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## VITALO IS REALLY DIFFERENT



## Bianca won, Regina dazzled...

The Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria has been chosen. Twenty-one year old Bianca Onoh, daughter of former civilian governor of Anambra state, chief C. C. Onoh emerged winner at the competition held on the 4th of this month.

The competition took off at exactly 3 p.m. Nineteen girls came out for the first outing after which only ten were chosen. It was thereafter apparent that the competition was between, Bianca Onoh who represented Abuja, Regina Askia, Miss Akwa Ibom and Edith Keshi who represented Kaduna.

Regina Askia, outdazzled other contestants with her beautiful and obviously very expensive outfits. She also exhibited high intelligence, during the I. O. test. In a queenly white beaded evening gown, Regina made her last outing to the delight of the audience. But the crown eluded her. Very pretty Bianca with a towering 5ft 10ins height was declared winner. 21 year old Bianca, who had little or no experience before entering for the show, was too surprised when she was declared winner and could not stop the tears from flowing.

Apparently, the judges were not scouting for the most intelligent but the most beautiful. With the crowning of the 2nd year law student of the University of Nigeria, Enugu, Nigerians can dare nurse the hope of clinching the Miss World crown, or at least getting near it. In the past, judges had misconstrued the whole idea of choosing an intelligent lady as Queen to represent the country. For a change judges of the "Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria", had enough foresight to pick a girl, who with correct grooming will be a perfect ambassador at the next Miss World and Miss Universe contests.

Bianca's elder sister Lilian, who spoke to CLIMAX People revealed that Bianca had only taken part in only one competition - the British Miss Martin beauty contest in Enugu. She disclosed that her sisters and her room mate spent hours talking pretty Bianca into going in for the Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria pageant. And only three days to the show, Bianca finally gave in, and took the crown.

Creating an interesting distraction after the show was a woman who described herself as the mother of Juliet Finck (Miss Jos). She cried foul play insisting that she discouraged her half caste daughter from taking part. "She is a small girl," she screamed, she is not even 18 yet, though she told judges she was 18". This lady ran up and down the stair case claiming "my daughter is most beautiful". Back stage, defeat had completely wrecked the 2nd runner up, shapely Miss Kaduna, Edith Keshi. She cried her heart out!

In all, Regina Askia behaved in a queenly

Chief Molade Okoya-Thomas directs his wife's attention, Alhaja Ajoke Okoya, to an object of interest during the finals of the 20th Anajo-Uba (class) Table Tennis Championship played at the Rowe Park Sports Centre, Yaba, Lagos.



Alhaja O and Cheryl Boy's wife, Lady Diane, 'getting loose' at Lord's Club, Ikoyi Road, Lagos.



The Launching of AQUARIUS craft which coincided with the first anniversary of 'Just' magazine held at Lord's Club in Lagos recently. The left shows Alhaja Ajoke Okoya-Thomas, owner of the Aquarius, and Cheryl Boy's wife, Lady Diane, going to the event at the high table.

manner and with a smiling face went straight to the dressing room.

Ben Bruce's beauty pageants, still remain the most enviable and better organised in the country.

### NEW LOGO FOR NIGERIA AIRWAYS

Of course, everybody knows that an elephant cannot fly. If there were to be a great miracle which affords all animals the ability to grow wings, the elephant would for sure be the last on the ground. What an earth inspires the designers of the Nigerian Airways Logo, to call it "The Flying elephant" totally beats imagination. No wonder the airline has been berated with piles of ill-uck and inefficiency.

Nevertheless, a new logo designed by Eminent Limited, which was launched recently, is a welcome relief.

The design which has been adopted by the Nigerian Airways is a creative artwork of a soaring eagle superimposed on a bodily engaged

'N' in italics and painted in the national colour of green and white.

The designers, Eminent Limited, explained that the eagle is a bird of purpose and might. It is also the symbol of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

With this new design, we hope for better performance in future. But to be realistic, the Nigeria Airways needs more aircraft and well trained cabin crew. This has nothing to do with the logo.

### PUNKY BUT DIVINE CHARLY BOY

The latest in night club in Benin, The 'Cute Fellows' went punky recently when they played host to his royal Punkness, Charly Boy and his professional dancers.

(It was a full show that attracted the youth of Benin city.)

The proprietor of the club made an extensive use of the 'royal' advantage to increase his gate

# is going on in the society



Mr and Mrs M. B. Ironbar of Unity Life and Fire Insurance Company Ltd. enjoying their meals during the business luncheon of the Nigerian-Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Mr Gopal Shetty, the Product Manager of Sona Breweries and King Sunny Ade during a special briefing held recently at Sona Breweries Boardroom.



A business lunch of the Nigerian-Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry was held at Lagos Sheraton Hotel in Ikeja two Saturdays back. Pto shows the President of Chambers, Chief Yinka Rhodes, engaged in a chat with the Portuguese ambassador to Nigeria, Dr. Ruida Maira Ferreira.

fees from N10 to N15 and that did not stop the fans. Most conspicuous were the university of Benin students who must have starved for weeks to save the N15 gate fee, from their meagre pocket money.

When Charly Boy finally arrived at 2.00 a.m., the whole club recorded a 'cometary' silence. Amidst cheers and jeers, Charly Boy and his beautiful wife, Diane dressed in very punky outfits surfaced and performed for the night 'sexy lady' from Charlie's current LP, 1990.

The audience exhausted their pockets as they went on a spraying galore.

The show was so captivating that a crowd accompanied Charlie to the 'Limits Nite Club' where he was billed to make another personal appearance.

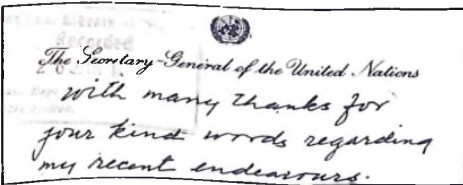
At the end of the day one couldn't help but agree with a "PUNCH" Newspaper write up which said: "To watch an artiste is normal but to watch punky Charlie Boy is divine"

## UN Scribe thanks CLIMAX



The UN Secretary General, Javier Perez de Cuellar has written to thank CLIMAX for sending him a letter of commendation following the CARRY ON accolade published in CLIMAX Vol 1, No. 7 issue. The recommendation was sent in by Mr. Clement Tevi of Computer Dept. NNPC, Lagos.

The message written on his official complimentary card (below) says: "With many thanks for your kind words regarding my recent endeavours."



## CARRY ON, JAVIER

I AM tipping Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Secretary General of the United Nations, for your Carry On accolade on account of the following reasons:

1. Dispatching two separate teams to Iran and Iraq to prepare the ground for a cease fire in the 8-year-old Gulf war between the two countries.
  2. Creating the UN peace-keeping force supervised by 350 office.
- The force which is made up of 25 countries including Nigeria will monitor and investigate any care of reported violation in the Gulf region.



Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.  
Clement Tevi, NNPC Computer Dept. P.M.B. 12701, Lagos.

