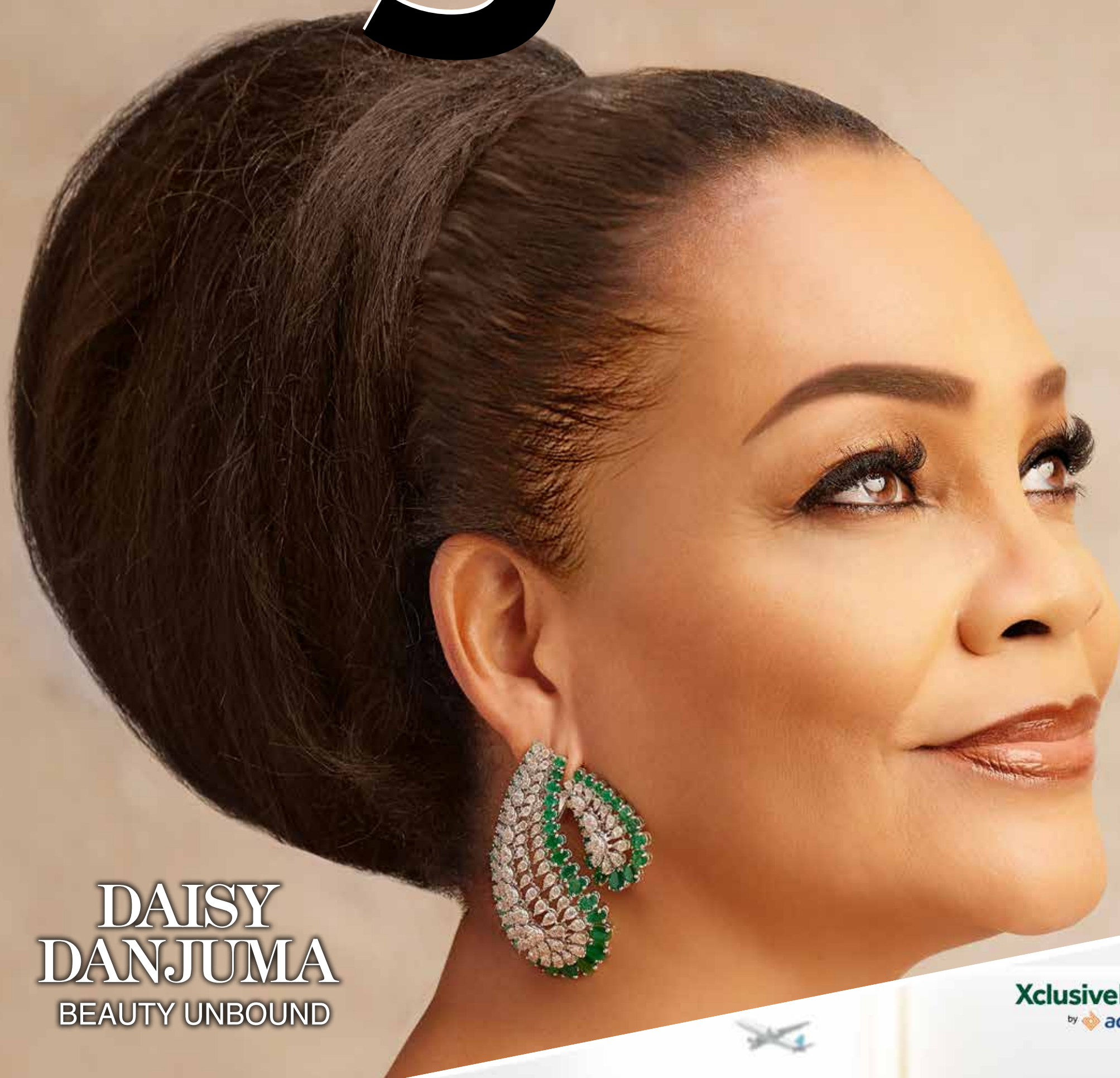


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EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Who says the First Cut is the Deepest?

While I might not pretend to have ever felt anything other than what I would now call a crush in my teenage years, I somehow do believe that young love is real. And this is because I have seen it manifest in others. I have had friends who were high school sweethearts who actually made it to happily ever after. Their exciting young relationships grew and developed into true love. However, for every high school couple that remains together, many more don't. And, of the couples that do, the dark truth is that some will probably get divorced before they have been married for ten years. So while Ayo Lawal believes that love is a one-time feeling experienced only by a young, pure, free heart, I beg to disagree.

You know, I was once in a relationship that made me feel all of it, but it was only for a period. This made me realise that every relationship is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of love. It is different with different people. The moments you felt loved and appreciated are yours forever. No one can take them away from you. That's the beauty of life; every moment is a memory that lasts forever. Every individual you come across has something unique to add to your experience. The more open you are to meeting different people, the more chances you have to find a fulfilling and beautiful relationship. True love is not bound to time or a person's presence in your life forever. A moment is enough to know you have been loved, which you will cherish for the rest of your life. This debate could continue forever because, truth be told, there is no right or wrong answer when it comes to issues of the heart. What has your experience with love been like? Are you still hung up on a love that's long gone? I am no love expert, but whatever the case, I would say you should be kind enough to yourself and give your heart more than a second chance if need be. After all, who says the 4th time can't be a charm?

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GOV. FAYEMI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FORUM OF GOVERNORS REGIONS/STATES OF AFRICA*.

