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MACGREGOR INSTALLED AS OLU OF ORILE ILAWO

By Stanley Ugagbe

Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun has installed Oba (Prof.) Alexander Olusegun MacGregor as the Olu of Orile Ilawo Kingdom in Odeda Local Government Area of Ogun State, urging him to concentrate on the task of accelerating the pace of the socio-economic development of the town.

Orile Ilawo Kingdom has around 300,000 inhabitants and over 160 villages and towns. Speaking at the official installation and presentation of Staff of Office to Oba (Prof.) MacGregor, at the Elegun-Mefa, Orile-Ilawo, the governor said the selection of the



monarch followed due process as prescribed by the law and customs. Abiodun, who was represented by the State Commissioner for Local Government and

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By N.Ugoh

Osita Nwajiufor founded BlackTECH, a leading global edtech company, and was inducted into the Forbes Business Council, the foremost growth and exclusive network and invitation-only organization for successful leaders and business icons in the world.

The top-tier review committee that oversees nominations selected Osita based on his background, depth and diversity

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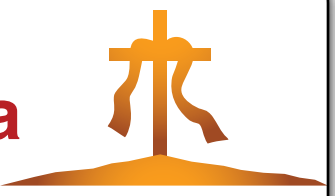


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Helping Women Overcome Social and Economic Barriers to Attain Financial Independence

It was Liya Kebede who said investing in women's lives is an investment in sustainable development, in human rights, in future generations - and consequently in our own long-term national interests. Linda Davis Taylor, CEO and chairman of Clifford Swan Investment Counselors did not mince words when she said there's never been a better time for women to take their seat at the proverbial table. "By learning about investing, women can gain both the confidence and competence to become financial change agents. Give a woman a dollar, and she can put it to good use. Teach her about how money really works, and she

can change the world". More so, Melinda Gates was emphatic when she said "If you invest in a girl or a woman, you're investing in everyone else."

The need for women's empowerment through investment cannot be over emphasized. This is especially so because of the times we are in today. The society has evolved beyond the old norm of having women at the background or just a support system. Some of the women in top positions have shown that if women have the right empowerment, and are properly invested in, they can change the narrative positively. Hence, it is germane that the government and relevant bodies and stakeholders make women empowerment a priority in the society.

As a people-oriented paper that strongly believes in human capital development, we are of the strong opinion that if adequate modalities are put in place to empower women, they will overhaul the system positively through transformative policies and initiatives.

To us, the recent revelation by the Ontario government that it is expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program to 10 additional locations across the province, including Roots Community Services in Brampton, is a welcome and commendable development. Without mincing words, this will help more women who are experiencing social and economic barriers connect to supports and develop the skills they need to gain financial security and independence. According to the government this expansion is part of a \$6.9 million investment over three years to enhance the program and create more economic opportunities for women.

In a statement, Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity averred that "The new Investing in Women's Futures program location in Brampton will provide women in the community with the wraparound supports and resources they need to rebuild their lives, increase their participation in the workforce, and gain financial independence. Our government is empowering women to achieve the success they deserve."

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Investing in Women's Futures program provides a range of flexible services and employment readiness supports for women facing social and economic barriers, including those experiencing gender-based violence and social isolation. These services and supports help women to overcome any barriers, increase well-being, build skills and gain employment. The addition of 10 new sites brings the total number of service delivery locations to 33, providing greater access for more women across Ontario.

We urge women to key into this initiative. Opportunities like this are hard to come by so it is only wise that women key into this thoughtful and germane program. Gaining financial independence should be a priority of every responsible woman and so, efforts must be made to break the social and economic barriers that may mar women from attaining this very important feat. The benefits of financial independence are enormous.

President of the Treasury Board and MPP for Brampton South, Prabmeet Sarkaria shared insight on the imperative of investing in women when he said "As a father of two young girls, I am incredibly pleased that the government is expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program to 10 additional locations, including to Roots Community Services in Brampton. Today's investment is ensuring that women and girls get the skills they need, and the jobs they deserve.

The Investing in Women's Futures program is helping us build a stronger Ontario for the future, for all Ontarians."

Graham McGregor, MPP for Brampton North also shared similar insight when he said "By expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program, our government is providing women in Brampton with further resources to overcome social and economic barriers. We're working hard to ensure women have the necessary skills and supports to succeed in rebuilding their lives".

The government clarified that in Brampton, the Investing in Women's Futures program will be delivered by Roots Community Services through an investment of \$318,590 over three years. The organization will deliver 12-week programs to help women heal from past trauma, build confidence, and work towards financial independence. The programs will include workshops on business, financial resources, and networking as well as peer support, self-care, and mental well-being seminars to prepare them for entering or re-entering the workforce.

This is a great opportunity to provide pathways for women who are experiencing social and economic barriers to gain skills and knowledge that will help them develop a solid foundation for a brighter future. We strongly urge women under the province to key into this initiative. Attaining Financial Independence is one of the best things that can ever happen to anyone. So, when you see opportunities like this, you jump at it.

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HOW TO TALK TO YOUR PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE FEELING



(NC) It can be challenging to open up about your true thoughts and feelings with your family, friends or colleagues.

Even so, talking about what you're feeling, whether it's good or bad, can help you feel better, give you the support you need and strengthen relationships in the long run.

Here are some tips to help you share your feelings with people around you in a productive and healthy way

Schedule in time

- * Be thoughtful about when you have a serious discussion, but don't get hung up on waiting for the perfect moment.

- * Set aside time for the important conversation and mark it in your calendar to help you commit.

Practice what to say

- * Try writing down what you want to say ahead of time or saying it out loud in private.

- * Walking through what to say in advance can help you get your thoughts in order.

- * Writing it out can

give you notes to refer to if you get flustered.

Focus on what you know

- * State how you feel and what makes you feel that way.

- * Avoid blaming and focus your words on your personal experience or situation.

- * Try a formula of "I feel ..." + "when I ..."

Talk about the impact

- * Consider speaking about how the emotions you're feeling affect your everyday life.

- * For instance, if you're feeling lots of frustration, mention how it's harming your relationships or your ability to focus at work.

- * This can help make your feelings understood by the listener.

You may also find it helpful to seek out extra support if you feel like you're struggling. Free, credible resources are available online to help you take care of your overall mental health.

You can find out more at canada.ca/mental-health

TIPS TO REMEMBER NEXT TIME YOU MOVE WITH YOUR PETS

(NC) Moving doesn't have to be daunting, as long as you plan ahead effectively. But of course, unexpected hurdles can occur along the way, adding to the stress. It can also be especially challenging if you have a pet. Before you start packing up your belongings, there are some important things to remember to make the transition as smooth as possible for both you and your furry friend.

Research the area you'll be moving to and ensure it is pet-friendly. This means looking into the local laws, regulations and housing options that accommodate pets. If you're renting, make sure your new landlord allows your type of pet and be aware of any restrictions.

Consider how you'll be transporting your pet. If you're flying, research airline policies and procedures for pet travel in advance. If you're driving, plan for frequent stops with all the necessities and familiar items to keep your pet comfortable.

Also, bring your pet's proper identification, including tags with your current contact information and a microchip that is registered with your new address.

Visit your veterinarian and make sure your pet is in good health and is up to date on all their vaccinations and other preventative treatments they may need. If you're moving internationally, research the specific requirements for the country you're moving to.

There are very specific requirements to bring a pet along when someone moves to Canada from another country. The exact rules that apply depend on several factors such as the type of pet, their age, and the status of certain diseases in the country the pet is coming from. These requirements must be met before moving here with the pet. If a pet doesn't meet the requirements, they could be refused entry into Canada.

If you are planning on moving to Canada with your pet, find out the requirements on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) website. The CFIA is the federal agency that regulates the import of animals, including pets, to protect our health and animal health and prevent the spread of diseases.

Doing your homework, asking questions and getting the right documentation will go a long way to giving you and your new best friend a long, happy and healthy life together in your new home.

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WHAT DOES FRESH AIR HAVE TO DO WITH STAYING HEALTHY?



(NC) Many of us have heard that fresh air is good for us, but what does that mean and why is it important?

Basically, fresh air is when the particles of air around you are regularly replaced; it's the movement of air. Outside, this happens naturally when air is moved by a breeze. Inside, you need good ventilation to improve air quality, by letting fresh air in and preventing stale air from being trapped inside with you.

Respiratory viruses may be transmitted from person to person through the air by small respiratory particles called aerosols. For example, when someone who has COVID-19 breathes, talks, sings, shouts, sneezes or coughs, they can release respiratory particles with the virus into the air and spread it to others. The smaller and more crowded the room, and the longer that others stay in the space, the higher the risk that COVID-19 may spread. Good ventilation helps to reduce the levels of potentially infectious particles in the air, by letting fresh air in, which is especially important when you're with people from outside your immediate household.

Some easy tips to help you improve the ventilation in your home:

- Open windows and doors whenever possible. Even if it's cold outside, a few minutes of fresh outdoor air can still help.

- Run a kitchen or bathroom exhaust fan continuously at low speed and open a window – even if it's in a different room – to provide replacement air.

- Consider using an air purifier with a high-efficiency particle filter (known as a HEPA filter), that's sized for the room.

- Regularly clean or replace filters in your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

These steps are especially helpful before, during and after having guests in your home. Combine ventilation with other important public health measures, such as keeping up with vaccinations, hand washing, wearing masks in crowded indoor spaces and staying home when sick to help keep you and others protected against respiratory viruses, like COVID-19 and the flu.

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Regina Mayor Accuses Councilors of Harassment

By Stanley Ugagbe

The lingering drama between Regina city's two councilors and the city manager has unveiled a new episode as the Mayor of the capital city of the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, Sandra Masters has accused Daniel LeBlanc and Andrew Stevens of harassment in the form of sexism and intimidation.

In a swift reaction, the two city councilors are now calling on a provincial investigation to clear their names.

Recall that last June, City council agreed to \$24 million in funding to end homelessness in Regina. But when the city unveiled its proposed 2023/2024 budget in 2022, homelessness funding was excluded.

City manager Niki Anderson had at a press conference in February said "Solving homelessness, I don't think anyone has actually ever done that or put a monetary cost to it".

According to reports, a lawsuit was filed by LeBlanc, who is also a lawyer, on behalf of Stevens against Anderson after the funding was allegedly withheld.

City Manager averred that the lawsuit took away any opportunity for the city to have conversations about



Mayor Sandra Masters

what could be done to solve homelessness.

Harping on the development, Alysia Johnson with Rally with Homelessness said "The community asked them to stick their necks out and advocate the way that they did".

"Regardless of what's going on at the end of the day in the political world, it's really the women who are sleeping cold on the streets tonight who pay the ultimate price."

"I will not ever be alone with the councilors that sued me because I need another presence to make sure that things aren't distorted," said Anderson at the February conference.

In her words, Councilor LeBlanc has been dishonest in past conversations.

On her part, Mayor

Sandra called the lawsuit disgusting and claimed it contained tones of sexism.

It was gathered that the case was dismissed in Regina court and no new additions were included in the 2023/2024 budget regarding funding for homelessness.

An open letter signed by over 100 Regina residents was sent to Masters and Anderson, following the city's refusal to address homelessness in the budget and the recent harassment claims.

In part, the letter read "It is not sexist to expect that our elected officials remain accountable to their commitments".

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Canada expels diplomat over intimidation plot



By Stanley Ugagbe

The government of Canada has announced the expulsion of a Chinese diplomat accused of having sought to intimidate a Canadian lawmaker and his family over the MP's criticisms of Beijing.

Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said in a statement that "Canada has decided to declare persona non grata Mr. Zhao Wei".

She added that "I have been clear: we will not tolerate any form of foreign interference in our internal affairs. Diplomats in Canada have been warned that if they engage in this type of behavior, they will be sent home".

According to reports, the expulsion followed an outcry led by parliamentarian Michael Chong over a damning report by the Globe and Mail recently claiming Ottawa had turned a blind eye to Beijing's interference in Canadian affairs.

According to the newspaper, China's in-

telligence agency had planned to target Chong and his relatives in Hong Kong with sanctions for voting in February 2021 for a motion condemning Beijing's conduct in the Xinjiang region as genocide.

This was "almost certainly meant to make an example of this MP and deter others from taking anti-PRC positions," the report cited a Canadian Security Intelligence Service document as saying, using an acronym for the People's Republic of China.

It was gathered that Zhao Wei, a diplomatic official at China's consulate in Toronto, was reported to be involved in the issue.

Reports have it that after China's ambassador was recently summoned over the allegations, Beijing slammed what it called "groundless slander and defamation" by Canada.

In a statement, the Chinese foreign ministry denied any wrongdoing, insisting the scandal had been "hyped up by some Canadian politicians and media."