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### FLASHBACK to the CARRY ON on Cuellar

#### LINDA CHUBA IS JOE BEST'S ESCORT

We've been kept in the dark these past days about our young 'sleek' millionaires. You just hear the names, but you'd be a man-about-town to spot them in a crowd, least of all have a glimpse of their private life, but trust CLIMAX people to get you the news fastest. We recently caught Joe Best, the handsome, very rich, young entrepreneur in the company of most Beautiful girl in Nigeria '86, Linda Chuba at the IKB's money spinner raffle draw. "Ooh! what a handsome couple they make! Forming a fine distra..." at the raffie, draw which attracted a Santana GX Saloon car as first prize, was a bespectacled young man,

who kept visiting the National Theatre 'Rest Room' to rub an object believed to be some kind of charm all over him, apparently with the hope that, it could be his big luck to own an imported Santana car. Mr Eugene Obinna, however emerged winner. Eugene who did not attend the ceremony will take home the sleek white Santana GX, which I. K. Mbanugo, (owner of IKB) says, took him a lot of effort to get into the shores of Nigeria. IKB Soap sells for N4.00 in the market. Two packets of the soap had to be sent in as entry. WAO! It's pure miracle to own a Santana after spending a mere N8.00. Some are born lucky you'd say!

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## Jokes & Humour



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A middle-aged man wanted to pull a fast one with a female university undergraduate whom he obliged with a lift in his car after checking into a hotel. The seemingly reluctant girl asked her partner and said, "I suppose you are married, aren't you?" Of course, I'm married, the man immediately admitted. Then why do you like fornication, the girl further asked. I don't like it, replied the man, and that is why I'm in a hurry to do it so that we can get out of here. - Mandas Okob, c/o Inspector Okob Agwuocha, Railway Police Station, Kano, Kano State

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In October 1978 the Australian Express reported the distressing mail-order blunder in which a ninety-one-year-old lady assistant to the wiper of Murrumbidgee, Queensland received a nine-inch dildo wrapped in a copy of *Sixties* magazine - The *Full Facts* in place of the luminous statue of the Virgin Mary which she had ordered.

The dispatch manager for the company, Ave Expressions, apologized for the error, saying "It is our biggest apologise to the vegetarian people. We apologise, I am the secretary of the local Vegetarians Against The Nazis Group".

Taken from his book, "The Bedside Book of Great Sexual Disasters" By Giles Brandeth

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# Why my baby means the whole world to me

At only 25, Funmi Ajila has turned out to be one of the most successful fashion designers around. Recently, she put to bed and with that experience, Funmi says having a baby is the most important thing in the world. *Roland Ogbonna reports*

THE MOST REVEALING INTERVIEWS ARE IN CLIMAX

**T**HE lovely thing about fashion designer, Funmi Ajila is that she's not only warm, friendly and totally natural, but if you haven't already guessed, she has got no pretences. Essentially, she won the Aprint - sponsored 'Best Designer of the Year Award, 1987/88 and runner up of 'Best Designer Award' 1986/87.

But all these add up to her being an accomplished fashion designer and model. At 25 she's making a terrific success in her career, and now a mother - a family lady.

The coming of her baby, Yewande, has a lot to do with her happiness and enthusiasm now. "She's something I can hold and peck and say yes it's mine because she is actually my image", she says.

Being her first - carrying pregnancy for nine months was a wonderful experience for Funmi. Apart from morning sickness at the early months, it was a thrilling time.

"I had my hair in braids throughout for my own convenience instead of going under the drier and washing the hair every now and then. The day I delivered, I worked throughout until I felt some pain. It was just like a miracle but I thank God.

"But I felt relieved of carrying a swelled tummy and was looking forward to having this thing I've been carrying for nine months. Thank God I had it successfully, because many never survived it" she says.

Funmi's happiness and enthusiasm doesn't end in the coming of

her little 'bundle of joy', she is spritely looking forward to a thrilling and fulfilling motherhood. "I know I'm going to be a hardworking mother, but at the same time I'm going to give my full attention to my daughter because she is more important than anything in the world apart from my parents.

"As a mother I feel great and have a sense of belonging that I have something. All the machines, clothes and Regalia, though are my property can be taken away from me if armed robbers decide to come today. But my child cannot be taken away from me, it's mine and part of me, she will always have my image". Funmi enthuses as she gave a peck to her daughter.

Ruggedly beautiful, Funmi, planned for the baby, it was not an accident and her marriage with her London based heart throb will be solemnized very soon. She makes a joke that her man did not attract her but she was attracted to him before they fell in love.

The 'Best Designer Award' she won has not only helped her in attracting clients to her - it has also pushed her up into limelight. So, how is she handling the transition from being a fashion designer and part time model to being a celebrity?

"Celebrity?" She screws her face and laughs. "I'm a simple person and don't allow my publicity get me crazy. I just think I'm myself and do what I feel I can do. I don't dress to please or behave to make the public think the girl is good. It's what I do

□ FUNMI Ajila — "My baby means the whole world to me," and *pix below* shows Funmi in relaxed mood.



that is important. I leave the public to attach their own view and sentiment, but I will want them to judge and say: 'She is just herself'"

Looking athletic and vivacious as a true model, Funmi explains that she stopped full time modeling, unless for close friends, which she started as a student in Yaba College of Technology because there are many mushroom fashion houses now and for the fact that she is a designer herself. Other reasons are that modelling in Nigeria does not pay and there is a lot of insults in it too.

"But fashion designing has been very demanding and time consuming because you have to do more work because you have more clients coming in and it's been very rewarding actually, I have to give them my best", says Funmi Ajila.

She played volleyball while in high school in Ondo in the then Western State and that was when she also plucked interest to pursue fashion designing as a career. "I like working hard because I'm the first born and also like taking res-

possibilities of my junior ones. "My upbringing was very delicate and my parents are very understanding. They gave me free hand and brought me up with love, understanding in an educated average family. I didn't dare bring my boy friend home because my mother is a very strict person and my father a bit flexible. I thank God they are like that, two people complimenting each other. I will like to be such a Parent", she says, stealing a quick glance at Yewande now awake, and smiles.

She has travelled quite a lot in a short period of her career and it has helped her a lot in it's right. It's so because such tours give her insight about what other countries wear and their culture. But Funmi's greatest weakness is understanding people. That's why she likes people who are just themselves, not pretenders but natural people.

And she made another fond of kissing her daughter and her face lightens. "All the things I've been hearing about having a baby is just different from my experience and I'm proud to have my baby"



## CLIMAX EXCLUSIVE POLL:

# Are Calabar women really promiscuous?

By Uwem Anka in Uyo and Al Humphrey Onyanabo in Lagos

A survey such as this can be very sensitive but it does not subtract from the alleged promiscuity or otherwise of women in Akwa Ibom and Cross River States noted for their Grade-A Afang and Edikang Ikong delicacies.

The rumour mill is rife with the gist that these women have no qualms about jumping into any man's bed and getting out of it, whether married or not, just for a quickie. It is also argued that their sex quotient is so high that they are always hungry for more and more rounds of sex.

But as the result of an exclusive CLIMAX survey has revealed, promiscuity is a national pastime and women from Akwa Ibom and Cross River States are no saints either.

About 55% of the respondents talked to spoke in the same vein saying every tribe in Nigeria has its own fair share of promiscuous women.

