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Mum's custody appeal fails as her children return to Nigeria

By Bunmi Akintilo

An appeal court in Ontario has sent three children back to Nigeria to be under their father's custody after rejecting the arguments of their mother that she couldn't obtain a fair shake in Nigeria owing to patriarchal attitudes and anti-gay prejudice.

THE case between Eyitope Ajayi and Olubukola Ajayi is one of the growing number of disputes in Canada that sparked concerns over international child abduction in opposition to arguments about unfairness and discrimination in jurisdictions outside Canada.

In court, Ms Ajayi argued that she was justified in relocating their three young children to Canada without the consent of their father last November, owing to discrimination, abuse (that Mr Ajayi said he never committed), forbearing attitudes and the



influence of her ex-husband's family in Nigeria.

She requested that the Ontario Superior Court assume jurisdiction over their parenting issues and grant her sole decision-making power over the children.

Mr Ajayi asked a Nigerian court to end the marriage that same day.

Homosexual practices attract jail sentences in Nigeria. In a court document filed in Nigeria, Mr Ajayi made reference to Ms Ajayi being connected to the LGBTQ community. That made Ontario judges, during an initial ruling and an appeal grapple with the way Nigeria's legal system operates, and adjudicate whether its courts would place the children first.

During an interview, Ms Ajayi, a Nigeria-trained lawyer, said: "I ran here just for a fair shot at protecting my rights as their mom." She, her ex-husband and her children are citizens of Canada and Nigeria as she travelled to Canada to give birth to the children.

According to her, the courts in Canada "did not understand how being a man in Nigeria gives all this extra privilege and power. I had never planned to alienate my children from their father and his family. But I knew that that's

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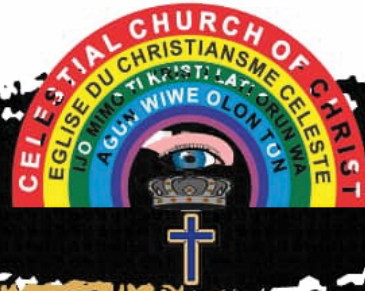
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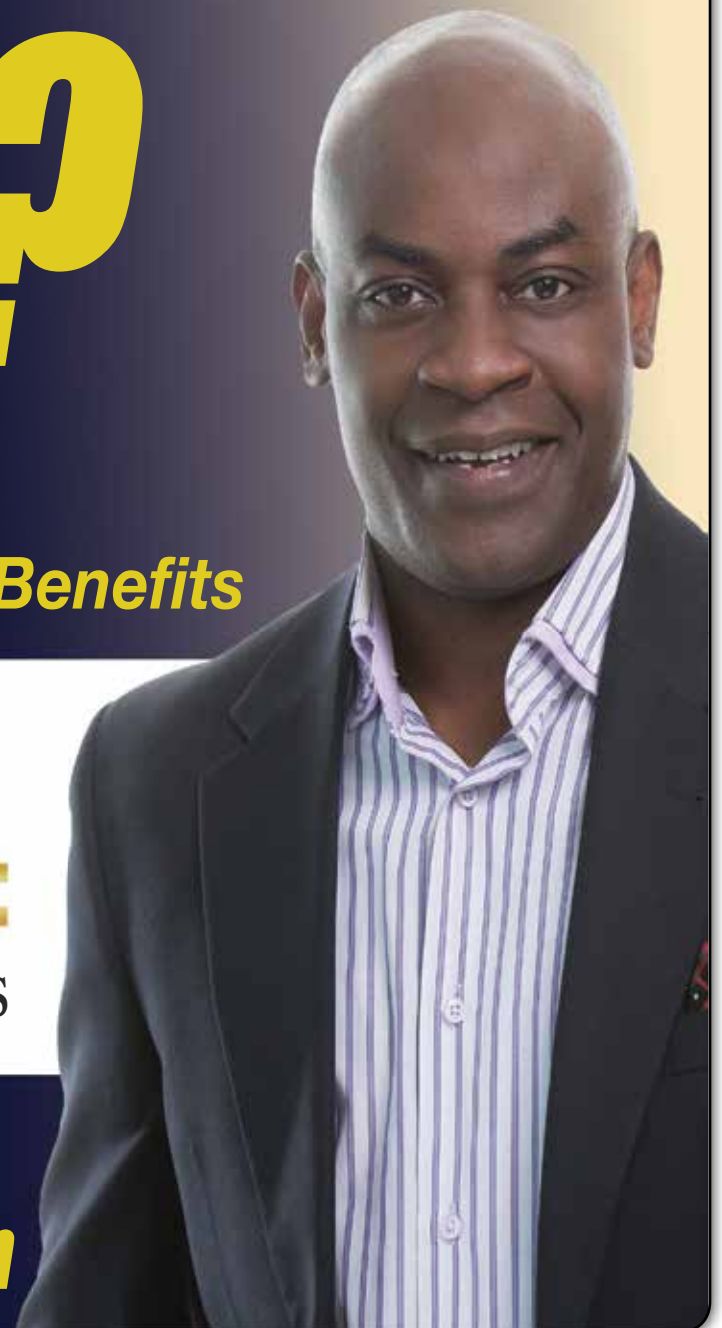


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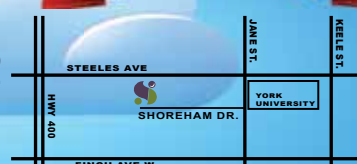
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Addressing the increased economic insecurity facing women without university degrees in Ontario

Official data have revealed that as a result of COVID-19, women and gender-diverse Ontarians have faced additional challenges, such as increased economic insecurity, greater burden of caregiving responsibilities and a rise in the incidence of domestic violence.

The data specifically revealed that young women, mothers of young children, racialized women, single mothers, Indigenous women, immigrant women, women with disabilities and women without university degrees have been mostly affected.

Even though the ravaging virus has had and still having adverse effects on both the poor and the rich as well as negatively impacting the whole world, the indices unearthed concerning women in Ontario especially those without university degrees are alarming and sue for government urgent interven-

tion. Without mincing words, concerted efforts must be exerted to mitigate and curb these growing challenges among women in the province.

Meanwhile, the report that Ontario government is investing \$6.9 million over the next three years to expand and enhance the Investing in Women's Futures program is commendable, timely and well thought out. While we have always maintained objectivity in holding government accountable and ensuring that it performs its roles, we have never failed in acknowledging good deeds of the government, especially when such acts are targeted at alleviating the pains of the masses.

According to the government, the Investing in Women's Futures program, which provides resources and training opportunities to help women develop in-demand skills for jobs, is being expanded to up to

10 new centres and further funding is being provided to the 23 centres currently offering the program. It is imperative to note that this additional \$6.9 million investment builds on the \$18 million in funding the government is already investing from 2022-2025 in 35 community-based organizations and educational institutions.

Harping on the development, Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, said "Many women face additional challenges participating in the workforce, such as child care and caregiving responsibilities," adding that "We are expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program to ensure that women have the supports and in-demand skills they need to pursue good-paying jobs or pursue further education that can help lead to financial independence."

It was further clarified that the Investing in Women's Futures program provides employment training opportunities and supports for women facing social and economic barriers, including abuse and isolation, so they can overcome barriers, increase well-being, build skills and gain employment. According to officials, the new service delivery sites will be selected through a call for applications, which is now open to eligible organizations until Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy said "The Investing in Women's Futures program helps women develop the skills they need to build economic independence and financial stability so they can invest in themselves and their families," adding that

"By providing an additional \$6.9 million over three years, our government is helping to deliver the critical wrap-around supports, skills training and services vulnerable women need to live free from violence and build a better life."

We task the government to ensure that initiatives such as the Investing in Women's Futures program should continue to evolve and gradually become a norm in the society. This is especially so because the government owes it as a duty to the people to provide inclusive leadership, enact policies that are people-oriented, create an enabling and a level playing ground for everyone, reel out initiatives that help to improve standard of living, laws that protect the rights of everyone as well as their security, among others.

More importantly, we call on women in the province to key into the initiative. We beckon on women in the province to give the government the maximum cooperation so that the initiative can accomplish its purpose. Need we remind the women that no matter the efforts of the government, without the need cooperation from them, the purpose may be thwarted? More so, women in the province must continue to combobulate themselves as well as air their grievances and channel their challenges to the appropriate authorities for panacea.

In another development, we call on all eligible electorates to exercise their franchise in the coming Quebec General elections billed for October 3 as well as the Municipal elections. It is imperative that every citizen exercises their civic rights by being part of the election process through

voting and be voted for.

It is not enough to pay taxes and other dues, ensuring that the right candidates are elected into the different positions must be everybody's responsibility. And in exercising your voting right, making informed voting decisions must be your priority.

As we have always emphasized, it is no longer time to make voting decisions based on party affiliations, religious or tribal ties. Rather, decisions must be hinged on candidates that can deliver dividends of democracy to the masses. This is especially so because the leaders we elect or fail to elect have a great influence on our freedom, well-being and the fulfilment of our God-given mandate.

Meanwhile, we congratulate Nigerians as they will be celebrating the 62nd Independence Anniversary of the African giant. We strongly believe that irrespective of the challenges that have rocked the nation over the years, there are many things to be thankful for. This is especially so because despite the wanton of anomalies bedeviling the nation, it is still standing tall as a single entity.

However, it is a time for sober reflections on the labour of our heroes past. We strongly believe that if the right things can be done henceforth, Nigeria can be great again. It is on this note that we call on the three arms of government (Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary) and all Nigerians to trace their steps back to the dreams of our heroes past, use the dreams to mirror the current reality and make conscious efforts to right all the wrongs for the betterment of the country.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Some Key Ways To Support Brain Health

By Stanley Ugagbe

According to the World Health Organization, “Brain health is a state in which every individual can realize their own abilities and optimize their cognitive, emotional, psychological, and behavioral functioning to cope with life situations.”

As humans, taking care of your brain is essential for your overall health and well-being. This is because your brain is the engine room of your body and so if it breaks down, you can be sure that you are in for some serious trouble.

The brain plays a major role in nearly every system in the body—from thoughts and emotions to digestion, hormone regulation, and more. Also, the brain is responsible for learning, memory, focus, reasoning, accuracy, and concentration.

Below are tips on how to support your brain.

A. NO MATTER HOW BUSY YOU ARE, PROPERLY RELAX.

According to experts, your ability to concentrate, respond to

situations with ease and quickness, and stay focused through a task's completion are signs of brain health—and may be significantly improved with better sleep.

So, it is recommended that you prioritize sleep. Neuroscientist Hayley Nelson said “If you are able to fall asleep easily, stay asleep through the night, and wake up feeling rested and refreshed, this is a good indicator of overall health and well-being”.

B. YOU HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO REGULATE YOUR EMOTIONS

Harping on this, Dr. Nelson believes that “being able to calm yourself during moments of high stress through deep breathing, exercise, or meditation, shows your ability to control your nervous system.”

Experts believe that another factor that impacts emotional regulation is the ability to apply reasoning skills in high-stress situations.

Nelson also noted that repetitive thoughts (especially negative ones) demonstrate the opposite and can be precursors of depression or anxiety. “Being able

to easily 'let things go,' have healthy relationships, and manage stress well are all signs of a [brain health],” she says.

So, it is strongly recommended that you sign up for anything that helps you feel and maintain that healthy balance.

C. LEARN QUICKLY AND RETAIN WHAT YOU LEARN

In her words, Dr. Nelson said learning new things is vital, and it's never too early or too late to start training your brain.

She said “Keeping your brain active is just as important as keeping your body active!” adding that “Having a reliable memory and the ability to learn new things are great indicators of [brain health].”

D. HAVE A GOOD SOCIAL LIFE

According to a 2014 study, socializing requires keen perception, good judgment, and strong decision-making skills, all of which are key to cognitive accuracy.

Medical experts have stated that people with closer relationships live longer and happier

lives, and have showed slower cognitive decline during aging.

Nelson also believes that relationships generally increase healthy behaviors and positive emotions. “This social support leads to...less stress hormones, and therefore greater longevity and brain health,” she said.

Cultivating healthy relationships is very important for your brain health.

E. HAVE A HEALTHY GUT

Experts are of the view that human beings have a second brain. Dr. Nelson said it's called the enteric nervous system. She said “[It] processes sensory information in the gut and transmits it to the brain, which in turn, then sends signals back to the gut to adjust its function”.

She added that “When the GI system is irritated, it may send signals to the central nervous system to trigger mood changes”.

“Certain strains of probiotics have been shown to have positive effects on psychological symptoms...and perceived stress in healthy human volunteers.”

988 line to be adopted for mental health crises by Canada



By N.Ugoh

Canadians encountering mental health issues will soon be provided with an easy-to-remember number to call and connect with qualified professionals.

According to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), the number 9-8-8, which is already in operation in the United States for easy access to mental health and suicide prevention resources, will be adopted by Canada on November 30, 2023.

The notice from CRTC read: “The implementation of 9-8-8 as an easy-to-remember three-digit number will help reduce barriers to mental health and suicide prevention resources.

“The number will enable greater access regardless of geographic location or socioeconomic status as it will be available from coast to coast, 24-7 and free of charge. Furthermore, the ability to text to 9-8-8 will en-

sure that people in crisis who are unable to safely call, or prefer texting, are able to obtain counselling.”

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) said an easy-to-remember number like this had been in the works for some time.

A media release by the PHAC read: “This number would be faster to dial, and would remove the challenge of looking up or remembering a ten or seven-digit number.

“It will provide people across Canada with a phone number that is simple to remember, even in a time of crisis, so that they can easily reach out for help.”

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) will be in charge of the service delivery for the national three-digit number once it becomes functional.

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) will oversee the service delivery for the national three-digit number once it is operational.

How to protect your biggest assets if you can't work

(NC) Whether you're just beginning your career or nearing retirement, you likely have some important assets in your life that need protection. Things like mortgage payments on your dream home to a year-long apartment lease to car payments to your retirement nest egg.

While we all hope to remain healthy and happy, sometimes unexpected events can leave us unable to work. And it's not always a visible illness or injury like a car accident that prevents you from receiving your paycheque. In fact, a third of new disability claims from RBC Insur-

ance clients 18 to 39 years old were related to mental health last year – and this is trending upward since 2019.

So, what should you do to protect yourself and your assets if you suddenly can't work? Here are a few key tips:

1. Create a financial plan and update it regularly.

Keeping tabs on your finances and knowing what parts of your budget you can adjust if required can make it easier to see a future without your regular paycheque.

With inflation on the

rise, the cost of homeownership - and pretty much everything else - is taking a bigger bite out of your finances. Most people would benefit from reviewing their priorities to work towards financial security.

2. Examine your benefits package and your employer's policies.

If you have a benefits package through your job, take the time to get to know it – you're paying into it after all. Discovering the ins and outs of your package means you'll know your options if you must stop work. Check out

policies on a leave of absence, see if you get any mental health days, and make the most of your coverage.

