop of Puerto Montt, and Gonzalo Duarte Garcia de Cortazar, bishop of Valparaiso.

The scandal is the latest to rock the Roman Catholic Church, especially in the South American nation, a strong hold of Catholicism and Argentine-born Francis said it must not happen again on his watch.

"Today begins a new day for the Catholic Church in Chile and hopefully the world," Juan Carlos Cruz, the key witness in the abuse case.

"We hope this is the beginning of the end of this culture of abuse and cover up in the Church. Emotional but great day!" he wrote on his twitter handle.

Since the year 2000, 80 or more Roman Catholic priests have been reported to authorities in Chile for alleged sexual abuse. There has been a rift within the Catholic Church and the people according to the country's president, Sebastian Pineru, who is also a devout Catholic.

He says the church is becoming more isolated among its people. Meanwhile, the Pope had tendered an apology on behalf of the organization and admitted he had made "grave mistakes" after reading a 2,300-page report on abuses in Chile.

PRIESTS IN PHILIPPINES SEEK GUN PERMIT

Priests and other religious workers will now bear arms outside their residences amid deep concerns over the killing of three priests in the past six months. The Philippines Nation Police says it has received 250 requests and more are still expected.

The applications for permits to carry, which are separate from permits to own firearms, were filed from June last year to June this year, according to PNP Director General Oscar Albayalde.

The DG said 188 priests and 58 ministers and preachers submitted applications.

The permit to carry is issued only to a licensed gun owner whose life is under threat or in imminent danger, which requires a threat assessment certificate from the PNP.

Certificates would however not be granted if an applicant belongs to one of the professions

"considered to be in imminent danger" and are exempted from submitting the certificate, including priests, ministers, rabbis and imams, lawyers, journalists, cashiers and bank tellers, physicians and nurses and high-risk businessmen.

It is however not clear if the Priests who applied were facing death threats. However, the increase in application is due largely to recent killings.

Several priests in Laguna province had made it known that they planned to arm themselves for self-defense.

But Archbishop Romulo Valles, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), "strongly" opposed the arming of priests, who he said were supposed to be men of peace.

The clergy and human rights groups were gravely alarmed by the

deadly attacks on priests.

Prayer rally was recently held at Plaza Miranda in Quiapo, Manila, demanding justice for the slain priests.

The latest victim, Fr. Richmond Nilo, 44, was gunned down inside a chapel in Zaragoza town, Nueva Ecija province, on June 10 while he was preparing to say Mass. One of at least six suspects had been arrested.

Nilo was killed four days after Fr. Rey Urmeneta, 64, a former police chaplain, was shot and wounded in Calamba City, Laguna province.

In April, 37-year-old Fr. Mark Ventura, known for his antimining advocacy, was gunned down after saying Mass in Cagayan province.

In December last year, 72-year-old Fr. Marcelito Paez was shot dead in Jaen town, Nueva Ecija, after facilitating the release of a political prisoner.

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intervention. Having addressed the expanded National Economic Council and seeing how his statement was brusquely dismissed, Mr. Gates has since gone to CNN, to restate his position, just in case his original audience was hard of hearing: "As a partner in Nigeria, I am saying the current plan is inadequate. Nigeria has all these young people and the current quality and quantity of investment in these young generations: in health and education just is not good enough.

What Mr. Gates says is perhaps as important as things he has left unspoken. He is an outsider, looking in, offering dispassionate advice. But as "a partner," he probably knows Nigeria more than many of us claim to do. We have heard you, Mr. Gates; \$1.6 billion is a lot of money. When Mr. Gates takes the newspapers and he reads that in Nigeria, rats have invaded the Nigerian President's office,

even if he considers this a tad bit bizarre, he is likely to wonder what impact the Gates Foundation's investment in Nigeria's health sector has been able to make.