Ekiti State Governor and Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), Dr Kayode Fayemi, has been elected President of the Forum of Governors of Regions/ States of Africa at the body's election held in Saidia, Morocco. Dr Fayemi, in his acceptance speech, described the victory as a burden of history, adding that leadership isn't just a title but an instrument that should be used to influence policies that would impact positively on the people.

He also pledged to use his office to strengthen the quest for African integration by promoting African Union's Agenda 2063 and the SDGs 2030.



BOVI UGBOMA GIVES BACK



Nigerian comedian, Bovi Ugboma, has renovated the University of Benin Staff School in Edo State, where he had his primary education.

In a post on his Instagram page, he stated that he had always credited his primary school for his present accomplishments and was extremely sad when he recently saw the degenerative state of the facilities. The project was commissioned by the Deputy Governor of Edo State, Philip Shaibu.

WILLIAM RUTO HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF KENYA.



William Samoei Ruto has officially been declared President of Kenya following his swearing-in ceremony, which took place at the Karasani Stadium, Kenya. He was sworn in by the Chief Judge, Martha Koome, at a ceremony held in the packed Moi International Sports Centre in Kasarani. With his inauguration, Ruto becomes the fifth president of Independent Kenya and the second ethnic Kalenjin after the late Daniel Arap Moi to hold the office.

SHOWMAX APPOINTS OPEOLUWA FILANI AS GENERAL MANAGER FOR ITS NIGERIA OPERATIONS.

African video streaming service, Showmax, has announced the appointment of Opeoluwa Filani as General Manager for its Nigeria operations. The appointment is pivotal as it makes Filani the first ever General Manager in Nigeria for the streaming app, which has continued to expand its presence and investment in the country.

Filani has over 16 years of senior management experience, working in various sales and marketing roles. Before joining Showmax, he was the Country Sales Director at JCDecaux - a multinational Out-of-Home advertising company, where he led the Sales and Marketing department.



BURNA BOY AND TEMS GET NOMINATED FOR BET HIP-HOP AWARDS.



Nigerian music stars Burna Boy and Tems have bagged nominations in the 17th BET Hip-Hop Awards scheduled to hold on Friday, September 30, 2022, in Atlanta, United States.

Burna Boy got a nomination in the Video Director of the Year category for his self-directed music video, Last Last. While Tems earned three nominations for her feature in Future's 'Wait For U'.

The nomination list honoured the past year in hip hop music across 17 categories and was compiled by a voting academy of esteemed music industry insiders.



DAVIDO WALKS THE NYFW RUNWAY FOR PUMA

Nigerian singer, David Adeleke, popularly known as Davido, was one of those who walked the Puma runway at the New York Fashion Week. Also on the runway were supermodel Naomi Campbell and athlete Usain Bolt. After a five-year hiatus, Puma returned to New York Fashion Week digital twist on its traditional presence.

The last time the sportswear brand graced an NYFW runway show was in 2017, when it collaborated with Rihanna's Fenty. Now, Puma is back in the game with a futuristic "FUTUROGRADE" runway show and an immersive metaverse experience that includes NFTs.

HERITAGE BANK APPOINTS GEORGE-TAYLOR AS ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR.

Heritage Bank Plc has announced the appointment of Akinola George-Taylor as its acting Managing Director. George-Taylor will take over from Dr Ifie Sekibo, who served his ten years tenure at the Bank. The appointment follows approvals from the Board of Directors of Heritage Bank and the Central Bank of Nigeria.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II: FLIGHT CARRYING COFFIN MOST TRACKED PLANE IN HISTORY.



According to the website Flightradar 24, the flight taking the Queen's coffin to London was the most tracked in history. The website said that nearly six million people tried to follow the plane's route from Edinburgh to RAF Northolt within its first minute in the air. The huge traffic caused disruptions to the site, where users can track the path of planes in the air.

More than 4.79 million people watched on its site and app, and 296,000 were watching on a YouTube stream.

The previous record was when a flight carrying US politician Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan last month was followed by 2.2 million people on Flightradar24..

ASUU STRIKE - STUDENTS BLOCK THE LAGOS-IBADAN EXPRESSWAY IN PROTEST.

This week, the National Association of Nigerian Students staged a protest on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway, causing a gridlock and leaving motorists stranded.

The students said they would continue to occupy major highways in protest against the ongoing ASUU strike demanding an immediate end to the strike.



PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON ARE OFFICIALLY PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

In his first speech as the British monarch, King Charles III bestowed the title of Prince of Wales on his son, Prince William, and Princess of Wales on his daughter-in-law, Kate Middleton. "Today, I am proud to create him Prince of Wales, Tywysog Cymru, the country whose title I have been so greatly privileged to bear during so much of my life and duty. With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given."



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FINDING THE PERFECT SUNGLASSES FOR YOUR FACE!

By Funke Babs Kufaji

Sunglasses are one of the most powerful accessories. Yes, it might sometimes be difficult to find that pair that suits your face perfectly, but if you eventually do, you are sure to turn many heads. The secret to achieving this is knowing the shape of your face. And the style of frame that works for it. Still not sure? Keep reading to figure out flattering frames for every face shape and the best option for you.

Round shaped faces

Square-shaped frames add definition to round face shapes. Angular lines and edges balance the roundness of your face. When shopping for sunglasses, look for rectangular frames with sharp edges or four corners.

Square shaped faces

It's a no-brainer; if square frames balance out round faces, then round frames balance out square faces. Rounded corners and soft angles soften sharp jawlines and square foreheads.