Says Andy Iginoba, an Accountant "It will be very wrong to say that Calabar women are very promiscuous. Judging from experience, I would say that other tribes are also guilty of the charge of promiscuity".

The same view is expressed by Mrs Ekaette Adebayo, a trader. "Women the world over are promiscuous. It is unfair to tag Calabar women alone because of the experience of a few men who have visited the place".

Mrs Idongest Uko, a teacher in Itu, Akwa Ibom State, also belongs to this group. "I quite agree that many women are hot pants who cannot resist anything in a pair of trousers but it is not cases everywhere", she admits.

But Miss Roseline Ebang thinks differently. "Such women", she says, "only want to get emotional satisfaction when their husbands neglect them although I can't subscribe to that kind of thing when I marry".

Talking about men who neglect their wives, Mrs Ekaette, aged between 40 and 45 years and resides in Uyo, reasons: "If you marry a husband who is always on the move, must you stay at home and rot away?"



Abimbola Ale, FRCN, Lagos



Osagie Agbonwanetan, Journalist



Andy Iginoba, Accountant



Tokunbo Inkuho, Youth Corper



Aburumiri Alexander Ayanu

That is a very good question which, perhaps, explains why another group of respondents, 30% of them, believe that Calabar women are sex machines.

Mr Uche Okafor, a spare parts dealer from Iro State, staying in Calabar, is very very enthusiastic about it all. "Yes, I believe the rumour", he says laughing. "Here, you don't need to find out whether the woman is married or not provided you have some cash to play with".

Mr. Tony Emmanuel, a civil servant and married for about 12 years now, agrees that things like that happen. Although he has not caught his wife before, he knows a married woman in the suburb of Uyo who is always showing her boyfriend to everybody including her husband. "Look, the man is not even interested. He just ignored them. He once told me he's not worried because he had the children he wanted from the woman and so wouldn't care about what she's doing. But I wouldn't do that of" Tony says, jumping up from his seat.

Osagie Agbonwanetan, a journalist, says Calabar women can give you the treat of your life. "Of all the chicks I've had, Calabar girls registered the highest frequency for sexual demands. In fact, it came to a point I had to feign illness to have some room to myself," confesses Osagie.

Aburumiri Alexander Ayanu hits even harder. "Ah! Calabar women", he says, "are too promiscuous and the like money too much. They're sexually corrupt and never satisfied".

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## Days to give thanks

THE Christmas season is the period when the churches are packed to the brim with perennial absentees who come to reaffirm their faith in the Lord.

They are the days men give thanks for. The Christmas day sermon affords preachers the golden opportunity at the pulpit to belch out harsh messages that evoke feelings of suffering which Christ went through, pepped of course, with folklorics about his mysterious birth in a manger somewhere in the Middle East.

Hungry kids, during Christmas, scramble for leftovers at parties thrown by the rich or well-to-do. The church is one big arena for women fashion parade. Usually, it is the period to tie the nuptial knots and say the vow. So that next Christmas, as the dream goes, the young couple clutching their kid come to the church for thanks-giving.

Christmas day. It holds a romantic vision for the children. That is when they get the gifts and wear new clothes. But those were the days of plenty. The years of the "naira rain". How would Christmas fare during these lean times? The usual quiet in the cities foreshadows the gloom which snuffs out the air of celebration from today's yuletide. All because there is no money to spend. Without money, Nigerians can't celebrate. Everything seem to ground in this country once money doesn't flow. Ours is a money culture.

It is so because we have embraced a Judeo-Christian ethic which places premium on materialism. To be happy in this season, Nigerians say we need money, plenty of money to spend like in the oil boom days. Richmen would, however, tell you that money does not bring happiness. The poor say the rich think thus because they hate the horrors which penury inflict on the have-nots.

Granted, nobody can endure poverty and be truly a happy person, nor can wealth buy lasting happiness. But greed aside, the sort of money needed to enjoy this season is not completely out of the reach of most Nigerians, if they know the rudiments of elementary budgeting.

Christmas used to be very lively before the 1960s. When oil came, happiness and broad concepts of values disappeared, Nigerians. Those who live the welcome austerity. But, like it or not, plenty are gone for good.

What I quarrel Nigerians do not waive selves because the swimming in oil. With just a little few days could still go on how good it are. And I can bet we reasons to give thanks.

## EMMA OGOS' EVI'S FOOL



Emma Ogos

In a FOCUS on EVI which appeared recently, Kenji stated that the wedding to her producer Ogos took place last year. "I don't love any man", she said. "I am a fool". The couple will part early this year.

Also, she misquoted saying "I don't love any man", she said. "I don't love any man", she said. "I am a fool". The errors are noted. - Editor

# Hurry, Baba Abina is waiting to insure your shoes for life

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—great for  
human angle stores

For fourteen years now, Akibu Ayinde Hassan a.k.a. Baba Abina has been earning his daily bread making and mending shoes. He has even offered employment to two of his sons and now that the yuletide period is here, Baba Abina has had to cope with more customers. *Al Humphrey Onyanabo reports.*



□ Baba Abina and his two sons earn their living making shoes and his right shoes the old man taking that extra care to give your shoes the perfect finish.

THE aging 'baba' crouches behind a makeshift table, a hasty job by a road side carpenter, the exterior blished with glue and different shades of shoe dyes, underneath is a small compartment stuffed with hundreds of shoes of various sizes, colours and owners. Some are as old as 10 years, retained in the belief that the long lost owners would one day retrieve them, the top of the table, if we may call it that, is laden with shoe soles, heels, lass for expanding and making new shoes, pint-sized bottles of shoe dye, battered tin of shoe gum, pieces of leather, tape, scissors, hammer, needles, nails, pinches, etc.

On this humid Wednesday afternoon, the rays of the sun are heavy, the hammattan winds tell the mind Christmas is near. On Abina Street in Surulere the horn of passing vehicles and the cries of little children disturb the peace of the afternoon. . . On No. 17, the silence that prevails in the work-shop of Akibu Ayinde Hassan, a.k.a. Baba Abina and his sons informs a visitor that a serious business is in progress, no communication is welcomed — Baba is making a shoe for a customer

First, he measures the size and design with a pencil on a broad sheet of leather, cuts it carefully, he trots over to his singer machine, more than a decade of use, he sews them together; slowly the design emerges, back on his table he sits three long squares on the middle of the semi-shoe, he asks his son to bring over slices of red, yellow and blue leather which he adroitly shapes into the

squares earlier cut, he shifts back to the sewing machine — stitches the squares to the shoe — a smile appears on his face, it is now time to fit the sole.

He spreads the sewn leather around a last, which is shaped evenly like the human foot satisfied that it is straight with no excesses on any side, he picks up a few one inch nails, hangs them between his lips and one after the other hammers the leather, to the last, from a bag he selects an array of shoe soles, discards the first few ones he picked up, finally selects a size nine, he matches the sole to the last — perfectly — the extent of concentration on his face gives you the feeling his whole life depends on it and indeed it does because with every shoe he builds or repairs, he recalls his years of experience and puts his illustrious career — and his children's future in the balance.

