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PROMISES GALORE AS ONTARIO SET FOR JUNE 2 SHOWDOWN

By Stanley Ugagbe

The 2022 Ontario general election will be held on June 2, 2022, to elect Members of the Provincial Parliament to serve in the 43rd Parliament of Ontario. As of December 2016, Ontario elections are held on the first Thursday in June in the fourth calendar year following the previous general election.

EXPECTEDLY, the polity has been heated up, with the various political parties going head-to-head to scoop the available positions. While the destinies of these parties are in the hands of eligible voters, the parties

have been reeling out various policies and promises to woo the electorates.

As it is the culture all over the world, the various parties have been intentionally going all out to convince electorates into believing that their candidates

are the best to rule over the affairs of the province.

As part of efforts to help electorates make informed voting decisions, we bring you an overview of some promises of some parties.

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Maryanne Oketch Becomes Second Black Woman To Win 'Survivor'

By Stanley Ugagbe

A 24-year-old Black woman with Kenyan roots, Maryanne Oketch has been announced as the winner of reality competition series "Survivor".

In the just-concluded season 42, Oketch, a seminary student from Ajax, Ont. scored a \$1 million prize, and became the second Black woman to win

"Survivor" — the first was Vecepia Towery who won in 2002.

It is important to note that last year's winner was fellow Canadian Erika Casupanan, who is from Niagara Falls.

Remarkably, after 23 days spent in the wilderness, the episode began with the remaining five players: Oketch, Jonathan Young, Mike Turner,

Romeo Escobar and Lindsay Dolashewich.

Following a series of games and obstacles, it all came down to Oketch and Turner, a New Jersey-based firefighter. With seven jury votes to one, Oketch took the win to rousing applause from her fellow competitors.

Having been named the winner of the keenly-contested

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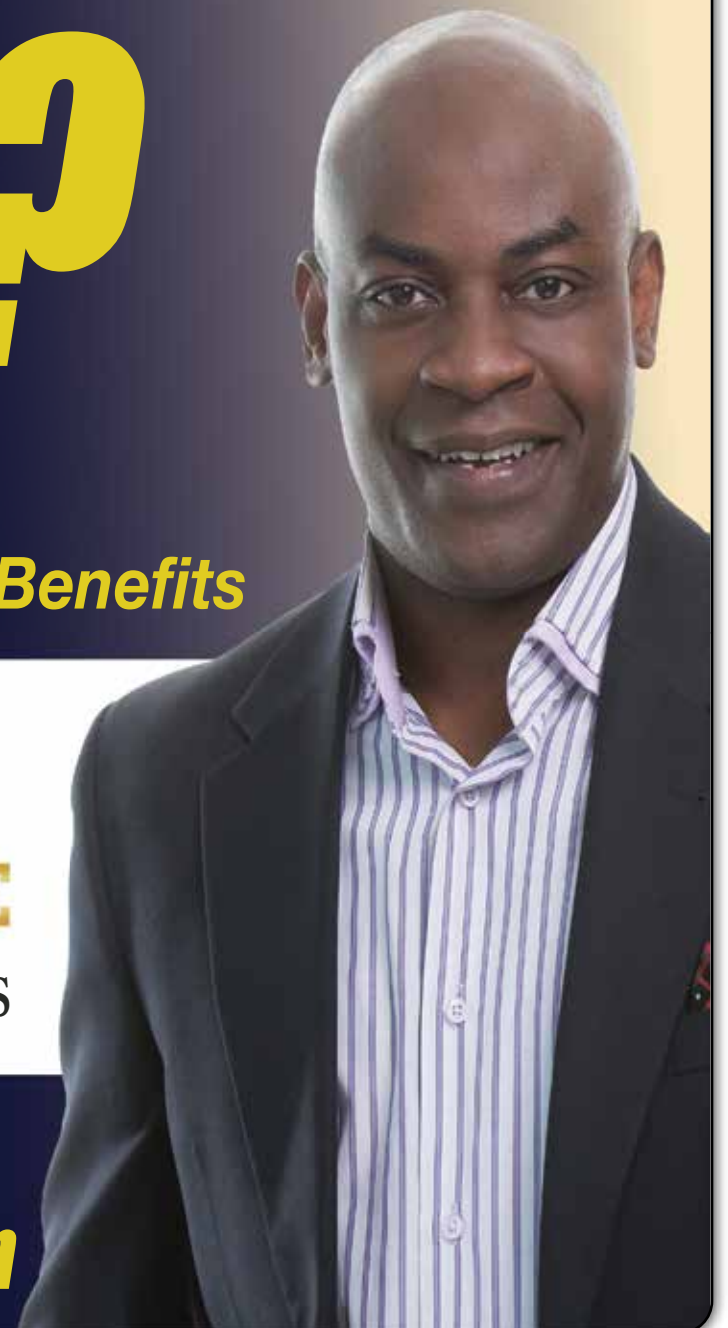


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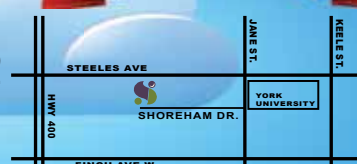
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On The Need To Make Informed Voting Decisions

Again, the stage is set for Ontario to head to the polls to decide its future for the next four years. Specifically, the 2022 Ontario general election will be held on June 2, 2022, to elect Members of the Province Parliament to serve in the 43rd Parliament of Ontario. It's imperative to clarify that as of December 2016, Ontario elections are held on the first Thursday in June in the fourth calendar year following the previous general election.

At the polls, Ontario residents will decide how they want the next four years to be; who they want in the various available positions and expectations from the various parties. The various parties, Progressive Conservatives, Green, Liberal and the New Democratic have been all out, in a bid to woo the hearts of eligible voters through their campaign promises.

In a bid to sway voters their way, the various parties have made promises bordering on cost of living, education, transportation, environment, taxes, COVID-19 response, health care, child care, housing,

etc.

In their campaign promises in the area of cost of living, which is the most paramount, the Progressive Conservative's promises include legislation that would speed up approvals for all types of housing, increasing capacity at the Ontario Land Tribunal and Landlord and Tenant Board to resolve cases faster, temporarily cutting the gas and fuel taxes beginning July 1, changes to the Low income Individuals and Families Tax (LIFT) Credit (see Taxes section), the implementation of an average of \$10-a-day child care in Ontario by September 2025, extending the Ontario Community Support program in 2022-23 which delivers means, medicine, and other items to low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The Liberal party promised to give "people a break on costs." The party promised to remove the provincial portion of the HST on prepared meals under \$20, and help pay for it by implementing a 1 per cent surtax on corporate profit above \$1 billion and increase taxes on

individual incomes above \$500,000 (see Taxes section). Also, they pledged to increase the minimum wage to \$16 per hour beginning Jan. 1, 2023 and "develop a living wage structure" that "factors different wage rates in different regions of the province." They promised to repeal Bill 124.

The NDP promised to make life more affordable by ending exclusionary zoning, introduce an annual speculation and vacancy tax on residential property, bring back rent control, create a portable housing benefit, and ensure tenants and landlords can get "prompt and fair" hearings before the Landlord and Tenant Board.

On their part, the Greens said they would include mental health care under OHIP, increase funding for home care services, and create incentives for retrofitting homes to make them easier to age in place. The party said it would increase the minimum wage to \$16 this year and have it increase annually by \$1, with a top-up in cities where the cost of living is higher. Repealing Bill 124 and "problematic sections" of Bill 106 is also in the Green platform. They promised to establish a \$25 hourly base pay for PSWs.

While the above promises are juicy enough

to easily sway voters, it's imperative that eligible voters make conscious efforts to study the various candidates of the parties – their beliefs and track record. Four years is not four days, so it's germane that electorates make informed voting decisions so as to guarantee delivery of campaign promises.

We are under constraint to remind electorates that this is not time to vote base on frivolities such as religious ties, ethnic ties, family ties or even party affiliations. It is time to make informed voting decisions; it is time to properly assess the various candidates and make proper choices. All over the world, voting decisions made on the above-mentioned frivolities have had gross implications on nations. Such uncivilized decisions have plummeted nations into leadership quagmire, rendered economies bankrupt, skyrocketed unemployment and all sorts of anomalies.

Again, we are perturbed over the mass voting apathy in the province. It would be recalled that

more than 10.2 million Ontarians were eligible to vote in the last election, in 2018, but just 56.67 per cent did (around 5.8 million voters). Sadly, that was the highest voter turnout in almost two decades. It was George Jean Nathan who said "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote." George Carlin added another twist to it when he said "If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain." This best explains why every resident of the province should vote.

"Our political leaders will know our priorities only if we tell them, again and again, and if those priorities begin to show up in the polls," said Peggy Noonan. Our feelings are best expressed at the polls. The polls are where we air our innermost contemplations and more importantly, we must understand that the destiny of the province is decided at the polls. This is a call to all residents of Ontario that voting apathy is no longer an option – it is high time everyone became part of the election process.

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has no friends.**

African Proverb

PRESS RELEASE

Mississauga Residents Can Now Place Multiple Election Signs on Their Private Property



On May 18, Mississauga Council voted to rescind section 21(8) of the City's Sign By-law which stated that only one election sign per candidate was allowed on private property. This move allows residents to place multiple election signs, including ones from the same candidate, on their private property. This change is effective immedi-

ately.

"Realistically, we need to consider whether enforcing this by-law is a good use of staff time and taxpayer money," said Ward 11 Councillor George Carlson. "It's important that our staff are able to enforce the by-laws that we have in place and with all of the important programs we need to fund and the important

by-laws our staff need to enforce, it makes sense to use our limited staff resources elsewhere."

City staff will continue to enforce infractions to the Sign By-law on private and public property. Mississauga does not allow election signs on public property.

"Although Council's decision has eliminated the one-sign-per-property section of the by-law, we encourage residents to be respectful of their neighbours and the character of their neighbourhoods and monitor themselves accordingly," said Geoff Wright, Commissioner of Transportation and Works. "We all want to keep Mississauga safe and beautiful and ask residents to keep these factors in mind as they place their election signs."

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What to look for when shopping for natural products

(NC) It's natural for parents to have questions about COVID-19 vaccines for their children.

As of January 15th, over 1.4 million children 5 to 11 in Canada have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, which will help prevent them from developing serious illness. As the COVID-19 vaccine is used more widely in children in many countries around the world, new and reassuring informa-

tion about its safety is becoming available.

If you have questions about your child receiving a COVID-19 vaccination, a good place to start is to understand what the scientists and health experts are saying about COVID-19 infection in kids: they can still get sick, have serious consequences, spread the illness to others and experience longer-term health effects from COVID-19. Those with certain underlying medical

conditions may even be at increased risk for severe illness. Side effects of the vaccines in children are usually mild and disappear within a few days.

COVID-19 vaccines help the body fight off the virus so that, if they contract the virus, the vaccinated person is more likely to experience only a mild illness or nothing at all.

Another important aspect health experts suggest considering

when deciding to vaccinate against COVID-19 is your children's mental health, which may have been negatively impacted after so much change and isolation. By getting your child fully vaccinated, you can help them get back to, and keep them in, the activities they love and need for their well-being and development.

Find more fact-based information at canada.ca/covid-vaccine

Should children get COVID vaccines? What the science says



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5 tips for easy entertaining

(NC) So many of us have been in hibernation for the past few years. It's time to celebrate again with friends. Hosting the perfect party can be made easy with a little planning. Here are a few tips to make your next party one to remember:

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Most food and drink matches work, so don't overthink it. You don't want to be spending all of your time in the kitchen when you can be socializing and catching up with your guests. Choose food that requires minimal preparation or can be set up ahead of time, like dips, charcuterie boards, bruschetta and pizzas.

CREATE A THEME

Whether it's a birthday, anniversary or just

a simple get together, having a theme in mind will give your party a focus and is a great conversation starter. Simple themes like sips and dips or your favourite TV show or book club read can be fun and memorable.

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

If you know your guests well, think about what they like and dislike and plan accordingly. Will they love to dissect details of food, drink and décor choices with you, or are they all about the music and company gathered together?

GO FOR CROWD PLEASERS

When it comes to wine, sticking to people pleasers is a good way to go. For example, The



Goat Lady Chardonnay from Speck Bros. 'Family Tree' is popular and pairs easily with soft cheeses and sharp cheddar. For a bolder red, Ontario-based Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery makes a delicious Baco Noir.

DESIGN A COCKTAIL

If you're looking for a sparkler to toast a

celebration, rather than creating your traditional mimosa with a splash of orange juice, try a party pleaser like Kir Catharine. Add 1 oz of Riesling Icewine or Red Icewine to 3 oz of Cuvée Catharine Brut, a traditional-method sparkling wine. On a budget? Substitute the delicious new Lazara Bianco Secco sparkling wine instead.

What to do with a gun you don't want or need

(NC) It's the time of year to declutter and spring clean. For many of us that can include the gun cabinet. If you have any firearms sitting around the house that are no longer wanted, here are some options.

If you're thinking of transferring, selling or giving it to a new owner, remember that in Canada a firearm may only be transferred or sold to:

An adult aged 18



or older with a Possession and Acquisition Licence that is valid for the specific class of

firearm.