3. Sign up for or review your disability insurance.

Disability coverage can replace your income if you can't work, so you can still make your payments without the added stress of dipping into savings. Ensure you have private disability coverage and check your workplace benefits.

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Jane-Finch community at BBQ to pay respect to 3 teens who died in Brampton crash

By Stanley Ugagbe

Founder of the Jane Finch Unity BBQ, Andrea Tabnor has averred that community members who attended a barbeque in the Jane-Finch area of Toronto will be expected to pay their respects to three teens who died in a fiery crash in Brampton.

According to Tabnor, a moment of silence will be held at the event to remember people who have lost their lives their gun violence. At that time, she said she would like the community to remember the three teens as well.

In her words, three siblings were known in the Jane and Finch area and the community is grieving.

She said "I want each and everyone to remember the three children who died in Brampton in the tragic accident. Those three children grew up in Jane and Finch and their mother and father are close family members to each and everyone of us in Jane and Finch"

"Today, we will remember those three children and every youth we have lost to gun violence."

It was reported that the teens died after the Honda Civic they were



travelling in hit a tree and caught fire near the corner of Conestoga Drive and Elmvale Avenue.

Family friends reportedly identified the three as 19-year-old Tirzah, 17-year-old Judah and 15-year-old Pharaoh Blackman-Lall.

It is imperative to note that the barbeque itself is hailed as an event for community healing. The event, which began at 1 p.m., ran until 11 p.m. at Oakdale Park behind the Oakdale Community Centre at 350 Grandravine Dr.

The founder clarified that she started the event more than a decade ago to promote peace and unity in a community that's been historically stricken by discrimination, poverty and

gun violence. The recent one was the 11th time that the event is being held.

At the event, community members along with Toronto Police officers from 31 Division gathered to listen to music and eat good food. The event includes activities for children and education demonstrations.

Tabnor said "The importance of this BBQ is to bring healing to a community that has been plagued by gun violence and has been traumatized, and coming together once a year, we get to see familiar faces that we haven't seen in so many years".

She added that "Without unity, we wouldn't have any strength. And in this community, we do have strength".

Katsina State Man divorces wife over high cost of living

By Stanley Ugagbe

A 27-year-old man from Katsina State, Aminu Sani has revealed that he divorced his wife because of high cost of living.

In an interview with BBC Pidgin, Sani, who had married two wives, parted ways with the first one due

to the skyrocketing cost of living.

"No be say I no love her or I don tire to dey stay with her, not at all. I only divorce my wife because of high cost of living wey we find ourselves at di moment," he said.

Sani disclosed that four years ago, things were going well for him and he

felt the need to add a second wife. According to him, he was working with one filling station at Dandume Town in Katsina and was making enough money to take care of his family and even give to others.

However, due to high cost of commodities in the market, it became germane

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'Shocking and horrible tragedy', Barrie mourns as six die in crash

By Stanley Ugagbe



The city of Barrie in Ontario has been thrown into mourning following a fatal crash that claimed the lives of six young adults.

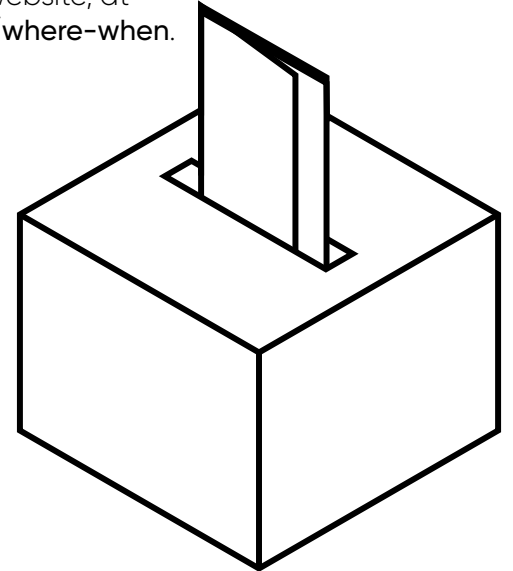
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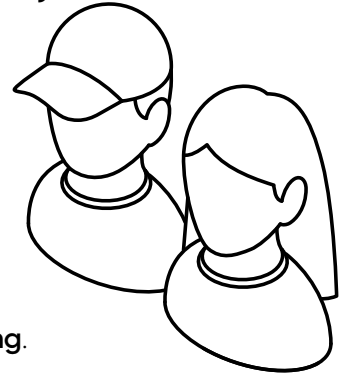
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BUSINESS

Major Reasons Why Entrepreneurs Fail

By Stanley Ugagbe

In the world of today, being an entrepreneur has become very watered. Entrepreneurship is gradually becoming a market place where everybody goes to. This explains why a fellow will create a WhatsApp group where he/she posts some unsolicited messages and then call himself a CEO or entrepreneur and when the whole gig wears out, he will say his business crumbled.

According to The National Bureau of Economic Research, the rate of applications for new businesses is higher than ever. While going into business is advisable and key to financial freedom, diving into a business without fundamental knowledge of how it works is like gambling. Little wonder the failure rate of small business remains high: 20% fail after 2 years, 50% after 5 years, and 70% go under after 10 years.

Though the reasons for the failure of most businesses are not far-fetched, experts have revealed the following as the topmost reasons.

1. Experts are of the view that the major reason for the failure of businesses is failure to assess the market.

It's not enough to create a product, you must carry out a feasibility study of the market. Research have shown that 42% of businesses go under because there is no market for their product.

The truth is that if you have a product and take it to where it's not needed, failure of that business is inevitable. Going to market fish in a community where fish is not eaten by the majority of the population is already a setback.

While you create a

product, you must do a proper assessment to ascertain where the product is appreciated. You must understand that business is all about providing a solution to a need. Do they want the product? Why do they want it? You must have a target audience if not, the business will crumble even before you start. This is why it is recommended that before launching a business, you should do a feasibility study of the market.

2. Failure to build a successful team leads to untimely death of business.

If you fail to build a successful team, the reality is that when that process breaks down, the business will suffer or collapse. This explains why successful business owners separate their business from their personal life so that even if they go down, the business will continue.

As Ananth succinctly puts it, if you're starting a company, "you have to build a team with a purpose in mind," and they all must "help you get to that purpose."

Steve Jobs also explained why you need a successful team when he said: "You've got to be a really good talent scout because no matter how smart you are, you need a team of great people. You've got to figure out how to size people up fairly quickly, make decisions without knowing people too well and hire them and see how you do, and refine your intuition . . . because you need great people around you."

3. Apparently, failure to create a distinct product leads to early dwindling of business

If everybody around you is selling white beans

and you choose to join the queue to sell white beans, it may be difficult to sail through the hurdles of business. Reality is that failure to create a product that is differentiated in the market is a set out for failure.

Why do I need to do what the next person to me is already doing in the same hood? There are instances of many companies that folded a few years after launching because they didn't have a distinct product.

The topmost USP of a business is when it has a product that is differentiated from what is obtainable around the business. You must have a product that is distinct. Your product could be different in terms of texture, quality, quantity, packaging, etc.

4. According to experts, failure to finance your business contribute to the untimely death of the business.

It is money that makes the world go round and businesses are no exception. It costs money to run a business, and if you don't have it, you'll fail.

No business can thrive without adequate funding. Even while you're not making sales or profits, you need money to keep the business afloat. While good products and loyal customers will—eventually—allow your business to thrive, in the startup phase, you'll need adequate funding and a sharp eye on all expenses.

5. Finally, failure to get the tech right, is another reason why businesses fail.

Today's world revolve around tech. In reality, if you separate tech from businesses, the world will crash. And that is because virtually all sectors are going digital.

British Columbia Liberal Party could have a new name soon

By N.Ugoh

The British Columbia Liberal party has proposed a new name. According to the party, the proposed name, BC United, was chosen after a three-month membership consultation exercise where over 2,000 names were suggested.

In a recent statement, the party said a voting process would be announced in the coming weeks and its members

would have the opportunity to cast their vote on the new name by the end of 2022.

The party says over two-thirds of delegates who were present at last June's convention in Penticton voted in favour of giving consideration to a new name.

Liberal Leader Kevin Falcon promised to consider a name change during one of his leadership campaign promises earlier this year.

According to the party, BC United reflects a fresh alternative that demonstrates a commitment to unity across many members, while reflecting the name of the province.

The B.C. Liberals have always seen themselves as a free enterprise alliance of federal Liberals and Conservatives, but some members of the party have revealed that the name has confused or pissed off conservative-leaning voters.

'SHOCKING AND HORRIBLE... – PAGE 6

Luke West, 22; Jersey Mitchell; and Haley Marin.

According to reports, grieving family members tossed flowers into a deep concrete pit on a rural road at the edge of Barrie as they mourned the deceased.

At the site of the ugly incident, family members were reportedly seen wrapping their arms around each other as they placed bouquets around the perimeter of the pit and dropped flowers over a metal fence into it.

King and Wells were identified as talented football players, West was mourned as a beloved lacrosse player

and coach, and Mitchell was remembered a passionate cheerleader. Marin was studying social work at a college in Barrie, a friend said.

In a statement, the City of Barrie said the area is currently the site of a municipal construction project and the intersection has been closed since the spring.

In the statement, chief administrative officer Michael Prowse wrote "The road has been fully closed and signed accordingly for many months".

It was reported that the incident happened at McKay Road and County

Road 27, near Barrie's southwest border.

A sign at McKay Road and County Road 27 said the road was closed, except to local traffic.

Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman has called what happened a "shocking and horrible tragedy."

Tributes have continued to come from all walks of the city as they show their last respect to the deceased.

The Editorial Board of the Nigerian Canadian Newspaper commiserates with the families of the deceased. May their souls rest in peace.

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Colwood mum bags five-and-a-half year jail term for sexual assaults with a teenager

By Dele Akintilo

A mother in Colwood has been sentenced to five-and-a-half years jail term after she was convicted of internet luring and sexually assaulting a 15-year-old boy in April 2020.

Ted Gouge, the Provincial court Judge enforced the maximum sentence of two years less than one day for each count of sexual assault and an 18-month sentence for internet luring. The sentences will run concurrently.

In the court document, the 27-year-old woman was identified as Ms P.

In his judgement, Gouge wrote that parliament has decided to prioritize denunciation and deterrence in cases of sexual assault upon children and the Supreme Court of Canada aligns with that approach.

He wrote: "In this case... it is important that the message be clear. The message is: If you are an adult, and you have sex with a child, you should expect to go to jail for a long time."

Defence lawyer Rolfe Horne said he has instructions to appeal the sentence.

The trial, which occurred over five days in late June, heard that Ms P lived in a townhouse in a Colwood development in April 2020.

One evening, a group of four boys converged on the sidewalk in front of her home while she and a friend were on their way to the liquor store. The teens made an offer to trade marijuana for a six-pack

of vodka coolers. The women agreed to the offer and came back with the six-pack and their own two litres of wine. At this time, the 15-year-old boy had joined the group.

The women drank wine while the boys smoked dope and drank the coolers. They were all intoxicated to some degree. After some time, the woman started an erotic solo dance and removed some of her clothing. She sat on the 15-year-old boy's lap. Soon, they began to kiss, went upstairs and had sex. While testifying, the woman said she asked "Are you sure you're 18?" three times. The boy replied "Yes" and "I wouldn't be here if I wasn't."

Some days later, the woman sent a text inviting the boy to a "hot make-out sesh." The boy came over and they had sex on a couch in her garage.

During the hearing of the sentencing, it was heard by the court that Ms P is the mother of a six-year-old boy that is suffering from attention deficit disorder. Their family doctor feels the mental health and development of her son will suffer if she is incarcerated.

As a child, Ms P was sexually abused and received treatment for anxiety and depression at the age of 14. She has no history of crime and her risk of re-offending is low, the court heard. She is employed, is in a good relationship with an intimate partner, and has the backing of her mother.

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Manager, fired for cause for slapping woman's rear, awarded termination pay under Ontario's ESA by Court of Appeal

A manager at an elevator company in Ontario who slapped a female co-worker on her buttocks was fired for cause.

While the termination was warranted, the Court of Appeal said the man was entitled to termination pay because the conduct was not "preplanned" and didn't rise to the level of wilful misconduct.

30-YEAR EMPLOYMENT

The manager began working at his father's elevator company in 1984, and was its president when it was sold in 2002 to ThyssenKrupp Elevator. Under the new ownership, he was made operations manager of its office in Mississauga, Ont.

He held that position from 2005 until he was fired in 2014. As operations manager, he had four people reporting directly to him and 40 technicians and mechanics who were indirect reports.

The woman he assaulted was an accounts manager at the Mississauga office. She reported to the office manager, but the Ontario Court of Appeal noted it was a small office (13 employees) and the accused was in charge when that manager was absent.

JOKING AND BANTERING

There was a "very social atmosphere" in that office, the court said. The included a lot of regular joking and bantering. The manager described it as a "friendly and joking environment that he fostered to reduce stress."

That environment included inappropriate jokes. The manager and the victim would engage in jokes and banter, including her calling him "short and not as good-looking as his brother." On one occasion, she jokingly punched him in the arm.

As a holiday gift one year, she gave him a joke gift of an apron with a muscular man in underwear on it.

In May 2013, she asked him by email if he would like her to bring anything to him at his hotel. His response? "That's a loaded question."

On another occasion, she was asked to bring a clean shirt to the job site for him. When she arrived, she saw him with his shirt off

and parked away from him. He emailed her and said "I heard you were afraid to see me topless." Her response? "Not afraid, just inappropriate."

THE INCIDENT

On Feb. 20, 2014, the company presented its new anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy. The slapping incident occurred just eight days later, on Feb. 28. It took place in one of the employee's offices in front of six employees.

At one point, the manager made a comment to the victim about a stain on her blouse – asking if she was lactating. She responded later by making fun of his height, though the exact manner was disputed. His response to that was to crouch down while about 12 inches from her and said "this is how short I am when I take my boots off." He then went down on his knees and crouched in front of her with his face close to her breasts for two or three seconds.

Everyone, including the victim, was laughing at that behaviour, the court said.

As he was getting up from his knees, he made a sweeping gesture with his right hand, during which he intended to tap her on the hip, and said "get outta here." He testified that he either lost balance or she turned, with the result that he touched her on the buttocks.

When that happened, he said "good game" – a reference to sports locker room behaviour, and something the men in the office did on occasion as a joke when they tapped each other on the buttocks.

THE WOMAN'S RESPONSE

The victim immediately expressed her displeasure, and the atmosphere in the room changed. She gasped, and said that what he did was not okay. She couldn't believe he had touched her.

She had previously punched him in the arm, so he was confused about why she was upset, he said. She said it was different because "you hit me on a private sexual part of my body."

The woman then sent an email to her husband detailing what had happened, and reported it to her boss.