Heart -Shaped face

Unlike square and round-shaped faces, the most flattering frame on heart-shaped faces is the one that mimics the shape. Aviators and cat-eye frames are wider at the top and narrow at the bottom, highlighting your best feature. However, balance and proportions are important. Smaller features should go with smaller, thinner frames, while stronger and bigger features should go with thicker or larger frames.

Oval-shaped faces

Round sunglasses fit wider on round faces, thus balancing the length of an oval face shape. Small round frames accentuate a narrow face, but an oversized round frame is more flattering. It gives the illusion of more width from one cheekbone to another.



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FENI MODA'S WILD FLOWER HAS ALL THE TRANSITIONAL PIECES YOU NEED IN YOUR WARDROBE

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The beauty of transitional pieces is that they cut across trends and styles. Tops, pants, dresses and kimonos which can be paired together but look just as good separately. This right here is what the Wild Flower from Feni Moda boasts of. This collection has been created to make your mind experience several scenarios in their forms; a combination of an enclosed feeling of being in the woods, an exciting view of a zebra having red oatmeal known as Themeda triandra and a unique subtle windy atmosphere in an extensive smooth grazing land. The idea behind the collection evolved from the creative thoughts of the Zebra, which inspired the print used. According to the brand, "this collection has been produced to be explored by the upper-class woman in her everyday lifestyle; every outfit can be gorgeously and unconventionally worn to workplaces, shopping stores, churches and ceremonial events.



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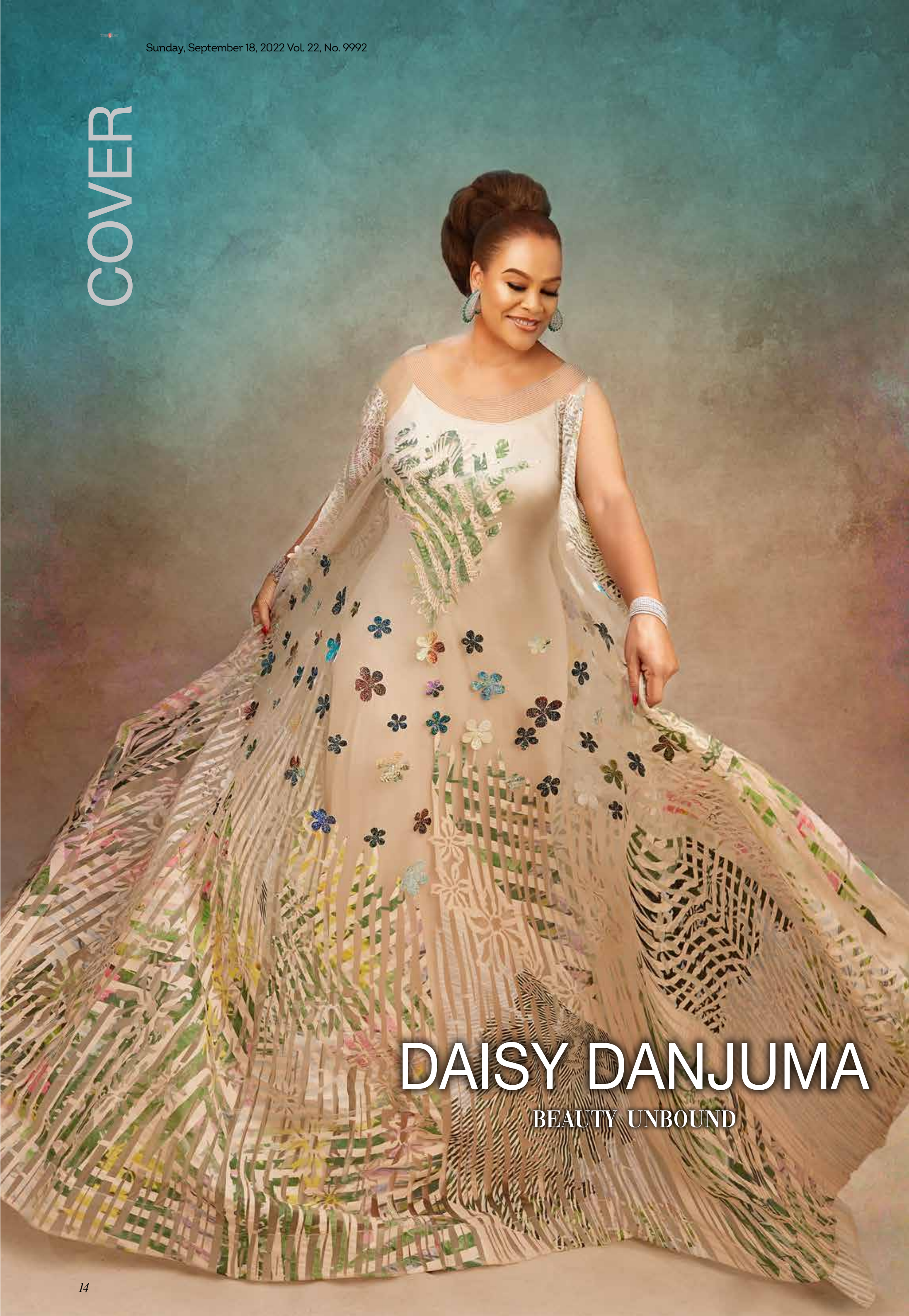


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“I love people, and I love having people around me,” she says emphatically. Not many people know this side of her as being married to one of Nigeria’s most powerful men has earned her a larger-than-life status. And this right here is almost everyone’s experience with the beautiful and seemingly ageless Aunt Daisy, as she’s fondly called. This same love for people and willingness to serve saw her contesting and winning the Edo South Senatorial seat, where as a first-time Senator, she was appointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Women Affairs and Youth Development. “Being Mrs Danjuma also helped me afford the expenses that came with politics, But, regardless of all this, I worked very hard, and people were very surprised by my efforts.”