- A business, museum or other organization that holds

a firearms business licence.

- A public service agency such as a police force, police academy or certain government departments or agencies.

When getting rid of a gun, it is important that you don't:

- Throw guns or ammunition (even spent) in the trash.
- Simply give the gun to someone else; new rules require you

to verify the person has a valid licence with the Registrar of Firearms first.

- Bring any firearms into a police station; instead, call them to arrange a safe drop off or pick up.

When it comes to giving up a gun, there are many legal options, including sell-

ing, exporting, deactivating or disposing through the police. Decide which is the best option for you and follow through using the appropriate channels within the Canadian Firearms Program.

Find more information on gun safety in Canada at canada.ca/firearms.

Nigerian, Canadian Navy to strengthen 60 years bond



By Dele Akintilo

The Nigerian Navy and Canadian Navy have disclosed that they would collaborate to further strengthen the cordial bond between them as they commemorate 60 years of bilateral diplomatic relations.

The acting High Commissioner to Canada, Kelvin Tokar, said Nigeria and Canada had lots of cordial connections between them and those connections had continued to grow over time.

Tokar made this known during the visit of Her Majesty Canadian Ship (HMCS) GOOSE BAY and HMCS Moncton to the Western Naval Command, Apapa, Lagos

State.

He said: "This auspicious visit is timely because it coincides with the 60th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations between Canada and Nigeria which dates back to 1962 when they were first established.

"The ships are in the region to participate in exercise Oban-game Express, where they will be working alongside the Nigerian Navy as well as other regional and international naval partners.

"The goal of the exercise is to strengthen cooperation to improve maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea where Nigeria plays a leadership role."

Tokar said that

the visits would afford them the opportunity of speaking with the local officials and interact with the communities of some most important coastal cities in West Africa.

He said: "These visits are really a great opportunity to learn from one another and to strengthen our bond so that we can work together to address shared challenges in order to achieve results.

"As two former British colonies, we have a lot in common and our bilateral relationship is growing stronger year by year.

"In addition, Canada has a thriving Nigerian community and many members of the Canadian Armed Forces are of Nigerian

decent."

Also, the Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral Yakubu Wambai, said both countries had participated in many foreign courses and peace-keeping missions together.

He said: "This has enhanced the relationship between the two states and we hope that someday, our own fleet will be able to pay similar port calls to Canada to foster and cement the existing relationship."

Wambai stated further that there had been a decrease in maritime crimes in the Gulf of Guinea in the last twelve months.

He said: "This can be attributed to the existing partnership between the Gulf of Guinea coastal states and foreign partners like you that come in, exercise, and patrol our waters.

"Your experience and strategic location at the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and northwards to the Arctic Ocean will be of immense benefit to us."

EFCC arraigns suspect for Canadian visa scam



Raphael Otobo

By N.Ugoh

Raphael Otobo, a fraud suspect, has been arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

Otobo was arraigned before Justice C. A. Obiozor of the Federal High Court in Benin, Edo State capital.

He is accused of swindling Kenneth Asuma Osaghe of N1million under the pretence that he would help him secure a Canadian visa.

The offence was contrary to section 1(1)(b) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud Related

Offences Act, 2006 and punishable under Section 1(3) of the same Act.

Otobo has however pleaded "not guilty" to the three-count charge levelled against him.

The prosecution counsel, I. K. Agwai asked the court for a trial date and to also detain the defendant at a Correctional Facility.

The defence counsel, Emmanuel Izegae-gbe prayed the court to grant Otobo bail and stated that the alleged offences were bailable.

Justice Obiozor granted Otobo bail in the sum of N1million and one surety in like sum.

The surety must be residing in Benin and possess landed property within the jurisdiction of the court.

Also, the judge ordered the defendant and the surety to submit two passport photographs and adjourned the case till June 14.

Acting AGF, Nwabuoku under Probe for Corruption



Anamekwe Nwabuoku

By Stanley Ugagbe

The ongoing blockbuster drama involving the fingering and arrest of looters in the Nigerian elite class has unveiled another sensational episode as the newly appointed overseer of the Office of the Accountant General of the Federa-

tion (OAGF), Anamekwe Nwabuoku has been fingered in corruption probe.

Economic Confidential reported that Nwabuoku has a heavy corruption dossier and is being investigated by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

It could be recalled that Nwabuoku was recently appointed to oversee the office in the absence of the suspended AGF, Ahmed Idris, who is in EFCC custody while undergoing investigation for fraud to the tune of 80 billion naira.

A statement by the Ministry of Fi-

nance, Budget and National Planning, said Nwabuoku will oversee the affairs of the office during the pendency of Idris' investigation.

However, reports said the Overseer of OAGF has massive corruption hanging on his neck from the previous positions of responsibility he held in the course of his career.

Sources confided in newsmen that the EFCC is investigating him for a series of graft allegations and Nwabuoku is known to visit the headquarters of the anti-corruption agency on a regu-

lar basis as part of the investigation routine.

Among others, the allegations levelled against him include overpayment to himself in previous MDAs he served.

It was gathered that some of the properties he acquired fraudulently have been recovered by anti-corruption agencies.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a source informed Economic Confidential that perhaps his major financial crime was allegedly committed while he was the Director of Finance and Accounts (DFA) at the Ministry of Defence

where he was said to have enriched himself with internal security funds.

Reports have it that he was allegedly involved in other fraudulent activities and using the Government Integrated Financial Management System (GIFMIS) to steal the salaries of federal government staff.

It's important to clarify that the GIFMIS is an IT-based system for budget management and accounting. It was adopted as part of a wider Public Service Reform Strategy by the federal government of Nigeria

starting in the early 2000s. Reports said Nwabuoku compromised the system and made away with humongous amount of money.

When quizzed on why the federal government opted to appoint a man with such questionable records to oversee an office vacated by an allegedly corrupt AGF, a top official in the Presidency said Nwabuoku was the most senior official in the office.

The official clarified that "He is not acting AGF but overseeing OAGF as the most senior director in the office".

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Calgary's alcohol in parks program returns



By N.Ugoh

Following a successful pilot in 2021, The City of Calgary is expanding its alcohol in parks program. Public intoxication remains prohibited and users are reminded not to drive after consuming alcohol.

During last year's pilot, there were over 1,500 bookings. Based on feedback from participant surveys, more individual picnic tables have been added to high-density neighborhoods where citizens may not have a private backyard to socialize with family and friends.

Starting May 10, responsible alcohol consumption is allowed between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the following locations:

Neighbourhood picnic

tables: Over 80 individual tables located in communities across the city can be booked for free or used on first-come, first-served basis. Alcohol consumption is only permitted at the table and not throughout the whole park.

Large picnic sites: Select sites that are located within regional parks and include multiple picnic tables can be booked in advance for a fee or used on a first-come, first-served basis. Alcohol consumption is only permitted within that picnic site and not throughout the whole park.

Open areas: Coming later this spring there will be six entire parks, or portions of parks, where you can lay down a picnic blanket, go for a walk or play a game while drinking alcohol. No booking will be

required. Alcohol consumption will be allowed within the area designated by on-site signage.

Not all neighbourhood picnic tables, large picnic sites or City parks have been designated for alcohol consumption. Find out where you can drink responsibly at calgary.ca/alcoholinparks. All alcohol designated sites are distanced from playgrounds. Most sites do not have washrooms nearby so please plan ahead.

"Calgarians told us they appreciated being able to have a beer or glass of wine in our beautiful park spaces last year; especially those who do not have their own private backyard. We hope this year's expanded program will encourage more people to connect with family and friends in a natural setting," says Kyle Ripley, Director of Calgary Parks.

If an issue arises, citizens can call 311. Incidents will be addressed with education or enforcement. If issues persist, sites could be removed from the program.

To book a site or for more information, visit calgary.ca/alcoholinparks.

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UK Designates IPOB As Terrorist Group

By N.Ugoh

The government of United Kingdom has accepted Nigeria's classification of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) as a terrorist organization.

It should be recalled that the Nigerian government designated IPOB a terrorist group in 2017 after widespread killings and several acts of lawlessness.

At that time, some foreign countries like the UK, which IPOB leader, Nnamdi Kanu, holds its passport, did not accept the declaration.

However, a few days after the group beheaded an army couple that was on their way to Imo State for their traditional wedding, the UK acknowledged IPOB as a terrorist organization and directed that it should be excluded from its asylum program.

The killing, which triggered nationwide outrage,

was not part of the atrocities of the Nnamdi Kanu-led terror group the UK listed in its policy review document.

The acts of the terrorist group listed by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), a division of the British Home Office, were the invasion of an All Progressives Congress (APC) meeting in Enugu state where a chieftain of the party was killed; an attack on an Imo Police Station where an officer was killed; killing of Anambra residents during the enforcement of "sit-at-home" order; killing of police officials en route to Anambra International Airport and others.

All these acts happened in January 2022 alone.

In 2021, UKVI released new guidelines to its decision-makers on how to consider and grant asylum applications to IPOB but in a recent update published on its website, UKVI made a U-turn.

In its policy notes, UKVI said: "IPOB is proscribed as a terrorist group by the Nigerian government, and members of the group and its paramilitary wing – the Eastern Security Network (created in December 2020) – have reportedly committed human rights violations in Nigeria.

"MASSOB has been banned but is not a proscribed terrorist group in Nigeria. It too has reportedly been involved in violent clashes with the authorities.

"If a person has been involved with IPOB (and/or an affiliated group), MASSOB, or any other 'Biafran' group that incites or uses violence to achieve its aims, decision makers must consider whether one (or more) of the exclusion clauses under the Refugee Convention is applicable.

"Persons who commit human rights violations must not be granted asylum."

Car stolen in Ontario tracked to Lagos, Nigeria

By N.Ugoh

A 2017 Toyota Highlander that was stolen in Ontario, Canada has been tracked to Lagos, Nigeria.

According to CTV News, the vehicle belongs to Ahmad Abdallah but disappeared last September.

It was reliably gathered that the owner had lost

hope of finding the car after surveillance video of the thieves unlocking his 2017 Toyota Highlander offered no clue.

Six months later, CTV News Investigates revealed Abdallah was able to find his vehicle in a lot located in a suburb of Lagos, Nigeria.

After he saw the video of his car for sale overseas, he realized how perfectly

organized the criminals that stole his car might be.

During an interview, he said: "I got a call from you. You sent me a picture of my car. Oh, it blew my mind.

"This is clearly a big operation. There should be more people looking into it...we're talking millions of dollars. This has to be taken seriously."

Canada-based Nigerian musician, Stephanie Otobo, calls out Apostle Suleman over romantic relationship, releases receipts to back claim



Stephanie Otobo Speaks On Apostle Suleman's Statement

By N.Ugoh

Canadian-based Nigerian musician, Stephanie Otobo has once again dragged Apostle Johnson Suleman over their erotic relationship.

While calling out the Apostle, Otobo shared screenshots of their romantic video chats which revealed their private parts.

Also, she accused the Senior Pastor of the Omega Fire Ministries International of attempting to end her life by all possible means ever since the scandal began.

Furthermore, the singer vowed to release a video soon to back her claim.

She tweeted: "This man has done everything to end my life but God is not dead, this video is the

complete story of how everything happened and how it's going lately. I'll release a comprehensive video of everything that happened and the answers to questions.

"That it was other pastors and politicians that wanted to bring him down. How come no name was mentioned? I only did that cos the pressure was toomuch and everyone had left ne to

suffer alone. No support. I had to give up at that moment to have the opportunity for reinforcement.

"Oracle of God, can you deny deny this? Your finger nail and the scar on your left thigh? Can you sent them too.? Apostle Johnson suleman, i hail o, .. Go through the thread, and listen to the video if you have any question. Your answers are right there. ..."

YOU & the LAW

Canadian soldier charged for condemning COVID-19 vaccine mandate in uniform



By N.Ugoh

A Canadian soldier who publicly condemned federal vaccine requirements while in uniform has been charged.

According to the Department of National Defence, Warrant Officer James Topp faces two charges of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

A charge sheet tendered by Topp's lawyer, Phillip Millar, reveals the army reservist facing the accusation of condemning vaccine requirements for military personnel and other federal employ-

ees on two occasions in February while in uniform.

These include a video shared on social media and public comments made in Surrey, B.C.

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces have restrictions on what they can say while in uniform, but Millar argues such restrictions should not be applied to policies that personally affect them.

The spokeswoman of the Defence Department, Jessica Lamirande, says a second Armed Forces member charged with the same offence was fined \$500 fine after he was found guilty.

STOP
Violence Against Women

Josh Duggar sentenced to 12 years in child pornography case

By N.Ugoh

Josh Duggar, a former reality TV star whose family was spotlighted on the TLC series 19 Kids and Counting and Counting On, has been sentenced to over 12 years in federal prison after he was convicted on child pornography charges.

According to KNWA, Duggar was sentenced to 151 months in prison by Judge Timothy L. Brooks in the Western District of Arkansas Federal Court in Fayetteville.

