

## Your Stars

**ARIES:** March 21 – April 21

There is a marked emphasis on financial affairs. Chance are that your finances will get a welcome boost without much effort on your part. A good time to talk to your bank manager if you need to arrange a loan, mortgage or financial aid.

PHONE 083-914-0501 sms ARI to 34703

**TAURUS:** April 21 – May 21

The prevailing ambience is particularly helpful if you are involved in mental work or having to concentrate on details. All matters to do with the practice and development of special techniques and skills are highlighted at present.

PHONE 083-914-0502 sms TAU to 34703

**GEMINI:** May 21 – June 22

You should now be savouring a decidedly cheerful trend on the home front and visitors to your abode are likely to have some good news for you. A lively and kindly atmosphere makes your domestic life both highly pleasant and rewarding.

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**CANCER:** June 22 – July 23

Expect the unexpected to occur and then you will not be too surprised when it does so. A sudden opportunity may put you in an advantageous position. Unique ideas could spring out of nowhere and lead to some gains.

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**LEO:** July 23 – August 24

This session brings a favourable trend to your business and financial interests. If you are seeking more remunerative work or hoping to exploit your talents more profitably, you will find that improved fortune is on your side.

PHONE 083-914-0505 sms LEO to 34703

**VIRGO:** August 24 – September 23

Your close and intimate relationships tend to run smoothly, thanks to tensions fading into the background. So you may look forward to rejuvenating your love life and friendships. Heart-to-heart discussions can only have good outcomes.

PHONE 083-914-0506 sms VIR to 34703

**LIBRA:** September 23 – October 23

You are now experiencing a progressive phase in all to do with your practical aims

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

# A look at Lumumba, an African visionary

**PATRICE Lumumba** was an icon of African liberation, a hero who represented a brief ray of hope for true democracy in his country.

In *Patrice Lumumba* – which Leo Zeilig wrote as part of the Human Sciences Research Council's Voices of Liberation series, he offers readers an opportunity to engage with the assassinated Congolese leader's original voice through carefully selected writings and speeches.

The book contains previously unpublished interviews.

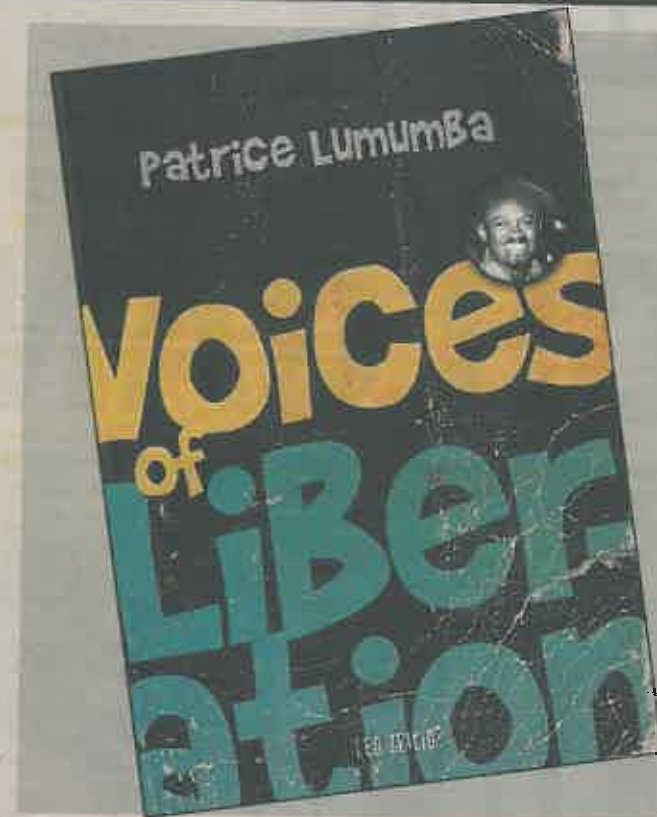
Here's an edited interview with Lumumba's daughter, Juliana, that was conducted in Kinshasa in November 2006, days after the first elections in the Congo since her father was elected 46 years before. Leo Zeilig: Can you tell me about yourself?

Juliana Lumumba: I was born in Stanleyville in 1955; we left the city in October 1960 and completed our schooling in Egypt.

We had been invited by President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Nasser's family became our friends. We were considered guests of the president of the republic and we never had the status of refugees.

I was in a French boarding school until the end of my secondary studies.

I received my baccalaureate in Cairo. I then spent one year in Belgium and afterwards completed all my university studies in France. I was a



minister for five years under Laurent Kabila, who came to power in 1997; he had been a long-standing Lumumbist. Now I have a communication company.

What memories do you have of your father?

I have lots of memories of my father because when I was small I was very close to him. I was often in his office. My father was someone very affectionate; when he was

with us he chatted, played. He worked hard. When I was in his office, I would watch him work, rewriting a speech or practising one of them. Of course he was busy and he was often absent, but when he was there, he was really present.

I remember when he came home back late, he would come and see me. He was always available to us; he brought up his children. My

mother didn't want us to call him Patrice, so he was always Papa.

Apparently your parents had a difficult relationship?

My parents were very young; when my father died he was 36 years old. My mother was a widow at 28. It was a marriage that had all the problems of marrying at such a young age and with a couple who often didn't see each other.

She knew that he was totally preoccupied by politics and that our house was open to everyone. I don't think that they had any more problems with this. My mother has never remarried; she never wanted to. She had an enormous amount of love for her husband.

You had an extraordinary childhood, one that was very difficult. Can you describe it to me?

I never had the life of a young Congolese girl brought up in her country. I often say that we were the children of violence, in that we left the country in such painful and difficult conditions, hidden in a military jeep and then flown secretly to a foreign country where we could not speak a word.

Then living with people that we didn't know. But despite all of the violence, we were very fortunate. We lived with an Egyptian family; the father brought us over from the Congo had worked in the Egyptian embassy in Léopoldville. We were brought up like his children