Governor Uzodinma, Wike, Bello Others Shortlisted On United States Visa Ban List

By N.Ugoh

Governor Hope Uzodinma and Nyesom Wike and other top Nigeria politicians have been banned from visiting the United States of America, USA, for undermining the Democratic Process in Nigeria during the last Presidential/State House of Assembly Elections.

Uzodinma and Wike were instrumental in what was the "worst display of electoral malfeasance and rigging in the state's history".

The US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said in a statement that "The United States is committed to supporting and advancing democracy in Nigeria and around the world. Today, I am announcing that we have taken steps to impose visa restrictions on specific individuals in Nigeria for undermining the

democratic process during Nigeria's 2023 elections cycle."

The Secretary of State explained that the new visa ban is specific to certain individuals and not directed at the Nigerian people or the government of Nigeria as a whole.

The statement clarified that these individuals, under US Immigration and Nationality Act, will be subject to restrictions on visas to the United States under a policy covering those believed to be responsible for, or complicit in, undermining democracy.

According to Blinken: "These individuals have been involved in the intimidation of voters through threats and physical violence, the manipulation of vote results, and other activity that undermines Nigeria's democratic process."

The ban also extends to family members/relatives of the offenders.

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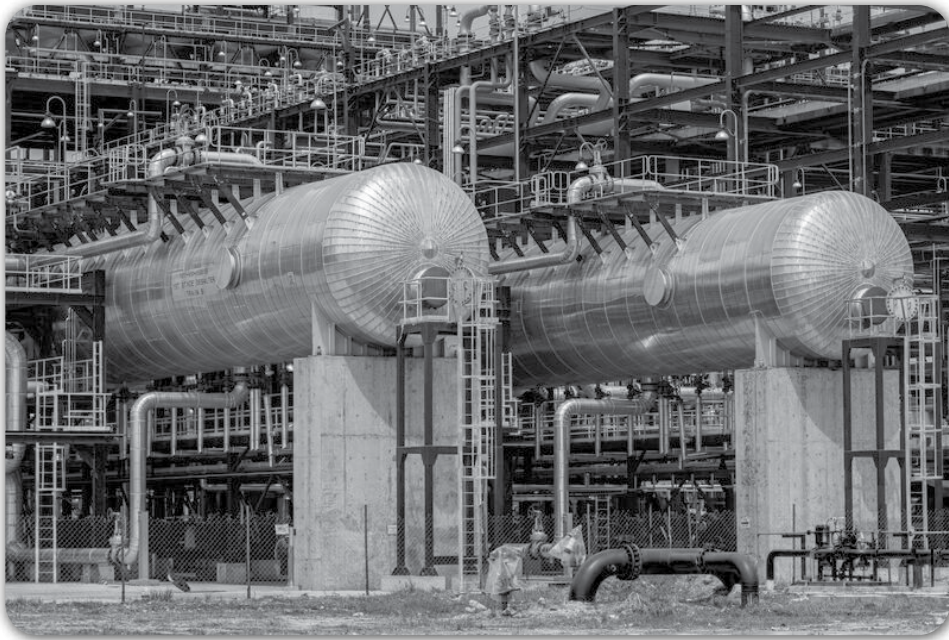
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Dangote Refinery, a 650,000 barrels per day oil processing facility, begins operations today. The refinery is designed to process crude oil grades from Africa, Asia and America.

The refinery would also deliver about 38 million litres of petrol, diesel, kerosene and aviation fuel for Nigeria daily, as such, it would meet the fuel supply requirement of the country.

Data in a document obtained from the company revealed the refinery could support the establishment of 26,716 filling stations, create 100,000 direct and

indirect jobs, and offer a \$21bn market for Nigerian crude oil annually.

The Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemical Project, a subsidiary of Dangote Industries Limited, is a 650,000 barrels per day crude oil refinery, established in Dangote Industries Free Zone, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria.

The Dangote Petroleum Refinery is an industrial plant which changes crude oil into many usable petroleum products like diesel, gasoline, jet fuel and kerosene.

With a capacity to refine 650,000 barrels of crude oil per day, the industrial plant covers an area of

approximately 2,635 hectares in the Lekki Free Trade Zone in Lagos.

The refinery will produce Euro-V quality gasoline and diesel, jet fuel and polypropylene.

The firm stated that the facility was “designed to process a large variety of crudes including many of the African crudes, some of the Middle Eastern crudes and the US (United States) Light Tight Oil.”

The firm also stated that the refinery could meet 100 per cent of the Nigerian requirement of all liquid products which include gasoline (petrol), diesel, kerosene and aviation jet.

Ontario Fuels Homelessness Prevention Support for Indigenous People

By Stanley Ugagbe

The Ontario government has disclosed that it is investing an additional \$2.9 million for the Miziwe Biik Development Corporation – for a total of \$10.4 million annually – to support homelessness prevention efforts in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) through the province's Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP).

A release by the government said this funding is part of Ontario's historic \$202 million increase in homelessness prevention funding through the 2023 Budget for a total of \$695 million annually. Of this total, approximately \$41.5 million is being distributed through the ISHP: \$10.4 million through Miziwe Biik Development Corporation and \$31.1 million through Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS). The remaining \$653.9 million is being distributed to service managers across the province through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP).

Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the announcement “demonstrates our government's commitment to tackling homelessness in Ontario and ending the housing supply crisis”.

“I'm grateful to Miziwe Biik and Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services for the fantastic work they do providing safe and secure housing to Indigenous people in Ontario, and I'm proud that our government has been able to deliver this timely and historic support.”

Established in 2004, Miziwe Biik Development Corporation serves the Indigenous community in the GTA with funding op-

portunities for affordable rental development including supportive housing, down payment assistance for homeownership, and rental supports and services through community partnerships and programs.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services provides Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate long-term housing solutions and support services to Indigenous people experiencing or at risk of homelessness outside the GTA.

“Along with improving access to transit, quality jobs and services in urban centres, our government is improving access to safe housing while supporting homelessness prevention,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

“We are confident that this investment will result in better outcomes for urban Indigenous populations,

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Nigerians abroad remitted \$19.8 billion in 2022 – CBN

By NCNC Staff

Data obtained from the Central Bank of Nigeria have shown that Nigerian workers living abroad remitted a staggering \$19.8 billion back home in 2022 a slight increase from \$19.3 billion in 2021.

Even though the amount means a 7% increase from the previous year, it is still below the 2018 peak of \$24 billion.

Experts said the remittance represents about 5% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and is a vital source of foreign exchange and income for many households.

Remarkably, the data from CBN highlights a significant recovery in remittance inflows and showcases the resilience of Nigeria's diaspora despite the challenges posed by the CO-

VID-19 pandemic.

Data from the bank shows that remittances fluctuated over the past five years, reaching a peak of \$6.3 billion in the fourth quarter of 2018 and a low of \$3.4 billion in the second quarter of 2020.

It is no news that the decline in 2020 was largely due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted global travel and economic activities. Expectedly, remittances recovered in 2021 and 2022 as the world gradually reopened and vaccination rates increased.

Records have it that the main sources of remittances for Nigeria are the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Saudi Arabia, and other countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Even though CBN data does not provide a breakdown by destination,

World Bank data have it that about 60% of remittances to Nigeria comes from the US and the UK.

Records have it that these two countries host the largest Nigerian diaspora communities, estimated at over 5 million people.

Meanwhile, the World Bank has disclosed that Nigerian Diaspora community has remitted \$168.33bn to the country in the past eight years.

According to data from the World Bank and Budget Office of the Federation, Nigeria's Diaspora remittances have played a key role in assuaging the impact of foreign exchange scarcity and keeping the country's forex reserve afloat.

As of April 19, 2023, data from the CBN showed that Nigeria's forex reserve was \$34.43bn, an 18.4 per cent increase from the \$29.07bn it was in 2015.

and we thank Miziwe Biik and the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services for their continued partnership as we invest in communities across the province.”

“Miziwe Biik Development Corporation values the relationship we have built with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing,” said Nancy Martin, President of Miziwe Biik Development Corporation. “Their ongoing support for Indigenous housing in the GTA has led to increasing housing stock. Increased housing transforms the economic

outlook of the Indigenous community in the GTA, as a foundation for better opportunities and a better quality of life.”

“Miziwe Biik Development Corporation gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in their provision of housing programs that align with the unique housing needs of the GTA's Indigenous community,” said Lorna Lawrence, Executive Director of Miziwe Biik Development Corporation. “Flexibility to develop hous-

ing and provide supports and services that enhance housing stability enables us to address housing gaps and provide long-term housing solutions.”

In addition to reducing costs in other sectors, supportive housing provides people in Ontario with an opportunity to live happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives. The government said it will continue to support the most vulnerable by providing supportive housing and homelessness prevention services to help those most in need.

YOU & the LAW

Montreal Mother Convicted of Whipping 11-Year-Old Son With Belt, Charging Cable

By Othman Yayaha

A Montreal mother was found guilty of assault after repeatedly striking her 11-year-old son with a leather belt and phone cable because he missed a test in school.

Although many photos show the injuries sustained, the mother denied beating her son.

"Although a parent is permitted to use force to correct a child, such force must not be excessive and must be used for the benefit of the child's upbringing," Quebec Court Judge Dennis Galiatsatos ruled last week, "not motivated by bad temper, frustration, impatience or excessive anger."

A publication ban was enforced given the boy's age.

Investigators say that the boy informed them that an argument erupted between him and his mother after she learned he hadn't given her a letter from the school informing her he missed a spelling test.

He said that in an outburst of rage, spanked him with a leather belt several times on his legs and buttocks after asking him to drop his pants and raise his hands.

"By reflex, the child tried to block the blows with his arms," the judgment states, "but the accused told him to pull them up immediately, threatening him '5, 4, 3, 2, 1...!'"

The boy told authorities he tried to flee the apartment, but his mother grabbed him by the neck and threw him to the floor.

At that point, he said, he

tried to block his face as she slapped and hit him, including one blow with her cell phone. She also whipped him across the leg with a phone charging wire, he added.

The boy said his mother asked him to wash his tears before returning to school and gave a warning: "If you say something to school or to your teacher, you will see."

In her defence, the mother denied the assault ever took place but could not explain how her son suffered the injuries documented in the photos.

Contrary to what the boy said, she argued her son got angry after she confronted him about the missed test.

The mother lied about the injuries and said her son got into a fight with classmates that day. She also said it would have been foolish of her to send him back to school after beating him.

However, the judge rejected the narration as completely implausible.

"In this case, (the mother's) version, although firm and persistent, comes up against the photos of the child's injuries, which are objective, material and reliable," Galiatsatos wrote. "Basically, the pictures don't lie."

The defence also argued the boy's testimony contained contradictions, including that he couldn't say how many times his mother hit him. The judge ruled that the boy shouldn't be expected to give a precise account of events given the flurry of blows he received.

"He expressed that all he wanted was for his mother to stop hitting him."

Canada to require employers to provide free menstrual products in federally regulated workplaces

Canada's federal government has announced that employers will soon be required to provide free menstrual products in all federally regulated workplaces.

As of Dec. 15, 2023, workers will have access to

pads and tampons in washrooms or other areas controlled by their employers. The initiative is designed to provide equitable access to menstrual products for all workers who menstruate, including cisgender women, non-binary indi-

Canadian work experience no longer required for engineers in Ontario: Province

The Ontario government is taking a significant step forward in assisting internationally-trained immigrants to work in their respective fields of expertise.

The government recently introduced legislation that prohibits regulated professions from demanding Canadian work experience in over 30 occupations. In line with this initiative, Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) has become the first association to eliminate Canadian work experience as a requirement for their application process. This progressive move has the potential to unlock countless opportunities for qualified professionals and maintain Ontario's high standards for licensing and examination procedures.

Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, emphasized the significance of this development.

"It's an all-too-common experience: meeting a skilled newcomer trained as an engineer, doctor, or accountant, working in a low-wage job that has nothing to do with their profession. Our government has a plan to build a stronger Ontario that works for everyone, and we're going to do it by unleashing the talent we have right here at home. I congratulate Professional Engineers Ontario for taking this historic step to support our mission."

In Ontario alone, approximately 300,000 job vacancies remain unfilled daily, with thousands of openings in the field of engineering. These unoccupied positions result in billions of dollars in lost productivity. Additionally, studies have revealed that only a quarter of internationally trained immigrants in

viduals, transgender men, and intersex individuals.

The changes to the Canada Labour Code were first announced in 2021, with the Government of Canada acknowledging that menstrual products are as necessary as toilet paper and soap, but are often not treated that way in most workplaces.

The final regulations, which have been developed following extensive consultations with stakeholders and experts, were published in Part II of the Canada Gazette.