The Associated Press reported that prosecutors sought the maximum term of 20 years for Duggar while his lawyers sought a five-year sentence, maintained his innocence and disclosed he would appeal.

In April 2021, Duggar was arrested by Homeland Security after a Little Rock police detective detected that child pornography was being shared by a computer connected to Duggar. In December 2021, Duggar was found guilty of receiving and possessing child

pornography.

In 2015, TLC cancelled 19 Kids and Counting in light of allegations that Duggar abused four of his sisters and a babysitter. After an investigation that started in 2006, authorities concluded the statute of limitations on the potential charges had expired.

In a 2015 statement, Duggar said: "Twelve years ago, as a young teenager I acted inexcusably for which I am extremely sorry and deeply regret. I hurt others, including my family and close friends.



Josh Dugga

"I confessed this to my parents who took several steps to help me address the situation.

We spoke with the authorities where I confessed my wrongdoing and my parents arranged for me and those affected by my actions to receive counselling."

Report reveals how Indigenous women face higher rates of systemic discrimination, violence by RCMP

By Stanley Ugagbe

A coalition of human rights advocates has called on the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau-led federal government to establish an independent external review of Canada's national police force to address its treatment of women.

This is after a recent report by the Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA) said it uncovered that there is "growing evidence of systemic discrimination and violence" against women by the national police force. According to the 56-page document, Indigenous women are disproportionately impacted.

Speaking during a virtual news conference, Pamela Palmater, a Mi'kmaw lawyer and chair in Indigenous governance at Toronto Metropolitan University, said "Indigenous women and girls have long been targets of sexualized violence and exploitation at the hands of state actors, including the police".

It was clarified that Palmater researched and co-wrote the report with Sivangi Misra, Ashley Major, and Shelagh Day of FAFIA. The report was funded in part by the federal government's Department for Women and Gender Equality.

It is important to also note that the organization,

which is made up of women's human rights advocacy organizations across Canada, compiled and analyzed news reports, public inquiries, and documents published in the last decade. In the report, they showed evidence of a pattern of discrimination, harassment, and assault against women by officers of the RCMP.

In view of the development, FAFIA has projected a need to review and address how the RCMP treats women both as an employer and service provider.

An RCMP spokesperson, in an email statement to newsmen, said the force is aware of the report, adding that "The RCMP is subject to review by a number of external review bodies".

"As we've demonstrated in the past on a variety of subjects, we welcome any examination that could improve our operations. While acknowledging there remains much to do, the RCMP has been active in implementing change."

It was noted that the report was submitted to federal Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino and Women and Gender Equality and Youth Minister Marci Ien.

Reacting to the development, the minister of Public Safety, in an emailed statement, said "There is absolutely no place for misogyny, harassment or

violence within the RCMP or in Canadian society."

"For too long, there has been a culture within the RCMP that is permissive of systemic inequities and has led to misogyny, discrimination, harassment and workplace violence."

According to the statement, the ministry is implementing reforms by creating the Independent Centre for Harassment Resolution, strengthening oversight of the RCMP's Management Advisory Board and ensuring that the RCMP's workforce is more reflective of the diversity of the country.

Meanwhile, Palmater stated that a culture of misogyny and racism in the RCMP was brought to limelight by former Supreme Court Justice Michel Bastarache's 2020 findings in his report on the implementation of the Merlo-Davidson Settlement, on the sexual harassment of RCMP employees.

Palmater said "If female RCMP officers are not safe from sexual assaults by male officers, it should be no surprise that marginalized Indigenous women and girls are not safe either".

In addition, the study cited other reports, including the final report of the national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, as evidence of the RCMP's failure to prevent violence

against Indigenous women and girls, and failure to thoroughly investigate their disappearances and deaths.

The report added that Indigenous land defenders, many of whom are women, are "vilified, surveilled, criminalized, and subjected to violence by the RCMP" by being arrested and forcibly removed from their territories.

Shelagh Day, the chair of FAFIA's human rights committee, said "These acts and failures violate women's right to equality and non-discrimination".

Speaking at the news conference, Sen. Kim Patesaid "Canada cannot have a credible national action plan on violence against women or a credible national action plan on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls until the culture of misogyny and racism in the RCMP is rooted out."

"The systemic issues that this report raises, as well as the many instances, sadly of and horrifically of discrimination, are echoed in a number of institutions right now in this country, military, prisons, as well as within the police"

"While there has been a lot of effort to try and address these issues, we see the very real need for the kinds of calls for accountability and oversight that FAFIA has brought forward."

REFLECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS

7 Things Your Daughter Needs to Learn From You

I was standing on a ladder, covered in saw and drywall dust, replacing the closet doors in my son's bedroom. My three-year-old daughter walked in, looked up at me with big eyes, and asked, "What doing, daddy?" All of our daughters have a lot of questions and a lot to learn. No matter how difficult or uncomfortable the questions might get, I'm glad they are still asking. It would be much worse if the questions stopped, as it likely would mean they are looking somewhere else for the answers.

Countless studies speak about the importance of a father's role in shaping the attitudes and expectations of his daughters and some of the major decisions they will make as they grow up. We fulfill part of that role by answering questions,

but we teach them in many other ways as well. Here are 7 things your daughter needs to learn from you.

1. YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS TO LEARN THAT SHE CAN COUNT ON YOU.

People will make all sorts of promises to your daughter. Some will promise her things they are not capable of fulfilling, while others will have hidden intentions behind their promises. As her dad, you need to keep your promises to her. She needs to be certain you will always be there for her, ready to listen, to fight for her, and, at times, to help her carry heavy things.

2. Your daughter needs you to teach her that perfection is a myth.

Girls used to measure themselves

against what they saw from women in shows, on magazine covers, or on billboards. Today they measure themselves against the many filters of social media. Your daughter needs you to show her how the filters on sites like Instagram and TikTok work, and to teach her it's pointless to compare herself to those heavily edited images. Most of all, she needs you to teach her that her value is found in more than the likes and follows these images can generate.

3. YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS YOU TO TEACH HER THAT SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.

Some will tell your daughters they are beautiful based on a quick look at her. Others will call her beautiful simply to try to get something from her.

By being the one without any other agenda who recognizes the beauty of her heart, her talents, and her appearance, you help your daughter define beauty as a quality she already possesses, rather than something she needs to achieve.

4. YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS YOU TO TEACH HER HOW TO DEAL WITH ADVERSITY.

Your daughter already knows everyone goes through hard times. She knows this because she's experienced it in her own life, but she's also seen the ways you face adversity. When she feels like giving up, she needs to have watched you ask for help so she's not afraid to do the same. Your daughter needs to hear from you when she's unsure what to do because she will

lean on your example more when doing hard things than she will on anyone else's.

5. YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS TO LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF DREAMING BIG.

Your daughter has had dreams for her life and for her future. While it's unlikely she'll turn into a mermaid or own a flock of unicorns, many of her dreams are worth aiming for. As her father, you need to be willing to listen to her dreams and to encourage her wherever possible. Having your support behind her will give her confidence to try new things without fearing the outcome.

6. YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS YOU TO TEACH HER HOW TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY WHEN SHE'S WRONG.

All of us make poor choices. Your daughter will encounter many people who will be quick to remind her of the times and ways she has messed up. Not only do you need to show her how

to own your own failures and mistakes, but you also need to teach her that she is both loved and lovable in those moments. Having the confidence that you really do love her, your daughter will more quickly accept responsibility when she has messed up. She'll also be more willing to try again the next time.

7. YOUR DAUGHTER NEEDS TO LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS FROM YOU.

Your daughter is always watching you. This is particularly true of the way you relate to other people. She is paying attention to your marriage, your friendships, and the way you treat your own parents. The great and small acts of love you show others resonate in your daughter's heart. This is why girls often date men who remind them of their fathers. When you show qualities like honesty, integrity, and care for others, your daughter is more likely to expect the same in her own relationships.

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COVER STORY

Maryanne Oketch Becomes Second Black Woman To Win 'Survivor'



Maryanne Oketch

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competition, Oketch explained that she did not capitalise on her young age to convince the jury to vote in her favour.

She said "When I came into the merge, I realised that there was a trend. If you were young like under 25, you seemed strategic and

you would be voted out"
"So, I basically had to pretend that I had no strategy, and when there were fewer people, I would then show my

strategy in the game."

She confirmed to newsmen that her mother was born in Kenya before moving to Canada where she raised her family.

The young winner, who is joining the millionaires club, considers herself very spiritual,

and this led to her joining a seminary school.

In a post-event interview, she said "I think what is super important is to make sure that I'm always prepared in my spiritual side".

The record-making Oketch was born in Germany and raised in

Canada. However, she has lived in a number of countries across the world, but takes pride in her Kenyan roots.

She attended McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, where she pursued Integrated Science with a Biochemistry concentration.

"If you marry a man who cheats on his wife you will..."

African Proverbs And Sayings

Trudeau condemns Russia for shutting down CBC



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

By Ngozi Ugoh

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has slammed Russia for shutting down the Canadian Broadcasting

Corporation (CBC)/Radio's Moscow bureau and for reversing the press statuses and visas of journalists.

While talking to reporters, Trudeau said: "Obviously the truth, re-

sponsible journalism, sharing what's actually going on with citizens is a deep threat to (Russian President) Vladimir Putin and his illegal war and his authoritarian tendencies."

The spokesperson of Russia's Foreign Ministry, Maria Zakharova said it retaliatory move because Canada banned the Russia Today (RT) website.

Trudeau described the move as unacceptable and added that Putin was motivated by his fear of true journalism.

He said: "It's unfortunate, but not surprising, that he's trying to shut down strong journalistic institutions."

The CBC is partly funded by the government of Canada. It got \$1.4 billion in 2021 but it owes no

allegiance to the government, said CBC News Editor-in-Chief Brodie Fenlon.

Fenlon tweeted: "Our journalism is completely independent of the Canadian government and we are saddened to see the Russian government conflate the two."

The CBC's Moscow bureau has been in operation for 44 years. Fenlon said he believed this is the first time any government has shut down one of the agency's bureaus.

He said: "This appears to be another step by Russia to stifle a free and independent press within its borders."

Canadian government prohibited RT and RT France in March because it said Russian agencies were biased against Ukrainians.

Canada bans Huawei from 5G network

By Ngozi Ugoh

The Canadian government has banned Huawei from operating on the country's fifth-generation networks over security issues.

The ban puts Canada at par with key intelligence countries like the United States, which have exhibited concerns over the national security implications of availing Huawei access to important infrastructure.

Also, the government is banning ZTE, another telecommunications firm backed by China. A government policy statement released online says companies have until June 28, 2024, to disconnect or terminate 5G equipment from Huawei and ZTE.

The companies will also have to terminate any

existing 4G equipment offered by the companies by December 31, 2027. The policy statement reveals the government expects companies to stop buying new 4G or 5G equipment from these companies by September.

While talking to a news conference recently, Innovation, Science and Industry Minister François-Philippe Champagne said: "This is the right decision and we are pleased to announce it today because it will secure our network for generations to come."

In his response to a question bordering on the risk of retaliation from the government of China, Champagne didn't feel that was a factor in the government's decision.

He said: "Let me be clear, this is about Canada, this is about our national

security, this is about our telecom infrastructure."

Minister of Public Safety, Marco Mendicino said the decision ushers in "a new era in safeguarding our telecommunications industry." He said the decision was made after a "thorough government examination [of] 5G and wireless technologies."

He said: "Canada is a country where people can innovate and start new businesses and leverage new technologies in 5G and beyond, but we also need to safeguard against the risks which can be exploited within those networks."

The Minister said new legislation that would protect 5G networks was coming and that the legislation will "establish a framework to better protect the systems vital to our national security

and give the government a new tool to respond to emerging cyber threats."

He said the legislation would also help in protecting infrastructure in the finance, energy, and transport sectors.

China has however condemned the decision against one of its champions as a type of "political manipulation" made in collaboration with the U.S., that was aimed at "suppressing" Chinese companies in violation of free market principles.

A statement posted on the website of Chinese Embassy in Canada read: "China will comprehensively and seriously evaluate this incident and take all necessary measures to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies."

Guinness Nigeria launches new £6.2 million ultra-modern headquarters in Lagos

By Stanley Ugagbe

Several weeks after the company denied reports that it intends to leave Nigeria or relocate its operations to Ghana, Guinness Nigerian Plc, the Nigerian subsidiary of British multinational beverage and alcoholic firm has formally opened its new £6.2 million ultra-modern headquarters located at Cocoa Industries Road, Ogba, Lagos.

Speaking at the occasion, the Chairman of Guinness Nigeria, Dr Omobola Johnson, said the ceremony also doubled as a celebration of the 72nd Anniversary of Guinness Nigeria's consistent business in the country.

According to reports, the Guinness Nigeria complex has a bar, game room, gymnasium and modern office facilities among others.

Johnson noted that the world-class edifice was a testament of the Guinness brand's confidence in continuing to do business in Nigeria and had rested rumours that the company was relocating from the country.

In her words, "It is a testament that Guinness is here to stay and committed to doing business in Nigeria."