Mr. Gates also perceptibly knows that corruption is a big problem in Nigeria as it is in other parts of the world, but when he understands that Nigerians have since added a new dimension to the art of corruption: pythons now swallowing millions of money, he cannot be blamed for wondering how much of his \$1.6 billion may have been swallowed by rats and snakes, and whether indeed that explains why not much progress has been made. Over the years, Mr. Gates must have observed the opulent lifestyle of Nigerian leaders. He probably has visited one or two private homes, or government houses, to see car garages full of exotic vehicles, some of them useful only for display, and

he would surely wonder why anyone should live so conspicuously when Nigerian children are suffering from malnutrition, over 10 million of them are out of school and the ones that have had the benefit of education have no competitive skills. He must also, I believe, have held discussions with some of our highly placed persons, and be shocked by the inability of many of them to keep a long attention span on serious subjects or have an intelligent conversation.

With so many strides in technology, he must have read or heard about the shocking wealth of some Nigerians, and wonder why these same Nigerians cannot join him, an outsider, to invest in human capital in Nigeria and Africa. He knows Aliko Dangote who is supporting philanthropic causes and touching lives. He probably also knows Mr. Tony Onyemaechi Elumelu who is promoting Afro-optimism and developing en-

trepreneurship in 33 countries across Africa. But he probably has seen many more privileged Nigerians who can make a difference but who do not seem to care. He may have in fact attended one or two Nigerian owambe parties: he would have been shocked at the elaborate dressing of Nigerian women: the rich ones among them looking like they are decked in a million dollars per party, from "N40 million hair attachments" to designer make-up, shoes, jewelry, handbag and a haughty attitude on top. He must be similarly intrigued by our flowing traditional regale, and neck-beads and golden walking sticks, and the lavish parties we throw, in a country where the poor can barely feed or pay hospital bills. Hence: "Nigeria is one of the most dangerous places in the world to give birth he commented.

Finally, Bill Gates's fundamental message is that Nigeria must get its

priorities right and make governance more people-oriented. If Nigeria must grow its potential and make its people happy, Nigerian leaders must develop a sustainable plan for progress, do more for their people and encourage their youth development, promote transparency and accountability and reduce alienation. Gates observed, "The Nigerian government's Economic Recovery and Growth Plan identifies investing in the people as one of three strategic objectives. But the execution priorities do not fully reflect people's needs, prioritizing physical capital over human capital." He pointed out that to ensure a long-term growth of the economy, "investments in infrastructure and competitiveness must go hand in hand with investment in people. People without roads, ports and factories cannot flourish. And roads, ports and factories without skilled workers to build and manage them cannot

sustain an economy. If you invest in their health, education, and opportunities the human capital we are talking about today, then they will lay the foundation for sustained prosperity. If you do not, however, then it is very important to recognize that there will be a high-pitched limit on how much the country can grow. He stressed that Nigeria is one of the most dangerous places in the world to give birth, with the fourth worst maternal mortality rate in the world ahead of only Sierra Leone, Central African Republic and Chad. One in three Nigerian children is chronically malnourished. In upper middle-income countries, the average life expectancy is 75 years. In lower middle-income countries, it is 68; in low-income countries, it's 62. In Nigeria, it is lower still, just 53 years.

Dr. Ignatius Okosun is a researcher, prolific writer and a social commentator.

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this prestigious Award in recognition of the work I am doing in Nigeria. These are moments of utmost happiness for me and the communities I serve. It's been such an amazing experience being here in the UK and meeting all of the other Award winners. Being part of the Queen's Young Leaders family is exciting and I can't wait to take this to the next level."

Hauwa Ojeifo, 26, said: "It is a rare privilege to receive an Award from Her Majesty The Queen for the work I am doing in mental health in Nigeria. It has been a completely transformative experience being here in the UK getting mentored

by world leaders, trained and engaging in top level meetings with some of the most powerful and influential change makers of our time. Perhaps the most humbling part is being part of a network of fellow young leaders across the Commonwealth whose knowledge and resource base is far reaching. I can't wait to see what we do with these valuable connections in the future."