Ask her what her leadership style is, and she will say, “I’m always very passionate about what I want to do. And whatever I do, I like to sustain it.” Turning 70 hasn’t in any way slowed her down. When she isn’t politicking, she sits atop South Atlantic Petroleum, holding sway as Executive Vice Chairman. At other times, you will probably find her in the Kitchen, performing one of her favourite tasks, Cooking.

Interview by Konye Chelsea Nwabogor.
Photo by T Y Bello

Congratulations on your 70th birthday celebration. Can I still refer to you as a politician?

Thank you, my dear. Of course, you can. Once you are a politician, you are always a politician, and who says I am no longer active in politics? I am a member of the PDP, and I am still very active in my state’s politics. I also believe that voting and being involved in politics is a civic responsibility. You need to choose your leaders and who governs you, not when people are in power; you complain about them. If you do not participate, you have no right to complain. I can tell you for free that all the parties are the same. I don’t see any difference. Your style of leadership is what makes you different. If you ask all the politicians in Nigeria to write a manifesto, they will come up with the same thing. I will give you good roads, water, light, a good education, and health. It’s all the same thing. We just pray we get someone who implements what they have said. In Nigeria, we have all the blueprints. We’ve had all the conferences and have come up with solutions that will solve our problems, but our main issues are implementation and accountability.

So, how did you get into politics? Was there a particular incident that inspired this move?

I would say I got encouraged. When my husband was a Minister, the Late Chief Bola Ige visited me one evening and talked to me about going into politics. He said whenever he watched women from the Middle East like Benazir Bhutto being involved in politics; he saw no reason why Nigerian women couldn’t do the same. Particularly the educated ones. Yes, we had a lot of women who were very active in politics, but they didn’t have that level of education to enable them to attain high positions. After that conversation, I So, I decided to give it a try. I went to my home state, indicated my interest, and joined PDP. Initially, as a woman in Benin, it wasn’t so easy. You grew up there, and I am sure you know what I mean. They were surprised. But I proved to them that I could do it, and they gave me the opportunity, which I still thank them till today, to represent them in the Senate.

Did being married to one of Nigeria’s most powerful men make it easier?

Yes, I would be honest; it did. I had the opportunity of meeting people who supported me. It definitely helped. Being Mrs Danjuma also helped me afford the expenses that came with politics. You know, it’s not easy or cheap to be a politician in Nigeria. My husband supported me morally and financially. But even more, my family name Ehanire also helped. It is one of the prominent names in Benin, and my father and grandfather had been kind to people.

But, regardless of all this, I worked very hard, and people were very surprised by my efforts.

Earlier, when we talked, you mentioned personal leadership skills. How would you describe yours?

I’m always very passionate about what I want to do. And whatever I do, I like to sustain it. That’s one of the main problems in our country. Sustainability! We build and destroy. No maintenance culture. Look at the old secretariat, a beautiful edifice, all rundown. For me, sustainability is very important. In a country that works, many things are in place. The rule of law and sustainable development is

in place. I also believe in set visions, values, and integrity. We’ve lost our values along the way in Nigeria. It’s a very big problem. I see how we celebrate overnight riches. In those days, you couldn’t even marry a family with a bad name. But now, people don’t care; once you have money, nothing else matters. We lost our sense of value, which is very sad.

From when you were a senator till now, do you think the political climate has changed for women?

It definitely has. When I was contesting, there were not many of us. People used to view politics as dirty, but it needed someone decent to come out for everyone to see that it wasn’t. When I was in the Senate, I was the Chairman of Women and Youth Development. I encouraged a lot of women to come and join politics. Senator Florence Ita- Giwa also did. We had about 6 or 7 women in the House of Representatives, with 3 in the Senate. I was there with Iyabo, Gbemi Saraki and Joy Emodi, who has always been a politician. We tried to encourage more women, and the numbers started rising. There are many more women now. At the same time, they are not enough. I believe women are very compassionate and want us to have a proper country. If we had more women, we would do much better.

You’ve been in the background of politics and have experienced many behind-the-scenes intrigues and all that. Based on all this, would you say women make better politicians?

Yes, of course, they are. Women are more loyal, more faithful, and less distracted. Also, they bear the burden of society. The first point of call for a woman is her home, and I don’t need to tell you how efficiently she runs that. Put a woman at the nation’s helms of affairs and watch all our problems disappear. Power, Water, Maternal and child mortality and the health sector in general. You know a lot of these issues affect women directly. So as mothers, we know what’s more important to focus on. Education. The mother is blamed if a child doesn’t do well in school. So, if you are in a position to provide these things to reduce your burden, why won’t you do it?

Regardless of all the talk of women in politics, It’s still predominantly male-dominated. Do you think that in another eight years, Nigeria will be ready for a female president? And what do you think it would mean for women, politics, and our culture?