According to Minister of Labour Seamus O'Regan Jr., the provision of free menstrual products will help create healthier and safer workplaces. It will also help reduce stigma and improve equity for workers who require access to these products during their workdays.

Ontario work in the regulated professions they were trained for.

Even if newcomers possess the necessary skills and technical expertise to pass their profession's licensing exams, they may still face obstacles to registering within their respective fields if they lack Canadian work experience, even if that experience comes from unrelated sectors like retail.

Roydon Fraser, President of PEO, highlighted the impact of this policy change.

"Each year, up to 60 percent of the engineering license applications that PEO receives are from internationally trained engineers. By no longer requiring proof of Canadian experience when applying for an engineering license, PEO will effectively ensure that qualified, international applicants can be licensed more quickly, so they can actively contribute to the economy as engineers. PEO will continue to ensure all professional engineers meet rigorous qualifications for licensing and that only properly qualified individuals practice engineering through a competency-based assessment model and other methods for evaluation."

Ontario has become the first province in Canada to eradicate unfair or discriminatory Canadian work experience requirements that hinder newcomers from pursuing careers in their trained professions.

Starting from December 2023, all unjust requirements for Canadian experience will be automatically invalidated, unless the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development grants exemptions for reasons of public health and safety.

Source: hrlawcanada.com

The initiative is part of the Government of Canada's wider efforts to promote menstrual equity and gender equality. The Menstrual Equity Fund, which is set to launch in the coming months, will provide menstrual products to Canadians in need, including those accessing women's shelters, not-for-profits, charities, community-based organizations, and youth-led organizations.

Employers will be provided with guidance materials in consultation with them to help them implement the changes before the coming-into-force date.

However, they can also contact the Labour Program at edsc.lab.sst.politiques-lab.ohs.policy.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca if they require further assistance in understanding the regulations.

Peel Advocates Insist That Centre For Black Excellence Be Named After Kola Iluyomade



By Stanley Ugagbe

Members of the Peel Advocacy group have expressed outrage over the recent policy that prohibits naming schools after any individual.

Their outrage is hinged on the fact that the policy would mean plans to dedicate a new centre to a local campaigner, Kola Iluyomade, who was a staunch fighter for Black students and their rights, and a fierce advocate would be scrapped.

Plans had been on the way to name the building after Kola Iluyomade, an advocate for the Black community who lived in Mississauga and died in 2021.

Reports have it that on April 27, 2023, Trustees approved a policy that banned the naming of schools after individuals. No provisions or considerations were made to account for all of the work and extensive consultations that had been undertaken in deciding the name "Kola Iluyomade Centre For Black Excellence"

It was gathered that during a committee meeting on May 3, senior Peel school board staff recommended the new centre for Black excellence be christened without the advocate's name. The recommendation would bring it in line with a new policy that prohibits buildings from "being named after an individual," staff said.

Idris Orughu, a local advocate who worked with Iluyomade to draw attention to issues at the board in recent years said "All along we've been working in good faith with the board and in all of their correspondence to us, the structure was called 'Kola Iluyomade,' so we had no reason

to believe (the new naming policy) would be implemented on an agreed-upon name".

It is germane to note that the board naming policy is part of a series of directives that were brought in after the Ontario government took over Peel District School Board to investigate allegations of anti-Black racism, Islamophobia and discrimination.

Remarkably, the board has renamed some schools as part of ongoing reviews, including one named after Sir John A MacDonald, Canada's first prime minister.

In a statement, members of the group Advocacy Peel, which has campaigned against anti-Black racism at the Peel District School Board, said they have spent almost two years working on the new centre for Black excellence. They argued that the building itself was their idea and they were not told Iluyomade's name would be removed at any point.

Paula Hylton, chair of Advocacy Peel, said in a statement that "The message from the PDSB is that if they can no longer name a building after a White supremacist, they will refuse to name one after a Black man who advocated for Black children".

In a swift move, the group has launched a petition urging the Peel school board to maintain Iluyomade's name.

However, PDSB chair David Green argued that "no promise" was made to name the building after Iluyomade, saying a motion to that effect does not exist.

Meanwhile, a report by Peel school board staff states, "In June 2022, the PDSB announced a commitment to honour community activist Kola Iluyomade in the naming of the Centre."



REFLECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS

Share A Problem-My salary cannot sustain my wife and I

Dear Agatha,
I have been married for three years, but my wife and I do not stay together because I work in Lagos and she stays with my mother in the village.

But the problem now is that my in-laws and my mother are insisting I bring my wife to live with me in Lagos. According to them, she has overstayed with them.

My wife, her family and mine have wrongly come to the conclusion that I don't want her with me because of other women in my life. In addition, my mother and in-laws say they suspect my wife could be having an affair.

On my part, the reason I left her in the village is because, my salary isn't much to write home about. I can't sustain her on what I earn. I figured she would be better cared for staying in the village than bringing her to suffer in Lagos.

Please advise me on how to go about this problem.
Ebuka.

Dear Ebuka,

What precisely is your problem? It can't be the issue of your salary alone. There is more to why you seem hesitant bringing your wife to stay with you in Lagos, than you are saying. In clear terms what are you afraid of? Why are you unwilling to bring your wife to stay with you? Is it that you don't feel her absence, don't have needs for her emotional, physical as well as, spiritual comfort? Don't you crave for her com-

pany at all? How have you coped without her by your side?

In the first instance, why did you marry her, knowing you lacked the capacity to care for a woman on account of your take home pay? Did you marry her to keep your mother company or because you realised the need for a companion, a friend, helper, confidant, supporter and mother of your children?

In addition what is your concept of marriage? As a matter of fact, what do you understand by being married?

For three years, you and the woman you claim to be your wife, have lived apart not because either of you is outside the country, but because you claim your salary isn't sufficient to cater for a wife? Who then is supposed to care for her if you cannot take care of the woman you call your wife? Your mother who also has her challenges or her people who relinquished their responsibilities the day you married her?

You are being unfair to this woman, your mother and her people. It is either you are in a marriage or out of it.

When you went to pay her bride price, didn't you know the status of your income and that it can't accommodate an extra mouth? Even if you were pressured into it getting married by your mother, couldn't you have explained to her, you lacked the financial resources and where-withal to fend adequately for yourself let alone, a wife and possibly children?

Did you at any time explain to your mother, that you would abdicate your responsibilities for your wife to her if she continues to insist you marry against your will?

If for three years, she has shouldered the burden of taking care of her, it is only fair you take over from where she has stopped. There is also the issue of the embarrassment she is enduring from inquisitive neighbours over the continuous stay in the village of a woman who is supposed to be married. It can't have been a tea party for your wife, mother or in-laws to constantly explain her presence in the village. A married woman stays in her husband's house and not with her mother-in-law.

Sincerely, if she goes ahead to be having an affair, you gave room for the situation to happen. Leaving her at the mercy of village gossips is insensitive as well as selfish.

Your attitude could frustrate any woman into misbehaving because more than your words or assurances, it tells of a man who is uncaring, callous, down right selfish, irresponsible and who doesn't know what his responsibilities to his young wife are.

She is a young vibrant woman whose needs of her husband's presence and touch is at its peak. Like every young married woman, she expects the initial months of her marriage to be exciting, be the focus of her husband's attention and desires, to have complete control of her husband's affection, to enjoy the bliss of all her fantasies with her dream

man; instead what does she get; a cold bed at night and the company of her mother-in-law? That is a nightmare for this young woman.

What you have done to her, is known as matrimonial cruelty and provocation.

Can you honestly say you haven't been with other women since you got married to her? For you, is it the case of what is sauce for the gander being poison for the goose? How on earth can you justify your seeming reluctance to live with your wife of three years under the same roof?

If for three years you don't have any inclination to bring her to live with you, what signals do you think you are transmitting to this woman?

If you must know, this may not be a case of infidelity on her part but, a desperate attempt by your mother and in-laws to make you responsible and alive to your duties to your wife. She has tried to understand, she deserves the honour of being married. Not many young women would tolerate what she has endured. It can't have been easy for her at all.

If money is the real reason, keeping her away isn't going to improve the situation. On the contrary, she could be of tremendous help if she is with you. For instance, she could assist your financial base by going into a small-scale business. There are so many businesses or jobs which you may find demeaning as a man, but which she can do.

Besides, you should have discussed your situation with her before now. That you didn't, isn't her fault so subjecting her to this emotional turmoil is uncalled for. Instead of debating the fairness of your family's summons, what you should do urgently, is to go to the village to apologize to her family as well as your Mother and to bring your wife home with you.

Being your wife, she won't mind the conditions you live in provided she has the opportunity of expressing herself as your wife before the world.

It takes two to build a home. Your wisdom alone as the man cannot carry you through these difficulties, you need her input, which is why God made you a pair.

Marriage doesn't work on individual efforts alone; it works perfectly when the couple involved pull their wisdoms and ideas together. Don't lock her out of your life, she has a role to play in helping you to stand firm on your feet. If God thought you could do it alone, He wouldn't have given you a wife. He would have allowed you to carry the burden alone so don't carry a burden meant to be shared with your partner.

Already, your Mother and in-laws are disappointed at your conduct, don't give them more reasons to continue to doubt your credibility as a man. It would be most disastrous if your Mother and in-laws come to the conclusion that you are unreliable. Should this happen, it would



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be almost impossible for them to continue to convince your wife to stay on in this marriage.

This is why they want you to come and take her to give you the opportunity to mend the cracks you have unwittingly created by your selfishness.

There are men in worst conditions than yours, but who are living happily with their wives. That you can pay for an accommodation, puts you far and above a lot of people.

God created her to be your helpmate. There is no way you can determine how well she would play this role if you continue to keep her in the dark. A woman has the ability and capability to endure any situation once her mind is made up about it. If she fails to support you, it is because your actions have created suspicion within her heart. You need to work on earning her trust all over again because whatever confidence she had in you, may have been compromised by the events of these three years.

Go for your wife, before it is too late. You need her just as she needs you to be happy.

Good luck.

Unsung Heroes: Fathers Must Be Celebrated

By N.Ugoh

In our modern world today, fathers are seldom celebrated. They are the real heroes, and truth to be told, they are real heroes with superpowers. If you are a father, you should know that you matter!

To celebrate the heroes in our lives, here are 5 reasons why fathers should be celebrated.

Fathers Provide Motivation

Fathers motivate their children to dream and to succeed. Fathers never give up on their children no matter how daunting the challenge is. And you continually spur them to do better, work harder, care deeper, and excel to the best of their

abilities. Our children long to make us proud. Here's a favorite quote – "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could ever give another person: he believed in me."— Coach Jim Valvano.

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Fathers Are Moral Compasses

Fathers instill the virtue of right from wrong in their children. And they do this by living exemplary lives for their children. Fathers don't just tell their children how to live, they show them. As the wise Proverbs tells us, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even

when they are old they will not turn from it."

Fathers Provide Stability

There are medical conditions and chemical imbalances that go beyond our control as parents. However, in an otherwise healthy child, the presence of and relationship with their dad is key to the mental health of children. 'Daddy issues' is not just cultural slang. It's real. Fathers stand firm for their children so they can thrive through the difficult journey of life.

Fathers Provide Discipline

By filling your natural discipline role, you're providing consequence to action. A father's solid

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A HOLE IN MY HEART Episode 1

By Franca Uwuigiaran

Onome arose from the bed to her daughter's room. She opened the door gently and stood at the entrance of the door. She glanced at the unkempt room and couldn't help but shudder at the sight.

Times without numbers, she had spoken to Elizabeth about cleanliness. It's like she wasn't listening.

Onome looked at the opened wardrobe and then the clothes on the tiled floor. The shoe rack was worst. Her shoes were scattered. Onome hissed and murmured to herself.

"Is like this Elizabeth doesn't know she's a girl oo" She looked at the clock on the wall, it was 4:08am.

"I won't tolerate this" she said aloud.

She went to the bed and tapped her daughter.

"Elizabeth! Lizzy! Lizzy! Wake up"

Lizzy reluctantly sat up in bed then stretched her body and yawned loudly too.

"It's not dawn yet and today is Saturday. I need to sleep oo" she complained.

"Stand up!" Onome ordered.

Startled my her mother's commanding tone, Lizzy quickly stood up.

"Take a look at your room" she ordered.

Lizzy glanced at the room nonchalantly.

"Well... I don't see anything wrong with my room" she said trying to sit.

"If you try to sit on that bed, I will deal ruthlessly with you. I am asking you one more time to take a good look at your room"

"It's unkempt" she said without looking."

"Hmmm! Haven't I taught you what cleanliness is all about? She asked.

"You did mum."

"Good! I won't condole dirtiness in my house. You must practice cleanliness at all times: Cleanliness of your body and surrounding. Ahhh! Don't give me bad name oo"

She took a deep breath and looked at her daughter.