This is the text of the email:

We were joking around that he is short and I was taller than him. He was bending down pretending to be shorter and was coming up to my breasts, getting close ... I was backing up from him, but he kept on invading my personal space. We were laughing about it. But he took it a step too far and actually spanked me on my butt. I couldn't believe it and I told him that it was inappropriate. It was very awkward. He said that I've punched him in the shoulder before as if it's an excuse. I said, no, it's not the same thing as that was my private part. Present to witness this was Joe F., Leo D., Larry S., and Mario M.

I was thinking about this and I felt upset. I don't want the other men in the office to think it is OK to do that to me so I decided to talk to my Manager about it. I went into Gary Platt's office and told him what happened. I advised him that [the appellant] crossed a line and that it shouldn't have happened ... not appropriate. He asked me what I wanted him to do about it and I said that it was OK for him to talk to [the appellant] about it. And that [the appellant] would need to apologize to me.

The accused went back to his office. He was distraught, and two men who witnessed it came to see him to discuss what happened. That discussion also turned inappropriate, with the manager stating to the two men that "for 10 bucks, you can shake my hand." That was a reference to the benefit of touching the hand that touched the woman's rear.

THE APOLOGY

About 10 minutes later, he made eye contact

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Nabbed Senegalese diplomat owes ex-landlord more than \$45,000

By Stanley Ugagbe

Reports have revealed that the detention and alleged beating by Quebec police of a Senegalese diplomat came as a bailiff was attempting to seize property at her residence to pay for a judgment against her.

It could be recalled that Quebec's rental board had in June ordered Oumou Kalsoum Sall to pay a former landlord more than \$45,000 for damage done to a home she occupied from Nov. 1, 2018, to Oct. 31, 2020.

According to court records, the debt was not paid and a bailiff went to her residence in Gatineau, Que., to enforce it Aug. 2.

Harping on the development, the Senegalese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has claimed the diplomat had to be hospitalized after being handcuffed and beaten by police, and Quebec's independent police watchdog has opened an investigation into the incident, reports said.

In their statement, Gatineau police said that they were called to the residence to assist a bailiff and that they arrested a woman after she hit a police officer in the face, adding that she was tackled to the ground after allegedly biting another officer.

Reacting to the development, Global Affairs Canada described the incident as "unacceptable," as international treaties give diplomats immunity from any form of detention or arrest.



REFLECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS

My Wife and her Mother are Witches

Dear Agatha,

I'm in crisis. My mother-in-law is reputed to be a witch. In the years I have been married to her daughter; the only thing my wife and I have done right, is to abuse each other. Severally, in the presence of my mother-in-law, her two sons living with me have beaten me up.

Some few years back, I met this lady who got pregnant for me. When my wife found out about her, she insisted on the lady aborting the pregnancy, and gave me money for the operation. It was successful.

However, the lady almost died as she kept bleeding for more than eight straight months after the abortion procedure. She had to travel to her village and has refused to see me or take my calls, even though she keeps demanding money from me to treat herself of every manner of sickness arising from the abortion complications.

She also calls with different numbers to heap insults on me, and to place curses on my daughters for what I did to her.

I am presently in court to divorce my wife whom nine different pastors told me, is a witch, and responsible for my difficulties. My girlfriend too was told the same thing by her pastor. In fact, her pastor said, my wife was behind her strange bleeding and that her plan was to kill her.

What do I do? I am 54, my wife is 48, and my

girlfriend is 35 years of age.

Hapless Husband.

Dear Hapless Husband,

The fact that you went outside your home, to get a woman pregnant and even got your wife to pay for the abortion, underscores your irresponsibility as a man. Even if the story your pastors told you about your wife is true, this act of yours, nullifies whatever justification you might have had to divorce your wife.

You really didn't need the presence of another woman to end your marriage if the situation were as bad as you painted it. Besides, in this part of the world and even in some parts of Europe, a tough woman is usually called a witch.

Collecting money from your wife to abort the pregnancy of your side chick goes beyond the ordinary. As a matter of fact, it gives an inkling into the kind of man you really are. In the first instance, a man worth his salt will not be pressured into agreeing to abort a pregnancy he obviously wanted, let alone allowing the wife at home to pay for the abortion of his girlfriend.

It goes beyond logical comprehension. Is it that you are not in charge of your affairs or that your wife is the alpha and omega in your home? And that you only answer the title, husband, by name? If she is really a witch, would she pay for the abortion or al-

low it to succeed? Spiritually, witches have a way of terminating pregnancies without leaving traces of their act.

Medically, there is no way your girlfriend would have bleed continuously for eight months and lived to tell the story. Leaving you for her village could have been to camouflage her story and make you to keep paying indirectly for tricking her into a relationship with you, and making her go through a needless abortion. If she were telling the truth about her conditions, she would have either stayed within reach of you or given you her address for you to visit her. If she could devise a means of channeling her monetary requests to you, why then isn't she taking your calls?

It is obvious, she isn't under spiritual confinement or instructions to stay away from you. Calling to heap curses on you and your daughters shows a woman who has been deeply hurt and is disappointment with you.

Between the time you met her, got her pregnant and that abortion, you must have told her tales about your wife as well as make some promises to her which she found out to be packaged lies when your wife got to know about her condition.

Whatever problems you have in your marriage, attend to them and stop dragging innocent people into it. Nobody made the choice of a wife for you. You met her, and decided that you wanted to spend

the rest of your life with her. I'm sure her mother or your family didn't force her on you. Your marriage is about the two of you. There is no way both of you, who are from different backgrounds will ever think and behave alike. No matter how solid a relationship is, there will always be points of disagreement and disaffection between couples. What is required is not to fight over such profound differences, but to work around it for the harmony of the family and union.

Obviously, you and your wife haven't been able to work out where your differences are or how to handle such. Often time, this is the point couples who are not well defined in their attitude towards marriage decide to throw in the towel, and trading blames for the problems in their union. In your marriage, it is clear a lot of disappointing things have happened over the years.

I also recognized that there might have been a shift in the power play in your home; the kind

that, puts your wife as the head of the family. If she is the one paying all the bills, there is the tendency that she might overstep her bounds like having her family come and go as they like. This might be the reason your mother-in-law appears to be in control of your home. There is no way you can enjoy the support and understanding of your mother-in-law if her daughter is the one picking all the bills.

No doubt, things must

change in your home, but not by sleeping with other women outside your home, getting them pregnant and collecting money from your wife to abort the consequences of your mess. Another woman wouldn't even hear of another woman carrying her husband's baby let alone part with money to abort the fetus without first beating the woman to stupor. That she gave you the money is a demonstration of her willingness to keep her home.

So what precisely is the problem in your marriage? This is what you should actually ask yourself not labeling people witches. If your mother-in-law and your wife are witches, would you still be alive and having the freedom to date and even bring the existence of your girlfriend to their knowledge? I doubt it.

Granted these two women maybe overbearing, but what are your faults too? If you were up and about, doing what you should do as the head of the home, there is no way your brothers-in-law would dare raise their voices against you let alone beat you up.

The fact too that your girlfriend also behaved rudely clearly underlines the flaws in your character.

The truth is, even if you date all the women in the world, without first dealing with your inadequacies as a man, by answering the salient question of who you really are as a man, you cannot make any woman

happy. Eventually any woman who agrees to



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date you would, also get the labeling of being a witch by you. A man who cannot think deeply about his life is like an empty shell.

Sincerely, the answer to your situation isn't in having extramarital affairs. Rather, it is going back to the drawing board to know where you went wrong. At 54, you are in your middle age; the time to slow down and enjoy life absolutely if you had planned it. If at this age, you are still battling with witches and a woman who places curses on you, then something is very wrong with you.

It is time you grew up and plan, if for nothing else, for the sake of your children. Stop pursuing the dust of yesterday; sit down and think of how to take full charge of your life as a man. Your current marriage may have packed up, but if you don't address issues begging for answers in your life, you will keep having the same bouquet of problems in your life.

This is the point you have to be completely honest with yourself if you hope to be a happy man at the end of your life.

Good luck.

Relief As Dr. Nkechi Nwosu Suspends Plan To Charge Patients Monthly Fee

By N. Ugoh

A doctor in Victoria who proposed charging patients \$125 monthly fee for enhanced services like longer appointments and home visits has put the scheme on hold after it came under review by the Medical Services Commission.

Recently, a patient told the Times Colonist that her family Doctor, Dr Perpetua Nkechi Nwosu of Perpetual Health Centre located at 375-3066 Shelbourne

St., told her in a letter that from November 1, she would no longer be enrolled on Medical Services Plan.

As private clinics cannot bill patients and bill the Medical Services Plan, Nwosu proposed billing patients directly for enhanced services (30-minute medical advisory appointments) and deploying the money into staff recruitment and overhead costs.

However, some patients were concerned that they would

lose the services of Nwosu as their family doctor if they could not afford the proposed \$125 monthly fee as the letter did not address what happens to patients who could not afford the fee.

According to the College of Physicians, if the block fee is offered for optional -services, the doctor cannot tell the patient to pay for it before the patient can access another service, give the patient preferential treatment be-

cause the fee is paid, or terminate the relationship if the patient does not want to pay it.

Many months ago, B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix directed the Medical Services Commission, which supervises MSP, to look into private fee-based services charged by Telus Health MyCare to ensure patients who pay the fee don't engage in queue-jumping, which isn't allowed under the Canada Health Act.

Telus's LifePlus

package and other fee-based services have been criticized that they're creating a two-tier health-care system. Also, the commission has been ordered to scrutinize other physicians in the province charging patients for similar packages that offer quick physician access and diagnostic tests.

After the recent announcement that temporary funding of \$118 million to support doctors in family

practice with increasing overhead costs, Dix was quizzed about the public release of the Medical Services Commission findings.

In the coming days, B.C. Doctors expect provision of application forms for family doctors as well as those in primary care clinics and walk-ins who want to access the temporary overhead-costs funding from the province, which is in the region of \$25,000 per physician.

Ekweremadu's Daughter Begs for Kidney Donation



By N.Ugoh

Sonia, the daughter of embattled former Deputy Senate President, Ike Ekweremadu, has appealed for a kidney donation.

She made the appeal on her Instagram page recently.

She wrote: "I, Sonia Ekweremadu, hereby appeal to the general public to come to my aid and save my life.

"I am 25 years old and a graduate of Media and Communications, University of Coventry. I dropped out of my post graduate studies at the University of Newcastle in 2019 when I was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease, FSGS Nephrotic Syndrome.

"My family has battled to save my life and has taken me to various hospitals, but the illness persisted and kept degenerating. I am alive today by the special

grace of God.

"I am presently in London, UK, receiving five hours of dialysis three to four times a week. This is at the expense of my family as I am not qualified for NHS due to my immigration status.

"The last three years have been extremely challenging. The charges being faced by my parents in London presently, are directly connected to my illness and have complicated matter for me and my family. I do not intend to delve into details of this unfortunate development as the matter is still in Court. I am, however, optimistic that the truth will prevail and it will end in praise to God.

"In the circumstance above, I am appealing to anybody whom it may please to assist me willingly with a kidney donation in the name of God.

"This appeal would have been utterly unnecessary as every member of my family is eager to donate their kidney to me, knowing that I would do

the same for any of them.

"Regrettably, comprehensive medical examination showed that my case of nephrotic syndrome is a genetic illness and the doctors advised against donation from any of my family members, as it would likely reoccur. In the time that my father has been incarcerated, he has been diagnosed with acute kidney damage.

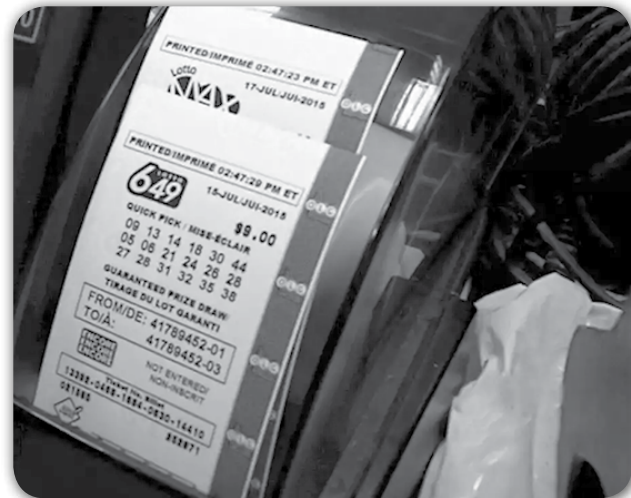
"Anybody that is moved by this appeal and wishes to donate his or her kidney to me may send an email to helpsonialive@gmail.com and include his or her name, phone number, email address and place of residence.

"Please, note that under the laws of England and Wales, organ donation must be purely driven by compassion and, therefore, no reward is involved.

"Finally, I have decided to commit and dedicate myself to helping people with the challenges of kidney disease, upon my full recovery.

Thank you and God bless you."

OLG plans to open self-serve kiosks in select retail locations soon



By N.Ugoh

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) has revealed that about 1,400 of the kiosks will be launched in select retail locations, starting from the second half of 2023.

OLG says the terminals will include "age attestation" functionality and "responsible gambling messaging."

In a recent press release, Duncan Hannay, President and CEO of OLG said: "OLG is embracing innovative, self-serve technology to deliver safe, secure, and convenient access to our popular lottery tickets.

"Expanding and

growing our lottery business is part of our plan to continuously improve the customer experience and deliver innovative gaming experiences for players while creating value for the province of Ontario and our retail partners."

The company revealed it had already signed an agreement with IGT Global Solutions Corporation (IGT) to design and construct the new terminals.

Also, the company revealed that prior to installing the new terminals it would liaise with retail partners and other stakeholders to "proactively build support and answer questions" about the technology.

Alberta to revamp licenses in spring

By Dele Akintilo

In Alberta, the Graduated Driver Licensing program was introduced in 2003. Under the program, new drivers are not allowed to drive between 12 midnight and 5 a.m. Their licence can be suspended with an accumulation of eight or more demerit points, and there is no tolerance for the use of alcohol or drugs while driving.

Also, drivers are requested to take a second, more advanced road test in order to receive a full licence after successfully making it through two years of probation.

That will change next spring as Alberta announces it would no longer need the advanced road test for Class 5 (passenger vehicles) and Class 6 (motorcycle) driver's licences, thereby saving those drivers \$150.

In an interview, Alberta Transportation

Minister Prasad Panda said: "The objective of the changes are meant to reduce red tape and also cut costs for Albertans and businesses without cutting the safety aspects of the program."

Since the program started, drivers who made it past their two-year probation and didn't partake in a second test have been permitted to continue driving with their graduated licences, and a lot do.

According to Panda, an estimated 700,000 Albertans are driving with graduated licences. In the past five years, 65 per cent of those with graduated licences have not taken the second advanced road test.