Let me tell you something: women in the background in places like the north is more about tradition than religion. Remember, Benazir Bhutto was from an Islamic family and was President. Here we tend to mix religion and tradition. There’s nothing that stops women from being elected. Morocco has refined their laws. The present King has reformed most traditional laws to include women in policy and decision-making. I don’t see why that can’t happen here in Nigeria. We have more than enough capable women, even from the north. Some are raising their voices even just as activists. We also have men encouraging women to come out

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for elected positions. In the next few years, more women from all corners of the country can come out to run for elective positions. Why can't a woman be President or vice president in the next eight years? We can do it if we want to—we women of substance in this country, who are very bright.

What are your thoughts on the current state of affairs in the country? From insecurity to economic issues, Nigerians are going through a lot.

It is very sad and unfortunate. Let's talk about the insecurity I, for one, like travelling by road. If you ask me to travel by road from Lagos to Maiduguri, I will be happy to do so and would even stop in several places along the way. I like the serenity. You know, we are blessed, and we have good weather. But I can't do these things anymore. And it's particularly sad for people like me, who enjoyed the 70s in this country. The 70s and 80s were a paradise, even up to the 90s. Sometimes, I would drive to Benin in the morning and return in the evening. I was scared of nothing. Some of my English friends will stop on the way, spread a mat, and eat bush meat. The expatriates enjoyed Nigeria so much that when they were posted back to their base, they would look for companies that would instead retain them here. We have lost all that now.

Nigeria is beautiful, and we could have made a lot of money from tourism. We have good weather: no cyclones, no hurricanes, no tsunamis. We have so many tourist attractions. Nigeria is a sight to behold. It's so beautiful. I've driven the whole length and breadth, but you can't do that anymore. I tell you; I am really happy I belonged to that generation where in Zaria we woke up at 1 am and went to pick up our friends who would land at 4 am on Nigeria Airways in Kano airport. We will then stop on the road and buy suya and kunu. We had fun, and it was beautiful. I'm so sad our children cannot enjoy the life we lived; it was beautiful and so nice. The insecurity is so much/ And you know it goes hand in hand with the economy. How

do you farm or run a business effectively in this terrain? God has blessed Nigeria, and the fact that we still exist is by his grace.

So, what do you hope the 2023 elections will bring?

I'm Nigerian first. As a Nigerian, I want the best person to emerge. Yes, I am loyal to my party, but I pray that whoever God makes President next will change this country because we have problems now. Let him guide us and our leaders. Peace and security must reign because nothing works without these two things. Not even the economy. Nothing.

Are you ever going to run for an elective position again? You know age doesn't stop men when it comes to politics.

Yes, that's true, our male counterparts keep going, but I am 70. I don't want to run. We have younger people who can run. Who we can encourage and support? It's not a question of age but instead delivery. You are young does not mean you will be the best. Same with being old. It's not automatic. At the end of the day, we pray that the best happens in our country. Let God choose our leader for us.

Can we talk about your husband? He has a reputation for being outspoken and tough. What is it like being married to one of Nigeria's most powerful men?

I have heard this several times, but the truth is my husband is a very kind person. It is a matter of understanding someone; you must understand the person you live with. And you know he helps a lot of people, even outside the foundation. He touches people. And this alone makes me so happy because I am a people person.

What takes most of your time these days?

I work, I am the executive vice chairman of South Atlantic Petroleum. I still work.

You look nothing near 70. Are you going to share some tips with me?

My dear, I honestly don't do anything special; it is just by the grace of God and genetics. I noticed in my family; we don't look old. My brother, the Minister of Health, is six years older than me. Look how young and energetic he looks. As you can see, I'm not someone who will sit at home in make-up all day. When I do make-up, I like for it to be very simple. I want to be able to recognize myself.

I was looking at your 65th birthday pictures, and there's this timeless elegance that stands out in all your photos.

My style hasn't changed over the years. Your style is you. For me, comfort is key. I like to be comfortable. I'm also not a designer freak. Comfort over labels. I wear what I like. I sometimes create my design.

Earlier, you mentioned having your birthday dress in your wardrobe for about six years. That means you've maintained your stature for a bit now.

I've been the same for many years. For the past 20 years, I think I've just added just a tiny bit of weight. I don't really exercise, but I'm very active. I move around within the house so much. I love cooking. That's one thing I enjoy.

What parting words of advice do you have for women who look up to you?

Hard work, integrity and focus are a must. Whatever you set your eyes to, focus on it. Be prayerful, and God will balance it up. Whatever you do, pray to God that you achieve your desired goals. At the end of the day, man proposes, and God disposes. So that's the important thing.

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So, My High School sweetheart is getting married



However, another set of people exists. Teenagers who truly wanted to be with their first love longed to spend the rest of their lives with young sweethearts. I was one of them

Romeo and Juliet: Two teenagers fell madly in love with each other, got married, and within four days killed themselves because they could not live without each other. You remember that story, right? I'd take a bet that you, reading this, also has a teenage love story — you might have even married yours. This, alongside many other stories about love and being in love, formed the foundation for why many teenagers — across all generations — viewed love as something you just had to experience at least once.

As a teenager in high school, chances are you go through relationships and break-ups multiple times during your years of high school. Some relationships last a few days, while some last a few months. A relationship involving two undeveloped minds is bound to fail the test of time. But what happens when this relationship lasts five years? One may wonder: Can teenagers truly love someone at this age? That's the big question, do you believe in teenage love?