"A child that says her mother won't sleep will not sleep either."

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THE 2023 REMARKABLE MOTHER'S AWARDS' & GALA:

CELEBRATING THE INDEFATIGABLE SPIRIT OF WOMANHOOD

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By Osholene O.Upiomoh

The mother is our light, says our African elders. Iya' l'orisa omo (The mother is the child's guardian angel). It is in proving the truth of these words that the Nigerian Canadian Newspaper Canada, through the event: Remarkable Mothers Award, continues to honour mothers from many diverse cultures with the highest honours of all, found in the African culture, MOTHERHOOD.

Splashes of colours, smiles and laughter, elegance of style, happy and cheerful were the faces awaiting to begin the evening's celebrations. Proud to be an awardee, and others, proud to be associated with the awardees. Snacks present to support every minute of waiting. The room decorated with the presence of the vendor's goods. The smoothness and floating feelings in the movement of the different bodies was testament to the taste of that good music coming out of the mouths and fingers of the life band present. With the music that moves, one hears the chats, the laughter, the photography, the celebration of beauty and the togetherness of all nationalities in one room, relating, they were, in cheer happiness and grace. This is the elegance with which the Nigerian Canadian Newspaper's 5th annual Remarkable Mother's Award Gala began on the beautiful Sunday evening of May 7th, 2023.

MOTHERHOOD:

The definition of motherhood may vary within different context. However, within the African Indigenous cultural context, its peoples place great value on motherhood and recognize their crucial role in nation building through maintaining and

passing down their cultural traditions and teachings to future generations. The expression, "even the king needs a mother to be born" speaks of the volumes with which mothers are exalted highly within the African Indigenous cultural context. They are regarded as the nation builders. Herein, motherhood is defined as a sacred and spiritual experience that is deeply connected to the Land, community, and ancestors. For example, the roles of mothers as the primary caretakers of the family, responsible for nurturing and raising children while also providing guidance and support to their communities is now in addition to her everyday work and leadership commitments in the modern sense of business and organizational leadership. Yet, she thrives, and her families, communities, and nation continue to depend on her.

THE REMARKABLE MOTHERS AWARD:

The "Remarkable Mothers Award (RMA)" is an initiative of the Nigerian Canadian Newspaper Canada (NCNC). The award recognizes women who have made significant contributions to their communities and the environment. The award was first presented in 2016 and has since become an annual event. Nominees are selected from diverse nationalities in Canada by community members, and the award is presented to winners at a ceremony that takes place in a Gala during the Mother's Day celebration month in May of every year.

The RMA'S goal is to highlight the crucial role that women play in contributing to their families and communities' development, their leadership in the business and organizational world, and to recognize the unique challenges that women face in these areas. The award also aims to inspire and encourage other

women to take leadership roles in these fields.

Past winners of the award have included women from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures who have called Canada home, including Nigeria, Europe, India, the Philippines, USA, Zimbabwe, Kenya, South Americas and so on. They have been recognized for their work on issues such as education, business, community development, science, and more. This event is simply herald as giving the significant recognition of the important contributions that mothers make to the sustainable growth and development of our communities herein in Canada.

THE SUSPENSE AND RETURN OF RMA:

After being on hold for a while due to the everyday life interruptions of COVID, RMA returned with a big service tag: Celebrating Our Living Heroes..... And this, they delivered at the just concluded May 7th, 2023, event. In their own words below is the reason why Mothers, tagged as Living Heroes must be celebrated:

In recent years, it has almost become a ritual to ignore people's achievements, successes, pains and even tears but the moment they kick the bucket, all manner of ceremonious, elating and soul lifting stories about their good deeds will begin to litter the society especially on social media.

Often than not, people come in the public space especially social media to harp on their predicament, successes, achievements, torments or how they are battling ailments, and most of the time, very few people respond or care to even listen to the ordeal of the fellow. But the moment the person dies, their photos will be used as profile pictures, display pictures and well detailed laudable articles about the deceased



will begin to emanate from different angles.

It is against this backdrop, among other germane reasons that we initiated the Remarkable Mothers' Award. While we have utmost respect for the dead, we strongly believe in eulogizing the living. We belong to the school of thought that believes in celebrating feats – whether great or small.

One thing many people don't know is that celebrating the success of other people will help you expand your social network, learn new things, feel better, and identify alternate paths to achieving your own goals. Reality is that when you enjoy the success of others, you increase the likelihood of your own success.

Until the inception of the deadly COVID-19 in 2020 that plagued the world and has wrecked unquantifiable havoc across the globe, we have been celebrating women who have made indelible marks in their various endeavors. These are people who have, and are still putting in all the hard work and resources to better the society in their various capacities. And to be fair to all, our retinue of winners have always been drawn from across the globe.

For us, it was never easy in the past three years to watch with keen interest how lots of women are making positively reverberating impacts in the society without celebrating and putting them on the spotlight. These are women who are not limited by fear, people who have strong values with a sense of purpose, that are connecting people to destinies, draw-

ing a roadmap for others to thrive, value human life, who don't recognize failure, "Impossible" is not in their vocabulary, masters of time, and more importantly, women who have carved a niche for themselves in their various fields.

To all our awardees, you're the heroes of the 21st century and history will surely be kind to you all. We hope that this noble award will challenge you to keep giving your best in your various fields for the betterment of the society.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

After the deliciously prepared meals were eaten, it was time to now recognize these living heroes for which everyone was gathered to see. The smiles, the expectations, the shouts, the hails, the laughs, the music and the dances were now in great heights as these women were adorn in the following award categories:

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DIGNITARIES:

The event was supported and graced by important dignitaries of the country such as MPP David Smith, a member of Provincial Parliament for the constituency of Scarborough Center and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development; M.P. Adam van Koverden, Federal Member of Parliament for the riding of Milton; the Honourable Minister of Parliament, Pierre Poilievre, Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Patrick Brown, the Mayor of Brampton; and Honourable Kamal Khera, Member of Parliament, Brampton West. More dignitaries beyond that which are named here were present.

The hard work of Ngozi Ugoh is applauded indeed for her leadership with enacting the Nigerian Canadian Newspaper Canada (NCNC) and the Remarkable Mother's Award (RMA). Gratitude is also expressed to all the committee members and volunteers who make this significant event a success every year.

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- 6 radishes, quartered, ¾ cup
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, quartered
- ¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

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VISIONARY WOMAN

By Stanley Ugagbe

INTERVIEW:
Beyond Math's Mission Is To Break The Myth That Math Is Hard - Nnenna

Nnenna Uboma is a high profile Analytics leader with over two decades of experience leading high-performing analytical teams to develop industry-edge solutions in one of the leading financial institutions in Canada. She has tutored and coached analytical professionals over the past decade, a passion that has made her a sought-after speaker at different conferences across the globe and earned her local and global accolades including her recognition as one of the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women in 2022.

Remarkably, she is the Chief Strategic Officer (CSO) of Beyond Math, a Canada-based education outfit that teaches kids quantitative reasoning and enhances the development of problem-solving skills early on. Her quest to nurture high school children in leadership and entrepreneurship skills is limitless.

In this Interview with Stanley Ugagbe, the Canada-based Nnenna Uboma shared insight on her journey so far and how she was able to navigate her way to the top. She also provided tips for those who are aspiring to become business leaders.

NCNC: Thank you for creating time to have this interview with us. Your profile shows that you have had a remarkable career as evident in the local and international accolades that you have won over the years. What are some of the childhood experiences that shaped your career path and who you are today?

Nnenna: I feel honored to be one of the 2022 Top 100 Accomplished Canadian Women as well as receiving the Trailblazer award from RMA. My childhood was centered around studying. My dad usually said that what he was offering us would be education and he believed we could succeed in life after successful education. I was nurtured by a mom whose profession was teaching and my dad a lawyer. My mother taught us with so much passion and it was one goal for her – success. I do believe that my mom's wishes and prayers along with so much energy that she put into me contributed greatly to my path. I am doing the same for my children. For example, my daughter, Jasmine has won so many awards while still in university. Today, I count myself accomplished and I look forward to seeing my children grow bigger than me and that is why I am putting so much energy into building them up. I am currently a Director at Scotiabank, a coach, and an author.

NCNC: In one of your interviews, you mentioned that you were told in your early career that you could not climb the professional ladder because of your Igbo accent. How did that affect your mental state and how did you overcome that setback?

Nnenna: I was surprised towards the end of my interview when that question popped out. This happened early in my career and it made me realize that the road ahead isn't very easy. It made me want to prove to myself that it wasn't completely in the hands of one person to determine your fate. I went back to school to get my MBA and many other professional cer-



tificates. I felt the need to do more than others and currently, I am finalizing my Ph.D. I am currently a director at one of Canada's big banks and I am happy that others can hear my story and be inspired.

NCNC: Walk us through your journey as a business leader and how you were able to navigate your way to limelight.

Nnenna: My first senior leadership role was back in 2013 when I got a director of predictive analytics role at Fairmont Hotels. I took the job with a leap of faith believing in myself and my ability to learn through challenges. In Canada, one main skill needed for leadership is soft skills which are basically your ability to communicate and work collaboratively with others. Demonstrating human empathy and building allies have

been helpful.

NCNC: What did you do differently to get you to where you are today? Would you say you have some special abilities that distinguish you from others?

Nnenna: I think moving into an emerging career was what aided my career speed. I pivoted into data analytics when it was developing. I was part of the first cohort to get a certificate in big data analytics from the University of Toronto. My programming technical skills distinguished me and it was easier for me.

NCNC: What informed Beyond Math and what are its mission and vision? Describe in detail the values and the work culture that drives Beyond Math.

Nnenna: Beyond Math is an educa-

tion outfit that teaches kids quantitative reasoning and enhances the development of problem-solving skills early on. It first started as workbooks that I co-authored with my two teenage children. I serve as the Chief Strategy Officer of Beyond Math supporting with initiatives on how to drive and sustain the organization. Beyond Math has gained so much media attention such as Canada Broadcasting Services (CBC), CIOLOOK, and many more. Our mission is to break the myth that math is hard by introducing math in a fun-loving way that mimics puzzles and Legos.

NCNC: You averred that the classroom does not represent today's digital environment. What should inform the curriculum that will form an ideal classroom of today?

Nnenna: I think

that the world has gone through many revolutions since the classroom curriculum was developed. A review to evaluate the suitability of the curriculum is necessary especially when elementary math teachers are not math majors. The digital world is engrossed with the application of math simulations and problem solving is a key factor for innovation. I would recommend adding more activities that can enhance critical thinking and out-of-the-box problem-solving to the math curriculum.

NCNC: Over the years, you have coached analytical professionals. What are some of the challenges you have faced? What is your most rewarding moment so far?

Nnenna: There is a perceived myth that anything that involves some level of math is hard. Articulating the problem-solving techniques is what I find most challenging for my mentees. This is where the benefits of introducing problem-solving analytics early on will be beneficial. I have coached so many professionals and what is most rewarding is seeing them established in their career.

NCNC: What advice would you like to give the next generation of aspiring business leaders?

Nnenna: I have thought through this question many times which prompted me to write my best-selling book titled "Lessons to my younger self". The book is available on Amazon that contains over 200 lessons to my younger self through my lived experiences. My one piece of advice to my younger self is to celebrate yourself all through your journey knowing that the baton will be passed to another someday.

GOODBYE

TINA TURNER DIES AT 83

By Bunmi Akintilo

Tina Turner died peacefully in Küsnacht near Zurich, Switzerland, after a protracted battle with illness in her home.

Turner won six of her eight Grammy Awards in the 1980s. The decade saw her land a dozen songs on the Top 40, including "Typical Male," "The Best," "Private Dancer" and "Better Be Good to Me." Her 1988 show in Rio de Janeiro drew 180,000 people, which remains one of the largest concert audiences for any single performer.

By then, Turner had been free from her marriage to guitarist Ike Turner for a decade.

"Tina's story is not one of victimhood but one of incredible triumph," singer Janet Jackson wrote about Turner, in a Rolling Stone issue that placed Turner at No. 63 on a list of the top 100 artists of all time.

"She's transformed herself into an international sensation – an elegant powerhouse," Jackson said.

Most of Turner's hit songs were written by others, but she enlivened them with a voice that New York Times music critic Jon Pareles called "one of the more peculiar instruments in pop."

"It's three-tiered, with



a nasal low register, a yowling, cutting middle range, and a high register so startlingly clear it sounds like a falsetto," Pareles wrote in a 1987 concert review.

Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones stated that he was broken by Turner's death, calling her "enormously talented."

"She was inspiring, warm, funny, and generous," Jagger wrote on Twitter. "She helped me so much when I was young and I will never forget her."