He added: "Some of them are not that young anymore. They are in their 40s, but they are simply not taking the test because they're already driving with the (Graduated Driver Licence).

"Many of them probably thought spending

Hudson's Bay to revive Zellers

By N.Ugoh

Canadian department store Zellers is set for revival next year, 10 years after it closed most of its locations.

Hudson's Bay Co. said Zellers will launch a new e-commerce website and spread its tentacles within select Hudson's Bay department stores across Canada early next year.

According to the company, the relaunch of Zellers will offer "a digital-first shopping journey that taps into the nostalgia of the brand."

The revival of Zellers comes as increasing inflation pushes

consumers to discount retailers as they search for lower prices and tight competition from existing retailers like Walmart and Dollarama.

Also, it also comes during an ongoing lawsuit over a Quebec family's use of the Zellers brand.

The Moniz family is facilitating various recent trademark applications and corporate registries which include Zellers Inc., Zellers Convenience Store Inc. and Zellers Restaurant Inc.

In a claim statement filed last fall, HBC accused the Moniz family of trademark infringement, depreciation of goodwill as well as pass-

port passengers in taxis, limousines, ride-share vehicles, small buses and ambulances.

In a 2019 government survey on red-tape reduction, many Albertans suggested eliminating the road test.

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ther that about 500,000 graduated licence holders are likely eligible to upgrade to full Class 5 licences.

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Food fraud: What you should know

(NC) We often don't think twice about buying groceries in the store, but despite Canada's strict regulations we can still fall victim to food fraud. This is when a product is misrepresented, like when something is advertised as sodium free but doesn't meet the threshold, or sugar syrup is added to a jar of honey labelled as pure honey.

The next time you go shopping, keep some of these tips in mind so you can have peace of mind that you're feeding your family exactly what you want to be.

1. Know what to look for on the label.

Canada has specific requirements for food labels. Food products that are intentionally or unintentionally mislabelled, can mislead consumers about the character and quality of the

food they're buying. It can even be dangerous if, for example, food allergens are found in food that aren't listed on the label. Learning how to understand a food label through resources like the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's website can help you become an informed consumer the next time you go shopping.

2. Know what foods are in season.

One way to spot potential food fraud is by knowing when different produce items are in season and should be available. For example, seeing pineapples labelled as "Product of Canada" would be a red flag since we don't have the climate to grow this type of food here. Knowing when you should be able to find foods from different regions the next time

you're in the produce section can help you know when something might not be what it seems.

3. Know how much things normally cost.

Food fraud can also happen when producers try to sell an inferior or adulterated product while making it seem like a higher-quality counterpart. Comparing prices with trusted brands and being aware of average prices for products can help ensure you're getting what you expect in the food you buy. Should you, for example, find a bottle of honey at half the price of the others, it might be diluted with other sugars even if the label says it's pure. Often, if a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

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Derek Ramkissoon is a Businessman, Philanthropist and a Community Volunteer in the city of Mississauga. He is a committed husband and father. He has been married to his wife Ellen for 32 years and they have raised two sons, Ben and Joel.

His business is a staffing agency called Helpfast which provides truck drivers and laborers to many large and small corporations around the GTA. He loves helping people and his business has provided thousands with a gateway to success!

Since 2004, he has been actively involved with In Christ Alone Ministries, an organization focused on outreach at homeless shelters and prisons across the GTA. They bring hope and

encouragement for the less fortunate and those looking for a new start.

He is passionate about people and is active in uniting communities together for the common good. As a successful businessman, he has the vision, plan and capabilities to reduce wasteful city spending to keep property taxes down.

With the Crime numbers going up, housing affordability going down, recession looming, the city of Mississauga is much in need of a very capable leader like Derek Ramkissoon who can stand up to the challenges and lead the city into Unity, Safety and Prosperity for all in the city. Mentoring the Youths and leading them into the right direction with hope and purpose is one of Derek's passion.

He is currently running for Mayor to bring about Unity, Safety and Prosperity in the city of Mississauga.

Below is his life story in his own words.

"This is how it all began in 1983 when my family moved to Canada from Guyana with hopes & aspirations for a better life. Within a short time of my arrival, I was presented an opportunity to be adopted by a very wealthy family. That opportunity would have made me an instant millionaire. I turned it down because I couldn't leave my family for money.

Family is everything to me. Few months later, me and my older brother moved to Mississauga from Edmonton. I was able to find a job, work hard, save money and then my family joined me here in this wonderful city of Mississauga that I now call home.

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of meeting my beautiful wife Ellen, who is my pillar of strength. We have been married for over 31 years with two wonderful children. She's the one who has motivated & encouraged me to be the person that I am today which is a Entrepreneur, Business Owner (of an Employment Agency), Volunteer and an active voice in the community.

Being a concerned, involved citizen, experienced businessman and one who has always been on the forefront of business development, I believe the present leadership is not geared to handle the upcoming major challenges ahead. There wasn't a strategic plan against the pan-

demic nor for the businesses & economy, the crime situation & homelessness in my beautiful city of Mississauga.

The experts are talking about a major recession, housing crisis, loss of income, another wave of the pandemic and a potential for increased crime.

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MEET YEMISI IRANLOYE, NIGERIAN QUEEN OF CASSAVA WHO POCKETS N5 BILLION YEARLY



By Stanley Ugagbe

While many Nigerians continue to see agriculture as a venture meant for the poor, Yemisi Iranloye, the woman with the eagle's eye and thought-provoking entrepreneurial spirit, sees it as a lucrative venture. While many people see problems and difficulties in farming, Yemisi sees opportunities. This explains why she has successfully carved a niche for herself and has cemented her place as the Queen of Cassava.

Yemisi is the managing director and CEO of Pсалtry International Limited, a large cassava processor based in southwest Nigeria, and has built her success on an inclusive business model that places smallholder farmers at the centre of operations.

In 2005, Yemisi Iranloye founded Pсалtry International Limited, with personal savings from marketing farm produce. Six years later, in response to market demand for processed cassava products, she expanded the business with the establishment of a factory in Alayide village, Oyo State.

Records have it that demand for these high-quality cassava products among Nigeria's manufacturing industries continues to grow due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and scarcity of imported grains such as wheat and barley, which make locally-sourced and readily-grown raw materials like cassava more cost-effective.

With a production of 10,000 tons of cassava per year, Iranloye

makes an amazing annual turnover of \$12 million (N5,136,120,000.00).

Pсалtry International specializes in the production and processing of cassava in Nigeria. Among its derived products are food-grade starch, high-quality cassava flour, and sorbitol, a natural sweetener gotten from cassava. The company grows the cassava tubers themselves and also buys from local farmers.

Pсалtry International produces up to 35,000 tons of starch, cassava flour, sorbitol, and glucose each year and operates a network of over 6,000 local farmers. Today, Pсалtry is a large-scale indigenous company with over 300 staff members, 8,000 hectares of land, and about \$20 million in assets.

Pсалtry International boosts the efficiency of smallholder suppliers and also focuses on strengthening the capacity of its employees. They have been consistent with this since the start of operations. For instance, the company hosts an annual staff training seminar in partnership with the Nigerian Breweries Training School at Ibadan under the Dutch-funded 2Scale Programme.

In a recent interview, when asked on what has been her biggest challenges so far, she said "Currently, our biggest challenges are raw materials and funding. The banks do not understand the way the funding cycle of this business works. For example, every year, you must plan for the next year because it's a 12-month crop. You need a budget to support the crops you'll

cultivate this year, which you will only harvest next year. When buying the inputs you need for farming, you have to pay within 24 hours but when you sell the finished product, you don't get paid for 60 days. There is a constant outflow of cash with a very slow return rate. These are things you need to explain to the financial institutions. This industry needs heavy working capital."

When asked to describe the company's manufacturing process, the Cassava Queen said "It is a fully integrated system with full traceability from the farm to the weighbridge. When the produce arrives at the weighbridge, we test the cassava for starch content. It then goes for peeling, washing, milling, extraction, dewatering, and drying if it is for starch. The cassava goes from peeling to washing, milling, dehydrating, flash drying, and into the disc feeder if it is for flour."

It is imperative to note that although Yemisi's family had financial challenges while she was growing up, she endeavored to earn her BSc in Biochemistry from the Federal University of Technology, Minna in 1997. Subsequently, she completed her MSc in Biochemistry and Nutrition at the University of Ibadan in 2000.

Commenting on her business in the Nigerian economy and environment, Iranloye said: "May Nigeria succeed and survive its detractors. We are marching forward positively, progressively and successfully in agriculture."

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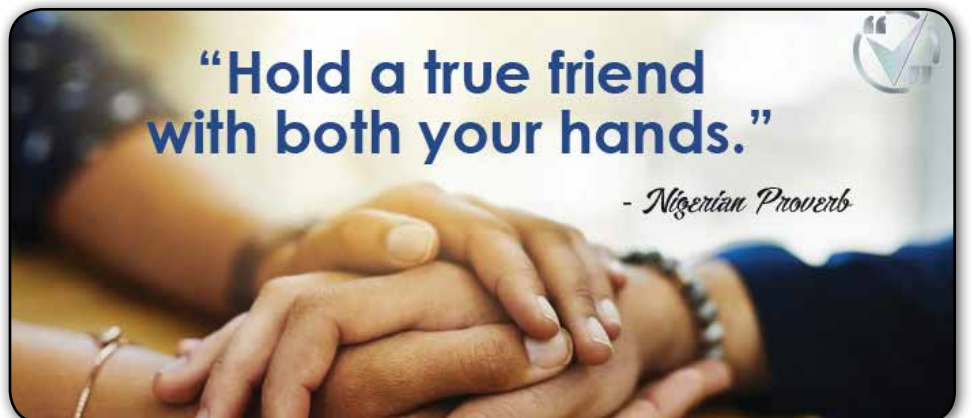
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CANADIAN SINGER WINS AMERICANA AWARD FOR DEBUT ALBUM

By N.Ugoh

Canadian singer and songwriter, Allison Russell has won album of the year for her debut solo record “Outside Chil.”

RUSSELL, whose classically beautiful album reflects the abuse she encountered as a child and her survival, revealed she heard the usual themes of community, family, unity and belonging in many of

the speeches recently during the award show in Nashville, Tennessee.

She said: “I feel so honored to be part of this community, to be in a creative communion with my producer Dan Knoble.”

While thanking her friends, family and fellow nominees in a teary speech, she said after spending her early years in foster care, she found her family in music. “Music saved me, music saves me every day,” Russell said.

The award show which was hosted

by the duo The Milk Carton Kids, and took place at the Ryman Auditorium celebrated the oft-misunderstood genre that mixes country, gospel, rock, folk, roots and blues. Apart from the winners, this year’s show gave lifetime achievement awards to Don Williams, singer-actor Chris Isaak and pioneering duo the Indigo Girls.

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Nkechi Blessing distributes dildo as souvenir at late mum’s remembrance

By N.Ugoh

Controversial Nollywood actress, Nkechi Blessing, has angered many of

her fans and followers for “disrespecting” her late mum by sharing dildos as souvenirs with guests at her recently concluded one-year remembrance ceremony of her late mum.

Before she started sharing the dildos, she said: “I am not trying to say men are scum cos I have a man but you sometimes need to help yourself for when you don’t have a man, this is my souvenir for the single ladies here, to help yourself”

Wizkid emerges as the 1st African to headline Rolling Loud Festival in Canada

By N.Ugoh

Nigerian singer, Ayo Balogun, popularly known as Wizkid continues to lead the afrobeat music industry as he emerges as the first African to headline Rolling Loud Festival.

He performed at the Rolling Loud Festival in Canada alongside other artists.

The musical event which happened in Ontario Toronto, Canada is the largest hip-hop festival in the world.

Wizkid was paid \$1M for his on-stage performance and he rendered a selection of his songs on the third day of the event that took place recently.

The founders of the Rolling Loud Festival, Matt Zingler, and Tariq Cherif decided to include two non-North American headliners, British artist, Dave, and Nigerian Afrobeat sensation, Wizkid, as the unique feature of the Canadian rolling loud festival.

Jim Iyke Bags Chieftaincy Title In Ghana

By N.Ugoh

Nollywood actor, James Ikechukwu, also known as Jim Iyke, has been conferred with the title Ohadike 1 of Ndigbo.

His Royal Highness Dr Chukwudi Ihenetu, the Eze Ndigbo of Accra, Ghana gave him the title during the 10th edition of the yam festival which took place recently.

The festival showcases Igbo’s rich culture in Accra and the royal title was bestowed on him for his contributions and various accomplishments in the African entertainment industry.

The 45-year-old actor is a Single Dad with 3 beautiful children.



Jeanne Beker finds a silver lining after commencing chemotherapy

By N.Ugoh

Jeanne Beker, the popular Fashion Television Personality, Editor, and Fashion Television host for 27 years, has started chemotherapy after a recent Cancer diagnosis.

The 70-year-old mother of two daughters Joel and Becky got diagnosed with breast cancer after

her 70th birthday and speaks of her determination to fight it all.

Beker has seen life differently ever since her routine mammogram test revealed a mass. She has embarked on a 12 weeks course of chemotherapy and shares it all on social media to create more awareness for routine checkups.

Speaking to HELLO Canada, she said: “If you can’t change a situation,

try to change your mind.”

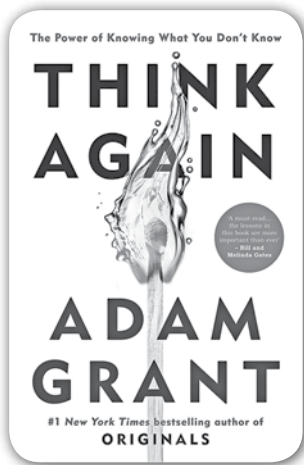
In her determination to help others, she posted her recent visit to her favorite salon to have her hair trimmed after she lost a few of her strands due to chemotherapy.

She said in her words ‘you’ve got to try and find the silver lining and you’ve just got to keep going.’ Beker is now a columnist for the Globe and mail.

BOOKS

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Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know



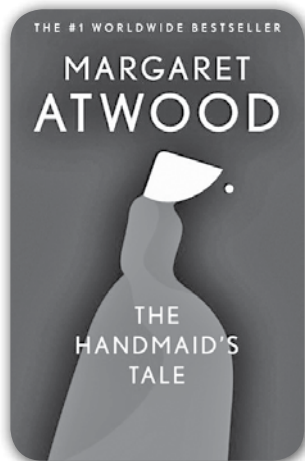
By Adam Grant

In this mind blowing book, the author opens our minds to the importance of knowing what you don't know. With bold ideas and rigorous evidence, he investigates how we can embrace the joy of being

wrong, bring nuance to charged conversations, and build schools, workplaces, and communities of lifelong learners.

Among others, you'll learn how an international debate champion wins arguments, a Black musician persuades white supremacists to abandon hate, a vaccine whisperer convinces concerned parents to immunize their children, and Adam has coaxed Yankees fans to root for the Red Sox.