Looking back, many of us might be jumping for joy, knowing that we didn't have to stay with the first love that walked into our young lives. Bad hygiene, ill manners, zero plan for our lives - generally just not the best versions of themselves. However, another set of people exists. Teenagers who truly wanted to be with their first love longed to spend the rest of their lives with young sweethearts. I was one of them — We had envisioned it too even. Years pass, and she makes the most stunning Gen Z bride ever to someone else. Stay with me; I'm heading somewhere.

During our teenage relationship, if anyone asked if I was in love with her, without any doubt in my mind, I'd say yes. I still believe to this day—as I write this article—that I was in love. The same snarky thought or sarcastic reaction you probably had reading that was what I was met with each time I told anyone who cared to listen. "What do you know about love?" That was the typical comeback whenever I went on a rant inspired by matters of the heart, which often happened. Brushed aside

very quickly because you can't possibly know what love is at that age. Well, I did. Growing up made me realize that a 13-year-old in high school was definitely in love.

Few of us ever forget our first teenage love. Your first love is passionate, intense, and hard to get over most of the time. Personally, I think that you never feel as intensely with a pure and free heart, as much as you do when you are a teenager. I can still vividly recall my all-consuming heartache when she said we couldn't do this anymore because of the difference in our religion as things were starting to look "serious." I still reminisce on feelings I haven't felt since then and might never recover.

According to Dr Seoka Salstrom, a child and adolescent psychologist, these feelings go back to evolution. "It's all about love and belonging, and we all want that; those are our deepest motivations. Connection is a driving force for humans, especially at a time in life when it's so much about 'Where do I fit in?'" The bigger question is, why is teenage love so intense?



Women are more loyal, more faithful, and less distracted. Also, they bear the burden of society. The first point of call for a woman is her home, and I don't need to tell you how efficiently she runs that.

If you are resident in Lagos, you will know that popular opinion states that you can only find standard restaurants with good food and quality service on the Island. Well, we beg to differ, and this article will prove this school of thought wrong. As a matter of fact, if we're being really honest, what some of the popular spots on the Island offer are over-priced meals that are not always as palatable as they look.

Now, just in case you live on the mainland, and you are tired of taking trips to the Island in search of a good meal and proper service, or maybe you even live on the Island and you are equally tired of restaurants more interested in charging you for a view of the ocean rather than sumptuous dishes, then this piece is for you.

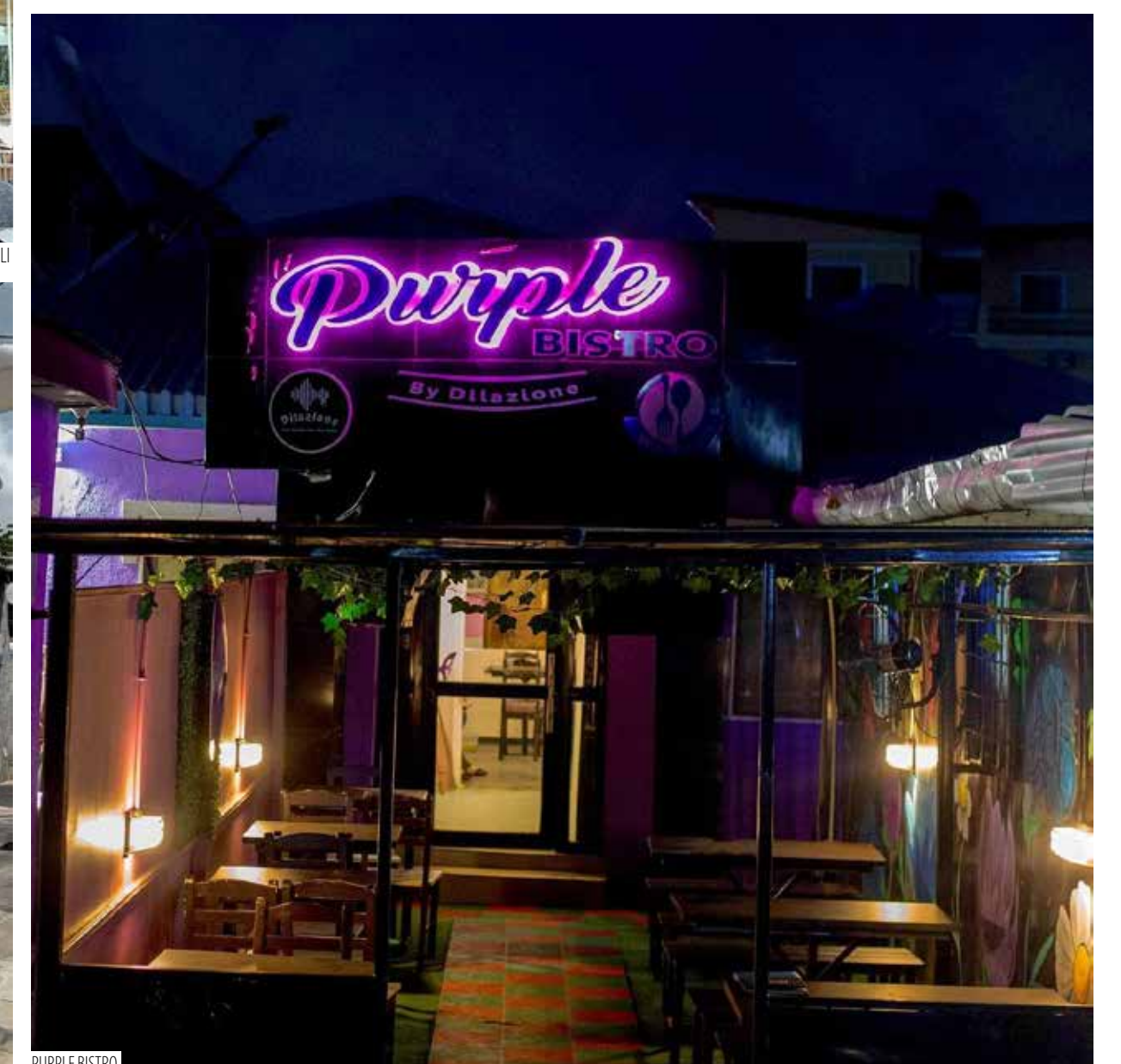
Craving carefully prepared local cuisines that are beautifully served in a restaurant with a good ambience? Then Afefeyeye is it. It is located in Ikeja and offers 24-hour service; dine-in, drive-thru, and delivery. Although they are more famously known for local dishes, they also offer most of your favourite continental dishes. It might surprise you to know that popular filmmaker Kunle Afolayan owns Afefeyeye Restaurant.