Canadian singer Bryan Adams, who paired with Turner on the 1985 single "It's Only Love," said, "The world just lost one hell of a powerhouse of a woman."

"Thank you for being the inspiration to millions of people around the world, for speaking your truth and giving us the gift

of your voice," Adams said on Twitter.

At the White House, spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre called Turner's death "a massive loss to the communities that loved her and certainly the music industry. Her music will continue to live on."

Turner left her husband one night in 1976 on a tour stop in Dallas, after he pummeled her during a car ride and she struck back, according to her memoir. Their divorce was finalized in 1978.

Ike and Tina Turner were inducted into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1991, calling them "one of the most formidable live acts in history." Ike Turner sadly passed away in 2007.

She divorced her husband and years struggling

to recapture the limelight.

"Private Dancer" was Turner's biggest album, selling more than 200 million records in total.

In 1985 Turner met German music executive Erwin Bach, who became her long-term partner, and in 1988 she moved to London, beginning a decades-long residency in Europe. She released two studio albums in the 1990s that sold well, especially in Europe, recorded the theme song for 1995 Bond movie "GoldenEye," and staged a successful world tour in 2008 and 2009.

She relinquished her U.S. citizenship after she married Bach, and became a citizen of Switzerland.

After her retirement in 2018, she suffered a myriad of health problems. She also lost her oldest son, Craig, who committed suicide. Craig's younger brother, Ronnie, died in December 2022.

The musical stage show "TINA: The Tina Turner Musical," with Adrienne Warren initially acting and singing the star's life story, was a hit first in London's West End in 2018, and later on Broadway, and is still running. And in 2021 HBO released a documentary about her life, "Tina."

She is survived by 2 adopted sons.

SAINT OBI DIES



By N.Ugoh

Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH).

He died at the age of 57.

Famous Nollywood actor and film director, Obinna Nwafor, also known as Saint Obi, has died. He died after a battle with an unspecified illness.

Saint Obi's death was confirmed by his colleagues in the film industry.

According to sources, he died last week Sunday and his corpse has been deposited in a morgue at the

Saint Obi came onto the acting scene in 1996 and featured in over 100 movies which include 'Sakobi', 'Festival of Fire', 'State of Emergency' and other great films.

MR LATIN: WE HAVE SPENT OVER N10 MILLION ON ACTORS' HEALTH CHALLENGES



By N.Ugoh

Nollywood actor and President of Theatre Arts and Movies Production Association of Nigeria, TAMPAN, Bolaji Amusan, also known as Mr Latin, has left many in shock by the amount of money spent on actors' health challenges.

During a recent interview, Mr Latin revealed that TAMPAM has spent over N10 million on actor's health challenges.

He disclosed that actors who beg for

money on TV aren't part of the association, hence, the reason they can't be helped by the association.

According to him, TAMPAN has always come through for all active members.

He said: "Since I became the President of TAMPAN, we have spent over N10 million on actor's health challenges. The ones you see going on the TV to beg for money are not active members of the association. We always come to the aid of all active members".

TUPAC SHAKUR TO BE HONORED WITH A STREET NAME IN CALIFORNIA



By Bunmi Akintilo

Late hip-hop singer, Tupac Shakur, will have a street in Oakland renamed after him, after a "unanimous vote by the city council" recently.

According to legislation obtained by NBC, Tupac first moved to the Bay Area as a teenager and he got his first break in 1991 as a member of the group Digital Underground. He credited his time in Marin City as the 'location where he got his game.'

According to the pub-

lication, "a stretch of MacArthur Boulevard by Lake Merritt where Shakur once lived will keep its existing name, but also receive the additional, honorary name of Tupac Shakur Way."

Tupac Shakur Foundation will cover the costs for 'commemorative plaques and signs signalling the change.'

He was chosen to "remind people" of his "contributions to Oakland and celebrate art and culture as a catalyst for societal change."

In 1996, Tupac died

POPULAR YORUBA ACTOR, ADEWALE ADEYEMO, IS DEAD

By N.Ugoh

Popular Yoruba actor, Prince Adewale Adeyemo, has died. He died recently after a brief illness.

The news was announced by fellow actor, Kunle Afod, on his Instagram page.

While announcing his demise, Afod shared a picture of the deceased and wrote: "Hmmm God you know best RIP Prince Adewale Adey-



emo.

"He passed on early hours of today after a brief illness. God will comfort all his family, friends and colleagues."

of gunshot wounds suffered in a Las Vegas drive-by shooting after paramedics rushed him to the ICU at University Medical Center.

According to Britannica, he was "shot him four times in the chest at a stoplight" by an 'unknown gunman in a white Cadillac'. In an effort to save his life, he was placed on life support and put in an induced coma.

Twenty-seven years later, the homicide case is still unsolved. In 2021,

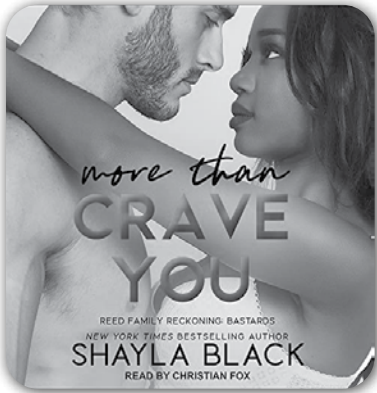
Chris Carroll, the cop who held Tupac as he took his last unaided breath, revealed he was still harassed by conspiracy theorists who claim the rapper is alive.

While talking to DailyMailTV, the retired Las Vegas cop said he still regularly receives messages on social media and has been asked by the Las Vegas Metro Police Department to 'come clean' about the theory Tupac secretly escaped that night.

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More Than Crave You: Reed Family Reckoning, Book 4



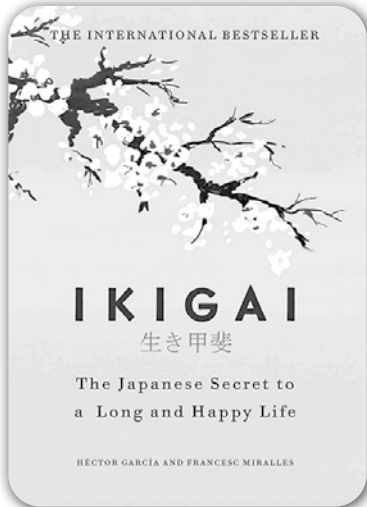
By Shayla Black

Evan Cook is a billionaire tech entrepreneur and widower who has got it all professionally but since my wife died, his personal life has fallen apart. Determined to remarry, he places an ad – he is not asking for much.

To him, the ideal woman only needs to be smart, organized, pretty, and helpful – both in and out of bed – without expecting romance. He never thought to look right in front of him...but it turns out that Nia Wright, his sexy, sassy assistant, just might be the perfect candidate.

After an unexpectedly hot night together, he ready to stop interviewing strangers and simply marry her. Remarkably, she ticks every box on his list. Best of all, she's far too sensible to fall for him. Clouded by love and his logic, he didn't see the flaw in his move until it was too late. He never thought he would ever lose his heart for the first time. However, Nia's harboring a secret that could tear them apart. What can he do to salvage the situation?

Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life



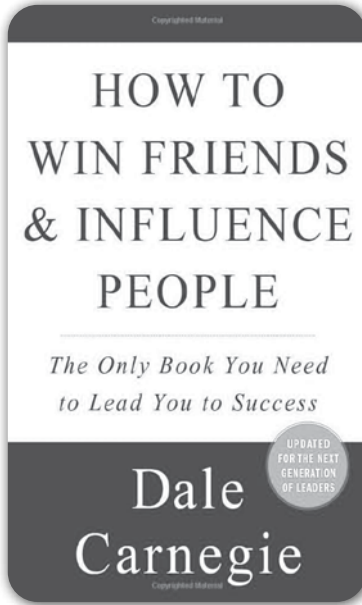
By Héctor García, Francesc Miralles

The Japanese believe that everyone has an ikigai—a reason for living. And according to the residents of the Japanese village with the world's longest-living people, finding it is the key to a happier and longer life.

In this quite expository book, the authors interviewed the residents of the Japanese village with the highest percentage of 100-year-olds—one of the world's Blue Zones. The book chronicles Ikigai's secrets to their longevity and happiness: how they eat, how they move, how they work, how they foster collaboration and community, and—their best-kept secret—how they find the ikigai that brings satisfaction to their lives.

Remarkably, it provides practical tools to help you discover your own ikigai. Because who doesn't want to find happiness in every day? You sure need to explore this book.

How to Win Friends & Influence People



Dale Carnegie

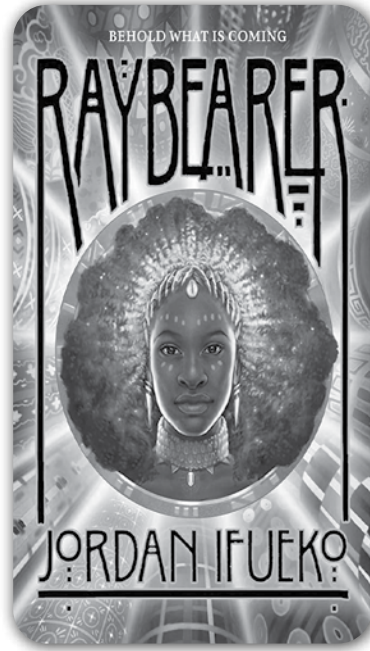
In practical terms, the book demonstrated that you can go after the job you want...and get it! You can take the job you have...and improve it! You can take any situation you're in...and make it work for you!

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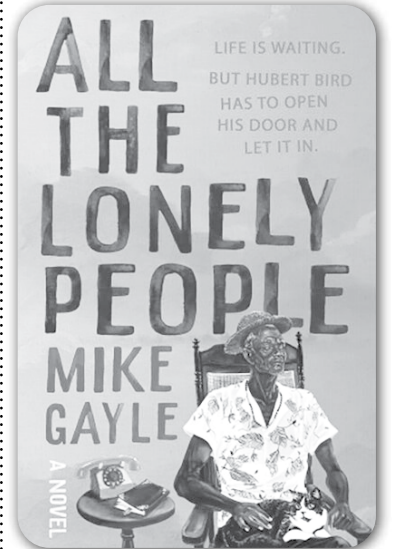


By Jordan Ifueko

It is a story of loyalty, fate, and the lengths we're willing to go for the ones we love. Main character Tarisai has always longed for the warmth of a family. She was raised in isolation by a mysterious, often absent mother known only as the Lady. The supposed mother known as the Lady sends her to the capital of the global empire of Arisar to compete with other children to be chosen as one of the crown prince's Council of Eleven. The condition is that if she's picked, she'll be joined with the other council members through the Ray, a bond deeper than blood. To Tarisai, who has always wanted to belong somewhere, that closeness is irresistible.

However, the Lady has other ideas; including a magical wish that Tarisai is compelled to obey: kill the crown prince once she gains his trust. Tarisai won't stand by and become someone's pawn – but is she strong enough to choose a different path for herself? This and more are questions that beg for answers.

All the Lonely People



By Mike Gayle

In reality, Hubert's days are all the same, dragging on without him seeing a single soul. But in weekly phone calls to his daughter in Australia, widower Hubert Bird paints a picture of the perfect retirement, packed with fun, friendship, and fulfillment – it's a lie.

Story takes a new twist when he receives some good news – good news that in one way turns out to be the worst news ever, news that will force him out again, into a world he has long since turned his back on – the news that his daughter is coming for a visit.

A troubled Hubert faces an almost impossible task: to make his real life resemble his fake life before the truth comes out. Luckily for him, he stumbles across a second chance at love along the way, renews a cherished friendship, and finds himself roped into an audacious community scheme that seeks to end loneliness once and for all...

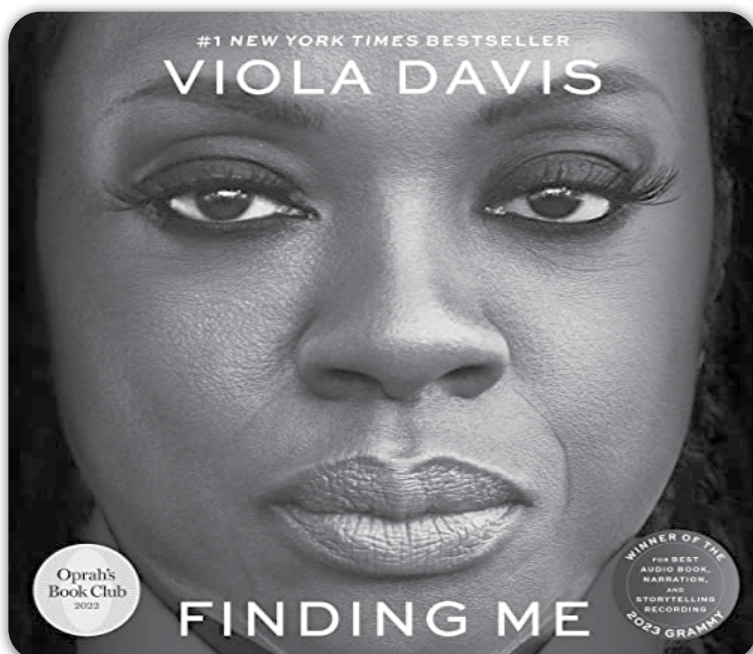
Though life begins to happen to Hubert Bird, one may wonder if he will ever get to live the life he's pretended to have for so long!