She pointed out that the modern edifice shows the culture Guinness stands for and the company's aspirations for the future.

Delineating on the development, she said, "It is about working well, living well and also playing well."

Speaking at the

event, the Director-General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Mojisola Adeyeye, thanked Guinness Nigeria for playing a critical role in the food and beverage sector.

The DG, who was represented by the Director, Food, Safety and Applied Nutrition, NAFDAC, Mrs Eva Edwards, averred that the regulatory agency would continue to support Guinness to ensure the success of its business in Nigeria.

On his part, Mark Sandys, Global Head of Beer, Baileys and Smirnoff, Diageo Group, said Nigeria forms a special place in the history of Guinness being the second place the beer was brewed after Ireland.

He added that the new headquarters was a clear indication of the company's confidence in Guinness Nigeria based on its performance in the country.

It's important to note that in March, Guinness Nigeria reiterated its confidence in the Nigerian economy as it dismissed reports that it plans to leave Nigeria after establishing in Nigeria since 1950.

The group reiterated its commitment to remaining in the country and delivering value to its stakeholders and consumers, maintaining that the rumour making rounds was at variance with the company's current expansion and drive with the acquisition of a 25 acres commercial property in a choice location in Lagos.

30 Nigerians in Saudi Arabia's Police Net For Displaying Tinubu's Campaign Posters



By Stanley Ugagbe

The police authority in Saudi Arabia has apprehended thirty Nigerians for displaying the campaign poster of the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress, Bola Ahmed Tinubu in the holy mosque, Kaaba.

It should be noted that Tinubu is one of the aspirants for the 2023 presidential election under the canopy of the ruling APC. He is set to slug it out with scores of others for the party's ticket

to contest the election in February, 2023.

Reports have it that the security operatives arrested the Nigerians while walking around the Kaaba with Tinubu's posters lifted. It was gathered that the incident happened before the Eid-El-Fitr (Salah) celebration.

An eyewitness identified as Murtala Adamu Jega who spoke with SaharaReporters said, "I'm a witness; I saw them lift Bola Tinubu's posters at the holy Kaaba."

"This is despicable.

Instead of them devout precious time to pray for peace to return to our country, 30 men made a mockery of our nation by lifting a politician's posters in the holy place. Thank God, Saudi authorities were swift to have arrested them right there and then."

Also, a certain Zainab Abdullahi, a Nigerian, who was at the mosque, said, "the scenario was a very bad representation of Nigeria's image before the world, and I think politicians must desist from

this bad behaviour."

SaharaReporters quoted a Saudi Arabian source to have said those arrested would be charged to court to serve their sentences.

The online paper also reported that a renowned Islamic Cleric in Nigeria, Sheik Nura Khalid, while harping on the development, commended the Saudi authorities for the arrest, saying, "Lifting up a politician's posters in the holy Kaaba has contravened Islamic traditions."

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Digesting dairy — everything you need to know



(NC) If drinking milk leaves you feeling bloated and uncomfortable, you might assume you are lactose intolerant. But the truth is there could be a number of factors causing your tummy troubles. Fortunately, you may not need to cut out dairy at all. Here, registered dietitian Abbey Sharp explores the different factors that may cause digestive distress

and shares some tips on how to handle it.

WHAT IS LACTOSE INTOLERANCE?

This is the inability to digest lactose, a natural sugar found in milk and dairy products. The enzyme lactase normally breaks down lactose, but some people may not produce enough of the enzyme and end up with symptoms like bloating, gas or diarrhea.

A simple breath or blood test can diagnose lactose intolerance. If you test positive, don't worry. It's very manageable by choosing

lactose-free dairy products or taking lactase enzyme pills to assist with the digestive process.

WHAT ELSE CAN CAUSE DIGESTIVE DISCOMFORT?

For some other people, lactose is not the issue. It could be the protein in the milk. Most cows' milk on grocery store shelves contains a mix of both A1 and A2 proteins. But research shows that A1 protein can cause digestive discomfort.

To enjoy fresh, delicious milk without concern choose a product without the A1 protein. For example, try a2 Milk, which comes from Canadian cows that naturally produce milk with only the A2 protein.

TESTING WHICH MILK IS BEST FOR YOU

If you have trouble digesting dairy and have confirmed it's not lactose intolerance, you can explore whether you have A1 protein sensitivity. While there is no medi-

cal test, a simple elimination method will give you all the information you need in just a couple of days.

First, kick things off by removing all dairy from your diet for a few days and see how you feel. Then add in a cup of A2 protein milk and if you are still feeling good, try having two cups the next day. If you still feel fine, it's likely A1 protein that is causing your digestive distress.

Learn more at a2milk.ca.

Nomination Forms And Looters' Ticket To National Treasury

By Tola Adeniyi

I really no longer consider it worthwhile for me to waste my time writing, talking or thinking about Nigeria.

It is not helpful to my sanity to dwell in or on a building about to collapse, even though I am worried stiff about the calamity knocking at the door.

Nigeria is irredeemably in ruins; it is only those who are benefit-

ting from the cracks and crumbs that are still living in self-denial.

Regrettably, there are millions entrapped in the Contraption who simply don't know what to do or where to go or who to turn to. And my heart is in there with them.

They have been beaten, broken, repressed, depressed, oppressed and disenfranchised. They are mere living ghosts, living in the shadows of their past life.

We all were horrified and dumbfounded by the ugly parade of Nigeria's slave masters who were carrying about bags of ill-gotten wealth to their Investment Company's (sorry, political association's) headquarters to deliver wands of currency notes for the purchase of tickets to the country's treasury.

Never in the country's history had politicians brazenly punched the entire citizenry in

the nose as was done by this set of insensitive set of people who have conspired to take Nigeria and Nigerians to the unmitigated grave.

The Abracadabra Patented Crooks, APC, and the Provocative Devils Pandemic, PDP, the two biggest Political Merchants Associations have turned politics in Nigeria into a huge Lottery business. They have become groups of gamblers, gangsters and horse-trading,



Chief Tola Adeniyi

pools betting Mafiosi.

It is inconceivable that any honest investor will commit a whopping #100,000,000 to purchase a ticket that will only allow you into the gambling hall, the Casino.

The tickets being hawked by the political gangsters are a token of the total sum to be poured into the gambling pool.

After obtaining the ticket, bidders for the country's treasury will still require bigger sums to bribe the Lotto directors, managers, and sundry staff such as the Chairman of the gambling company, godfathers, godmothers, god-servants. Palms of Shrine keepers in the Churches, Mosques and Iledis also have to be greased. It is after all these money-guzzling rituals that the gambling politician will now be qualified to enter the fray of gambling proper.

From the foregoing, it is evident that hundred million naira is just a tip of the iceberg.

It is in this arena of gamblers that the looters

adjudged as winners of the lottery will be hand-picked and imposed on voters.

In the US where the corruption-laden Presidential system is stolen from, the highest sum ever paid for Nomination and Declaration of interest is \$40,000 which is just about N22,000,000. [Lest we forget; in normal times forty-thousand USD was less than forty-thousand Naira!] And even with that, interested individuals would have undergone serious nationwide campaigns selling themselves and their manifestos to the people.

NOT IN NIGERIA.

Gamblers here enjoy the freefall of the Naira, the national symbol of sovereignty.

This is where our lawyers should feel seriously concerned and come to the rescue of hapless Nigerians who are being led to the slaughter slab by the heartless mercenary gamblers in the garb of politicians.

Why should a country allow millions of her citizens to be disenfranchised upfront?

Why should honest hardworking and upright men and women be barred by moneybags from aspiring to highest positions of service in their own country?

Why should the youths who constitute over 70% of the population be prevented from aspiring to positions of political leadership by people who are not even politicians but self-seeking jobbers and gamblers?

Nigerians all over the world should cry out and free themselves from the shackles of gamblers and political harlots. Nigerians in the Diaspora have a historic role to play here.

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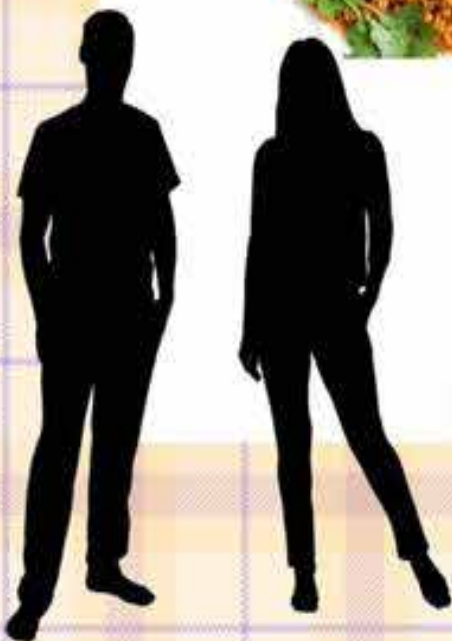
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below:

1. Consider shopping at Canadian small businesses

is another great option to consider. Canadian online retailers, accountants, web designers and consultants are often easily accessible, convenient and efficient.

2. Leave an online review and share their social media channels

There's nothing like sharing a thoughtful message about your positive experience with a small business. Take a moment to share your experience

on social media and recommend them to followers. Go the extra mile by leaving them a great review online.

3. Nominate a small business for financial funding

Show your favourite Canadian small business some support by nominating them for funding they might not know about, such as the Purolator True North Small Business

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Find more information at purolator.com/small-business-grant.

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had on our economy, it's important we continue to support them.

As a direct result of the challenges that many businesses faced during lockdown restrictions, e-commerce alternatives

that online presence and selling online have been essential to the survival of small businesses through the pandemic.

Three actions that we can take to help support small businesses are listed

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FACES AT THE NIGERIAN CANADIAN BUSINESS NETWORK 2022 COMMUNITY BUILDERS AWARDS

Over the last 50 years, Nigerians in Canada have continued to make an indelible impact in all spheres of the society, especially in business. These impacts have transcended generations and have continued to show how purposeful Nigerians are! The constant recognition of Nigerians in all walks of the society for their meaningful contributions is a testament to how committed they are to the growth and development of the community and nation. On Saturday May 14, 2022 NCBN recognised some of our community leaders who are pioneers that laid the foundation for our business Network in the Toronto GTA.

The recipients are: 1. Dr. Ola Kassim; 2. Mr. Isaac Olowolafe Snr; 3. Dr. Peter Ozemoya; 4. Dr. Gabriel Ogundele; 5. Mr. Tunde Olagundoye; 6. Mrs. Ngozi Gertie Ugoh; 7. Ms. Kemi Amusan (Lady Kay); 8. Mr. Sam Adewale; 9. Chief Emmanuel Mbulu; 10. Chief Tola Adeniyi; 11. Mayor Patrick Brown



L-R: - Dr. Ola Kassim, Mr. Isaac Olowolafe Snr., Chief Tola Adeniyi, King Wale Adesanya, National Chairman of the NCBN, High Chief Pa Adeite, Mrs. Olowolafe and Dr. Gabriel Ogundele



Mr. Obioma Nzewuji, Minister For Trade and Investment at the Nigerian High Commission in Ottawa, and MP Robert Oliphant, Permanent Sec., to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Canada



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L-R: Mr. Isaac Olowolafe Snr, Dr. Gabriel Ogundele, Ms. K. Amusan, Mr. Obioma Nzewuji, MP Robert Oliphant, Elder Biodun Olagundoye and Mrs. Bose Oduke



Dr. Ola Kassim and Ms. Frances Bradshaw who received an award on behalf of His worship Mayor Patrick Brown, the Mayor Of Brampton



Ngozi Ugoh, Publisher, Nigerian Canadian Newspaper Canada, Nikki Clarke (Nikki Clarke Show), Kemi Amusan (Lady K), Patricia Falope and Fadeke Ako



Mr. Malcolm Williamson, VC of the Nigerian and Canadian Business Network welcoming the participants



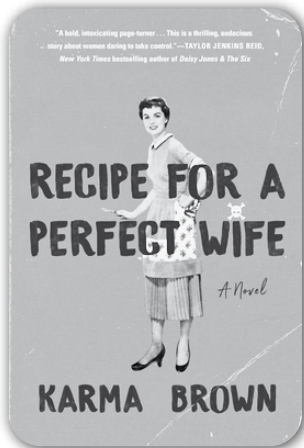
Sofia and Ngozi Ugoh (Publisher, Nigerian Canadian Newspaper Canada)

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BOOKS

"Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people – people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book" – E.B. White

Recipe for a Perfect Wife



By Karma Brown

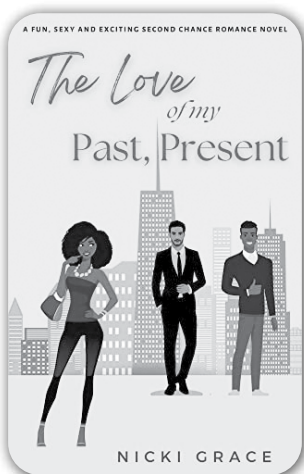
It is a thrilling, audacious story about women daring to take control. Drama started when Alice Hale reluctantly leaves a promising career in publicity, following her husband to the New York suburbs, and she is unaccustomed to filling her days alone in a big, empty house. Nevertheless, she is willing to become a writer—and to work hard to build the kind of life her husband dreams of, complete with children.

