

Stars We Lost in '09

From Michael Jackson to Patrick Swayze, the entertainment world said goodbye to a number of icons this past year.



A film and television star whose career spanned seven decades, Ricardo Montalban was perhaps best known for his role as the mysterious Mr. Roarke on TV's "Fantasy Island" from 1977 to 1984. He died January 14 from congestive heart failure at the age of 88.



One of the biggest sex symbols of the '70s, Farrah Fawcett starred in the hit TV series "Charlie's Angels," and her iconic poster extended her reach to the walls of dorm rooms and garages around the world. Once married to actor Lee Majors, she went on to have an on-again/off-again relationship with Ryan O'Neal, who was by her side when she died of cancer on June 25 at the age of 62.



Without a doubt one of the most influential and successful artists in music history, Michael Jackson had 17 #1 hits, won 13 Grammys, and sold hundreds of millions of albums. Fans around the world were shocked by news of his death on June 25, when the "King of Pop" stopped breathing and could not be resuscitated.

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Empress Steps Out With New Lover

After all the noise about Empress Njamah's crashed affair with the Egberi Papa one of Bayelsa, Inetimi Don, otherwise known as Timaya, the controversial actress seems to have moved ahead with life.

The petite actress as we reliably gathered stepped out with a new lover at her superlative birthday shindig that held at an exclusive pub in Lagos.

The rendezvous was the classical Aura Lounge on Adetokunbo Ademola Street, Victoria Island where the bulged eyes actress threw a lavish birthday party on November 14, 2009 and according to people in the know, the celebration was not only meant for her birthday, but to unveil the new man in her life and to give God the glory for allowing her move ahead.

The birthday gig was bankrolled from the beginning to the end by the nouveau riche businessman who's simply identified as Daniel Uchendu and according to proper investigations, the Igbo born business tycoon is the sole distributor of Hamkook car batteries in the whole of Africa.

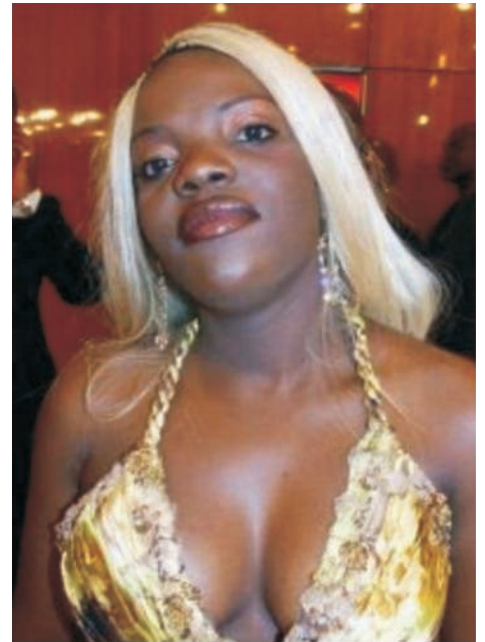
Popularly addressed as Ganduko by friends, the man is fair skinned, averagely tall and chubby in physique.

He was all over Empress throughout the event, even though so many people didn't know about this, the quiet man decided to go solo during the cutting of the cake because he doesn't want Paparazzi to identify him.

Though not so many people suspected, out eagle eyed reporter who had been at alert at the party added one and one together when the celebrant was having the ceremonial dance, there was this man who quietly appeared from the blues with bundles of N500 crisp notes. Exuding the confidence of a warlord or rather that of a man who knows what no one knows. Ganduko buoyantly unwrapped the N500 notes and sprayed them over Empress body.

It was at this point that, we moved in to contact those who're close to the duo and we didn't have to go further before the hand of the Ouija was pointed at the money bag as the newest lover boy in town.

A reliable source informed that Ganduko had been in a corner waiting for an ample opportunity to get Empress whilst the relationship between her and the Timaya was fresh and hot and no sooner the coast cleared then he (Ganduko) started showing love by lavishing gift and cash on Empress.



Eedris 'Jagajaga' Is Back?

Newspapers have been awash with the imminent return of self-styled king of hip-hop in Nigeria, Eedris Abdulkarim, to the music scene. Since the rap act fought American music star, 50 Cent, over a plane's first class seat some years ago, his career went on self-destruct. From major concerts he was playing, he began to feature at colleges' beauty pageants. Some people actually claimed things were so tough he was playing at local beer parlours! But he repented and begged 50 Cent at a show in Abuja where the American told him to

'go and sin no more'.

But the closure he expected

did not come. However, reports have it that he has finished a hit



album that may surpass his Jagajaga album. I am therefore appealing on behalf of Eedris to concert organisers (the big ones) to please see Eedris as a prodigal son and try him out again. He has promised not to fight anyone over anything, not even over a seat at pubs or peppercorn joint. In fact, if he is given another chance, he is ready to sit near the toilet of the plane (attachment); so far he arrives at the venue and performs. He has learnt his lessons and that portion of the bible that talks about humility is Eedris' favourite read now God is great.

Angelina Jolie criticizes President Obama

Angelina Jolie is calling out the Obama administration for its approach to the situation in Sudan.

"Their policy, though, raises a number of questions," the star wrote in a Newsweek editorial. "How is the Obama administration's approach to

Sudan an evolution of justice? In addition, when the administration says it intends to work to 'improve the lives of the people of Darfur,' I would like to know what that means, besides the obvious point that their lives could hardly get worse."

The actress, a U.N. Goodwill

Ambassador since 2001, has devoted much of her efforts toward work in the troubled Darfur region, including her role in the Jolie-Pitt Foundation.

Her editorial came in honor of Human Rights Day, noting past historical tragedies before settling on the Darfur crisis, which she

writes has left "300,000 dead and 2.7 million people internally displaced."

"[The administration] has not yet announced any serious moves to enforce the decision of the ICC and execute its warrants," Angelina wrote. "There will be pressure on the United States and its partners to bring stability to Sudan, even at the expense of criminal accountability. Regardless of the rationale, the end would be the same: victims left without justice while perpetrators walk away."

However, the star said she supported the president's methods.

"Like many Americans, I support the administration's willingness to engage diplomatically, even with regimes we abhor. And I believe President Obama and his special envoy Scott Gration will do their best to bring peace to the region," she said. "I also hope we will act sooner and more powerfully to prevent future atrocities."