Long before big business started preaching and practising customer satisfaction, Baba Abina and his children made it the hallmark of their trade, he ensures that every shoe age gracefully, to his long time. Customers, he gives a guarantee, though unwritten, but more solid than the printed ones big companies give.

On Abina Street and indeed in Surulere, the story of Baba Abina and his two sons aged 26 and 24 has become folk-tales.

Baba Abina does not remember his age he says, "I was born on the job and I bore my children on the job too". According to Baba Abina,



his father was a shoe maker, he helped him "to make shoes for those British soldiers that were fighting with Hitler". Those days, he said, were good and materials were cheap. In 1951 he joined Costain (West Africa) Limited as a combination welder and retired in 1973. Baba says that when he retired he felt he was still young so he felt back to his father's profession of shoe making, hear him: "I am very lucky! I learnt handwork, many people when they lose their job will go about begging for money". He also advances the same reason for introducing his sons into the business.

"I want them to learn to labour at an early age so that when they grow up they won't have problems"

His two sons, Taju 26, works manager, and Ganyu 24, foreman, joined their father's trade when they were in primary school. "We used to work with him when we close from school", today even after high school education they're still clean cut kids helping out in a family business and very happy. Ganyu says, "I like the job, I don't envy my friends who work in the office", this job he says is his own little contribution to the society. His elder brother, Taju, married with a child says, "I'm proud and happy doing this job". They both hope to open up their own shops later.

Baba pays his boys salaries monthly, a neighbour who begged not to be named says, "we all envy what Baba and his sons are doing, his boys are obedient and hardworkers". Baba puts the matter to rest by saying, "I don't stop them from going to look for work elsewhere — they are free if they want to go".

He had a long list of problems which he said were troubling his mind; "the cost of materials have increased ten fold and customers do not understand this". He also complained of customers who "abandon their shoes after you've used materials on it". Baba used the opportunity to appeal to government to come to their rescue by granting them loans for expansion and buying more machines, he recalls that a couple of months ago a man from MAMSER visited them, he says, "he demonstrated what we can do and he promised he'll come back with somebody to help us, up till now the man has not returned".

Baba says he is not worried by the large number of shoe mending companies that open up everyday. He compared customers to the flowing tide, "customers are like water, they come and they go". Baba says his customers no matter where they go will return. "We dey give them proper service" he added.

This Christmas, many families will flock to his shop for shoes. This period according to Baba business is good and things are moving, he cautions that "in this time of hard work and I make my boys understand that, most of these people coming for shoes now are not rich and they do not know what next they will make a new shoe, I must therefore work on the shoe very well".

One close friend and customer describes Baba Abina as a jovial hard working man "each time I visit him, he brings out a bottle of brandy for us to relax with". After a hard day's job Baba relaxes in his sitting room, watches Television with his wife and children "if there's money I buy a bottle of whisky if not I drink my og (pap) and tell my children stories", he added.

In civilized economies, Baba Abina and his sons, in view of how hard they work, 13 hours everyday would have been millionaires; his workshop 14 years after remaining at the veranda of his house.



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## Sailor weds a girl he met 31 years ago

THE past few weeks have been the most nerve-racking time in Olga Wagner's life. She scrubbed, vacuumed and dusted every inch of her apartment. She was so wound up that she had two minor car accidents in one afternoon.

Olga, 51, was excited to her case of nerves. After all, she was about to be married to the love of her life, a man she hadn't seen since she met him on a whirl-wind trip to Russia 31 years ago.

She was 20, and a member of a delegation of 100 of Czechoslovakia's best students when she met Vladimir Karpov, a dark and dashing naval cadet in a crisp blue uniform. "I remember exactly how it happened", she says. "I met him on the street. He was so handsome, so tanned and gorgeous looking.

"I brought him back to my hotel, and all the girls fainted". The young lovers spent the next three weeks together. Vladimir stowed away among the touring students, eating food pilfered by Olga and her friends. When the tour was over, they pledged eternal devotion, exchanged addresses and promised to write.

But their countless letters were returned unopened — turned back by their suspicious governments.

With no way of communicating, they both married others and went on with their lives, but the embers of their love continued to smolder.

IN 1968, Olga emigrated to Canada with her journalist husband and two children. She studied Slavic languages and began a career preparing Canadian diplomats for postings in Eastern Europe.

Meanwhile, Vladimir had two children and pursued a career with Aeroflot, the Soviet airline.

In 1985, as his second marriage was foundering, he travelled to Olga's hometown of Brno, Czechoslovakia, trying to track her down. He discovered that his beloved had left the country, and he couldn't find a forwarding address. But his quest didn't go unnoticed. A city clerk told a friend about the "crazy



Vladimir Karpov and Olga Wagner pledged eternal love when he was a dashing young cadet and she was a student (left). They wed just days after their joyful reunion (above).

Olga's own marriage was on the rocks as well.

Suddenly, a channel opened between the lovers.

Thirty years after they promised to write, their letters finally started getting through and Vladimir quickly asked Olga to marry him.

The wedding bells rang in April, just days after Vladimir emigrated to live with Olga in her adopted home, St. Catharines, Canada — only 12 miles west of the honeymoon haven at Niagara Falls.

ONE COINMUTER to another: "This is the time of the year I enjoy most. After the atrocious heating bills and before the outrageous air-conditioning bills!"

— Gill Fox, Newspaper Enterprises Assoc.

## 'After half a life-time apart he tracked down his lost love'

Russian" who had been looking for Olga. That friend was Olga's niece. The timing was perfect, because





# What People Are Wearing

•The page that keeps you in touch with the latest in fashion



- 1 - This certainly turns you on, doesn't it? The lady here surely has it — and for display too! It's ideal on the beach or could be worn on a pair of Jeans on casual outings.
- 2 - Going to the altar I suppose — the hat is a knockout. This dress is an unconventional wedding gown the guy by her side looks ready to take the oath.
- 3 - She has it . . . beauty and catlike steps of a professional model. The model here steps out with two piece frilly design. Just right for parties.
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## Happiness in Marriage is...



... to be an independent woman and never ask your husband for money. Contributed by Kathy Ogbodo, P. O. Box 130, Makurdi.

## WITH MY LC

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# How to save your marriage from pregnancy blues

AMINA was miserable. I could see that as soon as she stepped into my office. Has her husband ran off with another woman, I thought, as I waved her to the vacant seat in front of me.

She sat down heavily. I could see tears welling up in her eyes. Whatever it was that was bothering this young, pretty woman must be something very serious.

"Yes, Madam," I said, trying very hard to be cheerful. I've got to try her to speak quickly so as to release her pent-up emotion.

"I was asked to see you by one of my friends," she said, looking me direct in the face. When my eyes met, she added, calmly: "I've got a problem."

"What is it?"

"Since I married my husband six years ago, we've had only one child, a girl. Hauwu will be four years next month and my husband has been reluctant to let us try for another child. He kept saying we should wait for sometime more. I'm running out of patience. I want another child.

"As a woman I cannot afford to wait for too long. Ideally, I would love to have all the children God will give me when I am still young; when I would be able to bear them without too much problem. But my husband does not see things my way"

"This is quite surprising, Mrs. Bako," I said and went on to explain. "I would have thought it would be the other way round. Why do you think your husband is reluctant to have another child?"