The book clearly reveals that we don't have to believe everything we think or internalize everything we feel. It's an invitation to let go of views that are no lon-



By Margaret Atwood

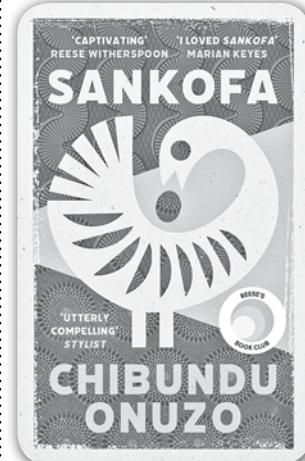
The story is centred on Offred, one of the unfortunate "Handmaids" under the new social order who have only

ger serving us well and prize mental flexibility over foolish consistency. If knowledge is power,

one purpose: to breed. In the narrated, the author chronicles Gilead, where women are barred from holding jobs, reading, and forming friendships, Offred's persistent memories of life in the "time before" and her will to survive are acts of rebellion. The suspense-laden, provocative, jaw-dropping, prophetic, and with Margaret Atwood's devastating irony, wit, and acute perceptive powers in full force, *The Handmaid's Tale* is at once a mordant satire and a dire warning. We strongly recommend this book for you.

knowing what we don't know is wisdom. What are you waiting for? Get your copy now.

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By Chibundu Onuzo

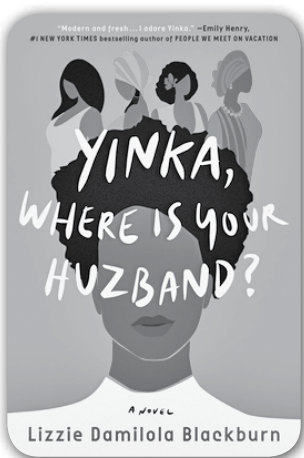
Like many people today, Anna is at a critical stage of her life and she's beginning to wonder who she really is. She has separated from her husband, her daughter is all grown up, and her mother—

the only parent who raised her—is dead.

The story takes a twist when Ada, while searching through her mother's belongings one day, finds clues about the African father she never knew. His student diaries chronicle his involvement in radical politics in 1970s London. To her greatest surprise, Anna discovers that her father eventually became the president—some would say dictator—of a small nation in West Africa. And he is still alive...

Equipped by this information, Anna decides to track her father down. Did she find him? Find out!

Yinka, Where Is Your Husband?



By Lizzie Damilola Blackburn

The book is a thrilling and uplifting story of an unconventional heroine who bravely asks the questions we all have about love. It is an irresistible love story that makes you smile but also makes you think—and explores what it means to find your way between two cultures, both of which are yours.

Though Yinka has always believed that true love will find her when the time is right, her Nigerian aunts frequently pray for her delivery from singledom, her work friends think she's too traditional (she's saving herself for marriage!), her girlfriends think she needs to get over her ex already, and

The Day You Begin

By Jacqueline Woodson

It is often said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a step, and until you find the courage to start, even when you feel scared and alone, you will never know your inherent abilities.

There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you.

Apparently, there are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

The book reminds us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes—and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway. Again, we recommend it for you.

the men in her life...well, that's a whole other story.

But, when her cousin gets engaged, Yinka begins Operation Find-A-Date for Rachel's Wedding. Yinka, who is aided by a spreadsheet and her best friend, is determined to succeed. But, will Yinka find herself a husband? We are as curious as you are!

All That I Desire

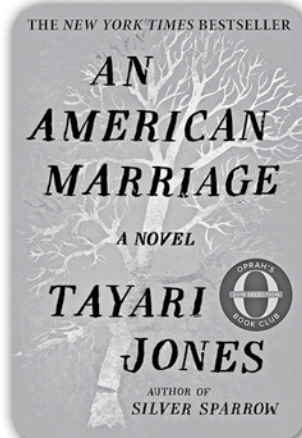
By Francis Ray

The book is basically about a woman's life, liberty...and pursuit of passion. As it is with many people, nothing can stop a woman like Skylar Dupree once she makes up her mind.

Dupree, who defies her family and leaves law school, landed her dream job as an event director at the prestigious Navarone Resorts and Spas in Arizona. The job was all that Skylar's ever desired until she sees Rio Sanchez, the resort's head of security and Blade Navarone's own personal bodyguard. He's the sexiest, most striking man she's ever met.

Drama has it that when Skylar starts planning a huge charity auction at the resort, it's Rio's job to keep an eye on the prized art she collects from donors. Even though Skylar's beauty was visible to the blind, Rio refuses to make a move as he maintains his professionalism. However, when a mysterious stranger enters the picture and puts Skylar's life in danger Rio attempts to protect her...only to be told, in no uncertain terms, that Skylar is capable of taking care of herself. Hoq did it turn out for them? Find out.

An American Marriage



By Tayari Jones

It is an insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control.

Newlyweds Roy, a young executive, and Celestial an artist are on the brink of an exciting career. However, as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined.

Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Seemingly

The Long Road Home

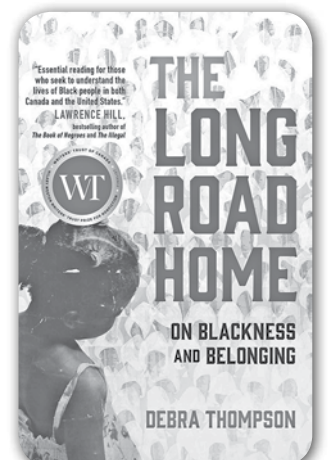
By Debra Thompson

It is a moving personal story and a vital examination of the nuances of racism in the United States and Canada. More importantly, it is about the power of freedom and the dreams that link and inspire Black people across borders from the perspective of one who has deep ties to, critiques of, and hope for both countries.

The narrative has it that when Debra Thompson moved to the United States in 2010, she felt like she was returning to the land of her ancestors, those who had escaped to Canada via the Underground Railroad. However, her 10-year long journey across Canada and the US transformed her relationship to both countries, and to the very idea of home.

Thompson, who is alarmed by the echoes and intergenerational trauma

overwhelmed by the turn of things, Celestial finds herself bereft, taking solace in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the



of North American slavery, follows the roots of Black identities in North America and the routes taken by those who have crisscrossed the world's longest undefended border in search of freedom and belonging. She begins in Shrewsbury, Ontario, one of the termini of the Underground Railroad and the place where members of her own family found freedom. She also visits many other places where she discovers many things.

love that has been her center.

Things take a new twist as Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned after five years and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

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YOUTH CORNER

..... Oluchi Ugoh

"YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR PRESENCE MORE THAN YOUR PRESENTS". - JESSE JACKSON

We have made it to the end of the month and we will make it to the end of the year and beyond. Summer was brief, I hope you enjoyed every bit of it? The weather has changed, dress accordingly. I have some important information to share regarding the upcoming elections. Don't forget that "Youths" are also eligible to vote too. You must be a Canadian citizen aged 18 or older on election day. You should have your voter registration card, if not, go with your government approved identification.

Election day for Toronto is Monday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and advance voting days are October 7-14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is important that you get involved in the election process because it is your civic right and responsibility. Remember that the leaders we elect or fail to elect have a great influence on our freedom, well-being, and the fulfilment of our God-given mandate. POLITICS IS EVERYTHING.

It is the hub of the society and that explains why everyone must be involved.

Please, make your vote count and if possible, volunteer. Meanwhile, this is no longer the time to make voting decisions based on frivolities. Make informed voting decisions that will see the best candidates emerge.

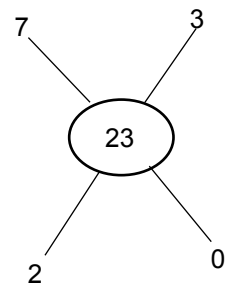
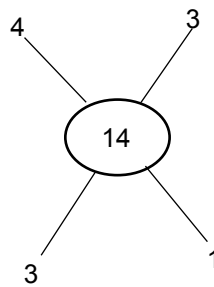
Oct. 1, is Nigeria's 62nd Independence, our prayer is that God will intervene in the matters of the country. At 62, Nigeria should not be where it is right now. My happiness is that the youths are inspired and very involved now. Naija go better!

REMEMBER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION IN CANADA, EVERY CHILD MATTERS.

Please, feel free to drop us a line, we enjoy reading from you. Take care and be a great ambassador!.

MATH

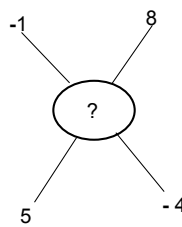
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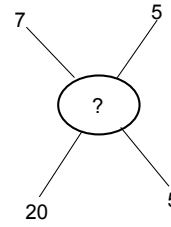
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Now solve the ones below

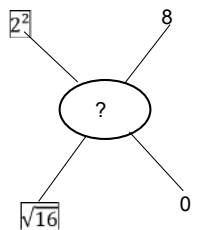
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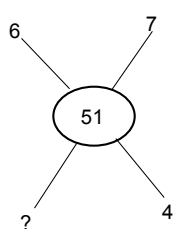
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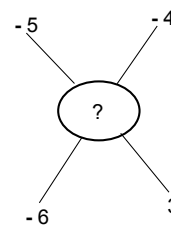
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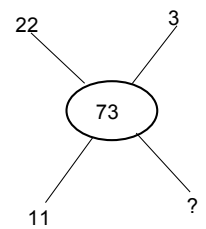
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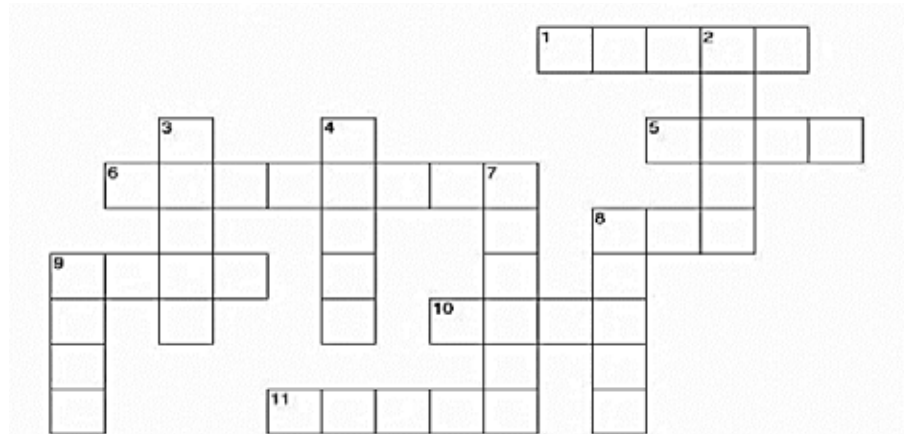


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Antonyms

Fill in the puzzle with the words that means the opposite



Across

- 1. Opposite of Quiet
- 5. Opposite of Run
- 6. Opposite of Black and White
- 8. Opposite of Cold
- 9. Opposite of Low

Down

- 1. Opposite of Finish
- 2. Opposite of Smooth
- 3. Opposite of Smile
- 7. Opposite of Big
- 8. Opposite of Sad

WORD BANK:

colourful, frown, happy, hard, hot, large, little, noisy, rough, start, stop, walk

Answers: Pg. 25

VERBAL REASONING QUESTIONS

Example: bind, hind bare, hare but,

(1) Race, rate face, fate place,

(2) Can, cane trip, tripe prim,

(3) Port, sort pane, sane page,

(4) Stark, shark stone, shone stock,

(5) File, life pole, lope ride,

Answers: Pg. 25

SIX QUOTES FROM HM. QUEEN ELIZABETH (II) FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIVE BY

- 1. "I know of no single formula for success, but over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together."
- 2. "When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future."

- 3. "It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps that bring about the most lasting change."
- 4. "When peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place."
- 5. "It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult."
- 6. "Everyone is our neighbor, no matter what race, creed or colour."

INTERNATIONAL

How world leaders, four billion audience bid Queen Elizabeth farewell

By Stanley Ugagbe

Britain's longest reigning monarch, Elizabeth Alexandra Windsor, officially known as Queen Elizabeth II has been laid to rest. The Queen who died on September 8, 2022, at age 96, was laid to rest on Monday 19th September, 2022.



Truss Emerges UK Third Female Prime Minister

By Stanley Ugagbe

United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss has emerged Prime Minister of the nation after being elected Conservative Leader. It could be recalled that Boris Johnson was forced to announce his resignation in July after months of scandal. Remarkably, Truss became the Conservatives' fourth prime minister since a 2015 election. Truss polled 81,326 votes to defeat ex-finance minister Rishi Sunak, who polled 60,399 votes.

In view of her election, she is now the third female to mount the coveted office. Other women before her in that officer were Margaret Thatcher, who was in office between 1979 and 1990 and Theresa May, who was prime minister from 2016 to 2019.

In her acceptance speech, she reaffirmed that she will lead as a conservative true to her campaign.

"We need to show that we will deliver over the next two years. I will deliver on a bold plan to cut taxes and grow our economy; I will deliver on the energy crisis dealing with people's energy bills but also dealing with the long term issues we have on energy supply. I will deliver on the National Health Service. But we all will deliver for our country," Truss said.

Also, without offering details, Truss promised a "bold plan" to cut taxes and build economic growth, and "deliver on the energy crisis, dealing with people's energy bills but also dealing with the long-term issues we have on energy supply."

"I am honoured to be elected Leader of the Conservative Party. Thank you for putting your trust in me to lead and deliver for our great country.

"I will take bold action to get all of us through these tough times, grow our economy, and unleash the United Kingdom's potential," she said. In a swift reaction, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz congratulated Truss on her election. "In these challenging times," he wrote in English, London and Berlin would carry on cooperating as "partners and friends".

Also reacting, EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in a tweet, congratulated Truss, adding that "I look forward to a constructive relationship, in full respect of our agreements".

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished Liz Truss the "very best". Poland's Mateusz Morawiecki said he was "very, very pleased" by her commitment to Ukraine, and the Irish Taoiseach Micheal Martin said he looked forward to working with Britain's new PM.



THE Queen was laid to rest on the grounds of Windsor Castle, where her father, King George VI, sister, Princess Margaret and husband, Prince Philip were buried.

As the coffin was lowered, a lone piper played a haunting lament. The queen's titles were read publicly for the last time: "The late Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Excellent Monarch, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter."

According to reports, about four billion people viewed the televised proceedings of the state funeral held for the Queen. The event had been projected to smash other TV records.

It was reported that the crowd, which gathered around the royal palaces and in central London to pay their last tribute to Queen Elizabeth II was about a million. Reports also have it that numerous mourners who had planned to see the Queen's state funeral and procession were left stranded at London's Paddington station, as there were no trains running in or out of the region.