Kennedy Ekezie-Joseph, 20, said: "I am honoured to be a recipient of the final ever Queen's Young Leaders Award from Her Majesty The Queen. As a budding global leader, this Award is a huge responsibility

for me moving forward to continue to live up to this Award and leverage all the opportunities it presents to develop my society. I have been able to meet other Award winners and learn about the incredible work they are doing across the Commonwealth. I have learned so much from the Residential Programme in the UK and I am sure that it is only just the beginning."

As a Queen's Young Leader, Hauwa, Isaac and Kennedy have gained access to bespoke mentoring and training through the University of Cambridge's Institute of Continuing Education, designed to develop their leadership skills

and ensure they are best placed to lead the way in the future to tackle some of the world's most pressing issues.

The Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH, Chairman of The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust said:

"I extend my warmest congratulations to all the 2018 Queen's Young Leaders. Together with our Award Winners from the last three years, they complete a unique, 240-strong cohort of Young Leaders from all across the Commonwealth. This is such an invaluable resource for the Commonwealth that The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust will be launching a legacy fund,

to ensure that our support and encouragement to our Young Leaders will continue beyond the lifetime of the Trust.

Each and every one of our 240 Young Leaders is a remarkable and exceptional young person, who I have no doubt will play an important role in shaping our future world. It has been an absolute privilege and delight to get to know them."

The now complete Queen's Young Leaders network forms a unique, dedicated and powerful group of young people from 53 Commonwealth countries who will connect, collaborate and change lives together for

years to come. To further support them in their future endeavours, a £200,000 Legacy Fund has been created. It will be open to all 240 Queen's Young Leaders and 282 highly commended runners-up to apply for grants that will help elevate their work and enable them to work together to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the Commonwealth.

To see a full list of Award winners and highly commended runners up, and to learn more about their stories and how they are changing lives across the Commonwealth, please visit www.queen-syoungleaders.com

WHICH KING HAD THE SHORTEST REIGN IN THE BIBLE?

THE BIBLE ANSWER

King Zimri holds the title for the king who had the shortest reign in the Bible. His seven-day reign in Israel was definitely short, but certainly not sweet.

HOW ZIMRI'S SHORT REIGN AS KING BEGAN

The not so nice story of how Zimri came to power begins in (1 Kings 16:8) with Elah ruling as the king over Israel. Zimri, who commanded half of King Elah's royal chariots, made plans to kill the king. While Elah was getting drunk at the

home of his palace supervisor Arza, Zimri walked in and struck Elah down killing him. The Bible says Zimri became the next king and immediately killed the entire royal family, not sparing a single male child, distant relative, or friend. (1 Kings 16:8-11)

HOW ZIMRI'S SHORT REIGN AS KING OF ISRAEL ENDED

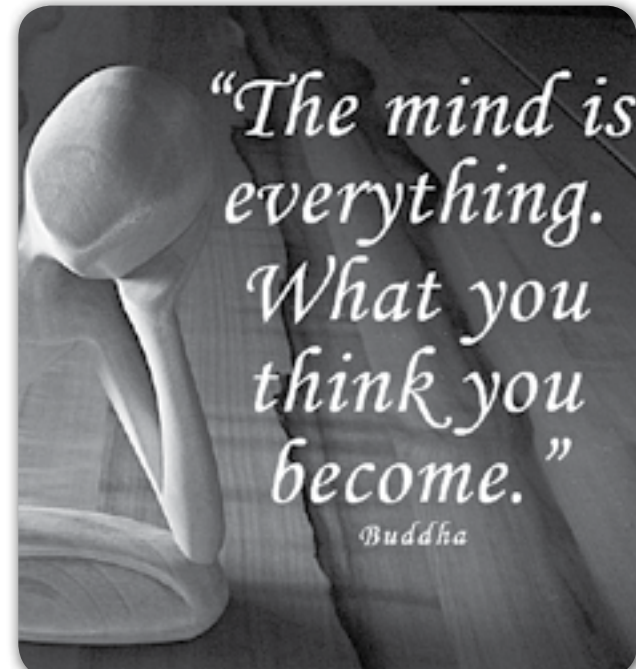
When the army of Israel learned that Zimri had committed treason and murdered Elah, they chose Omri, who was the commander of

the army, as the new king of Israel. Omri then led all of the Israelites who were with him to Tirzah and laid siege to Israel's capital. Upon seeing that the city had been taken, Zimri went into the citadel of the palace and set fire to the king's house, burning it down around him and dying in the flames. (1 Kings 16:15-18)