"That's the mystery," she responded. She no longer look sad. Having got someone to unburden her heart, to feel relaxed as I knew she would once she got talking.

She continued: "I've tried all my best to find out why he is against our having another child but he kept telling me he has no special reason. He said he just wanted us to wait a little bit more. For how long will that be?"

"Are you sure you have discussed the issue with him?"  
"Of course. We discuss it very often. And I'm not the only who is getting worried at his attitude. His parents are too. At first they thought I was the one who is holding back. But when they discovered he was the one who kept saying the time was not right yet, they picked up quarrel with him. But that did not make him change his mind."

"Well this certainly looks like a mystery. I think I've got to have a word with Mallam Bako. Please ask him to see me."

Before she left, she left a message she wanted me to pass on to her husband. And the finality of her

tone really got me worried.

"Please tell him," she said flatly, "that if he refused to tell you why he is not interested in our having another child I'll leave him for another man. And I mean to do just that!"

Mallam Bako, immaculately dressed in a white *babamiga*, showed up in my office almost a month later. His wife must have had a tough time convincing him to come to see me. When he started talking, he did not sound like someone who could keep things to himself as I had thought.

"For the past four years I have been thinking of this time when this matter will come to a head," he began after introducing himself to me.

"I need another child even more than my wife desires one. But I dread the experience I had when she was carrying our first baby. I... I mean..."

Suddenly he stopped talking. He looked as if he was embarrassed about what he had to say. So I urged him on by saying, "Yah, I'm listening."

"Well, I don't know if I really care to tell anyone about this. I mean I..."

His voice trailed off again.  
"Mallam Bako, you've got to tell me everything. Your wife is getting fed up. You wouldn't want her to desert you, would you?"  
"Desert me? What do you mean?"

"That's what she told me to tell you; that she was fed up and would leave you if you didn't tell me why you were reluctant to try for another child"

"No! she can't do that to me! She can't! After all she was the one I'm trying to protect. The point is I don't just think I should be discussing something so intimate as my sex life with anybody; not even with my parents."

"In this case, if you truly love

What is your idea of Happiness in Marriage? Send in your contributions. Five Naira will be paid to contributors.

## YOURS FOREVER!

My darling 'Nike is the best in the world. The only girl in the world who truly understands my needs and emotions. My love for her will be solid and unshakable forever. She is the only person who knows how to pronounce the three words: "I Love You" in a way that moves me. Yes, when 'Nike says those words, they stir my emotions. I cannot exchange her even for the most precious jewel on earth because she is dearer than life to me and I will always love her.

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# YOUR TV

By MOJI DANISA

## Boring Xmas this week

IT'S fascinating how our TV stations capitalise on every festivity to make money. Money ranks higher than production quality these days. They achieve their aim though, because fun loving Lagosians would stop at nothing to attend these shows especially when they realise that they stand a chance of appearing on TV.

Christmas is here again and it's not surprising that all TV stations have special christmas fairs. What is annoying however is the fact that it will be another boring christmas. How on earth these stations screen such shoddy shows, still beats me. Definitely, we will have little or no choice in choosing channels to watch, because they will all be at the same thing.

At times like this, I say little, *God bless channel 2*, because it is the only channel that tries to put viewers first. If they have to organise christmas fairs, they put in some creativity and are a lot more organised.

I almost cry for *LTV*, channel 8 every christmas. Accepted, they have the biggest and more attended christmas village, but they should try to save us the pains of watching their requests slot, which are hurriedly done. Some of the guests end up looking really stupid. I understand that the idea behind this part of the show is to have a big turn out, but it puts the stations programming to shame. The *LTV* which was one of the best TV stations in the Jakande era now rates strongly sour as viewers worst choice. I am surprised that it's general manager Mr Bankole Mor is just sitting back, and watching the once enviable station fall to pieces. I am certainly not against organising christmas fairs but bombarding viewers with wasthy screening and re-runs of such fairs is most distasteful. Christmas, I must say should be a time when every TV station must strive to have the largest viewership. They must have enough captivating films that will keep viewers glued to their seats.

Another viewer's enemy station is *NTA 7*. The channel I like to call, channel *Tiwa* *Tiwa*. I agree that it is meant to be the *NTA* Lagos based station. I also agree that the main language spoken in Lagos is Yoruba, but I wholeheartedly disagree that majority of Lagos viewers want to watch Yoruba programmes. *Keyikogbon* is perhaps the only widely watched Yoruba programme on channel 7.

One would expect that at christmas, programmes will be planned to suit both Yoruba and non-Yoruba speaking viewers of Lagos state, but it's sadly not so with channel *Tiwa* *Tiwa*. The station boasts to feature big names like Ebenezer Obey in their christmas fairs. That is good enough, but when they relay the fair on TV, it becomes horribly distorted. Bad audio (you can hardly pick out music from noise), rough cuts, and bad presentation. Worse still, they spend the better part of everybody's air time airing such shams. I wonder how the general manager of that place feels when he sees such productions, I suspect that he just might have gotten so used to it that he now cannot spot the difference.

# How your celebs

VEI-EDNA



I will be performing on Christmas and Boxing Days, so there's no holiday for me. My christmas will, however, be different now that I am married and expecting a baby. I hope it is going to be enjoyable.

— Vei-Edna Ogboli

CHARLY BOY



Well, I will spend my christmas quietly with my family, maybe we might go to the beach. I guess I'll send some greeting cards —

Charly Boy.

LEMMY JACKSON



Christmas is my own birthday too. So I will spend it celebrating, meditating. I haven't planned how I will celebrate it. I am busy round up my studio work for the year.

Lemmy Jackson

# Lucky guy, Fadeyi

ACCIDENTS are part of cinematography, they happen everywhere and when least expected. The more popular ones being actors and actresses escaping leaps from high places unscathed only to run into one another in house corridors and having their eyebrows out.

Ojo Arowofa, popularly known as Fadeyi Oloro of the Jimoh Aliu theatre organization, had something more serious than a lacerated eyebrow about two months ago while his group was leading more than 28 others in Oshogbo in the shooting of a film titled, "Agbarin", soon to be released. It was like being thumbed in the nose by death, and everyone is grateful for the likeable popular minor or still alive.

"The director", says Arowofa, meaning Jimoh Aliu, or Arowo, as he is more popularly known, "and I were involved in a shoot-out during a scene. After some time, he ran out of shot and handed out his gun for someone to re-load for him" Reloading in this case merely means replacing the barrel with gun powder. Nobody brings live bullets to the theatre halls or film-shooting sites, so the fear of one being accidentally crammed into the guns being used

for play rarely arises in the people's minds.

Unfortunately, this was going to be a different story line altogether. Somewhere along the way, a small metallic object had found its way into the gun and when the man asked to refill it handed it back to Mr. Aliu, it was as dangerous as any battle-ready rifle, though no one knew.

"When the scene resumed and the shot rang out", continues Fadeyi, "the object caught me in the thigh — a little below my scrotum".