Local reports stated that that about two million people lined the streets to watch the Queen's coffin make its final journey. Behind the coffin were the Queen's children, King Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. Behind them were Prince William, Prince Harry and Peter Phillips, and other members of her family.

Meanwhile, about 2,000 people, including royalty, world leaders, politicians and members of the royal household attended the funeral at Windsor Castle. However, the list was reduced to 800 guests during the committal ceremony held at St George's Chapel.

According to reports, the world leaders who graced the event included members of the Commonwealth, Heads of State, Governors-General, Prime Ministers, and foreign royal families.

It was also reported that no fewer than 100 presidents and heads of government across the globe were reported present at the funeral, including United States President Joe Biden and wife, Jill Biden;

Polish President Andrzej Duda and wife, Agata Kornhauser-Duda; French President Emmanuel Macron and wife, Brigitte; UK Prime Minister Liz Truss and husband, Hugh O'Leary; German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier; Italian President Sergio Mattarella, and Irish President Michael D. Higgins. Others were Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, Israeli President Isaac Herzog and New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

The United Kingdom's seven surviving prime ministers attended Westminster Abbey to bid farewell to the Queen. Recently elected Prime Minister Liz Truss was joined by Boris Johnson, Theresa May, David Cameron, Gordon Brown, Sir Tony Blair, and Sir John Major. All seven were pictured seated alongside one another at the funeral with their spouses.

It is germane to note that the Queen's reign spanned the tenure of 15 prime ministers in total, the first of which was Sir Winston Churchill.

The service saw Truss deliver a Bible reading, John 14:2, which recounts Jesus' farewell address to his disciples at the last supper.

It reads "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you".

In the absence of President Muhammadu Buhari, Vice President Yemi Osibanjo led the Nigerian delegation to the burial. Other African leaders included Gabonese President Ali Bongo; Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo; Kenyan President William Ruto; Rwandan President Paul Kagame; Senegalese President Macky Sall; South African President Cyril Ramaphosa; and Sudan's military leader, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan.

It was reported that Monarchs who attended the ceremony included King Philip and Queen Mathilde of Belgium; King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck; Sultan of Brunei, Hassanal Bolkiah; Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary; Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako of Japan;

King Abdullah and Queen Rania of Jordan; Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah of Kuwait; King Letsie III of Lesotho; Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein; Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg; Malaysia's Sultan Abdullah of Pahang; Prince Albert II of Monaco; Crown Prince Moulay Hassan of Morocco; King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands; King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway; Sultan Haitham bin Tariq al-Said of Oman; Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar; Prince Turki bin Mohammed al Saud of Saudi Arabia; King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain; Juan Carlos, former king of Spain, and former Queen Sofia; King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden; King Tupou VI of Tonga; Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, president of the UAE and ruler of Abu Dhabi; Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice president, prime minister, and minister of defence of the UAE and ruler of Dubai.

Meanwhile, reports have it that invitations were not sent to some countries, while some were asked to send only ambassadors, not heads of state. Russian President Vladimir Putin was not invited to the funeral. Belarus was snubbed for aiding the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Afghanistan was not invited. Myanmar, which was sanctioned by the UK for the repression of the Rohingya community, was asked not to send representatives. Also, leaders of Syria and Venezuela were not invited because they lack full diplomatic relations with the UK.

On the other hand, Chinese President Xi Jinping, who received an invite to attend the ceremony rather sent a delegation. Pope Francis didn't attend the event but was reportedly represented by the Vatican diplomat, Archbishop Paul Gallagher. India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi was absent despite receiving invitation. Also Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman didn't turn up for the funeral.

In his tribute, Nigeria's Vice President, who described the departed Queen Elizabeth II as a monarch for all seasons, said "in the 70 years that she has been Queen, it's obvious that through practically every cycle – war, peace, economic decline, apartheid, all the various cycles, where truly major things were going on, she held her own and she was always able to bring a certain degree of understanding.

"And just the gravity of someone who doesn't hold political office is so well respected and well regarded. In so many ways, she was a factor in practically all of the various cycles that we have experienced, not just in the Commonwealth, but in the world itself.

"I think she was a stabilizing force, that was why I thought the description (borrowed from the man for all seasons) that she was the Queen for all seasons."

INTERNATIONAL

Princeton University to cover costs for students whose families earn below \$100K

By Stanley Ugagbe

In its new financial aid policy, Princeton University has announced that undergraduate students whose household income is less than \$100,000 will not have to pay anything to attend the school.



ACCORDING to the announcement, starting next fall, those students will not have to pay anything for tuition or room and board, and will be given \$4,050 each school year for books and personal expenses.

It was stated that more than 1,500 students – or 25% of the student body – are expected to benefit from the change.

Harping on the development, Princeton University President Christopher L. Eisgruber said “These improvements to our aid packages, made possible by the sustained generosity of our alumni and friends, will enhance the experiences of students during their time at Princeton and their choices and impact after they graduate

“One of Princeton’s defining values is our commitment to ensure that talented students from all backgrounds can not only afford a Princeton education but can flourish on our campus and in the world beyond it”.

It is imperative to note that currently, for students with families earning less than \$65,000, university

grants covered the cost of tuition, room and board. For those whose household income was between \$65,000 and \$95,000, there was an average family contribution of \$8,500.

Also, for all families earning above \$65,000, students were expected to contribute \$3,500, which will now be scrapped regardless of income level.

The University announcement said that since 2001, when Princeton eliminated loans from its financial aid packages, “more than 10,000 undergraduates have benefited from Princeton’s aid program, which meets students’ full financial needs with grants that do not need to be repaid.”

Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Karen Richardson

said “The changes to our already generous financial aid policies will be an important part of the work that the Office of Admission does to recruit students from various socioeconomic backgrounds, showing them that a Princeton education is an affordable education”.

Also, Dean of the College Jill Dolan said “Princeton’s generous financial aid program has transformed the socioeconomic diversity of our undergraduate student population, allowing more students from across backgrounds to learn from one another’s life experiences”.

“Princeton’s historic support for lower-income students has made our distinguished liberal arts education available to a broad range of students from around the world.”

Former Chinese Justice Minister Sentenced To Death Over \$16 Million Bribes

By Stanley Ugagbe

The Intermediate People’s Court of Changchun in northeast China’s Jilin province, has sentenced a former justice minister, Fu Zhenghua to death for corruption involving \$16 million, with a two-year reprieve.

According to the court, the death sentence can be commuted after two years in prison.

Fu who served as justice minister between March 2018 and April 2020 was accused of “taking advantage” of his position between 2005 and 2021, including accepting bribes totalling more than 117 million yuan (about \$16.76 million) and “bending the law for personal gains.”

In the ruling, the court also stripped Fu of his political rights for life and confiscated all of his personal property.

The court said “After the two-year reprieve for his death sentence, Fu’s sentence can be commuted to life in prison in accordance with the law, but no further reduction or parole shall be



given to him”.

It is imperative to note that Fu held positions such as head of the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau, vice minister of public security, minister of justice, and deputy head of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference’s Committee on Social and Legal Affairs (CPPCC).

The court found that Fu had concealed evidence involving a suspected serious crime committed by his brother Fu Weihua while serving as head of the Beijing public security bureau between 2014 and 2015.

In its verdict, the court stated that “This concealment allowed Fu Weihua to avoid prosecution for a long time”.

“The sum of bribes Fu had taken was huge, and he committed particularly serious crimes, which caused a heavy loss to the interests of the state and people and also had a particularly bad social impact”.

More so, the court stated that the embattled Fu who was assigned to the Committee on Social and Legal Affairs of the National Committee of the CPPCC after having served as justice minister last year, received a “lenient sentence” as he “confessed to all his crimes and pled guilty during the investigation, provided clues for important cases, and had been cooperative in returning his illegal gains.”



New York AG Drags Trump To Court For ‘Fraud’

By Stanley Ugagbe

The immediate past President of the United States, Donald Trump and his adult children have been dragged to court for what New York State’s attorney general, Letitia James called numerous acts of fraud and misrepresentation, accused of misstating the values of real estate properties to obtain favorable loans and tax benefits.

According to local reports, the lawsuit, filed in a New York state court in Manhattan, accused the Trump Organization of wrongdoing in preparing Trump’s annual statements of financial condition from 2011 to 2021.

The suit also named as defendants the Trump Organization - a family company that manages hotels, golf courses and other real estate around the world - as well as the former president’s sons Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump and his daughter Ivanka Trump.

James stated that her office uncovered more than 200 examples of misleading asset valuations, and the complaint mentioned 23 assets that she called “grossly and fraudulently inflated.”

However, the AG averred that she was referring allegations of criminal wrongdoing to federal prosecutors in Manhattan and the Internal Revenue Service for investigation.

In a news conference, James said “The pattern of fraud and deception that was used by Mr Trump and the Trump Organisation for their own financial benefit is astounding”.

Referring to the title of a 1987 book written by Trump, she said “Claiming that you have money that you do not have does not amount to the ‘art of the deal’, it’s the art of the steal”.

Records have it that the lawsuit marks one of the biggest legal blows for Trump since he left office in January 2021.

In the lawsuit, the former US number one is accused of inflating his net worth by billions of dollars to induce banks to lend money to his company on more favorable, to satisfy continuing loan terms, to coax insurers to provide coverage for higher limits at lower premiums, to gain tax benefits and other purposes.

Forthwith, the AG is seeking to permanently ban Trump and his three children named as defendants in the case from serving as an officer or director in any New York corporation, prohibit Trump and the Trump Organisation from entering into any New York real estate acquisitions for five years and award disgorgement of all financial benefits gained fraudulently — estimated to total \$250 million.

In a swift reaction, Alina Habba, a lawyer for Trump said “The Attorney General’s Office has exceeded its statutory authority by prying into transactions where absolutely no wrongdoing has taken place,” calling the accusations “meritless”.

In a social media post, Trump who left office in January 2021 denied any wrongdoing and described James’ probe as a politically motivated “Witch Hunt”.

The AG also revealed that her office rejected settlement offers submitted by the defendants, but said “our doors are always open” for future negotiations.

According to reports, Trump is considering running for president again in 2024.

SPORTS

MONTREAL DECLARED BASKETBALL CITY

By Stanley Ugagbe

Canada's second most populous city, Montreal has been declared a basketball city by its own city council.

IT is important to note that the city has a team in the national league, thousands of fans and three homegrown players in the NBA.

In a swift reaction, Sacha-Wilky Merazil, a community activist who is pushing to develop basketball facilities in Montréal-Nord, said declaring Montreal a basketball city is a good first step, but conscious efforts must be made to invest in the community and ensure local kids have the resources they need to develop as athletes.

Merazil said "We have a lack of sports facilities in Montréal-Nord, and particularly in Montreal East. We need funding to build a sports centre."

Reports have it that such a project has been discussed for some time, and still no concrete plans have been made at the municipal level.

It was gathered that Montréal-Nord residents spoke out earlier this year after the promised sports and recreation centre was placed on the back burner indefinitely, left out of the city's budget.



While noting that east end neighbourhoods need a master plan for developing sports facilities, Merazil said "A lot of citizens in east end Montreal feel really abandoned".

Announcing the development, Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante in Twitter post said the municipal council unanimously adopted the motion to recognize the importance of basketball in the city.

She said "More than ever, Montreal is seen as a basketball city, and that's great news".

She added that "Let's be proud of it!"

Marikym Gaudreault, a spokesperson for the mayor, said Basketball continues to grow in popularity around the world and Montreal is no exception.

She said "Its accessibility and inclusiveness make it a sport of choice and the city is proud to support a number of initiatives in this regard".

The motion was aimed at highlighting the positive impact of "this sport on the community and the vibrant projects that emerge from it."

Dwight Walton, a former Canadian National Team member and basketball commentator said there is a groundswell of support for an NBA team to come to Montreal, adding that it's time to put politics aside and make basketball a success in the city.

He said "Basketball is on the rise and Montreal deserves an NBA franchise".



South Africa to bid for 2027 Women's World Cup

By Stanley Ugagbe

In what will become Africa's first if successful, South African Football Association has revealed that they will bid for the rights to host the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup.

It is imperative to note that since the inception of the competition, Africa has never had an opportunity to host the Women's World Cup but the Southern African nation is determined to make history.

In a statement, Sifa Chief Executive Officer Tebogo Motlanthe said "The NEC (National Executive Committee) has resolved that we must bid to host the World Cup for women in 2027".

"We as [an] administration will duly inform Fifa and then start the process of hosting the World Cup."

Records have it that China was the first nation to stage the competition in 1991 and got the privilege to host it in 2007 too. Sweden (1995), the United States (1999 and 2003), Canada (2015), and France (2019) are the other nations that have successfully hosted the competition.

Meanwhile, South Africa will have to face stiff competition to host the 2027 edition of the women's world cup as Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands have also shown interest.

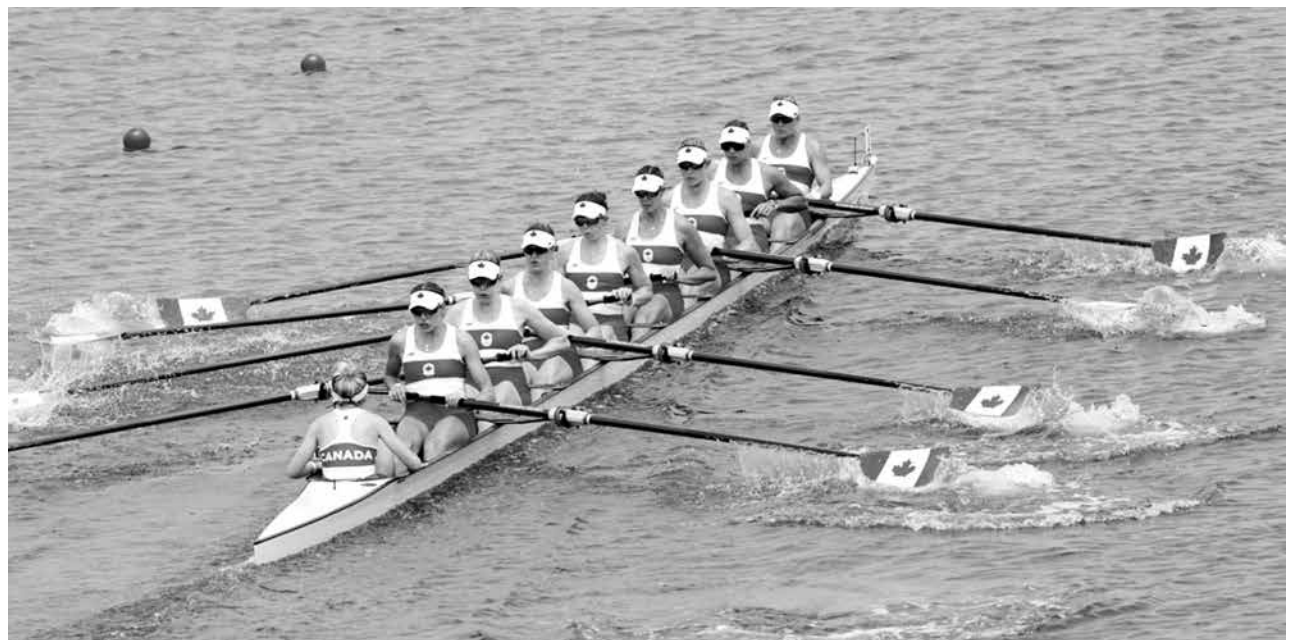
Just like South Africa, Belgium and the Netherlands have never hosted the event. Germany hosted the 2011 edition.