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By Viola Davis

Narrated by Viola Davis
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It chronicles the event from a crumbling apartment in Central Falls, Rhode Island, to the stage in New York City, and beyond. This is the path she took to finding her purpose but also her voice in a world that didn't always see



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The book is a deep reflection, a promise, and a love letter of sorts to self. The author hopes that her story will inspire you to light up your own life with creative expression and rediscover who you were before the world put a label on you. Give it a shot.

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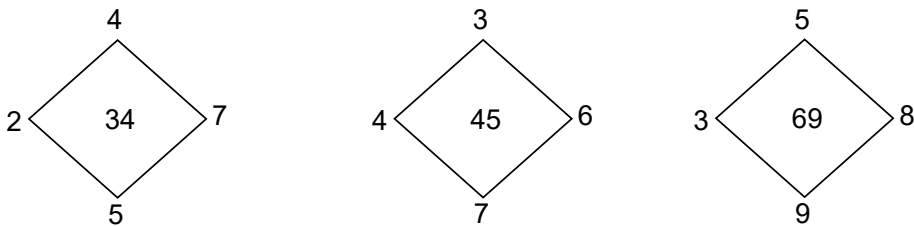


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QUANTITATIVE REASONING

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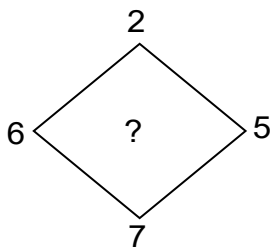


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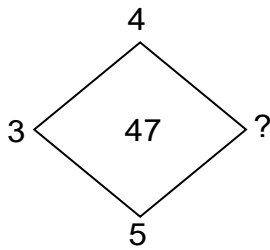
Now answer these questions

Exercise 1



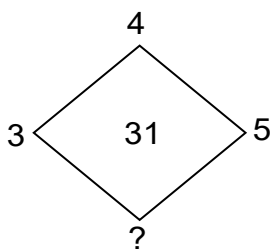
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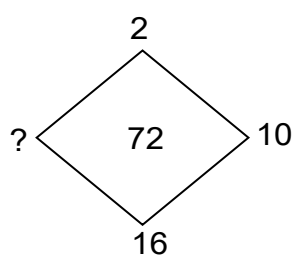
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Exercise 3



A) 5 B) 6 C) 4 D) 9 E) 10

Exercise 4



A) 12 B) 7 C) 8 D) 4 E) 3

ANSWERS ON P(25)

NUMBER WORK

Hint” The sentences below have words in which the letters are jumbled up. Rearrange the letters in capitals and pick out the correct option from the list given.

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| 1. The road KEN-DAS as it made its way up the mountain. | 2. DEGES grows in damp habitats. | 3. The buses are kept overnight at the TP-DOE. |
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| SNAKED | GESED | OPTED |
| NAKEDS | SEDE | TOPED |
| KADENS | DEEGS | PODET |

ANSWERS ON P(25)

CLOSEST MEANING WORDS ARE WORDS THAT ARE THE MOST SIMILAR TO EACH OTHER.

Find TWO words, from the following group of five words that are the CLOSEST in meaning. Hint: Words which have the SIMILAR meanings are called SYNONYMS, words like small and tiny, and big and large. However, not all words which are CLOSE in meaning are the CLOSEST.

Example:

big, small, rest, mean, large → big, large, big, mean, rest, large, small, large

Answer: big, large
 big, large is the correct answer because big and large mean the same thing, of considerable size, and the others are unrelated.

Now do these:

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| 1. Find TWO words from the following group of five words that are the CLOSEST in meaning. | 2. Find TWO words from the following group of five words that are the CLOSEST in meaning. | 3. Find TWO words from the following group of five words that are the CLOSEST in meaning. |
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shout, whisper, chat, explain, exclaim	far, near, away, distant, around	think, ponder, wonder, decide, imagine
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explain, exclaim shout, exclaim whisper, chat whisper, explain	near, away far, distant distant, around away, distant	think, imagine decide, imagine think, ponder ponder, wonder
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ANSWERS ON P(25)

WORD PUZZLE

Find and mark out all the modes of transportation in the box

Transportation

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INTERNATIONAL

Supreme Court Rules that Arrest of Pakistan's Former Prime Minister Imran Khan was Unlawful

By Bunmi Akintilo

The former cricketer-turned-politician's arrest caused a stir between the military and Khan's supporters.

Pakistan's Supreme Court ruled that the arrest of former Prime Minister Imran Khan was unlawful. One of Khan's aides remained in the court's custody for his own safety.

Khan was arrested on corruption charges by paramilitary troops in a sudden operation that saw officers smash their way into a courthouse in the capital Islamabad to detain him.

He was then held in a guesthouse inside police headquarters where he appeared for a special hearing in front of a judge behind closed doors and was remanded for over a week for corruption.

His continued detention was challenged by his lawyers because the trial of their client took place in police headquarters instead of a courthouse. Police stated that it was to keep Khan away from the chaos and to maintain national security.

Following his arrest, eight people died and hundreds have been arrested as protests pitting his supporters against army supporters turned violent.

Khan was accused of illegally acquiring land to construct a university. In a separate charge, he was alleged to have unlawfully sold gifts sent to him by foreign leaders while in office.

In a pre-recorded statement released on YouTube by Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) political party after his arrest, the former prime minister said he was "detained on incorrect charges" and told his supporters "the time has come for all of you to come and struggle for your rights."

The 70-year-old cricketer-turned-politician's arrest escalated what was already a tense showdown between the military and Khan's supporters.

The largest protests took place in the cities of Lahore and Peshawar.

Hundreds of protesters stormed the national broadcaster Radio Pakistan headquarters in Peshawar, setting the building on fire.

More than 300 people have been injured, according to officials. Nearly 1,000 supporters of Khan were arrested in the country's most populous Punjab province, according to the police.

Private schools were ordered shut nationwide, with certain countries, including the United States, issuing travel advisories. Mobile internet services were blocked by the government in a bid to quell the chaos, disrupting access to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

History made as Yemi Mobolade elected as first Black Mayor in US municipality

By N.Ugoh

Yemi Mobolade has been elected the Mayor of Colorado Springs, a municipality in Colorado in the United States, becoming the first black man to be elected as Major of the municipality.

YEMI Mobolade, an independent candidate, defeated his major rival, Wayne Williams a Republican recently in the city's runoff contest, despite minimal political experience.

According to reports, Colorado Springs has encountered a political earthquake as a result of Mobolade's victory as he garnered 57% compared to Williams' 43%. Williams later conceded

and when the second batch of results was released, the percentages had not shifted.

While reacting to his victory, Mobolade said: "Wow. Wow. I am speechless. This is our win.

"We are Colorado Springs. It's a new day in our beloved city. Do you believe that? Colorado Springs will become an inclusive, culturally rich, economically prosperous, safe, and vibrant city."

Mobolade relocated to Colorado Springs in 2010 and rose to the local community's leadership position.

He is married with kids and has served as the city's small business development administrator while cofounding two popular eateries in Colorado's second-largest city.

He has also served as the Colorado Springs Chamber and Economic



Development Corporation's Vice President of company expansion and retention.

Donald Trump Guilty of Sexually Abusing Jean Carroll

By Othman Yamaya

A federal jury in New York found former President Donald Trump guilty of sexually abusing E. Jean Carroll in a department store in Manhattan in the 1990s. The former president was also found liable for defaming the writer last fall when he accused Carroll of making up that account.

The jury, made up of 6 men and 3 women, which did not find that Trump had raped Carroll, ordered him to pay her \$5 million in compensation.

But their verdict that he sexually abused and forcibly touched her without her consent during a chance encounter in the Bergdorf Goodman store substantiated her civil claim of battery.

"I filed this lawsuit against Donald Trump to clear my name and to get my life back," Carroll, 79, said.

"Today, the world finally knows the truth," said Carroll, a former "Elle" magazine advice columnist and biographer of gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

"This victory is not just for me but for every woman who has suffered because she was not believed."

Her lawyer, Roberta Kaplan, in her own statement, said, "No one is above the law, not even a former President of the United States."

"For far too long, survivors of sexual assault faced a wall of doubt and intimidation," Kaplan added. We hope and believe today's verdict will be an important step in tearing that wall down."

Trump, who neither testified at trial nor ever appeared in court, blasted the verdict in a post on Truth Social, his social media site. "I have absolutely no idea who this woman is," the 76-year-old Trump wrote. "This verdict is a disgrace."

His lawyer Joseph Tacopina told the press, "Her claim was that she was raped and the jury rejected it. Perplexing to say the least."



"Obviously we will be appealing," said Tacopina.

"We expect it to happen again," the attorney said.

The other lawsuit alleges Trump defamed Carroll when she went public with her claim of rape in a 2019 New York magazine article.

But Carroll sued him with a civil claim of battery under a New York state law enacted in late 2022 that opened a one-year window for lawsuits alleging sexual assaults which otherwise would be barred by the statute of limitations.

The victim also claimed that Trump defamed her last fall when he said she had made up her account of being raped.

Trump at the time called her allegations "a complete con job," and said that she was not his "type."

That deposition included Trump being asked about his comments in 2005 during a taping for the entertainment television show "Access Hollywood," in which he boasted: "I'm automatically attracted to beautiful women — I just start kissing them, it's like a magnet."

"Just kiss. I don't even wait," Trump said on that tape.

"And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything," he said, including "grab 'em by the p----."

Trump told Carroll's lawyer during the deposition that those comments were "locker room talk."

"If you look over the last million years, I guess that's been largely true," Trump testified at the time.

"Not always, but largely true.

Unfortunately or fortunately?"

When Carroll took the witness stand two weeks ago she testified, "I'm here because Trump raped me."

She testified that when they ended up in the store's lingerie department, he ushered her into a dressing room, where he shoved her against a wall and sexually assaulted her.

A spokesman for Trump's 2024 presidential campaign said after the verdict, "The Democratic Party's never-ending witch-hunt of President Trump hit a new low today."

"In jurisdictions wholly controlled by the Democratic Party our nation's justice system is now compromised by extremist left-wing politics," the spokesman said in a statement.

"Make no mistake, this entire bogus case is a political endeavour targeting President Trump because he is now an overwhelming front-runner to be once again elected President of the United States."

Senator John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, told reporters at the U.S. Capitol that while the jury verdict does not necessarily have any effect on Trump's candidacy, "The fact is, I do not think he could win the presidency."

"He's got a solid supportive base, but you can't win a general election with just your base," Cornyn said, according to sources. "So you have to appeal to a broader spectrum of people and he just never seems to try to do that. So to me, that's the reason why I don't think he can get elected."

INTERNATIONAL



Morocco to establish English-language news channel

By NCNC Staff

In a bid to widen Morocco's international reach, the country has announced plans to launch an English-language news channel. The move came after growing interest in English as an international language in the country, where French is the unofficial second language.

RECENTLY, Morocco's Minister of Culture, Youth and Communication, Mohamed Mehdi Bensaid, revealed at a parliamentary session the significance of the new language plan, which will mean Moroccan state-owned channels adopt English and Spanish. According to him,

this underscored the need to strengthen Morocco's diplomacy on the global stage, signifying Morocco's new foreign policy paradigm.

The minister further revealed that the state-run Al-Aoula channel is presently working on a project to broadcast news in English. These plans include detailed coverage of both domestic and international events happening within and beyond Morocco.

Bensaid remarked that the introduction of Spanish news broadcasting in Morocco almost 34 years ago has helped in the country's appeal among Spanish-speaking tourists. It is expected that by extending this to English-speakers, Morocco will encounter additional growth in its tourism industry.

The development shows he pivot of Morocco towards the English language

away from French, which is still spoken in the former French protectorate. Activists launched an online campaign in 2021 to replace "outdated" French with English in education. In 2022, the Ministry of Education disclosed that science subjects in both primary and middle schools would be taught in English instead of French.

A study commissioned by the British Council last year discovered that 40 percent of young Moroccans felt English was the most important language to learn, compared with just 10 percent that rooted for French. Also, respondents to the survey regarded English as being slightly more important to learn than Arabic, with 65 and 62 percent respectively feeling each language is either the most important or an important one to learn.