He let out a cry and dropped on the ground. The rest of the casts, who were sure this was not part of the script, were immediately thrown into a state of pandemonium. Aliu threw off the gun he had just shot and ran in panic towards his man. Fadeyi says, "It didn't faint, but was near doing so by the time we got to the hospital".

Mr. Arowofa was still nursing his wound as at the time I met him for this interview, one month after, although he was fit enough to act in the stage version of the same play a day before.

He insists that the incident has



Fadeyi Oloro

# spend their Xmas

CLIMAX XMAS SPECIAL!

By *Maji Danisa, Roland Ogbonna, Davies McRufus and Al Humphrey Onyanabo*

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CHRIS OKOTIE



I have a lot of shows coming up in parts of the country. After that I will entertain friends who come around. There is nothing special about Christmas now because I am no longer a kid. — *Jigida Queen, Uche Ibeto.*

I'll be busy doing what I am doing now, getting Lekki Sunsplash '88 off the ground, to prove the sceptics wrong and the believers right. — *Ton Seyer, Polygram Chief Executive.*

I will be celebrating it on an island with my family, barbecuing meat, swimming and partying. The glorious feeling in the very air one breaths is one thing I like about Christmas. Probably I'll send as much cards as I get outside close friends and this year's present will go first to my family and then my staff. — *Clarion Chukwura (Actress)*

I intend to win more lives to the Lord Jesus and thus more lives celebrating the essence of Christ birth will make this year's Christmas different.

Christmas means the birth of Jesus our Lord and Saviour and the manifestation of the grace of God. I like the season for the remembrance of Jesus who was and is to come, and will send as many cards as the Lord will provide.

This year's present will be to him who deserves to be praised and honoured; that is Jesus of Nazareth, the prince of peace. — *Preacher Chris Okotie.*

Christmas doesn't really mean anything to me, but this year's could be different if I could make an all-round world trip. It's just same as every other day, don't you agree? But I'll send loads of cards this year and a special present will go to a 'special one'. — *Budley Moore, Musician.*

The yuletide provides the opportunity to reflect and to share a thought for others. I'm still looking forward on what will make this year's Christmas different, I'll let you know after. This year's present will go to my family and other cherished friends and allies. — *Laolu Akins, Producer.*

CHRISTMAS is a time for good will to all — not only to Christians, including you, Ladi Avvedji, Sunny etc.

I will send this year's Christmas present to my wife, I love her — *Emma Ogoi, musician/producer.*

Mandators will spend Christmas making people happy, playing at Nkwere in Imo State, if we find time we'd like to sit at home, with Peggy and watch video — *Victor Eshiet, musician.*

times serves him negatively. One of the instances in which his popularity had worked against him, incidentally, happened at the Fadeyi bus stop in Lagos.

"I was there to take a bus" says Arowosafe, but someone immediately recognized me. Shouts of "Fadeyi" rent the air. Everyone was shouting "Fadeyi Oloro!" I laughed and then tried to step into the bus but some of the people at the door protested, saying, "No... of we are not going to have Oloro here in the bus with us!" I then laughed noisily and saw real fear. "It then laughed noisily and saw real fear."

"It quite amused me a lot that people could take Fadeyi that serious", he further adds.

There have been many personifications of horror since "Fadeyi" Arowosafe moulted the stage. It is not unreasonable to think that one of those lurking in his shadow may one day appear to overtake him. But Arowosafe has no such fears. "Yes", he says, "there are many corners. 'Fadeyi' coming up and condescending 'Fadeyi' coming up and copying me, but I am superior to them all."

— *Muwira Owohade*

A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say. — *Italo Calvino, quoted by Mario Picchi in L'Espresso, Italy.*

## yi Oloro

not affected his psyche in any way. "I know such incidents can occur", he says, "but it is once in a thousand times, and ever since we have been more careful about the way we handle our gun power."

Arowosafe who is the most visible image of terror in the theatre today joined the Jimoh Aliu group on February 19, 1978 while the group was on a tour of Katsina. He is a native of Igbara-Odo in Ondo State and attended the Timi Agbale Grammar School, Ede, half-way. He soon became the third and most popular "Fadeyi" in the Jimoh Aliu Group not long after becoming a member.

The general consensus from people who know about gun powder is that though the gas the human emits is a kind of air pollution, dramatists who use them in their plays stand no serious health risk.

There is no risk of death whatsoever except bullets or metallic objects are traded along with the gun powder.

Up till the time of the gun ownership, Arowosafe's problem so far had been coping with his image as a

though he likes, some

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## NEXT WEEK...

### COMON, LOOK GREAT AT 40!

Some women glow at 40. Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Collins, the big-flyers of American film industry, are in this category. CLIMAX brings you Nigeria's forties' beauties and some tips on how to look beautiful at 40.

### ZONE OF DEATH

There is a town in Akwa Ibom State which witnesses, on the average, one accident every week. And now everybody is asking whether the town is fixed. Travellers usually say the Lord's prayer if they have to pass through this town. Next week, we bring you the inside story of the road carnage at this T-junction.

### 'GOFMENT SINGERS'

Fela goes tough on patriotic singers. He calls them government singers. "How can we save Nigeria when we are not given the opportunity?" the controversial musician asks.

### OUR KIND OF LEADER

1989 is just a whistie away. And you can beat your chest and say: Hear comes the countdown to... Anyway, what are the characteristics you want your probable leaders to have? In an exclusive CLIMAX poll, we were able to separate the chaff from the grains, so to say, and the views expressed are as illuminating as ever!

### WHAT 1989 HAS IN STORE FOR YOU!

A lot has been said and will still be said about what the immediate future portends, but don't you make up your mind until you've heard from our star astrologer. The year promises a lot in terms of the marriage institution, business prospects, health and some other vital areas. You must check out what 1989 has for you next week!

# Calabar women

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Take the case of Sylvanus Ekop, a handsome, tall and bearded 25-year-old third year student of the University of Cross River State, Uyo. He ran into her "Mummy" when he had a ride to Etinan, Akwa Ibom State in his second year. "Boyl it was my luck", he admits. "When I had this ride, the woman just chatted me up and now I am enjoying myself. I can always boast of money to drink and, once in a while, I get a cosy meal somewhere in a cosy spot, in town. It's some fun".

When Mrs Asuquoanwan Edem, a hair dresser in Calabar, was asked the question, she snapped back

"How dare you say a thing like that? It's not true. Go and tell the rumour peddlers that I'm a Calabar woman and they should come and try me".

Mrs Edem has backers in Mr Abimbola Ale who works with FRCN and G. T. Grave, a PR Consultant, both of them based in Lagos, who believe that it is not true to say that Calabar women are promiscuous. Says Mr. Ale: "Calabar women are very beautiful and hardworking. I don't mind marrying from that part of the country. Mr Dave is even more forthcoming. "It is not fair to select Calabar women and classify them as promiscuous. It is even difficult to get a reliable woman nowadays".

THE IMPACT of our war-torn society was illustrated dramatically the other day when a friend of mine set up her ironing board in her kitchen. Her year-old dog raced into the room, then slid to a stiff-legged stop and barked furiously — startled at the sight of the unfamiliar object.