The 2023 Women's edition will be held jointly by Australia and New Zealand.

South Africa, Morocco, Zambia and Nigeria will represent the continent in the World Cup.

It could be recalled that in 2010, South Africa became the first African nation to host the men's world cup. The host nation was eliminated in the group stage and Spain, eventually, won the tournament.

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Canada wins bronze in women's eight at world rowing championship

By Stanley Ugagbe

The Canadian women's eight rowing team concluded their outing at the world rowing championships in Racice, Czech Republic by winning a bronze.

The squad which was made up of Alexis Cronk, Kirsten Edwards, Kasia Gruchalla-Wesierski, Sydney Payne, Morgan Rosts, Jessica Sevic, Gabrielle Smith, Avalon Wasteney and coxswain Kristen Kit finished in six minutes 7.51 seconds.

Speaking after the race, Sydney Payne, who was a member of the eight women that won Olympic

gold last summer in Tokyo said "We went out and we wanted to have a race that we would have no regrets and could be proud of every stroke and I think we did that".

She added that "We went for it and here we are, bronze!"

It could be recalled that this Canadian squad captured a World Cup silver in July after winning Olympic gold at Tokyo 2020.

Meanwhile, Romania (6:01.14) and the Netherlands (6:05.04) finished first and second respectively. According to official reports, the Canadian rowers held second position

until halfway through the race. The Netherlands, not far behind, finally overtook Canada in the final 1500 meters before maintaining their rank until the finish line.

The bronze medalist qualified for the final without too much trouble in the preliminary race by registering the second fastest time, behind the United States who finally finished in fourth place.

Canada's men' eight finished fifth position in the final. Great Britain took first while the Netherlands and Australia scooped second and third positions respectively.

SPORTS / INTERNATIONAL

Nwaneri makes history as youngest premier league player

By Stanley Ugagbe

Nigerian-born Arsenal's young talent, Ethan Chidiebere Nwaneri has broken the record held by Liverpool midfielder Harvey Elliott to become the youngest player ever in the Premier League.



ON Sunday September 18, Nwaneri, who was born in 2007, to Nigerian parents, was 15 years and 181 days old, as he made his debut for the gunners at Gtech Community Stadium, 90 minutes into the game. Arsenal trashed Brentford 3-0 in the tie. According to reports, the attacking midfielder was promoted to the Arsenal first team the same week after impressing in the club's U-18 and U-21 teams.

Remarkably, Nwaneri, who had scored four times and also assisted four times this season for the U-18s and U-21s, currently plays in England's U-16s and has also made one cap with the U-17s. He could also be eligible as a prospect to play for Nigeria.

It could be recalled that

Liverpool's Harvey Elliot's who previously held the record as the youngest EPL player was 16 years, 30 days when he made his debut. Meanwhile, Cesc Fabregas' 16 years, 5 months record as Arsenal's youngest player ever.

Harping on the development, the club on its official Twitter handle

@Arsenal, said, "15 years and 181 days. The youngest player in Premier League history. Congratulations, Ethan Nwaneri @ArsenalAcademy."

It is imperative to note that the young star joined up with Arsenal at nine years old. By the age of 14, he was already playing for their under-18 side.

Antigua and Barbuda moves to become a republic

By Stanley Ugagbe

Barely a few days after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda has said the country will aim to become a republic in three years.

In a statement on TV, Gastone Brown said the Caribbean nation will hold a referendum to decide the future of their head of state just after signing a document that confirmed King Charles III to take on the role.

Recall that early this year, the PM suggested that the east-Caribbean country would make a move towards republicanism during a royal tour by Prince Edward and Sophie, the Countess of Wessex.

Speaking with newsmen, he said: "This is a matter that has to be taken to a referendum for the people to decide.

"It does not represent any form of disrespect to the monarch. This is not an act of hostility, or any difference between Antigua and Barbuda and the monarchy.

"It is a final step to complete the circle of independence to become a truly sovereign nation."

The PM pledged that he would hold a referendum if he is elected for another stint in office.

It is imperative to note that Antigua and Barbuda, who gained independence from the British in 1981, is understood to be the first Caribbean country to announce



their plans of removing the British Monarch as their head of state since the Queen's passing.

The nation's move came after they announced a national period of mourning and the PM paid tribute to their former head of state along with leaders across Africa and the Caribbean.

Brown said: "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has had an impactful reign, during which her relations with my State and its people have remained mutually respectful and unchanging. All flags throughout the State will be

flown at half-mast up until the day of Her Majesty's burial. God save the King."

Recall that the PM previously led calls for the royal family to use their "diplomatic influence" to pay reparations over the slave trade in Antigua and Barbuda and throughout the Caribbean.

It is germane to note that in view of his ascension to the throne, King Charles currently serves as head of state across nine countries in the tropical region, including St Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis and the Cayman Islands.

TikTok may be fined heavily over children's data protection in the UK

By Dele Akintilo

TikTok could be slammed with a 27 million-pound (\$29 million) fine in the U.K. over a possible breach of U.K. data protection law by not protecting children's privacy when they are using the platform.

The U.K. Information Commissioner's Office said recently that it has issued TikTok a legal document that precedes a potential fine. According to the office, TikTok may have processed the data of children below 13 without proper parental consent and processed "special category data" without legal grounds.

The commissioner said "special category data" included ethnic and racial origin, political opinions, religious beliefs and sexual orientation.

Also, it said TikTok may have failed to release transparent, easily understood information to its users. The legal document covered the period between May 2018 and July 2020.

Information Commissioner John Edwards said the body's provisional view was that TikTok "fell short" of providing proper data privacy protections. The body disclosed that its findings are not final and it would consider any representations from TikTok before taking a final decision.

A statement released by TikTok, which is owned by the Chinese company ByteDance said: "While we respect the ICO's role in safeguarding privacy in the U.K., we disagree with the preliminary views expressed and intend to formally respond to the ICO."

The Information Commissioner's Office revealed that it is investigating six companies that do not appear to have taken their responsibilities around child safety seriously enough.

Edward Snowden granted Russian citizenship

By Dele Akintilo

The President of Russia, Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former U.S. security contractor Edward Snowden, according to a decree signed by the President recently.

Snowden is among the 75 foreign nationals listed by the decree as being granted Russian citizenship. The decree was published on the official government website.

Snowden, a former contractor with the U.S. National Security Agency, has been residing in Russia since 2013 to avoid prosecution in the U.S. after he leaked classified documents detailing government surveillance programs.

In 2020, he was granted permanent residency and said at the time that his plan was to apply for Russian citizenship, without his U.S. citizenship renounced.

While talking to Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti, Snowden's lawyer, Anatoly Kucherena, disclosed that the former contractor's wife Lindsay Mills, an American who has been living with him in Russia, will also apply for a Russian passport.

Snowden, who has laid low in Russia and criticized Russian government policies on social media occasionally, said in 2019 that he would be willing to return to the U.S. if he's guaranteed a fair trial.

He hasn't talked about being granted Russian citizenship.

RELIGION

The humour of God against His enemies

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"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Return to Pharaoh and make your demands again. I have made him and his officials stubborn so I can continue to display my power by performing miraculous signs among them. You will be able to tell wonderful stories to your children and grandchildren about the marvellous things I am doing among the Egyptians to prove that I am the Lord." Ex 10:1-2

When God said "let us create man in our own image and likeness" we always thought about big things - like ability to co- create. The wisdom to dominate the earth especially through industrial revolution, the wisdom of high tech in making aircraft etc. I just found out that we are like God in the ability to be humorous. God has humour . He smiles, he laughs. That is why we are able to. It is funny to know that he laughs against His enemies when his enemies thinks they are smart.

"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed,saying,"Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.The One enthroned in heaven

laughs;the Lord scoffs at them." Psalm 2:1-4.

Humour is the quality



Pastor Amos Dele Dada

of being amusing or comic, especially as expressed in literature or speech. You use "humor me" when you're asking someone to do something for you just to keep you happy.

Read Ex 10:1-2 again. God said he will harden the heart of Pharaoh so that he will continue to display his power in performing miraculous signs to destroy Pharaoh and his cohorts by, so doing he will be having fun and as well as showing his sovereignty! Moreover, you will have stories to tell your children. Can you imagine someone destroying cars and aeroplanes just to show his children he has money and can buy another one and for the children to be able to tell others my dad is so rich he has planes and he can destroy them so that I can tell you this story! The Yorubas will say- eni ba ju ni lo, loun fo wo eni gba

ni le nu. Meaning the one stronger than you can use your hands to slap your face. That is how sovereign our God is.

What the Holy Spirit is saying is that, he wants you and I to trust Him to fight our battles. That he has unimaginable powers. That he created the heavens and the earth. That he has plans for his children to get to where he wants them to be. That as a child of God you are not only untouchable by the enemies of God you are also unstoppable.

Let me stretch God's humour further. In Ex 11 he said with just one more miracle Pharaoh will let you go- what is the miracle- he will kill all the first born of Egyptians human beings and beast. Read this: "But among the Israelites it will be so peaceful that not even a dog will bark. Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between the Egyptians and the Israelites" Ex 11:7.

The question is what is the purpose of God's humour- to help you to appreciate his love for his covenant children, that he has ability to fight for them, care for them, and defend them.

It's like the story line of movies- you build the main actors up, they have so many enemies but they always prevail! Watch the Terminator with Arnold Schwarzenegger display-

ing his biceps, muscles and skills! Maybe that was 20th story movie, let me refer you to another recent movie. "Abejoye" by Mount Zion Ministry with Mike Bamiloye as the main actor. He calls God his defender. "Jeeeesuu Olayiotan Abejoye, sanu fun mi." These were the words muttered by Abejoye, a one-time evil genius who had encountered Christ and was now born again, after an evil attack by Oloye Oluoje. God had fun destroying all the enemies of Abejoye - because he changed his ways and decided to make Jesus his Lord and Saviour.

In May 1981, I was a Chemical Engineering student at Great Ife.I drove a Volkswagen Beetle loaned to me by a cousin and with two other cousins we were travelling from Ile- Ife to Abeokuta for the weekend when I was arrested by Road Safety Corps for over speeding. As students we initially took it for a joke but when they took my drivers license and all the vehicle particulars and charged me to court I knew I was in big trouble. We refused to offer a bribe. It was a Friday. On Saturday morning the scripture that God gave me during my quiet time was Romans 8:31-33 "What, then, shall we say in response to these things?If God is for us, who can be against us?32 He who did not spare his own Son,but

gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies"

I jumped up and told all my friends this is what I will use to get my papers back ! Who can lay any charge to God's elect. I am one of God's elect. I returned to Ife. I went to the altar at CAC Bethel, Ede road. I prayed "O Lord show them in that court that I am your child and you are my defender"

Court date arrived, I was told I will have to make a plea. Guilty or not guilty? I was in a great dilemma . If I plead guilty I will have a criminal record against my name, go to prison or pay a fine . If I don't plead guilty they will go on to full trial, no one knows what the end might be! Besides, this is the month of my final exams for a five year course. Dangerous options! Ahead of me many students were convicted by the judge. My time came in the dock " Amos Dele Dada against the Federal Government of Nigeria on 9th of May...." the prosecutor read all the charges- but before he could get to guilty or not guilty, the judge interrupted him - "what is the number of the vehicle he was driving?" The man searched frantically- "My Lord I will get back to you on that"-

was his reply. The judge asked two more times -he searched within all the documents he could not find it. The miracle is that he has this paper right in front of him yet he could not see it!

The judge said - "I cannot convict a person driving an unknown vehicle, Mr Amos Dele Dada you are hereby discharged and acquitted"! I recall vividly the police orderly that was taking the guilty ones to prison or pay their fines brought me out of the dock and said " Young man you have a God you are serving - keep it on" I have kept that advice.

Conclusion: God has humour against His enemies. God did it for me 41 years ago so that I can tell the stories not only to my children and grandchildren but to you my reader. Be on the side of God today and watch God humorously display his power against your enemies. I am a witness, you too can be!

Shalom!

Feel free to share your knowledge of God's humour below.

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Hindu advocates sue California, arguing bans on caste discrimination misrepresent beliefs

At the crux of the HAF lawsuit is the question of whether caste is inherently tied to Hindu dharma.

(RNS) — The Hindu American Foundation has filed a complaint against the state of California, objecting to a recent caste discrimination lawsuit that the group said "violates the constitutional rights of Hindu Americans."

"By falsely claiming that Hindu Americans inherently hold discriminatory beliefs in a caste system, and these beliefs and practices are 'inherent' to the Hindu religion," said Suhag Shukla, attorney and executive director of the Hindu American Foundation, in the complaint filed Thursday (Sept. 22), "the State is treating Hindus in a manner that is different from the way it treats every other religious group."

In a landmark suit originally filed in 2020, an

anonymous Cisco employee in California claimed his Hindu supervisors cut him out of meetings and failed to promote him because he is a Dalit, a member of a lowest stratum of South Asia's social and religious caste hierarchy. He further claimed that Cisco officials retaliated against him after he brought the discrimination to their attention.

Cisco maintained that there was "no evidence" that he suffered either discrimination or retaliation specifically through the "Indian caste system."

The Hindu American Foundation has long said that ending caste discrimination is a "worthy goal" that directly furthers Hinduism's belief in the equal and divine essence of all people. The foundation also says that caste is not a core tenet of the Hindu religion and should not be assumed as such by the California Department of Civil Rights.

A spokesperson for the

Department of Civil Rights said it would respond to HAF's complaint in court.

The Cisco lawsuit comes as some Hindus have pushed for various American institutions, from corporations to universities, to officially recognize caste discrimination. In a 2018 report cited in the original lawsuit, the Dalit civil rights group Equality Labs found that 67% of Dalits surveyed felt unfairly treated at their U.S. workplaces.

In 2016, the same group found a third of Hindu students in the U.S. reported experiencing caste discrimination. Dalits have cited instances of employment discrimination at several companies, including Alphabet, the company that owns Google, and Microsoft.

The International Commission for Dalit Rights, a 2-decade-old organization based in Virginia, has repeatedly but unsuccessfully pressed the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission to recognize casteism against historically oppressed groups as "an urgent contemporary U.S. civil rights and social justice issue."