The old house didn't first resonate with Alice, but when she finds an old cookbook buried in a box in the basement, she be-

comes captivated by the cookbook's previous owner: 1950s housewife Nellie Murdoch. As Alice prepares her way through the past, she begins to settle into her new surroundings, even as her friends and family grow concerned that she has embraced them too fully: wearing vintage dresses and pearls like a 1950s housewife, making elaborate old-fashioned dishes like Baked Alaska, and drifting steadily away from her usual pursuits.

Tension intensifies as Alice justifies the changes merely as research for her novel...but when she discovers that Nellie left clues about her own life within the cookbook's pages—and in a mysterious series of unsent letters penned to Nellie's mother—she quickly realizes that the housewife's secrets may have been anything but harmless. Things took a different turn as Alice unravels a more dangerous side to Nellie's marriage and with pressure mounting in her own relationship, Alice realizes that to protect herself she must house and hatch a few secrets of her own. You need to explore this riveting drama!

The love of my Past, Present: A second chance romance (Inevitable Encounters Series: Book 2)



By Nicki Grace

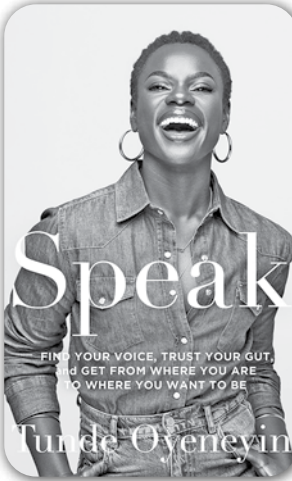
Again, this is another thought-provoking book that chronicles infidelity in marriage. Chloe James catches her husband cheating and she is enraged. She's only been married a year, and already it seems like the man she thought she knew, she doesn't know at all. But Chloe's not going down

without a fight, even if she has to take her cheating husband with her.

Drama escalated and took a different turn, when, while trying to pick up the broken pieces and reconnect with the man she still loves, her high school sweetheart, the sexy Reginald Rodriguez, has re-entered her life and is now her new boss. His presence is unveiling emotions that pull Chloe's mind and body into forbidden territories.

As she unravels unresolved feelings about her past and shocking discoveries about her present, managing the temptation to kill one man and kiss the other is going to be a challenge she is bound to lose. How did this play out? Explore!

Speak: Find Your Voice, Trust Your Gut, and Get from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be

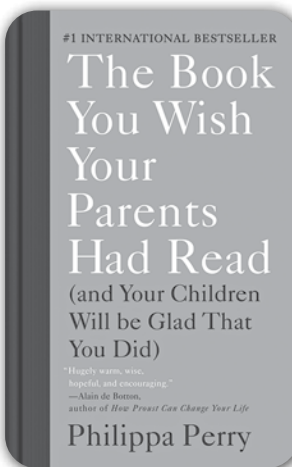


By Tunde Oyeyeyin

The author hinged the book on each step of the SPEAK acronym Surrender, Power, Empathy, Authenticity, and Knowledge—and shares the lessons she has learned about loss, love, body image, and how she has successfully created an intentional, joyful life for herself, offering an accessible blueprint for anyone looking to make a positive change in their lives.

Remarkably, on her choice day, thou-

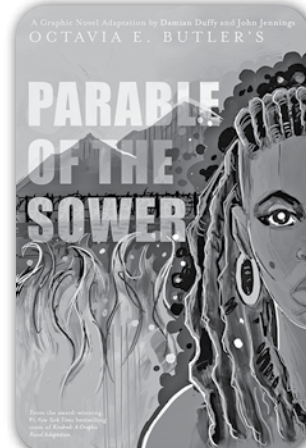
The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read (and Your Children Will Be Glad That You Did)



By Philippa Perry

Relationships are full of drama if the persons involved fail to learn and practice the necessary principles, crash is

Parable of the Sower



By Octavia E. Butler

In the Parable of the Sower, the author tells an emotional story of a family that went all out to salvage humanity but became a victim of circumstance. Lauren Olamina and her family live in one of the only safe neighborhoods remaining on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Lauren's

sands of devoted people clip into their bikes and have their lives changed by Tunde Oyeyeyin. Through her platform in a Peloton studio, she encourages riders with her trademark blend of positivity, empathy, and motivational "Tunde-isms," to push themselves to

father, a preacher, and a handful of other citizens try to salvage what remains of a culture that has been battered by drugs, disease, war, and chronic water shortages. While her father tries to lead people on the righteous path, Lauren on the other hand, struggles with hyperempathy, a condition that makes her extraordinarily sensitive to the pain of others.

Real drama started when fire razed their compound, Lauren's family is killed and she is forced out into a world that is laced with danger. With the company of other refugees, Lauren must make her way north to safety, along the way conceiving a revolutionary idea that may mean salvation for all mankind. Did she succeed?

their limits both on and off the bike.

In view of this book, fans and readers everywhere can learn about her personal journey, and discover how they too can "live a life of purpose, on purpose".

African Samurai: The True Story of Yasuke, a Legendary Black Warrior in Feudal Japan

By Thomas Lockley & Geoffrey Girard

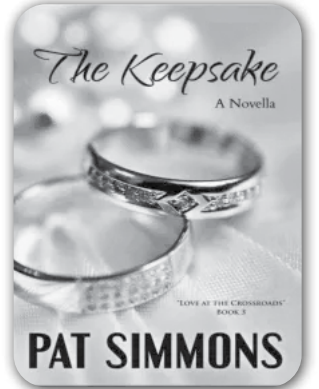
Warrior. Samurai. Legend.

The story delineates on history's first foreign-born samurai and his riveting journey from Northeast Africa to the heights of Japanese society. As of when Yasuke arrived in Japan in the late 1500s, he had already traveled much of the known world.

Yasuke, who was kidnapped as a child, ended up a servant and bodyguard to the head of the Jesuits in Asia, with whom he traversed India and China, learning multiple languages as he went.

However, his arrival in Kyoto literally caused a riot.

The Keepsake



Pat Simmons

Very few people can remain the same if they find out that their partner is having an affair. Desiree "Desi" Bishop is emotionally traumatized when she finds evidence of her husband's illicit affair. Even though she never thought she would ever file for divorce, she is determined to walk out no matter how much her heart says forgive him. Michael Bishop is a repentant man who loves his wife of three years but fails to pay attention to the red flags God was putting up to keep him from falling into the devil's snares. Even though God forgives him instantly when he repents, Desi's forgiveness is moving as a snail's pace.

In the end, after all the tears are shed and forgiveness received, the couple learns that some marriages are worth keeping. We urge you to explore this riveting and didactic story.

Most Japanese people had never seen an African man before, and many of them saw him as the embodiment of the black-skinned (in local tradition) Buddha. Lord Nobunaga, head of the most powerful clan in Japan was among those who were drawn to Yasuke's presence and he made Yasuke a samurai in his court. Soon, he was learning the traditions of Japan's martial arts and ascending the upper echelons of Japanese society.

It was projected that in the 400 years since, Yasuke has been known in Japan largely as a legendary, perhaps mythical figure. Now, African Samurai presents the never-before-told biography of this unique figure of the 16th century, one whose travels between countries, cultures, and classes offers a new perspective on race in world history and a vivid portrait of life in medieval Japan. It's such a historic book that will open your eyes to many things.

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YOUTH CORNER

..... Oluchi Ugoh

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Summer is here; take time off to enjoy your neighbourhood; you'd be surprised what you'll see. A lot is going on at your community centers and out in the fields and don't forget that this is the barbeque season; enjoy the great weather while it last.

Please, remember that Sunday, June 19 is father's day. Take time to celebrate your father or anyone playing that role in your life. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers'.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer.
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Match the words below (Anagrams)

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Ink	Near
Shut	Name
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Bats	Eat
Mean	Notes
Pears	Kin
Stone	Huts

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Jokes - Just for laughs

A Couple on their Honeymoon decided to take a trip to Africa. While walking in the countryside, they saw a beautiful lake...

There was a little boy who was standing by the bank, enjoying himself. The couple approached him and asked if it was safe to go into the water, if there were any sharks in the lake. The boy said no and went back to playing.

The couple jumped into the lake but after a while felt uncomfortable so

got out and asked the boy again if he was sure there were no sharks.

The boy, looking at the couple, a little irritated now, said: Believe me, Sharks don't come where there are Crocodiles.

African Teacher Jokes

My school teacher taught me most of the lies I tell today, she would tell me to write a letter to my uncle abroad when she knows my uncle is in the village.

RIDDLES

1. Riddle: What are the two things that are going everywhere together day and night, but will never meet?

2. Riddle: I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

3. Riddle: What happens once in a lifetime, twice in a moment, but never in one hundred years?

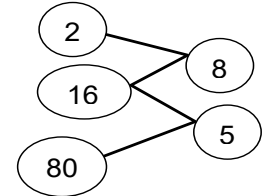
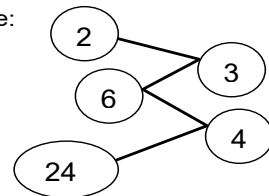
4. Riddle: What can you catch but not throw?

5. Riddle: What has hands but doesn't clap?

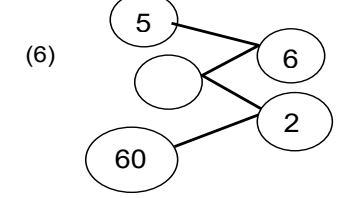
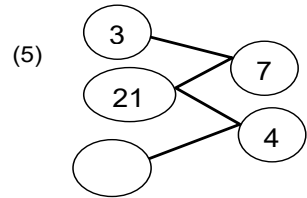
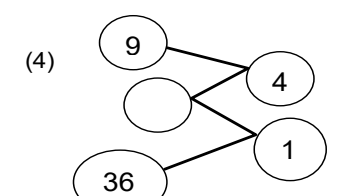
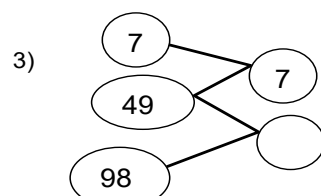
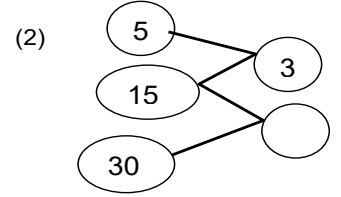
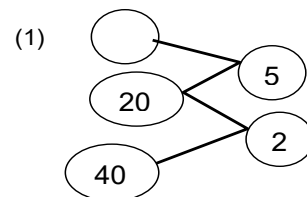
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MATH

Example:



Now do these (Hint: multiply through)



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CONTROLLING ANGER (A SHORT STORY)

There was once a young boy who had problem controlling his temper. When he became angry, he would just say anything that came to his mind and hurt people. So his father gave him a bag of nails and a hammer and said, "Every time you get angry, hammer one nail into the fence in our backyard".

The first few days the boy hammered so many nails that he emptied half the bag. Over the weeks, the number of nails he hammered to the fence reduced and gradually, his temper was much in

control. Then came a day when he didn't lose his temper at all. His father asked him to remove one nail each day that he manages not to lose his temper.

Finally, on the day the child was removing the last nail, his father says, "You have done well, boy. But do you see the holes in the wall? The fence is never going to be the same, even after repainting. Likewise, when you say mean things in anger, you will leave a scar in the person's mind, as the nails did to the fence".

INTERNATIONAL

Barbados ends Covid testing for fully-vaccinated guests

By N.Ugoh

The Government of Barbados has announced that as from May 25, travellers that have been fully vaccinated will no longer be required to take a Covid-19 test before entering the country.

The announcement was made by Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, who said ending the entry test will have positive implications for the tourism experience of Barbados, including speedier processing times at the Grantley Adams International Airport.

Mottley said Barbados had witnessed a 90% reduction in visitor numbers in the last two years and added: "We are significantly on our way back up."

The protocol change also states that for now, masks will only be mandatory indoors and on public transportation, while wearing masks is optional outdoors.

The updates came at a time when over 70% of the eligible population in Barbados are now fully vaccinated.

Minister of Tourism and International Transport, Senator the Hon. Lisa Cummins added: "What this signals to our travellers is that it is safe for them to come to Barbados, and we are in a position where we can comfortably accommodate many of the same measures they are experiencing at home, such as the protocols for mask-wearing and testing for certain activities."

Unvaccinated travellers will still need to present a negative Covid-19 test to enter Barbados.

Sudanese Government Ends 30 Years Of Islamic Law By Separating Religion, State

By N.Ugoh

The transitional government of Sudan has agreed to separate religion from the state consequently putting an end to 30 years of Islamic rule and making Sudan a democratic country.

Reports have it that Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and Abdel-Aziz Adam al-Hilu, the leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North group signed the declaration in Addis Ababa.

The declaration read: "The state shall not establish an official religion. No citizen shall be discriminated against based on their religion."

"For Sudan to become a democratic country where the rights of all citizens are enshrined, the constitution should be based on the principle of 'separation of religion and state,' in the absence of which the right to self-determination must be respected."