White House confirms many embassy staff members killed, burnt and kidnapped after US convoy was attacked in Nigeria

By N.Ugoh

According to Nigerian security services and the US state department officials, a United States convoy was recently attacked in Nigeria, killing four people, including two officials of the US consulate and two police officers, with three others kidnapped.

The attack happened in Anambra state, with Anambra Police Command disclosing that the attackers "murdered two police operatives and two staff of the US consulate and set their bodies and their vehicles ablaze."

White House and the local police report that the officials that were killed were not US citizens. John Kirby of the United States National Security Council said: "No US citizens were involved and therefore there were no US citizens hurt. We are aware of some casualties, perhaps even some killed."

While talking about the attack, Ikenga Tochukwu, Deputy Superintendent



of Police, said when the assailants saw security forces "they made away with two police operatives and a driver of the second vehicle in the convoy. No US citizen was in the convoy."

Police revealed that security forces "have embarked on a rescue and recovery operation in the area."

While talking further, John Kirby revealed that "Mission Nigeria personnel are working with Nigerian security services to investigate."

He added: "The security of our personnel is always paramount, and we take extensive precautions when organizing trips to the field."

Congolese Education Minister says he accidentally impregnated his deputy

By N.Ugoh

Democratic Republic of Congo's Minister of Primary, Secondary and Technical Education (EPST), Tony Mwaba Kazadi, has revealed that accidentally impregnated his Deputy Minister.

According to local reports, Kazadi and Namasia, despite being married, developed affections for each other as they worked together in the country's education ministry.

Heritage Times reported that Lungila John, a DRC journalist, revealed the affair between both officials that led to the deputy education minister's pregnancy on Twitter.

The duo have been criticized by citizens of DRC who accusing them of reeking bad conduct and immorality.

According to the Heritage Times, Namasia was appointed the National Deputy Minister of Primary, Secondary and Technical Education in the Democratic Republic of Congo under Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde's cabinet on April 12, 2021.



Ugandan Minister shot dead by his bodyguard

By N.Ugoh

Uganda's State Minister for Labour, Employment and Industrial Relations, Col (rtd) Charles Okello Engola, has been shot dead.

He was shot recently by his bodyguard at his home in Kyanja, a suburb in Kampala.

The Kampala Metropolitan deputy police spokesperson, Luke Owoyesigire confirmed the incident.

While confirming the incident in a brief interview, Owoyesigire said: "Yes. Go to Kyanja, there is a shooting. A soldier has shot his boss."

Also, the Speaker of Parliament, Ms Anita Among, confirmed the minister's death while presiding over a recent plenary session.

She said: "This morning, I received sad news that Hon Engola has been shot by his bodyguard and after, shot himself. May his soul rest in peace. That was God's plan. We can't change anything."

The scene of the crime has been surrounded by security personnel. Engola's body is still at the scene where he was shot from. At press time, the shooter's body was also still in the salon where he shot himself from.

SPORTS

Kenyan sets 100 world lead for the year



By Stanley Ugagbe

Ferdinand Omanyala Omurwa, a Kenyan sprinter competing in the 60 metres, 100m and 200m has written his name in history books as he recently stormed to victory in the 100 metres at the Kip Keino Classic, an international meeting

held in Nairobi.

Remarkably, even though he failed to top his African record, he beat off rivals in a time of 9.84 seconds, the best in the world this season.

In a post victory speech, he said "I'm happy that I got a very good race and the time is nice because it's a world lead, so we're just hoping that we break it down as we go on through the season".

"The main aim is to win the World Championships in Budapest this year and the Diamond League trophy back in Oregon, where I did not have a good competition there."

Omurwa averred that his target for the season is to cut his African record of 9.77 seconds, set at the same event in 2021, to under 9.70.

Meanwhile, US Olympic and world 200m silver medallist, Kenny Bednarek, was second in 9.98 and world 100m silver medallist Marvin Bracy-Williams was third in 10.03.

On her part, US star sprinter, Sha'Carri Richardson, took an easy win in the 200 metres signalling her return to form.

Even though she already sits comfortably in her position as the fastest woman in the world this year in the 100m, the American obliterated the field to win in a new meet time of 22.07 seconds. In a post victory chat, she said "I'm glad to hear from you guys (the media, ed) and from the fans that I'm a fan favourite because I wasn't treated like that coming into this meet. So I'm just grateful that I had a good race nevertheless of the circumstances".

However, reports said it was local sensation Omanyala, who thrilled the home crowd. He has remained unbeaten this season.

Fight between Anthony Joshua and Deontay Wilder will take place in December

By N.Ugoh

According to reports, the fight between Anthony Joshua and Deontay Wilder has been confirmed.

Eddie Hearn, Joshua's promoter, said the clash will go ahead, with Saudi Arabia hosting the fight.

During a conversation with The Mac, Hearn said that the mouth-watering showdown would happen in December and that he anticipates an official offer for his fighter to come soon.

This came one month after Joshua confirmed that he would be facing Wilder in December.

In a video posted on social media, Joshua was asked whether he would be taking on Wilder at the end of 2023 and he said: "That's what's happening, you know what's going on. It is public news we're getting it down, throwing it down in December."

U.S. Soccer Federation Appoints Oguchi Onyewu As Vice President

By Dele Akintilo

The U.S. Soccer Federation has appointed Oguchi Onyewu as Vice President.

Onyewu, 40, is highly experienced as a player and sporting executive with over 25 years in the game.

THE two-time World Cup veteran will work closely with U.S. Soccer's Sporting Director Matt Crocker in supporting activities across the Federation. Onyewu will oversee relationships with clubs and leagues in the US and across the world, along with strengthening other stakeholder relationships.

One of Onyewu's initial responsibilities will be to assist Crocker with the hiring of the next U.S. Men's National Team head coach.

Onyewu will also work closely with U.S. Soccer's Development Department to help drive increased funding for Youth and Extended National Teams. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, U.S. Soccer receives no federal government funding to manage its National Teams programs, support hundreds of thousands of coaches and referees, and impact millions of players.

"We are thrilled to welcome Oguchi Onyewu to our team at U.S. Soccer," said Crocker. "His experience as a player and sports executive, coupled with his deep understanding of U.S. Soccer, Oguchi will be invaluable as we continue to strengthen our sporting initiatives. We all look forward to working closely with him."

Onyewu is a former member of U.S. Soccer Board of Directors, having been elected to the Athletes Council and serving since 2021 before stepping down



this past week to take this position at U.S. Soccer.

"I am incredibly excited to take on this new challenge and work with Matt and the rest of the U.S. Soccer team to help shape the future of soccer in this country," said Onyewu. "As a former player, I understand firsthand the importance of investing in our youth and building a strong foundation for the future. I look forward to working with the Men's and Women's Senior Teams, Youth National Teams and Extended National Teams to help support and grow our talented pool of players and identify and develop the next generation."

He features at 2006 and 2010 FIFA World Cups and has 69 caps for the United States spanning 10 years. He voted the 2006 U.S. Soccer Male Player of the Year, three-time winner of the Concacaf Gold Cup (2005, 2007, 2013), and was voted to the tournament's Best XI in 2005.

He had a stellar career playing in the top professional leagues in seven different countries including the English

Premier League. He was voted "Best Foreign Player" in Belgium between 2003-05. He won back-to-back league championships in Belgium with Standard Liege in 2007-08 and 2008-09 and captured the domestic cups in Belgium with La Louvière in 2002 and the Netherlands in 2010-11 with FC Twente.

After his retirement from football, he became the Sporting Director for Orlando City B in 2018. In 2020, he was appointed Secretary General of Belgian club Royal Excelsior Virton. Holder of a U.S. Soccer 'B' coaching license, Onyewu is currently a commentator for CBS Sports.

Aside his involvement in soccer, he is the president and founder of G.O. Global, a non-profit organization that works with young people through the promotion of health, fitness, and wellness in their daily lives.

A native of Olney, Md., he holds citizenship in the United States, Nigeria and Belgium. He speaks three languages and attended Clemson University.

Effiong Edem becomes first Nigerian to win European Cup Women's Table Tennis title

By Stanley Ugagbe

36-year-old Nigeria's second-ranked table tennis star, Edem Offiong has made history as the first Nigerian to win the European Cup Women's Table Tennis title.

Remarkably, it was also the first European title for ASD Quattro Mori Cagliari club.

The elated Offiong, who currently ranked 142nd in the world, helped her Italian Quattro Mori Cagliari record the famous victory over Hungary's SH ITB Budaorsi Sport Club in the final over two legs in Budapest.

According to reports, the Italian team emerged victorious in both legs, with a 3-2 win in the first match and a 3-0 win in the second match.

The history maker recovered from an opening set defeat to beat Maria Fazekas 3-1 (5-11, 10-12, 7-11, 7-11) in the second leg after she had thrashed the Hungarian 3-0 (6-11, 6-11, 8-11)



in the first leg.

In a chat with newsmen, Offiong said "I'm so happy we won the European Cup Women's Table Tennis title. I'm proud of everyone and I'm so overwhelmed".

"We approached every match with the same level of focus and intensity as we did in the first leg, but this time, we were even better.

"We had studied them very well and knew how to overcome them."

She recently missed out on representing Nigeria at the just-

concluded 2023 ITTF-Africa Cup in Nairobi, Kenya due to club engagement.

Offiong aims to translate her club form to the national team when she and six other Nigerians compete for honours at the World Table Tennis tourney billed for Durban, South Africa from May 20 to 28.

The Calabar-born table tennis player competed for Nigeria at the 2004 and 2012, and 2016 Summer Olympics. She qualified to represent Nigeria at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

SPORTS

Vinicius: La Liga belongs to racists

By Dele Akintilo

Real Madrid and Brazil forward, Vinicius Junior, has stated that La Liga belongs to racists. He made this statement after he was subjected to racist chants at Valencia.

THE 22-year-old Brazil international was sent off for violent conduct in the 97th minute of the 1-0 La Liga defeat after he had an altercation with Hugo Duro.

Earlier in the game, the footballer attempted to bring Valencia fans to the referee's attention.

After the game, he took to Instagram and wrote: "The championship that once belonged to Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, Cristiano and Messi today belongs to racists."

"It wasn't the first time, nor the second, nor the third. Racism is normal in La Liga. The competition thinks it's normal, the federation does too and the opponents encourage it."

"A beautiful nation, which welcomed me and which I love, but which agreed to export the image of a racist country to the world. I'm sorry for the Spaniards who don't agree, but today, in Brazil, Spain is known as a country of racists."

"And unfortunately, for everything that happens each week, I have no defence. I agree. But I am strong and I will go to the end against racists. Even if far from here."

While reacting to the incident, La Liga said in a statement that it would



investigate and take "appropriate legal action" if a hate crime is identified, calling on fans to submit any relevant footage.

La Liga president Javier Tebas said Vinicius did not turn up for a meeting twice to discuss what it "can do in cases of racism".

Tebas said: "Before you criticize and slander La Liga you need to inform yourself properly."

The president's statement has been criticized by Vinicius for targeting him instead of the "racists." He insisted he wants La Liga to take "actions and punishments".

'An entire stadium chanting racist slurs'

Vinicius has been racially abused several times this season.

The game was put on hold in the 70th minute as Vinicius attempted to point out fans in the crowd whom he believed were abusing him.

He was moved away by team-mates and Valencia players, before referee Ricardo de Burgos and Real Madrid

manager Carlo Ancelotti spoke to him.

Vinicius was later red carded for the first time in La Liga for his involvement in a mass altercation between the two sets of players.

Coach Ancelotti said: "What we saw today is unacceptable – an entire stadium chanting racist slurs."

"I don't want to talk about football today. There is no meaning in talking about football today. I told the referee he should have stopped the match."

"La Liga has a problem. For me Vinicius is the most important player in the world. These episodes of racism have to stop the match."

"It's the entire stadium that is insulting a player with racist chants and the match has to stop. I would say the same if we were winning 3-0. There is no other way."

"I asked him if he wanted to keep playing, and he stayed in the game."

"Vinicius is very sad; he is angry. Something like this can't happen in the world we live in."



Napoli plan to break salary structure to keep Victor Osimhen

By N.Ugoh

According to reports, Napoli are ready to break the club salary structure to retain Super Eagles' striker, Victor Osimhen, in a bid to ward off interests from European clubs.

Sunday's edition of La Repubblica (as per Tutto Napoli), reported that the newly crowned Serie A champions want to use a Cavani-style arrangement to keep Osimhen for another season.

The proposed structure involves offering Osimhen a substantial salary increase and the promise of a future transfer at the end of next season.

This approach would break Napoli's salary structure, which is capped at €3.5m net.

Osimhen's outstanding performances and potential to even perform better have prompted Napoli to consider this exception to their wage policy.