"Don't feel bad, pup", my friend's amused husband said. "I barely recognised it myself!"

—Contributed by Norma moss

**T**AIWO sat on the other side of the table. The food we had both ordered two hours earlier lay cold in front of us untouched. Tears welled in his eyes.

I could not help but share them with him. Fate had brought us together in Kano. And the last two hours had been one of education for both of us.

"This man does not have to die like this", Taiwo said for the umpteenth time.

"Why, why, oh God, Why?"

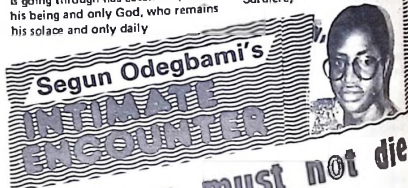
"Segun, Papa never did anything to deserve what is happening to him today," Taiwo continued "He cannot comprehend how unjust the world can be. He is bitter. He is so full of bitterness he has shut himself away from the world and doesn't want to have any part of it again. He could die any moment from now, and it wouldn't surprise me. No, he is not sick. The mental torture he is going through has eaten deep into his being and only God, who remains his solace and only daily

while millions of Nigerians shared glued to their radio and television sets and thousands more filled the National Stadium, Surulere, to the brim, sharing the electrifying tension of victory by eleven Nigerian, this man could not be found in the state box where he belonged.

In his office at the National Stadium, where he occupied the highest seat in Nigerian sports, a was on his knees for the ninety-minutes duration of that match, praying to God to grant Nigeria victory. Such was his devotion.

As we founded the track and ceaseless training sessions at the University of Ife, (now Obafemi Awolowo University) he was there in his track suits leading the pace, pushing and driving us to limits unknown. At the grounds of CDA in Brazil, he was always first on the field bringing out the last drop of sweat from our body.

At the National Stadium in Surulere,



companion can bring him out of the cocoon of his retirement".

In my mind, I rewound the tape of life and tried to replay the portions of him that were there. Those portions came out clear and vivid. As memories of those times flooded back to my mind, I could not recall any scenes or episodes that could have subsequently resulted in the gory scenes being painted by Taiwo as we sat in the restaurant of Daula Hotel in Kano.

Some two weeks later, I went to find out things for myself. I am yet to fully recover from the shock of my findings.

"God, why, why?" I kept asking myself.

I would want to remember him the way he was then, not the way he is now, because there cannot be a greater "hell" than the one I saw.

Eight years ago, at the crowning moment of Nigeria's soccer glory, he was there. For six years before that time, he had ruled Nigerian sports like a titan. That period was, perhaps, the greatest in the history of Nigerian sports. From the period immediately after the All Africa Games, to Montreal and finally to an unfortunate collapse in Moscow, Nigerian sports never had it so good.

On Saturday, March 22, 1980,

his speeches always prodded us to heights where to be "super-human" begins. There was no greater inspirer in sports.

His achievements are unparalleled also in Nigerian sports. First, as a sportsman, he was a mentor of the U.K. tourist team of 1965. Then as the director of the department of physical education in Obafemi Awolowo University, he, athlete, he produced some of the best athletes in Nigeria at the time as Director of Sports at the National Sports Commission, where his achievements and athletic "products" stand head and shoulders above any others till this day.

Not to forget his stint as Director of Sports at the National Sports Commission, where his achievements and athletic "products" stand head and shoulders above any others till this day. Yes, this is the man, Taiwo! I were "discussing about Isaac Akioye!" Yes, where's he now? Only a handful of people can tell you.

Today, Mr Akioye lives in a little shack on a farmland in Isoko near Isolo, alone and away from civilisation. This little hut he regards as his home is overgrown with weeds and grass. The chickens in his little poultry have all died!

In the concluding part of this next week, I'll tell you more about the hardships that have become Akioye's lot.



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I INVITED YOU TO UNCLE T.'S BIRTHDAY PARTY AND YOU REFUSED TO GO. / AAH! I WASN'T MYSELF YESTERDAY, I HAD A TERRIBLE HEADACHE THAT I COULD NOT GO OUT MYSELF.



WHY DID YOU NOT SEND YOUR SISTER TO MEET SOMEONE, I HOPE YOU'RE ON YOUR FEET NOW.

IT'S TRUE BUT, I FORGOT. THANK YOU-



I WASN'T HAPPY AT ALL BECAUSE YOU DON'T ATTEND THE PARTY, IT WAS VERY EXCITING, I CAN MANY OF MY SCHOOL MATES THERE.

DO YOU MEAN IT? WHAT A PARTY, WHY DIDN'T ATTEND IT.



KUNLE YOUR BROTHER CAME TO THE PARTY, HE WAS JUST TROUBLING THE GIRLS IN THE PARTY.

SO MY BROTHER WENT TO THE PARTY, KUNLE IS VERY FLIRT I TRUST HIM.



I HATE MY BOY FRIEND AND HIS FRIEND BIODUN ALSO ATTENDED THE PARTY.

YOU MEAN IT? I LIKE THE WAY YOUR BOY FRIEND ALWAYS DRESSES HE LIKES TRENDY ATTIRE!



IF YOU HAD ATTENDED THE PARTY YOU WOULD ADMIRE BIODUN, HE WORE A BEAUTIFUL BOWTIE, HE WAS EVERYBODY'S DARLING--



IF YOU HAD CAME TO THE PARTY YOU WOULD ADMIRE HIM, SEEING IS BELIEVING.



WHY ARE YOU DRAUGHTING THE PORTRAIT OF THE MAN SO GOOD LIKE THAT? BIODUN IS AN UGLY MAN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHY ARE YOU ABUSING HIM? HE SAID HE LIKES YOU, HE WANTS TO GO OUT WITH YOU.



SEH? IS HE CRAZY? WHY DON'T HE GO FOR HIS CLASS? IMAGINE ME WITH A SHORT MAN, DEWIL HE'S EVEN POOR.



PAULINA, I SAID STOP ABUSING HIM! IS IT BECAUSE HE SAID HE LIKES YOU?!

WHY WON'T I ABUSE HIM? IMAGINE MYSELF WITH THAT DWARF!



YOU ARE (CRAZY)? DO YOU THINK YOU'RE A DAINY DAINSEL? WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOU PAULINA?!

LOOK, TO ME I'M QUITE SURE I'M BEAUTIFUL, EVEN THAN YOU ARE! YOU UNDERSTAND?!



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## How to develop the I-WILL-NEVER-QUIT SPIRIT

WHETHER you have been reading this column from the first edition of CLIMAX or whether you're stumbling on it for the first time, you must consider yourself extremely lucky that you are soon to be in possession of a powerful secret formula for achieving success.

Many who aspire to succeed, who set out with great determination, have been known to fall by the wayside because they lack this secret.

Yet those who acclaim as geniuses, the achievers, men and women who seem to have a Midas touch, all know this secret. Without it they would never have succeeded.

What is this secret?

It is called **RESOLUTE DETERMINATION, the never-say-die spirit, the I-will-never-quit spirit, the burning desire to achieve whatever one sets out to accomplish no matter the odds.**

Without knowing this secret and applying it no one can accomplish

anything worthwhile in life.