Also, both sides agreed to establish informal negotiation workshops that will resolve contentious issues that involves right to self-determination of all citizens.

The decision came few days after the government entered into a peace deal with a coalition of rebel forces increasing hope to end the violence crippling Darfur region and other parts of Sudan that has been for years under ousted president Omar al-Bashir. Hamdok.

Al-Hilu have disclosed that they believed it was necessary to arrive at a comprehensive political solution to every of Sudan's conflicts, a solution that would address the root causes of the crises that have prevailed in the country.

Karine Jean-Pierre named White House press secretary

By Stanley Ugagbe

President Joe Biden has appointed Karine Jean-Pierre as his second White House press secretary, replacing Jen Psaki later this month.

IN view of the development, she will be the first Black press secretary in White House history, speaking for both the president and the U.S. government in press briefings that are watched by the world.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Biden said "Karine not only brings the experience, talent and integrity needed for this difficult job, but she will continue to lead the way in communicating about the work of the Biden-Harris Administration on behalf of the American people"

"Jill and I have known and respected Karine a long time and she will be a strong voice speaking for me and this Administration."

Reacting to the development, Jean-Pierre said "This is a historic moment, and it's not lost on me"

"I understand how important it is for so many people out there, so many different communities, that I stand on their shoulders and I have



been throughout my career".

On her part, Psaki referred to Jean-Pierre as "my partner in truth," adding that "One of the first conversations we had when we both found out we were getting these jobs was about how we wanted to build a drama-free, on your best days, workplace where everybody worked hard. Where we, on our best days, were rebuilding trust with the public."

It's important to note that Jean-Pierre came to the Biden team from the progressive organization MoveOn.org, where she was a top communications staffer. Also, she was a regular on MSNBC. Jean-Pierre has already led several White House press briefings, including when Psaki was out with COVID.

It could be recalled that in May 2021 during her first turn behind the famous lectern, Jean-Pierre said "It's a real honor just to be standing here today"

"I appreciate the historic nature, I really do. But I believe being behind this podium, being in this room, being in this building, is not about one person. It's about what we do on behalf of the American people."

Though she was raised in New York, Jean-Pierre was born in Martinique and went to Columbia University. Throughout her career she has bounced between Democratic political campaigns and left-leaning organizations.

Psaki's last day is scheduled for May 13th, after which Jean-Pierre will take over.

Anthony Albanese elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia

By N.Ugoh

The incumbent Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison, has accepted defeat in the country's election after Anthony Albanese, leader of the Australian Labor Party defeated him in the country's recent election.

Scott Morrison conceded defeat and made way for his successor Anthony Albanese, leader of the Australian Labor Party.

Also, the incumbent Prime Minister has decided to step down

as leader of the Liberal Party of Australia. By implication, a new Leader of the Opposition will be elected.

While announcing his decision, Morrison said: "To my colleagues tonight, who have had to deal with very difficult news and have lost their seats tonight, I as a leader take responsibility for the wins and the losses. That is the burden and that is the responsibility of leadership."

"As a result, I will be handing

over the leadership at the next party room meeting to ensure the party can be taken forward under new leadership which is the appropriate thing to do. I've had the great privilege to lead this great party and lead this great nation. And the reason I have been able to do that is I've been supported by so many."

Anthony Albanese, Australia's 31st Prime Minister, has served as a member of parliament in Australia since 1996.

Guinea-Bissau's economy minister sacked

By Stanley Ugagbe

Guinea-Bissau's President, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, has sacked the nation's economy minister and given his post to the head of government on a temporary basis.

The ousted Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Integration, Victor Mandiga, has been in office since 2021.

According to a presidential decree, he was replaced to "guarantee the regular functioning of institutions and for political convenience".

It was clarified that his post has been temporarily entrusted to Prime Minister Nuno Gomes Nabiam, who

heads a 31-member government.

It is important to note that Mandiga had recently denounced the involvement of the Ministry of Finance in matters under his responsibility.

Also, the ousted Mandiga had spoken out against the creation of a state secretariat for regional integration, placed under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, he no longer regularly attended government meetings.

A party official who spoke to newsmen on the condition of anonymity, said "He was given an empty shell".

Local reports have it that Mandiga, an economist by training, heads the Democratic Convergence Party (PDC), which has one seat in the National Assembly, out of 102 in the institution dominated by the presidential camp.

Reports also said that he had supported Embaló's candidacy in the second round of the 2019 presidential election, which Embaló won against former Prime Minister Domingos Simoes Pereira, who is also the leader of the African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC, former government).

INTERNATIONAL



Russia's Close Ally, Belarus Introduces Death Penalty For 'Attempted' Terrorism

By Stanley Ugagbe

Belarus — a close ally of Russia has introduced death penalty for attempts to carry out acts of terrorism, charges that several opposition activists face in the ex-Soviet country.

REPORTS have it that it is the only country in Europe that continues to carry out executions despite calls for a moratorium.

The RIA Novosti news agency, while citing an online government portal for legal information, reported that “Belarusian President Alexander

Lukashenko signed a law on the possibility of the death penalty for an attempted terrorist act”.

The report stated that the law would come into force 10 days after its publication.

According to Belarusian rights group Vyasna, a Belarusian court in the city of Grodno has started a closed-door hearing in the case against 12 activists accused of “preparing acts of terrorism”.

It was gathered that among them is veteran activist Nikolai Avtukhovich, who has already served more than seven years in jail. The 59-year-old faces a litany of other charges, including treason.

Multiple reports have it that the

activists are accused of setting the home and car of a policeman on fire in October 2020 and burning the car of another policeman in November 2020, in the wake of historic protests that erupted in Belarus over the disputed re-election of strongman Lukashenko.

Activists believe that Svetlana Tikhonovskaya — who now leads the Belarusian opposition from exile in Lithuania — was the true winner in the August 2020 polls.

Belarusian state news agency Belta, had last March, reported that Belarusian prosecutors charged Tikhonovskaya with “preparing acts of terrorism as part of an organised group”.

UAE President dies at 73

By Stanley Ugagbe

The United Arab Emirates President whose modernization policies helped transform his country into a regional powerhouse, has died aged 73.

State media, WAM said “The Ministry of Presidential Affairs mourn the people of the UAE, the Arab and Islamic nations, and the whole world. The leader of the nation and the patron of its march, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the State, passed away to the Lord's side today, Friday, May 13”.

“The Ministry of Presidential Affairs announces an official mourning and flags to be flown at half-mast for the late His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, may God have mercy on him, for a period of 40 days, starting today, and suspending work in ministries, departments, federal and local institutions, and the private sector for 3 days, starting today (Friday)”.

It is important to note that Sheikh Khalifa's role had been largely



ceremonial since he suffered a stroke and underwent surgery in 2014. Reports have it that his brother and Abu Dhabi's crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, has been widely seen as the de-facto leader of the UAE, handling day-to-day affairs for the Gulf state.

It could be recalled that the late Sheikh Khalifa was appointed as the second president of the UAE in 2004, succeeding his father and founder of the nation, Sheikh Zayed al Nahyan.

Sheikh Khalifa who was born in 1948 in the Eastern Region of Abu Dhabi, was the eldest son of

Sheikh Zayed. Before he emerged as president, he was crown prince of Abu Dhabi and headed Abu Dhabi's Supreme Petroleum Council, which drafts oil policy.

In his capacity as the president, he headed one of the largest investment funds in the world, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, managing hundreds of billions of dollars in assets.

Remarkably, one of the world's tallest buildings, the Burj Khalifa, took on his name after the UAE government bailed Dubai out of its debt.

Niger President says G5 Sahel force is 'dead' after Mali's departure

By N.Ugoh

The President of Niger, Mohamed Bazoum has revealed that the G5 Sahel multinational force fighting Islamist insurgents in West Africa is “dead” after Mali announced it was pulling out.

The force includes troops from Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso as well as Mauritania and was established in 2017 to curb jihadists who have encroached on the Sahel region, killed thousands of people and rendered millions homeless.

The decision of Mali to withdraw came up after a breakdown in relations with regional allies and with former colonial ruler France, triggered by the junta's reluctance to conduct elections after two successive coups.

While talking to French Newspaper La Croix in a recent interview, Bazoum said: “The G5 Sahel is dead. The isolation of Bamako in West Africa is bad for the whole sub-region.”

A presidential spokesperson corroborated his comments by saying: “His position on the G5 Sahel is clear.” The force has been stifled by a lack of funding and has strived to reduce the violence. Mali's junta announced recently that it would pull out, blaming a lack of success in the fight against the Islamists.

As expected, 2400 French troops and 900 special forces in a French-led European task force will leave Mali in the coming months. Niger will host some of them, giving it a more paramount role in the region's fight against Islamists.

Couple Drags Son To Court For Not Giving Them Grandchildren

By Stanley Ugagbe

Alarmed by their son's unwillingness to have children, an Indian couple has dragged their son to court demanding that he and his wife produce either a grandchild within a year or cough up almost \$650,000.

The troubled couple, Sanjeev and Sadhana Prasad averred that they exhausted their savings raising and educating their pilot son and paying for a lavish wedding. After so much investment on him, they now want payback. The couple, in their petition filed with a court in Haridwar, said “My son has been married for six years but they are still not planning a baby. At least if we have a grandchild to spend time with, our pain will become bearable”.

Local reports have it that the compensation they are demanding — 50 million rupees — includes the cost of a wedding reception in a five-star hotel, a luxury car worth \$80,000 and paying for the couple's honeymoon abroad.

It was also reported that the couple forked out \$65,000 to get their son trained as a pilot in the United States only for him to return to India unemployed.

In their petition, they said, “We also had to take a loan to build our house and now we are going through a lot of financial hardships. Mentally too we are quite disturbed because we are living alone”.

Arvind Kumar, who is the couple's lawyer, said the petition will be taken up for hearing by the court in northern India on May 17.

It is imperative to note that India has a strong joint family system with many generations including grandparents, nephews, aunts and uncles often living in the same household.

But, reports have it that in recent years the trend has shifted, with young couples preferring to move away from their parents or siblings, and wives — such as in this case — opting to work rather than focus on having children and staying at home.

SPORTS



Newcastle ready to tempt Victor Osimhen with N4b per year salary

By Marcel Chukwuka

According to reports, Newcastle United are ready to offer Super Eagles star striker, Victor Osimhen, up to N4 billion (€9million) in salary per year to persuade him to leave Italy.

Italian outlet Calciomercato reported that Osimhen has been linked with a transfer to Premier League clubs; Manchester United, Arsenal and Newcastle, but the Magpies are the major contenders to secure the services of the €100million rated star.

Newcastle tried to sign the 23-year-old in January but will double his current wage at Napoli if he accepts their offer.

The report says Osimhen is 'tempted' by the offer, and it has been suggested that if Newcastle do not relegate this season, Osimhen could join the English premier league team.

Newcastle United was bought over by a Saudi-led consortium in October 2021 and the club knows that Napoli will sell Osimhen for nothing less than €100million this summer.

So far this season, Osimhen has scored 17 goals in 29 matches for Napoli.



Iran: Canada's football friendly cancellation political

By Marcel Chukwuka

Iran has said "politics" motivated the decision by authorities of Canadian football to cancel a friendly match against Iran as both countries prepare for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 finals.

KAZEM Gharibabadi, vice-president of Iran's judiciary tweeted: "Canada's decision to call off a friendly with Iran is testimony to the fact" that it "can't keep politics off the pitch."

Canada's friendly match against Iran in Vancouver on



June 5 was viewed by Canadian football authorities as important to preparations for the 2022 FIFA World Cup that will be held in Qatar later this year.

But the fixture brewed controversy, with Canadian Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau opposing the match, describing it as a "bad idea".

The families of passengers that died when Iranian armed forces shot down Ukraine International Airlines flight PS752 after it took off from Tehran on January 8, 2020, had condemned the fixture.

Eighty-five Canadian citizens and permanent residents were part of the 176 people that died in what the Iranian armed forces classified as a "mistake".

After Canada decided to cancel the match, Iran's "Team Melli" media officer Mohammad Jamaat told state television that Iran would "file a complaint to FIFA" against the decision.

Son becomes first Asian to scoop Premier League's Golden Boot

By Stanley Ugagbe

Tottenham Hotspur's forward, Son Heung-min has become the first Asian player ever to win the Premier League's Golden Boot.

He netted two goals on the final day of the 2021-22 season to take his tally to 23 goals, splitting the award with Liverpool's Mo Salah.

Remarkably, Salah led the top scorer table going into the final game of the season with 22 goals to Son's 21. The Korean added two more in Spurs' 5-0 win over Norwich City, while Salah picked up a late goal against Wolverhampton Wanderers to split the prize.

Son achieved the feat despite not being the key man for his team as against Salah who is Liverpool's main star. The two top scorers approached the

prize in very different ways.

The Liverpool forward, Salah drove home 20 goals by the middle of March and then his performance sloped off in the last two months of the season, with two goals in a game on April 19 and one more on the final day of the season.