The website wrote: "The idea is a Cavani-style formula: to renew with a substantial increase and the "promise" of a sale at the end of next season."

"Osimhen could represent the exception to the rule of wages fixed €3.5m net. The scenario, however, cannot exclude a maxi offer. Napoli has set a very high price, around €150m. If the indecent offer were to arrive, it would be normal to make evaluations."



Flying Eagles start World Cup campaign with win over Dominican Republic

By N.Ugoh

Nigeria's Flying Eagles came from a goal down to defeat the Dominican Republic 2-1 in their recent Group D opening match of the U-20 World

Cup match.

Edison Azcona's converted penalty gave Dominican Republic the lead in the 23rd minute but the Flying Eagles equalized and the first half ended 1-1.

Samson Lawal scored the winning

goal in the 70th minute to give Nigeria the needed victory and a perfect start to the competition.

They will play Italy in their second group match on May 24 before they face Brazil in the Group's final game.



SNOOP DOGG BIDS FOR NHL'S OTTAWA SENATORS

By N.Ugoh

Famous American rapper, Snoop Dogg, has confirmed on social media that he is involved in the bidding process for NHL's Ottawa Senators.

According to a report by The Athletic, Snoop has really been "passionate" about the possibility of becoming the Senators' owner. His plan is to offer the team more exposure, get involved in the day-to-day operations and give hockey more accessibility to minorities and fans from lower-income backgrounds.

While talking about the bid, a reliable source said: "He's passionately involved. He's coming up with ideas. And he's legitimately excited. He wants this team."

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RELIGION

What are you doing for God?

By Pastor Amos Dada PhD;
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In 1 Chronicles 23:28 to 31, the Word reads: "The work of the Levites was to assist the priests, the descendants of Aaron, as they served at the house of the Lord. They also took care of the courtyards and side rooms, helped perform the ceremonies of purification, and served in many other ways in the house of God. 29 They were in charge of the sacred bread that was set out on the table, the choice flour for the grain offerings, the wafers made without yeast, the cakes cooked in olive oil, and the other mixed breads. They were also responsible to check all the weights and measures. 30 And each morning and

evening they stood before the Lord to sing songs of thanks and praise to him. 31 They assisted with the burnt offerings that were presented to the Lord on Sabbath days, at new moon celebrations, and at all the appointed festivals. The required number of Levites served in the Lord's presence at all times, following all the procedures they had been given."

We are in a generation that is driven by the possibility of receiving blessings from the Lord and not driven by responsibility. Over ninety percent of our prayers and motivations for going to church are regarding begging God to provide us with one thing or another. The requests are unending. From when we are young to when we are grey-hair our wants are always the focus! Lord, let me pass my exams, please give me

this degree. Then please give me a good job and a car. Followed soon after by God please provide a spouse, children, houses, grandchildren - the list never ends! When will you ask God what will I do for you!

Read the story of David; his focus was always on how he could be of service. It is no wonder why God was always promoting and blessing him!

When all of his brothers were at home, he was tending sheep. At the war front his brothers and Saul were watching Goliath mocking God until he killed him. Upon ascending to the throne, his top priority question was: where will I put God's ark? Then, how do I build God's temple. Even when God said no he still supplied a substantial portion of the materials needed for the work to be completed by the next. He was a king with the heart of a Levite!

The Bible reference for today spoke about duties of Levites. We read "And so, under the supervision of the priests, the Levites watched over the Tabernacle and the Temple and faithfully carried out their duties of service at the house of the Lord." 1 Chr 23:32. From this Sunday onwards, find something to do under the leadership of your pastor (the priest). Stop being a pew warmer. Your inaction means souls are perishing. Join the media, ushering, protocol, evangelical, or instrumentalists team. Give your resources, energy, time, money. Stop being a liability. Be an asset.

Did you read with me that the Levites were singing to the Lord? "And each morning and evening they stood before the Lord to sing songs of thanks and praise to him." 1 Chr. 23:30. That means you can join the choir.

Have you noticed

that most gospel artists developed their talents from being choir member in one church or the other? It is through performing a task and responsibility you discover your talents and gifts.

Working for God goes beyond what we do for God on Sunday, it includes your spirit of providing service for humanity. Serving your generation.

Paul referred to David serving his generation.

"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:" Acts 13:36

The question the Holy Spirit is asking you today is what are you doing for God? If everyone is idle how will the church move forward? If you don't give, how will church bills be paid? The Levites have no land, they lived off of offer-



Pastor Amos Dele Dada
ings. So when you argue about giving- think again!

For those who are busy for the Lord, May the Lord strengthen you and prune you to bear more.

In conclusion, don't allow The Vine, The Lord Jesus to cut you off for your unfruitfulness. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away" John 15:2. Watch out!

Shalom

O taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8). I have tasted and found that the Lord is good. I do testify that the Lord is good. Join me to taste him.

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Archbishop of Canterbury Convicted of Speeding Days after King's Coronation



By NCNC Staff

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has been convicted of speeding. The conviction happened a few days after the coronation of King Charles. The incident happened on October 2, 2021, when Welby was caught exceeding 20mph limit in the Kennington borough of Lambeth with his Volkswagen Golf on the A3036 Albert Embankment. He was ordered to pay £510 and received three points on his licence due of the con-

viction.

The sentence was passed during a private hearing at Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court recently, the day Welby labelled the plan of the government to tackle the small boats crisis as "morally unacceptable and politically impractical."

According to Lambeth Palace, Welby attempted to pay the fine three times before the matter went to court, but "admin errors" prevented the payment. Meanwhile, the court spokeswoman confirmed that Welby admitted the offence online

and was fined £300, ordered to pay a £120 victim surcharge, and £90 in costs.

The prosecution was carried out via the Single Justice Procedure, which permits the court to deal with the matter through written evidence in a private hearing. A Lambeth Palace spokesperson said: "The Archbishop knows about [the fine] but hadn't been notified that it had gone to court. He has tried to resolve this and pay the fine three times. He has all the paperwork to prove that he has tried to pay. Admin errors seem to be causing problems."

This incident generated concerns about the significance of abiding by traffic laws, especially for public figures like the Archbishop of Canterbury. Also, the speeding conviction came at a time when there is growing scrutiny over the behavior of individuals in positions of authority.

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COVER STORY

Oba (Prof.) Alexander Olusegun MacGregor installed as Olu of Orile Ilawo Kingdom *continued from p(1)*



Chieftaincy Affairs, Ganiyu Hamzat, noted that the accolades which greeted the selection of Oba MacGregor was a testimony to the overwhelming support of the people.

The governor said, "no doubt, the selection process that culminated in the emergence of Oba Professor Alexander Olusegun MacGregor as the new Olu of Orile Ilawo, followed the due process as prescribed by the Obas and Chiefs' Law of Ogun State, 2021 as well as the custom and traditions of Orile Ilawo.

"This important occasion marks an end to 16 months of interregnum in the Obaship stool of Olu of Orile Ilawo, after the demise of the immediate past Olu of Orile Ilawo, Oba (Engr.) Albert Oladapo Aina, who joined his ancestors on 21st December, 2021".

"Kabiyesi, by your appointment as the new Olu of Orile Ilawo, you have become a member of the Egba Traditional Council and you are expected to foster cooperation with other royal fathers in Egba Traditional Council and in Ogun State at large".

Abiodun urged the new monarch to extend hands of love and fellowship to all those who competed for the stool with him, while also effecting speedy reconciliation amongst his people.

He said "As a father, you are expected to be accessible, receptive and responsive to your people's yearnings. You should put your reputable academic experience to bear on your appointment to serve your people".

"You are to champion all efforts that will further enhance peaceful co-existence with other neighbouring townships in Egbaland and entire Ogun State, in order to justify the mandate and trust reposed in you by the good people of Orile Ilawo and the

Ogun State government".

"Let me also implore you to immediately concentrate on the task of accelerating the pace of socio-economic development in Orile Ilawo town by mobilizing your people to continue to support the government, particularly, by performing their civic duties in the prompt payment of approved taxes, rates and levies, required for the provision of social amenities and general development of our dear State".

"Let me also charge all sons and daughters of Orile Ilawo to accord the new Oba the required support and cooperation necessary to launch the town to enviable heights amongst its equals. I wish to sincerely appeal that you rally round our new Kabiyesi in order to contribute to the continued growth and development of your town.

This is because experience has shown that no meaningful development can take place in an environment of rancour and acrimony".

"As an administration, we have immense regard for our royal fathers and we will continue to hold them in high esteem in the discharge of good governance to the people, especially in the area of maintaining social harmony and ensuring peaceful co-existence in our dear State. The most important ingredient for development in the State is peace and security and we all have important role to play in this respect".

On his part, MacGregor, in his acceptance speech pledged to use his new status as an avenue to re-awaken and sustain justice, peace and unity which he said is exactly what royalty represents from days of their progenitors.

He said "We shall carry out reforms in palace administration in order to be ad-

equately responsive to our peoples' sincere and deep longing for justice, equity and stability. We shall strive to ensure that conflicts are resolved between individuals, families and communities along the principles of social justice.

"We shall use cultural diplomacy as a veritable tool for the promotion of harmonious relationships with our neighbors far and near," the new monarch stated.

He also promised to use his new position to forge links with other traditional institutions here in Nigeria, in Africa and beyond; strengthen contacts and build linkages that will complement and enhance "excellent bilateral relationships" between the peoples of his community and the world beyond.

"We shall uphold and maintain the principle of neutrality and continue to pray for, and will always support the right kind of political leaders, who will safeguard the welfare of our people, provide for their basic needs, and who will accord due recognition to traditional institutions.

"We shall also support efforts to build partnerships and seek international assistance for the benefit of our people, Egbaland and the entire Yoruba race," Oba Macgregor stated.

It is germane to note that MacGregor obtained his Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacology from the University of London Postgraduate Medical School after earning honours in Medical Biochemistry from the University of Wales.

MacGregor founded the Toronto Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology in 1992. MacGregor has led the Toronto Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology to become one of the leading North American institutions for biochemical research and development for postgraduate students. As Dean of Faculty and President of the Toronto Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology, Dr. Alexander MacGregor utilizes years of experience in consulting for global biomedical firms as well as serving as CEO and CSO of Orx Pharmaceutical Corporation.

The coronation celebration will take place on September 2, 2023.

A HOLE IN MY HEART - PAGE 9

She looked at Lizzy's contour face but care less.

"You are not going back to sleep. You have got to take care of this messy room. I want it properly arranged. Put everything in their right places. I want everything organized. Put your books in your school bag."

"Please mum. Let me sleep a little. I will do it in the morning."

"No! Go to work immediately" she ordered.

Lizzy didn't go to work immediately. She sat slowly on the bed and frowned deeply. She glanced round the room. Reluctantly she stood up again and started arranging the room. She knows she will be properly disciplined if she fail to obey instructions and she wasn't ready for such.

Lizzy wasn't sleeping when her mom entered the room. She only pretended to be asleep.

She opened her

eyes a little and saw her mother open her wardrobe. She went through the pockets of some of Lizzy's clothes.

Satisfied, she got Lizzy's school bag and went through the content. Lizzy smiled because her mother will never find what she is looking for. Nothing to find anyway because her parents made it clear to her and siblings never to come home with what does not belong to them. So far, they try to keep to instructions.

Onome put the bag where she took it from, put off the light and closed the door behind her.

Sometimes, Elizabeth hates her mother because of her high handedness. She would have loved to try some of the things her classmates discuss in the class but the fear of her mother always stopped her. She knows her mother would frown at her.

Her father is not

even better. He is a disciplinarian. She doesn't try nonsense because she knows the consequence. That's not to say they don't love her. She feels they're over protective which she doesn't like.

Lizzy wants to be free. She wants to go partying like some of her friends. She listens to some of her friends and their escapades intrigues her. She is a senior student preparing for the Waec like other students in her class. Her friends have phone. They bring it to school without the knowledge of the school though. They show off in class and her parents have refused her any access to phone.

"You can ask us for our phones if you're to make any research" they told her.

Lizzy wished her parents will just give her a little freedom to explore.

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TO BE CONTINUED

YOUTH ANSWERS - PAGE 19

QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Exercise 1 = E) 44

Exercise 2 = A) 9

Exercise 3) = C) 4

Exercise 4) = D) 4

Number work

1) Snaked, 2) Edges, 3) Depot

Closest meaning words

1) shout: exclaim 2) far: distant 3) think: ponder

Puzzle solutions

Transportation

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parental discipline is a balance between nurturing and structure. Fathers set clear expectations, enforce rules consistently, and teach personal responsibility. Father provide discipline, not by yelling or

bullying, but by simply ensuring there will be a consequence of both good and bad actions.

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