Yellow Chilli has, over time, become one of the mainlanders' go-to restaurants, and it's easy to see why. Also located in Ikeja, this restaurant boasts a great ambience and is perfect for taking your partner out on a date, hanging

This restaurant is located in Yaba and boasts good food, service and ambience. Prepare to be blown away by the wide array of continental dishes, grills, and drinks, from smoothies to cocktails to mocktails, etc. Bougie food or not, everyone has a place at Purple Bistro.

Ofada Boy, as the name implies, first became famous for rebranding and repackaging Ofada rice and offering a wide range of sides to accompany it. You think of this restaurant,

Rhapsody's is one of those restaurants that scream bougie and is the perfect place for a date or a hangout. It has two locations: one inside Ikeja City Mall and another in Ikeja GRA. Both boast lovely interiors and great ambience





NIGERIA: WHO'S WINNING THE CONTENT WAR?

Amazon Prime and Arise Play, are making inroads into a battle for hearts and minds, fought mainly in the field of content. With all of these, Nigerians are getting used to first-rate series and films, and new platforms must contend with well-funded juggernauts. The journey is long, and the race, as they say, is not to the swift.

Streamers are notoriously secretive about user data, but if online chatter is anything to go by, Netflix can be said to be the most popular – for now. In terms of actual quality content, however, film buffs and critics swear by Showmax. The reason is that Showmax boasts of original content and houses the best content from the biggest streamers in the US today, including HBO Max and Hulu. Another advantage unique to Showmax is their affiliation with DSTV-Multichoice, which means they can stream recent cinema blockbusters like “No Time to Die” and “F9”. Say what you will, but it is hard to compete with a platform that boasts of all eight seasons of “Game of Thrones,” both seasons of “Euphoria,” all five seasons of “Insecure,” four of “Westworld”, and three of “Succession;” not to mention, “Handmaid’s Tale,” “Power” and “Sex and the City.” Throw in live sports and Big Brother Naija, then it’s easy to see how they’re winning this one.

Streaming platforms are also placing big bets on investing in original content from Nigeria. EbonyLife Films, Bolanle Austen Peters, Play Network, and several others have inked multi-film deals that will see viewers spoilt for choice in the coming months. Showmax has also bet on Nigerian content makers as well, with the popular “Real Housewives of Lagos,” and “Ghana Jollof,” commanding continent-wide attention. “Play Room” on the Arise Play platform has also proven quite popular, with Tems, Burna Boy, Chike and Femi Kuti delivering exclusive performances for the fast-growing platform. Arise Play’s content deal with BBC Studios is also sure to help with access to the best of British entertainment, making them more competitive.

According to PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Nigerian media and entertainment industry will reach \$10 billion in size by 2023. With this will come the scramble for content producers and storytellers of the future. Many



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Nigerian media houses are clearly not ready for this explosion in growth and will therefore be seeing a sizeable chunk of industry budgets go to the foreign global players operating here. Taking advantage of our weak regulatory frameworks and non-existent protections for local players, foreign payers have the funding, the architecture and proven models to make it work, while we still continue to run outmoded systems, paying lip service to digitalization, which is set to become obsolete as soon as it launched. The demand for good content is never-ending, and Africa is a one-billion-person market. We used to call Netflix “foreign,” but they are poised to be the biggest repository of Nollywood content by 2025. And just as we have ceded much of our local language digital news services to foreign players, the same is about to happen in entertainment. With the advent of 5G and better access to the internet by a greater number of people, it is no longer a question of whether traditional television will become obsolete but when. And when regular television does die, it will be permanent. The fight for our attention is just beginning.



DENIM

CROPPED JEAN

Look for cropped slim jeans and culottes that fall a few inches below the knee. This look calls for attention-grabbing shoes.

DENIM SHORTS

It’s time to flaunt your legs! From super shorts for music festivals to longer hemlines for date night, when styled right, these shorts will stand you out from the crowd.

OVERALLS

Overalls are making a resurgence as a fashion staple. Pretty patterns, such as flowers, stripes, and flannels, go great with denim jumpers. Tuck a fitting shirt or crop top under your overall straps.

WIDE LEG PANTS

The wide-leg flares are back, and they’re a perfect pick for petites! High-waisted options will also make your legs look longer.

DISTRESSED BOYFRIEND JEAN

Skinny jeans are becoming less trendy; instead, opt for looser fit and boyfriend designs with faded detailing. Add an oversized shirt or a simple top. For chic vibes, wear heels.