On the other hand, Son struck nine times in his last 10 games with six goals coming in the last five games to shoot up the scoring charts and draw level with Salah.

What is even more amazing is that Son netted all 23 of his goals without a single penalty, far outpacing Salah, who scored five penalties this season. He scored 12 goals with his left foot and 11 with his right foot.

In view of this development,

Son is now the first Asian footballer to win a Premier League Golden Boot award, making Korea the 13th country to provide a winner, after Britain, the Netherlands, France, Argentina, Egypt, Ivory Coast, Bulgaria, Gabon, Portugal, Senegal, Uruguay and Trinidad and Tobago.

Speaking on the feat, the elated Son, said "It's incredible to have this award. I can't believe it. I got really emotional. I dreamed of it as a child. Literally it's my in hands. I can't believe it."

"I wanted to score today. The team helped me a lot at half-time. They wanted to help me, you could see it today."

On his part,

Tottenham manager Antonio Conte credited the team effort with helping Son win the award.

Conte said "It means that there is a great atmosphere in the dressing room. It means the players are really good people, not only good players. We were good to match today these two targets, to get a place in the Champions League and for Sonny to win the Golden Boot."



SPORTS

Oshoala becomes the first African woman to win Spanish Primera golden boot

By Stanley Ugagbe

Super Falcons star, Asisat Oshoala has won the Spanish Primera Division golden boot following an impressive goalscoring 2021-22 season with champions Barcelona.

IN view of the development, the four-time Africa Women's Player of the Year becomes the first woman from the continent to achieve the great feat, scoring 20 goals in just 12 starts of all 19 league appearances.

The history-making Oshoala who opened her season account with a brace in a 5-0 win over Real Betis on September 11, grabbed her 20th goal of the season in a 5-1 win against Sevilla on May 5.

Though she was sidelined for 16 weeks due to injury, the 27-year-old garnered the same number of goals as Brazil's Geyse of Madrid CFF.

The Falcons' forward was introduced as a 63rd minute substitute during their last match in which they defeated Atletico Madrid by 2-1 but she failed to add to her tally. She played fewer matches (19) than Geyse (27).

Remarkably, Barcelona won all their matches of the campaign.



Salima Mukansanga To Become First African Woman To Referee At Male World Cup

By Stanley Ugagbe

In a reverberating development that has been applauded by football pundits and stakeholders, this year's male world cup will feature female referees – it's the first time ever that there will be women referees at a men's World Cup. This development was contained in a statement by world football body, FIFA. It should be noted that this year's edition of the world cup is being hosted by Qatar.

France's Stephanie Frappart, Salima Mukansanga from Rwanda, and Japan's Yoshimi Yamashita are among the 36 match referees. Brazil's Neuza Back, Mexico's Karen Diaz Medina and American Kathryn Nesbitt have been included in the 69 assistant referees.

FIFA Referees Committee chairman Pierluigi Collina said "We are very happy that ... we have been able to call up female match officials for the first time in the history of a FIFA World Cup".

"This concludes a long process that began several years ago with the deployment of female referees at FIFA men's junior and senior tournaments.

"In this way, we clearly emphasise that it is quality that counts for us and not gender. I would hope that in the future, the selection of elite women's match officials for important men's competitions will be perceived as something normal and no longer as sensational."

The body noted that all match officials for the finals will participate in early summer in seminars in Asuncion, Madrid and Doha. Massimo Busacca, FIFA's Director of Refereeing, said "We can't eliminate all mistakes, but we will do everything we can to reduce them".

Christopher Nkunku named Bundesliga Player of the Season

By Stanley Ugagbe

French international and RB Leipzig talisman, Christopher Nkunku has been voted 2021/22 Bundesliga Player of the Season.

The exceptional Nkunku brushed aside the likes of Robert Lewandowski, Erling Haaland and Patrik Schick to scoop the prize.

Remarkably, the French forward was one of six different Player of the Month winners of the course of the campaign. The only difference is he won the award a single-season record four times - in October 2021, February, March and April 2022.

It is imperative to note that the award, created by the DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga in 2018/19 in cooperation with the Bundesliga's official licensing partner, EA Sports, is decided by via the Team of the Season fan votes (40 percent), clubs (30 percent) and experts (30 percent).

Nkunku, 24, netted 20 goals in 34 Bundesliga appearances in 2021/22, whilst producing 13 assists to help Leipzig recover from their worst ever start to a top-flight season and finished fourth. The award winner was the first player to reach double



digits in both categories, while only 35-goal top scorer Lewandowski had a direct hand in more goals over the course of the campaign (38).

Commendably, it was Nkunku's most productive season of Bundesliga football by a mile, the former Paris Saint-Germain attacker having scored or assisted 20 goals in 2019/20 and 13 in 2020/21. He received his maiden senior international call-up for his efforts, and earned his first France caps during the March 2022 international break.

Sensationally, Nkunku was

exceptional on the European club scene, registering 11 goals and three assists across 12 UEFA Champions League and Europa appearances. Among his highlights was a hat-trick against Guardiola's free-scoring Manchester City in the Champions League groups, and a brace away Italian outfit Atalanta that took Leipzig through to the Europa League semi-finals.

In addition to his player of the season award, Nkunku scooped the DFB Cup after Leipzig overcame Freiburg on penalties in the final.

Man City want Paul Pogba in shock free transfer



By Marcel Chukwuka

Manchester City Football Club are interested in signing Paul Pogba on a free transfer in what could be one of the most incredible deals in English Premier League transfer history.

According to reports, Pogba will not make any decision about his future until the end of the season, when his Manchester United contract expires.

Last month, Sky Sports reported that the France international, who seems to have played his last game for United as he is out with a calf injury, has not ruled out the possibility of staying in the Premier League.

Two Premiership clubs have been in touch with Pogba's camp. One of the interested clubs is United's rivals, Manchester City, and Sky Sports News has reported that Pogba would look at every concrete offer presented to him.

Real Madrid, Juventus and PSG are also interested in signing him on a free transfer, six years after United signed Pogba from the Italian club for a then world record fee of around £89m.

At present, Pogba can talk to clubs outside England, but cannot officially hold talks with English clubs until he is out of contract.

RELIGION

Pope appoints Archbishop Jude Okolo as Apostolic Nuncio to Czech Republic

By N.Ugoh

Pope Francis has appointed Nigerian Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo from Ozubulu in Nnewi Diocese, Anambra State, as the new apostolic nuncio to the Czech Republic.

Okolo will replace Charles Daniel Balvo, who has served as apostolic nuncio to the Czech Republic for four years.



Thaddeus Okolo

Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo was born on December 18, 1956, and is a prelate

of the Catholic Church who started working in the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1990.

Francis Cardinal Arinze ordained him on July 2, 1983 and consecrated him as a Bishop on September 27, 2008.

In the Catholic Church, Archbishop Jude Okolo has held the following post:

- Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic.
- Apostolic Del-

egate to Puerto Rico.

- Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.

- Apostolic Nuncio to Czech Republic (current post).

An apostolic nuncio, also known as a papal nuncio or a nuncio, is an ecclesiastical diplomat who serves as an envoy or a permanent diplomatic representative of the Holy See to a country or an international organization.

The Catholic

Church has three nuncios from Nigeria. They are Archbishop Jude Okolo from Nnewi Diocese, Anambra state, Apostolic Nuncio to Sri Lanka; Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu from Aba Diocese, Abia state, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva and Archbishop Brain Udaigwe from Orlu Diocese, Imo state, Apostolic Nuncio to Sri Lanka.

Northern CAN: Allegations of blasphemy new ploy to kill Christians

By Bunmi Akintilo

The northern chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has condemned the recent rise in cases of false allegations of blasphemy that have triggered violence against Christians and said it had now become an excuse to kill Christians living in northern Nigeria.

According to the chapter said such false allegations of blasphemy are now being used for "blackmail or settle of scores with passive enemies or well-mannered

young girls who allegedly refused sexual advances by the opposite sex from another religion."

The Vice President of CAN in the 19 Northern States and Abuja, Rev. Joseph John Hayab made this accusation in a recent statement in Abuja while evaluating the success of the protest it staged against the lynching of Deborah Samuel. He said investigations carried out by the Christian body have revealed that the various allegations of blasphemy have been false and were mere attempts at killing Christians.

Hayab said: "Allega-

tions of blasphemy have now become the new excuse by fundamentalists in northern Nigeria to kill the remnant that bandits and terrorists have not yet killed.

"How can you justify the period of what happened in Sokoto, the allegation in Borno, the fake allegation on Babachir Lawal by one northern actor who we have on record how he made blasphemous remarks about Jesus Christ, but quickly went and brought it down on the internet to cover himself before coming out to falsely accuse Babachir Lawal, the former SGF?

"And we are seeing another carnage in Bauchi under the excuse of blasphemy. We know and have evidence of how some of these allegations of blasphemy are false and just for blackmail or settling scores with passive enemies or well-mannered young girls who have refused sexual advances by the opposite sex from another religion.

"We are also aware of how fanatics have in the past raised lies in the name of blasphemy. CAN wonders if the recent sermons we are getting from some Islamic clerics on what the Holy Quran says

about what should be done if anyone is accused of blasphemy is unpopular amongst followers?

"The challenge now is for government authorities and security agencies to act fast to address this abuse of our constitution before it leads to a more serious conflict that cannot be handled.

"Nigeria's Christians, most especially those of northern extraction have for ages exhibited tolerance despite many provocations and lack of reciprocation of our love and friendship.

"But these new tactics for killing our people

from any and every accusation of blasphemy are unacceptable to CAN and all Christian faithful. We will not accept this brutal way of murder and inhuman treatment of our followers to continue.

"The government and security agencies should come out to enforce the law on every murderer hiding under religion. We will also wish to appeal to Christian leaders and parents to guide their children to resist any ungodly provocation that will make them say things that blood-thirsty fundamentalist can easily use to kill them."

Pastor clears 71% of the Vote in North Carolina House Primary



Pastor Neal Jackson

By Bunmi Akintilo

Pastor Neal Jackson has won in the 78th district of North Carolina with 71% of the Republican vote. Jackson decided to run after state Rep. Allen McNeill, Jackson's "great friend for many years," decided to call it a day after

10 years of service.

Jackson, Beulah Baptist Church's Pastor in Bennett, North Carolina, reveals he was motivated by a trip he and other pastors made to Israel with David Lane's organization, the American Renewal Project.

He said: "We were just challenged that we as Christians must invade the public arena," says Jackson. "We're to be a light in a dark world, and this includes the arena of politics."

During the trip, Jackson felt the urge to pray for people in authority over him, but he didn't know the names of most of his elected local and state officials at that time.

He added: "So I just

came back and started taking them out to eat and developing relationships."

As Jackson prayed for them and got to know their names, he began to pray: "God, if You open up doors, we will serve You while pastoring, but getting out of the church building and into the community."

When McNeill announced he was retiring, Jackson felt God was blessing the timing and the opportunity. His church members and his family both gave him their blessing to run for office.

However, Jackson wasn't so sure of the rest of the community's support. He said:

"I wondered how they would respond to having a pastor representing them in Raleigh, but the community has been above and beyond just wonderful in embracing us."

Jackson's first step as a candidate was getting in touch with churches to pray for the upcoming election. Also, he appeared and talked at many organizations and business gatherings in his area. During his campaign, he did not only highlight his pastoral experience, but he spoke about the 13 years of experience he had in financial planning and insurance sales. But at all speaking engagements, he says, he led with his

faith.

In a motivational video he sent to his community, he said: "You say, 'Why should I vote?'"

"Life is on the ballot tomorrow. I give you my word—I will be pro-life every day that I'm in Raleigh.

"Morality is on the ballot, and I give you my word—I am a Christian. I am a conservative, and I will act like that. And I will vote like that."

Jackson's campaign website, nealjackson4nc.org/issues, makes his position on many issues clear: "pro-life," "pro-family," "pro-gun," "pro-freedom," "pro-jobs," "pro-law enforcement" and "pro-

COVER STORY

Promises Galore As Ontario Set For June 2 Showdown

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PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE

In the area of affordability, the PC promises include legislation that would speed up approvals for all types of housing, increasing capacity at the Ontario Land Tribunal and Landlord and Tenant Board to resolve cases faster, temporarily cutting the gas and fuel taxes beginning July 1, changes to the Low income Individuals and Families Tax (LIFT) Credit (see Taxes section), the implementation of an average of \$10-a-day child care in Ontario by September 2025, extending the Ontario Community Support program in 2022-23 which delivers means, medicine, and other items to low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The Party promised increase the housing supply by reducing “red tape” and making it “easier” to build housing. On child care, it said an average of \$10-a-day child care will be achieved in Ontario by September 2025, with fees being reduced over time up until then (including retroactive rebates).

The PC budget outlined new tax breaks for low-income workers and for seniors to help them age at home. It proposes changes to the Low-income Individuals and Families (LIFT) Credit and creating an Ontario Seniors Care at Home Tax Credit,

both taking effect this year.

On how it will tackle the ravaging COVID-19, it detailed plans for investments in hospitals, long-term care, home care, and plans to build the province’s health-care workforce and build domestic production of PPE and vaccines.