King Zimri's suicide by fire quickly ended his seven-day reign as the leader of Israel. The Scriptures record that Zimri had done evil in the Lord's sight (1 Kings 16:19). Doing what was evil

in the sight of God certainly did not end well for Zimri. He became best remembered as a traitor who murdered his master. Before the wicked Jezebel was thrown to the dogs in (2 Kings 9), she is quoted as saying to Jehu, "Have you come in peace, you Zimri, you murderer of your master?" (2 Kings 9:51). Apparently it had become known that to be called Zimri was equal to being called a traitor. What a way to be remembered.

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and outbound to our regional flights, connecting West Africa via Windhoek to Johannesburg, Cape Town, Luanda, Harare, Lusaka, Vic Falls, Gaborone Walvis Bay and Durban."

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Xavier Masule, General Manager for Commercial Services at Air Namibia said; "We are grateful to

the Namibian, Ghanaian and Nigerian Governments for the commitment to promote easy access and the much needed improved levels of mobility on the continent, which will help promote intra-Africa trade and tourism flows."

Air Namibia has also appointed APG Network as sales representatives in Nigeria and Ghana to provide full sales and marketing services, as well as call centre and customer care services on its behalf.

CONTINUED FROM P(21) SORORATE MARRIAGE

Levirate marriage was encouraged among ancient Jewish cultures; the chief example of sororate marriage found in the Hebrew Bible is that of sisters Rachel and

Leah to one husband Jacob, forebear of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. However, such a marriage as Jacob's during the lifetime of the first wife was subsequently prohibited

by the Law of Moses (Leviticus 18:18).

The male equivalent of sororate marriage is fraternal polyandry.

Kurds Sororate is a custom which is practised among the Kurds like Levirate marriage: When a man loses his wife before she bears a child or

she dies leaving young children, her lineage provides another wife to the man, usually a younger sister with a lowered bride-price. Both Levirate and Sororate are

practiced to guarantee the well being of children and ensure that any inheritance of land will stay within the family

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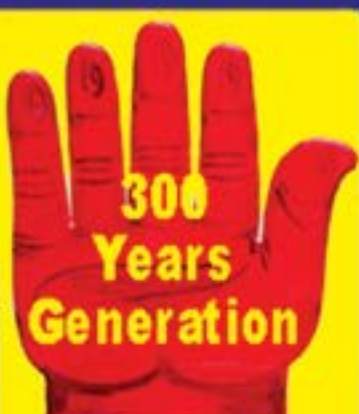
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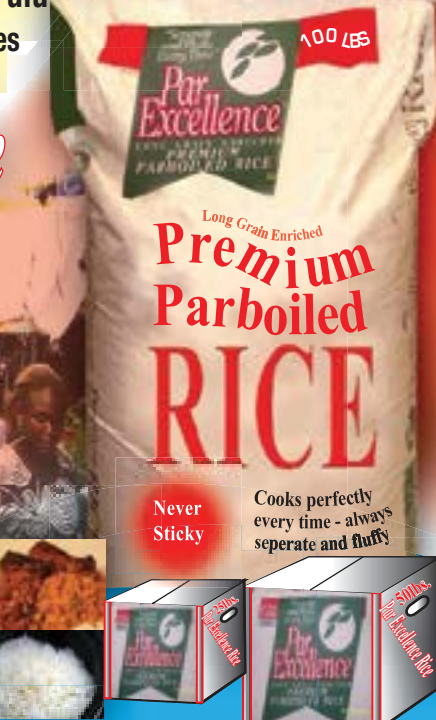
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