WHY THE DENIM IS THE ULTIMATE WARDROBE STAPLE

Every lady desires to find the ideal pair of jeans. When she does, it’s time to stock up on every hue available. Now, if you have done that, it’s time to broaden your denim essentials to include more than just bottoms. Look for dresses, overalls, and even shirts made from cloth. Explore the latest trends in cut, colour, and style. The denim is a wardrobe essential that is flattering on all body types and shapes. You can’t go wrong with this. Here are a few options you should consider.



A DENIM DRESS

A denim dress is work-appropriate. Style up yours with a coloured belt on the weekends and add a dazzling brooch for Monday morning.

JEAN JACKET

The jean jacket is a wardrobe essential. The lightweight fabric is perfect to pair with any bottom. If you want to embrace the trucker vibe fully, embellish your denim jacket with a few colourful patches. Or keep it classic, and wear it over your flowy, patterned dress.

FOLAKE KUYE HUNTOON

A number of highly talked-about Nollywood films and shows have been released directly to online platforms in the past year, either to the delight or to the chagrin of Nigerian subscribers. From the highly panned “Chief Daddy 2” to the fan favourite, “Breaded Life,” both on Netflix, there’s a growing list of well-produced material coming out of Nigeria to the delight of subscribers worldwide. “Glamour Girls”, from Play Network, was a Netflix top 10 in more than ten countries, and two afrobeat documentaries on Netflix and Showmax are getting noticed by industry watchers from Lagos to New York.

The streaming wars, a phenomenon marking the era of intense competition among the world’s biggest video streaming services, took a new dimension after the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020. The global demand for digital content spiked with Netflix, which surged past 200 million subscribers last year, aggressively pushing into Sub-Saharan Africa while gobbling up African content and signing exclusive deals with homegrown filmmakers and producers. At the moment, close on its heels is the Multichoice-owned Showmax which is seeing significant Nigerians’ interest. And two fairly recent entrants,



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TEN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT KING CHARLES III

King Charles III is the oldest person to ever assume the British throne, following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. He inherits not only the throne but also her majesty's private wealth. From being the first royal baby born at Buckingham palace to his love for gardening, here are ten interesting facts you didn't know about him.

1 King Charles III was the first royal baby born at Buckingham Palace in the 20th century. His mother, then Princess Elizabeth, was 22 when she gave birth to him.

2 He is the third king of England to go by the name "King Charles". The first monarch to go by King Charles was in 1625 when he succeeded his father, King James, to be the King of England and Scotland. His reign ended when his acts enraged his parliament and started the English Civil war, ultimately leading to his death in 1649.

3 King Charles III was born in 1948, and before he was crowned King, he was the longest-serving heir to the throne and the oldest to ascend it.

4 He was the first heir to the throne that was permitted a divorce. He was married to Princess Diana, the mother of his two sons, Prince Williams and Harry. She died in a car accident in Paris, and as a result, King Charles III was now exempted from the Church of England's remarriage limitations. The monarch remarried Camilla Parker Bowles

n 2001 as the law was enacted in 2002.

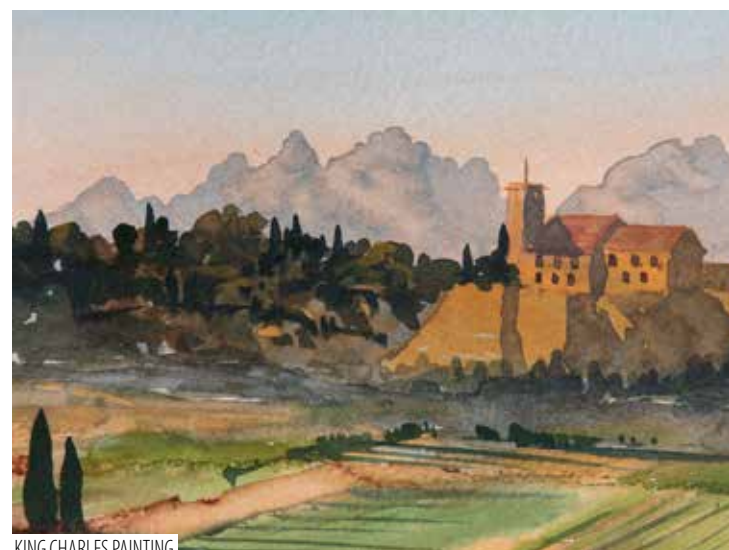
5 In 1994, in an interview with a British Journalist, Charles admitted to committing adultery during his marriage to Princess Diana, but who with he didn't reveal.

6 Charles was the first heir to the throne who was not homeschooled and the very first to earn a University degree at the University of Cambridge in 1967.

7 King Charles III is an accomplished painter and among the bestselling painter in Britain. He has been creating watercolour landscape pieces since 1997, and the sales of his artwork have brought nearly USD 3 million.

8 He likes to farm and Garden. In an interview with People's magazine, Charles admitted to talking to the plants at his farm.

9 Charles is the founder of the town Poundbury in Dorchester. He built the town from scratch, blending traditional and modern urban architecture because of his keen interest in urban and development planning.



10 In 1980, King Charles III wrote a children's book called The Old Man of Lochnagar, based on stories he would tell his younger brothers, Princes Andrew and Edward. The book was later turned into an animated short film narrated by the King. It centres around an old man who went to the caves near Balmoral looking for a quiet place to take a hot bath.

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