In the area of health care, the PC budget said hospital infrastructure projects would receive more than \$40 billion over the next decade, including about \$27 billion in capital funding.

On transportation, the PC budget included plans for spending \$25.1 billion over 10 years for highway projects, including Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, widening Highway 401 east from Pickering, and improving the QEW Skyway.

In the area of Education, they promised to commit \$21 billion, including \$14 billion in capital grants, over the next 10 years for the renewal and expansion of school infrastructure and child-care projects. The PCs said they are also launching a pilot project collaborating with school boards to use rapid, modular build methods. The PCs said \$6 billion would also be provided for the post-secondary education sector including more than \$2 billion in capital grants over 10 years to help modernize classrooms, carry out repairs, and improve

environmental sustainability

LIBERAL

On affordability, the party promised to give “people a break on costs.” The party promised to remove the provincial portion of the HST on prepared meals under \$20, and help pay for it by implementing a 1 per cent surtax on corporate profit above \$1 billion and increase taxes on individual incomes above \$500,000 (see Taxes section). Also, they pledged to increase the minimum wage to \$16 per hour beginning Jan. 1, 2023 and “develop a living wage structure” that “factors different wage rates in different regions of the province.” They promised to repeal Bill 124.

The Ontario Liberals promised to build “at least” 1.5 million new homes over 10 years. In its child care plan, Liberals pledged to implement universal \$10-a-day child care and make discounts retroactive, giving parents \$2,750 per child. The party said it would implement \$10 a day before and after school care by September, create 30,000 new jobs for early childhood educators and other child-care staff, provide free tuition for all ECE programs at Ontario colleges, and enhance pay and benefits for ECEs.

The Party said they would eliminate corporate taxes on small businesses hard hit by the pandemic for two years. It would be scaled to losses in revenue

and eliminated entirely for businesses that lost more than 50 per cent of revenue.

The party pledged to add the COVID vaccine to the list of required vaccines for schools, require vaccinations for front-line education and health workers, ensure broad access to antiviral treatments, require that businesses treat COVID outbreaks as occupational health issues, and “support business that opt to check for vaccination status.” In the area of health care, the party promised to hire 100,000 new nurses, doctors and other health-care workers, hire internally-trained health workers, train 3,000 new mental health and addictions professionals, add more nursing and medical school spaces and cover tuition costs for medical students working in rural or remote communities.

The Liberals promised to cut the cost of public transit fares to \$1 per ride and offer \$40 monthly passes until January 2024. The party said it would also work to integrate fares between services in the GTHA “ensuring everyone pays less than they do today.” Public transit would be free for all veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces under the Liberal plan.

The Liberals promised to hire 10,000 more teachers and cap class sizes at 20 students for all grades. The party said it would reinstate an optional Grade 13 and offer classes on mental health, taxes, financial literacy, among other topics.

NEW DEMOCRATIC

The NDP promised to make life more affordable by ending exclusionary zoning, introduce an annual speculation and vacancy tax on residential property, bring back rent control, create a portable housing benefit, and ensure tenants and landlords can get “prompt and fair” hearings before the Landlord and Tenant Board.

On housing, it promised to end exclusionary zoning — rules that disallow different types of housing construction — and “encourage responsible development.”

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The NDP said it would freeze taxes for low- and middle-income families while ensuring that “the wealthiest Ontarians and big corporations pay their fair share.” The party said it would introduce an annual speculation and vacancy tax on residential properties, modelled off of British Columbia, applying to all speculators who own houses they don’t live in at a rate of two per cent of the assessed value. The NDP said it would maintain the non-resident speculation tax at 20 per cent and “close loopholes.”

It promised to hold a public inquiry into the province’s COVID-19 response and introduce a “new” Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and other legislation to “strengthen” the ability to respond to a crisis. New Democrats pledged to implement universal, publicly funded mental health care, reduce the wait time for children’s mental health to 30 days, commit \$10 million more to mobile crisis services and \$7 million more for safe beds programs to support mobile crisis teams.

Plans for transit in the NDP platform include restoring provincial funding for municipal transit and paratransit systems to 50 per cent of their net operating costs and implementing more fare integration along with a two-hour flat rate fare across municipal transit in the GTHA.

Hiring 20,000 teachers and education workers, more custodians and maintenance staff, more mental health workers, repealing Bill 124, and working to

end violence against education workers are among the promises in the NDP on Education.

GREEN

The Greens said they would include mental health care under OHIP, increase funding for home care services, and create incentives for retrofitting homes to make them easier to age in place. The party said it would increase the minimum wage to \$16 this year and have it increase annually by \$1, with a top-up in cities where the cost of living is higher. Repealing Bill 124 and “problematic sections” of Bill 106 is also in the Green platform. They promised to establish a \$25 hourly base pay for PSWs.

The Green Party said it would build 182,000 new “permanently affordable” rental homes over 10 years, with 60,000 of those supportive homes. The party said it would also introduce rules that ensure 20 per cent of units in all housing projects above “a certain size” are affordable. The Greens said they would renew 260,000 community housing projects.

The Greens said they would work with the feds to ensure continued access to \$10-a-day child care in all communities and provide early childhood educators with a wage of at least \$25 per hour.

The Party said it would implement a “multiple property speculation tax” on people and corporations that own more than two houses or condos in Ontario, with the tax beginning at 20 per cent on the third property and increasing with each additional property owned. The party said it would also work to implement a provincewide vacant homes tax and implement an anti-flipping tax.

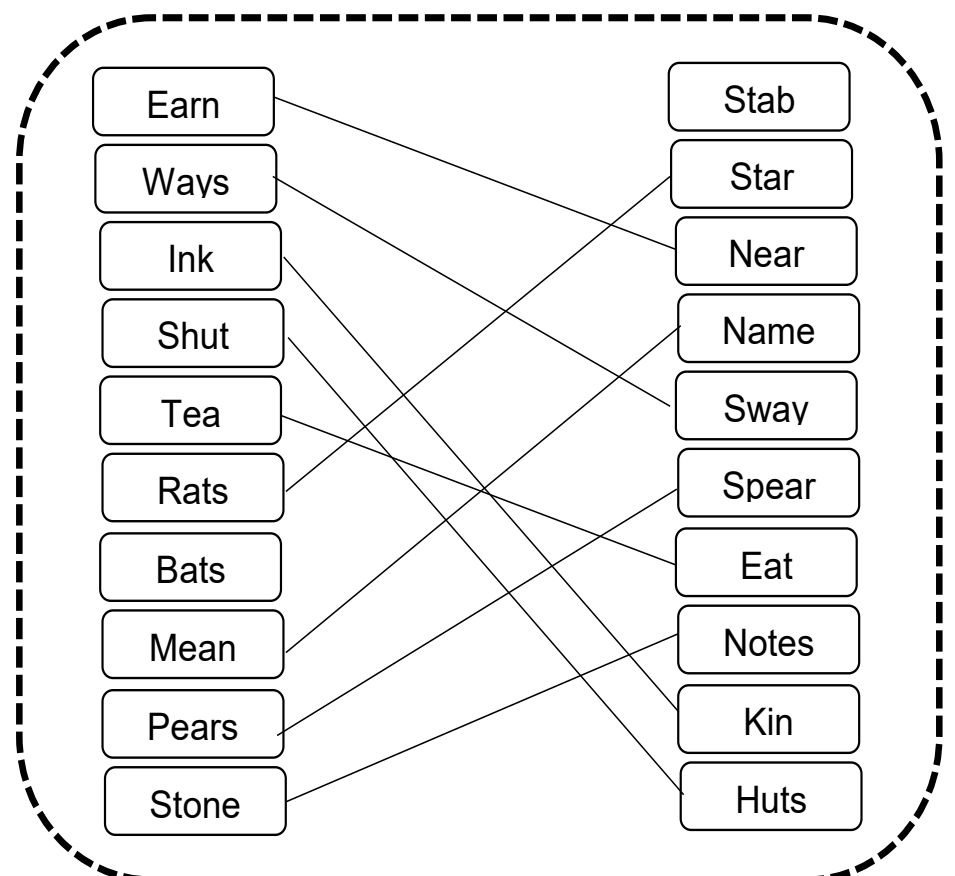
It pledged to hold an independent public inquiry into Ontario’s COVID-19 response that would provide recommendations on responses to future crises.

It revealed plans to move towards “low-carbon transportation,” including electric vehicles, bikes and walking. It identified regional public transit as a key part of their agenda.

Also, the Party said it would hold an independent review of Ontario’s education funding formula to ensure it “adequately reflects student needs” and review the formula every five years.

Solution from p(19)

MATCH THE WORDS BELOW (ANAGRAMS)



answers from p(19) RIDDLES

1. the eyes.
2. Seven
3. The letter “M”
4. Cold
5. A clock

answers from p(19) MATH

- (1) = 4
- (2) = 2
- (3) = 2
- (4) = 36
- (5) = 84
- (6) = 30

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS YOUR DAD WILL ACTUALLY USE

(NC) Struggling to find the perfect way to show your dad some love this Father's Day? Here are some gifts that won't end up in the back of the closet:

1. FOR THE SPORTS FANATIC: A CUSTOM SIGN FEATURING HIS FAVOURITE TEAM

Dad can show off team pride with a custom sign to hang in a garage, bar area or man cave. Try looking at local markets or an online craft marketplace to find a sign that you can personalize just for him.

2. FOR THE GRILL MASTER: A BLUETOOTH MEAT THERMOMETER

A Bluetooth meat thermometer lets you view the food's temperature from your phone, so there's no need to jump up every few minutes to check on the grill. Find great deals at your local Canadian Tire or at a specialty outdoors store.

3. FOR THE ADVENTURE SEEKER: WATERPROOF RUNNING SHOES

Whether Dad's out for a hike or exploring a new city, a pair of waterproof running shoes will keep his feet dry and comfortable. Canadian brand Vessi is a great option for these—plus, there are often seasonal sales that can help you save.



4. FOR THE HANDYMAN: AN INNOVATIVE MULTI-TOOL

TOOL

If your dad is always rummaging through his tool kit for

just the right piece, try gifting him a multi-tool this Father's Day. Check Amazon or local retail-

ers for options to suit your budget.

5. FOR THE TECH LOVER OR BIG SAVER: A SMART THERMOSTAT

Are high energy bills annoying your dad? Get him a smart thermostat—they're proven to help lower energy costs up to 23 per cent. If you're looking to save even more, see if your utility company offers additional discounts for going green. For example, Enbridge Gas customers can save \$75 on popular brands like Google Nest or ecobee.

Find more information at enbridgegas.com/smartthermostat.

Paint colours for children's rooms that stand the test of time



(NC) Even the most style-savvy homeowners can struggle when it comes to decorating children's rooms. Ben-

jamin Moore colour and design expert, Sharon Grech shares three tips for creating a space that your child will love now, and for years to come.

MURALS

Give any room a personalized touch by painting a mural instead of a solid accent wall. Look for durable paint which delivers an exceptional rich-

ness of colour and professional results that you can achieve at home in just one weekend.

NEUTRAL HUES

Gender neutral colours go with a range of styles and can appeal to younger children and more sophisticated teens as they grow up. For inspiration, consider Benjamin Moore col-

ours such as Van Deusen Blue HC-156, Green Hydrangea CSP-850, and Crystal-line AF-485.

DIY TOGETHER

You may not always think about letting your child loose with a can of paint, but that's why it's a sure-fire way to engage them and create a space your child will love. "I always involve

my kids in the painting process, especially for their own rooms. This is a great way to give them a sense of pride and involvement in the room's design." If you have leftover paint from additional projects buy a large canvas and let your child paint whatever they want – then you'll benefit from accent art for your newly upgraded room.

5 must-haves for your camping checklist

(NC) Camping is the perfect opportunity to unplug and enjoy nature. Having the right supplies can make or break your camping experience. So, here's a handy checklist to make sure you have all the gear you need for a perfect escape.

Pick the perfect tent

A rule of thumb when choosing the tent size is to divide the tent rating in half. For example, if two people will be sleeping in the tent, choose one that is rated for four people. This will give you enough space to sleep comfortably and store your gear.

Bring separate coolers for drinks and food

Most coolers are opened frequently through-

out the day to get out drinks. By separating your food from your drinks, you can reduce the number of times the cooler with your food in it is opened, which reduces how quickly your ice will melt. Store coolers in your car at night to avoid wildlife attempting a midnight snack.

Illuminate your tent

Staying up late into the night is one of camping's simple pleasures. When you head back to your tent, make sure you have a trustworthy lantern so you're not getting ready to sleep in the dark. Pack back up batteries just in case.

Keep in mind comfortable sleeping

Everyone has differ-

ent comfort levels. There are cots, air mattresses and a wide variety of sleeping bags you can choose from for your best sleep.

Be prepared with a stove

Many campers rely on cooking all their food on the campfire, however, once it rains and the wood is too wet, they are unable to start a fire and cook their meals. Be sure to pack a camp stove in case of rain or a fire ban. The Coleman RoadTrip Griddle offers portability and easy cleaning, so just don't forget your propane.

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