In 2020, following the lead of Brandeis University and Colby College, the California State University system passed a resolution to add caste as a category of discrimination, making it easier for students and faculty to report anti-Dalit bias. In response, HAF led a petition against the move and it was signed by more than 80 faculty of Indian origin.

HAF insisted then that treating caste as a specific class of discrimination is a "misguided overreach." They argued that it is unconstitutional to identify a form of prejudice held only by people of one faith or national background as "so entirely different and abhorrent that it renders this group a suspect class meriting special monitoring and policing."

Sunil Kumar, a professor of engineering at San Diego State University, wrote at the time, "Rather than redressing discrimination, it will actually cause discrimination by unconstitutionally singling out and targeting Hindu faculty of Indian and South Asian descent as members of a suspect class because of deeply entrenched, false stereotypes about Indians, Hindus, and caste."

At the crux of the HAF lawsuit is the question of whether caste is inherently tied to Hindu dharma, a widely misunderstood issue that stems across time and institution. Some argue that caste was imposed on Indian and other historically Hindu people by colonial administrators during British rule of South Asia and that it no longer plays a part in everyday life. Other Hindus call this view disingenuous, saying caste has its origins in Hindu scripture, which is still used to legitimize it.

They also point out that caste is found among Hindus outside South Asia.

"As Hindus, we work to uplift a vision of Hindu identity that acknowledges this history, but also rejects caste as a betrayal of our traditions' highest teachings of human dignity and equality," said Ria Chakrabarty, policy director for the advocacy group Hindus for Human Rights.

Chakrabarty said Hindus need to acknowledge the caste system as it operates today, rather than argue over its origins, before they can help solve the discrimination many say they've encountered.

"In the meantime, we will stand shoulder to shoulder with our Dalit American siblings in their fight against discrimination and ensure that caste is a protected category for civil rights," said Chakrabarty.

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with the victim from the hall while she was in her office. He made a gesture like he was slapping his hip, and came in to see her. She told him he should not have touched her, he responded that it was a joke. He denied it was sexual and said he did not want to sleep with her. He apologized, but she felt it wasn't sincere.

The manager, upset by what happened, left the office early at 3:45 p.m. He ran into two other employees on the way out, and stopped to have a cigarette with them. He demonstrated what had happened by crouching and making a swatting motion. Unfortunately, the victim saw this interaction out the window and perceived she was being mocked by him.

She told her boss about that interaction, and he sent an email to all the people who had been in the room, and those in the parking lot, saying what occurred could not happen again and it should be put to rest.

COMPLAINT TO HR

The following week, on March 3, the woman decided to report the incident to HR. She also described what happened to an executive who oversaw the Mississauga branch. HR began an investigation, and the manager was told the incident was sexual harassment and he may be suspended or terminated.

The manager, becom-

ing concerned for his job, filed a counter complaint with HR about the time she punched him in the arm and that she and others had made anti-Semitic comments to him.

After concluding its investigation, the company decided to terminate the manager for cause. It was based solely on the incident of him touching her on the buttocks. He was given no severance, termination or vacation pay.

SEVERANCE PAY AND TERMINATION PAY

What makes this case particularly interesting from an employment law angle is how the Court of Appeal looked at the manager's entitlements under the Employment Standards Act.

Under the ESA in Ontario, employees who have been on the job for eight years or more are entitled to eight weeks' termination pay, unless they are disentitled to such pay under the statute. It also provides for severance pay that varies based on length of service to a maximum of 26 weeks for companies with payrolls of more than \$2.5 million.

The regulations state that certain employees are disentitled to termination and severance pay.

For termination and severance pay, it excludes "an employee who has been guilty of wilful misconduct, disobedience or

wilful neglect of duty that is not trivial and has not been condoned by the employer."

The Court of Appeal said the manager is entitled to those statutory benefits "unless that entitlement is precluded" by the act.

In the court's view, his conduct did not rise to the level of wilful misconduct required under the regulation.

"While the trial judge found that the touching was not accidental, he made no finding that the conduct was preplanned," the Court of Appeal said.

"Indeed, his findings with respect to the circumstances of the touching are consistent with the fact that the appellant's conduct was done in the heat of the moment in reaction to a slight. Although his conduct warranted dismissal for cause, it was not the type of conduct in the circumstances in which it occurred that was intended by the legislature to deprive an employee of his statutory benefits."

It awarded termination pay of eight weeks, but did not award the 26 weeks' severance pay because there was no evidence presented that the company's payroll was more than \$2.5 million.

For more information, see *Render v. ThyssenKrupp Elevator (Canada) Limited, 2022 ONCA 310 (CanLII)*

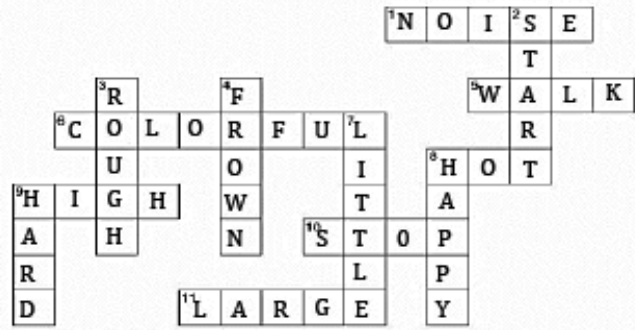
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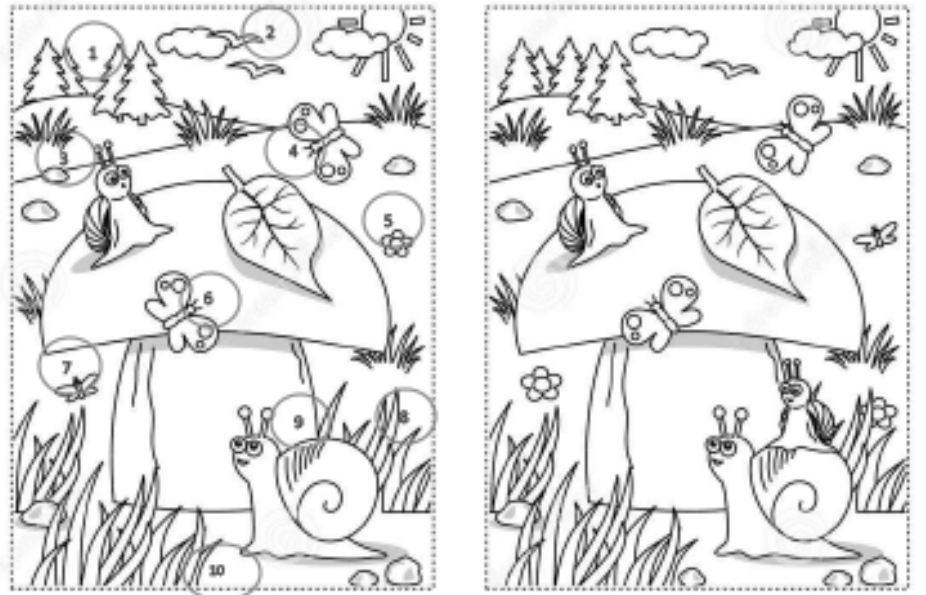
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Antonyms:



Find The Differences:



Verbal:

(1) Place, plate (2) prim, prime (3) page, sage (4) shock (5) ride, dire

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A probation officer however found that Ms P minimized her behaviour by saying that there aren't any laws to hold "a minor to account for lying about their age." The judge discovered her expression of remorse at the sentencing hearing "unconvincing" because she kept blaming the boy for misleading her about his age.

The judge said the effect of Ms P's offending behaviour on the victim, now 17, "has been very grave indeed" and described the victim impact statement as "a powerful articulation of the effects of sexual abuse on children."

"I stopped caring about life and I don't really try anymore," the teen added that his relationship with his family has dipped and he doesn't enjoy the things he used to enjoy.

The teen wrote: "I really struggle with my self-esteem now. I don't like myself." He said he had "hit a wall" and is "lost and confused."

The judge said it was important to reject the stereotype that teenage boys are less prone to sexual assault than teenage girls. He wrote that giving a lesser sentence to a female offender than a male offender infringes the rights of male

offenders under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Though the judge said he was concerned about the impact on Ms P's son, he did not feel he should reduce an "otherwise-appropriate sentence" for that reason.

He wrote: "Many offenders have children. If I were to impose a lesser sentence on Ms P because of the impact of the sentence on her mother and son, I would dilute the deterrent effect of the sentence."

The son will keep having a close relationship with his father and grandmother.

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for him to send one of his wives parking.

"No be say I lose my job or anything but na di high cost of living mean say di money wey I dey use handle my family issues before no come dey reach because of high cost of everything, pesin get money before u know e don finish," he said.

When asked on how the divorce happened, Aminu said he reeled out rules and said any of the wives that breaks the rules will leave his home.

"I come siddon tell

dem say I get rules and if any of dem break am na divorce be dat. Di number one be say any of dem wey first cause fight go leave di house and second any of dem wey comot without my permission do go as well."

"I create dis rules because of di high cost of living wahala and I just want get relief. Unfortunately my first wife break one of my rules and na why I divorce her."

"No be say I no like her, I just do am to get relief from all di wahala wey

I dey face." Aminu noted that the divorced wife has one child for him and he has given the child to his mother to cater for.

The Katsina man also noted that the parents of the divorced man have been asking him to take back his wife but he blatantly refused due to the high cost of living.

However, he noted that "My plan be say if things improve economically and she neva re-marry by then I fit go see her to see how we fit repair wetin don spoil."

COVER STORY

Mum's custody appeal

what they wanted to do to me in Nigeria."

Paul Riley, Mr Ajayi's lawyer, said the decision proved that Ontario courts will go against child abduction.

"I think what the decision shows this week is that Canada is not going to embrace those who involve themselves in child abduction. You are not going to leave your country and then wrap yourselves in the warm embrace of the Ontario judicial system."

While Canada is a signatory to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, which sets the legal rules for taking back children to their home jurisdiction, Nigeria is not a member of the convention. Ontario law's provision empowers Ontario's courts to take jurisdiction in such a case where it is proven that the foreign country does not put the best interest of children first.

A panel of Ontario's Divisional Court comprising two women and one man released a written ruling recently to explain why they upheld the decision of Family Court Justice Tracy Engelking to reject jurisdiction as far as the case is concerned. Having taken custody of the children without consent, Ms Ajayi must prove they would suffer severe harm if returned to Nigeria, Justice David Aston, Justice Elizabeth Sheard and Justice Katherine Swinton said.

The judges made it known that Justice Engelking's ruling from May that Ms Ajayi had failed to do so was accepted by them. Justice Engelking discovered that Ms Ajayi had only said she might be asexual and that her ex-husband testified in Ontario that he is a supporter of gay rights. A Nigerian law expert testified that these won't be reckoned with when determining the best interests of children in a

Nigerian court.

Also, Justice Engelking ruled the children would not be at the risk of harm with their father and noted that Ms Ajayi had left the two older children under their father's care for a long period of time when she travelled to Canada to give birth. As for the father's family's influence, Justice Engelking pointed out that Ms Ajayi's mother is a superior court judge in Nigeria.

The children are back in Nigeria but Ms Ajayi said she would not return to Nigeria but her lawyers will fight in Nigeria for primary custody for her, "and to have them returned back to me." If the lawyers do not succeed, they will request video call access and holidays with their mother in Ottawa.

Ms Ajayi's lawyer, Valerie Akujobi said: "The court does try to strike the right balance; in this case, we just felt that certain aspects had been perhaps lost in translation."

HOW TO MAKE THAT VACATION FEELING LAST



(NC) For many, vacations are their happy place — a space where and when we relax, recharge, and discover new facets of ourselves and the world. It's no wonder we want to keep the memories alive. Here are some tips to keep that vacation feeling going, even when you're back at home.

CHOOSE SOUVENIRS WISELY

Souvenirs are personal. Some of us love knickknacks like fridge magnets and t-shirts, others prefer items like pottery or jewellery as a memento. Whatever you choose, ensure it's something you'll see, use or wear often so you get frequent reminders of vacations past.

DISPLAY YOUR PHOTOS

Photography is one of the best parts of a vacation, and it's a great

way to look back on the occasion. But it's all too easy to leave your photos hidden away in your phone or on your camera's memory card. Take the time to sort through them while they are still fresh. Collect your favourites into a coffee table book you can flip through with a cup of tea, or get them printed to join your gallery wall, refrigerator door or mantelpiece.

RELIEVE THE FOOD

Enjoying food from around the world is one of the great joys of travelling. What better way to keep the spirit of your trip alive than by bringing home a recipe of a local dish or the new snack food you discovered. However, if you're travelling in an area that's been identified to have African swine fever (ASF), such as the Dominican Republic, Germany, or China, be sure not to bring home any

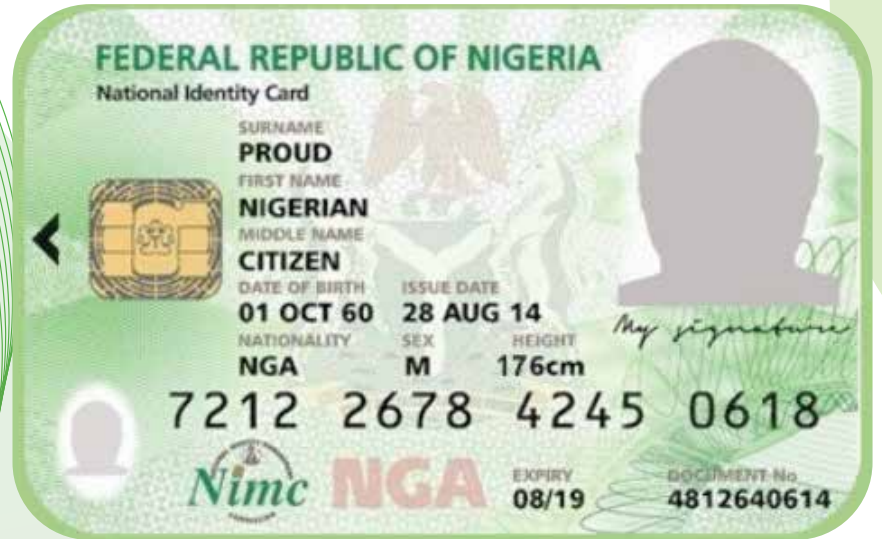
pork products. If you'll be visiting a farm when you return, remember to wash items you wore or carried on your trip beforehand.

These precautions might sound strange, but ASF is a contagious virus that, while not dangerous to humans, is highly deadly for pigs if a deadly virus that, while harmless to humans, is contagious and highly deadly for pigs. Even a single case could damage the Canadian economy by shutting down the pork industry here. It's important to declare all food items when you enter Canada. It may seem far fetched, but if even a trace amount of the virus in a snack you didn't finish on the plane ends up in your local dump and a wild pig eats it, there could be millions of jobs, not to mention pigs, at stake.

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