When you have set your goal and made adequate plan to achieve it, following the steps already taught you in the previous lessons, you need resolute determination to see the plan through.

Without resolute determination, you will certainly get discouraged as people will laugh at you. Obstacles will rear their ugly heads all over your path. Your faith in your ability will disappear. The voices of those who tell you it is "impossible" will grow louder and louder until they wash away your determination.

But once you have resolved with determination to go ahead with your plans, ignore all the hecklers, all the discouraging thoughts and see, at every given time, the picture of what you want to achieve.

The fact that what you have decided to accomplish has not been done by anyone before should never discourage you. Remember that

### PAUSE & THINK

Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, the mind of man can achieve...with Positive Mental Attitude

there was a time in human history when there were no aeroplanes, telephone, satellites, air conditioners, computers, radio, television, electricity, printing press and so on and so on.

Remember, also, that all these things, and many other things like them, that have enhanced our civilisation, were made possible by men who believed that they could be done.

And all of them, without exception, were ridiculed for daring to think they could do them. You can go to any of the airports in the country today and board a plane from there to another part of the country or even fly to any part of the world.

But the Wright brothers, who first dreamed of a machine that could fly in the air, were thought to be crazy and were actually taken to be cured of their mental illness.

That we now travel from one point to another using aeroplane confirms us rather than the Wright brothers, the people who should have had their heads examined were those who thought the brothers were sick in the head for dreaming of creating a machine that would fly through the air.

What you should remember always, as the author of **THINK AND GROW RICH**, Napoleon Hill, states quite plainly, is this: "If the thing you wish to do is right, and you believe in it, go ahead and do it."

"Put your dream across, and never mind what 'they' say if you use temporary defeat for 'they' failure brings along with it the seed of an equivalent success".

Temporary set-back, that you must expect, is no reason for you to discontinue. Thomas Edison, who made it possible for us to get electric light, enables us to see in the bulb that enables us more than ten thousand tests before he finally

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## Learning from defeat

ONE of the lessons anyone who desires to be successful must learn is how to rise again after a fall.

Theodore Roosevelt, one of America's great presidents, once said: "I wish to see in the average American citizen the determination not to shrink back when temporarily beaten in life, as each will be now and then, but to get up again and wrest triumph from defeat".

Of all the great names you have read about in this column, there is not a single one who did not know what a set-back is.

To be defeated, to be beaten back, can even be good for you as you look towards success - very defeat, every fall, is an opportunity for you to look again at your plan, and your method of executing it.

Defeat enables you to learn what you have done wrong. And when you are beaten back and you, as a result, decide to take stock, you have the golden opportunity of discovering your errors and correcting them, knowing fully well that you are not going to repeat the same mistakes that caused your defeat again.

Many make the mistake of not trying again when they fall or stumble. That is a wrong attitude. Part of the price you must pay for success is to be defeated from time to time.

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**ARIES**  
Mar 21-Apr 20

A little disturbance may be expected along friendship; don't take people for granted for a minute. You may find your love a little worrisome too.



**TAURUS**  
Apr 21-May 20

There are a few hurdles along your romantic path in form of your love's unusual words and actions. You'll enjoy the week better if you are less possessive.



**GEMINI**  
May 21-Jun 20

Ever heard of "crisis management"? Your partner may insist on your support against a self-made enemy. I see this happening some time in the middle of the week; it's a brain test.



**CANCER**  
Jun 21-Jul 20

You may be starting the week in a low spirit; the financial goodwill or friends will help to change that before the time runs out.



**LEO**  
Jul 21-Aug 21

Certain plans of yours need modifications, others, total abandonment. Whether the people involved will allow you to sort things out is what I'm wondering about.



**VIRGO**  
Aug 22-Sep 22

Your partner would say you are appearing more dominating than ever. Don't put a vital friendship in jeopardy by feeling proud about it.



**LIBRA**  
Sep 23-Oct 22

Two-time success in a risky business may be tempting you into a third attempt. Ian Fleming - or is it Auric Goldfinger - says, "The third time is enemy action". I won't say risk it.



**SCORPIO**  
Oct 23-Nov 22

Life gets more difficult as old relatives turn Maradona, better luck on Tuesday or thereafter.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23-Dec 20

The Christmas would catch you in the midst of a steamy romance or buoyant friendship - one of the two. Your star, however, forbids adventure borne out of sheer impressionism.



**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 21-Jan 19

Someone tosses a selfish proposal along your path. Make sure you throw it back before it lands on the ground.



**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 20-Feb 18

An unexpected visitor and the mood of the times help to patch up cracks in your marriage. Thank God for big miracles!



**PISCES**  
Feb 19-Mar 20

Your confidence in someone you are trying to warm up to is confirmed. You can now start talking business. Many good returns are expected here if you keep you on enthusiasm under control while the negotiation lasts.

# WHAT HER STAR SAYS

FRIENDLY reader, here is introducing one of the most eminent grandmothers in our country today, Madam Efun Alayande - pretty, motherly, influential, but unassuming.

Mama Alayande was born October 24, 1911, a Scorpio. She is the wife of Archdeacon Emmanuel Alayande, a respected politician of the two republics, mother of Funsho Alayande, the chairman of Ibadan Municipal government, daughter of Bishop Akinyele of sweet memory and niece to the late Oludaban Akinyele, who needs no further introduction.



I can see the good, old lady playing something of the young woman's role again as friends swarm the archdeacon this week and in the next two. The children will embark on a deliberate effort to compel mama to abide by a foregone pastime: travelling.

# T

aiibat Oloye - A 29-year-old woman conductress with the L.S.T.C.

IT'S not surprising nowadays seeing women in men's job, for what is most important is having interest in the job. Being a conductress, I take my job as a challenge to men counterparts.

Not that - I don't have any educational background, because people think it doesn't take much to be on the job.

I attended Christ Church School in Epe - Lagos State, and my post primary school education at Epe Grammar School. I later proceeded to Lagos State College of Education to read Economics and Government. I graduated from there in 1983 with an NCE certificate.

When I finished I just discovered that I wouldn't want to earn a living through the teaching profession, so I gave up that idea, and started looking for something else. I always love seeing people around me and also having interaction with

# ME AND MY JOB

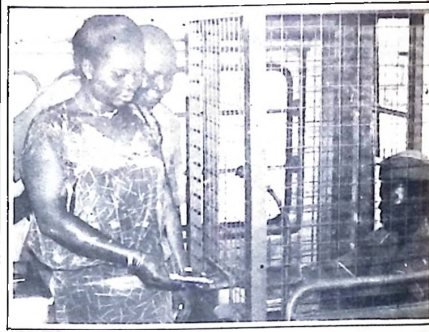
BY TAIBAT OLOYE

A woman conductress with LSTC

roster clerk and he will also give me the route to ply together with the driver.

It is my duty to take good care of the money collected and also my passengers. I have a cabin in the bus which I normally sit on, when collecting money from passengers entering through the back door, and also giving them tickets in return.

I allow passengers to enter through the front door, when they are many to avoid disturbance, so as the bus moves on I will have to make standing collection, starting



**ON DUTY** - Miss Taibat Oloye attends to passengers. "I'm enjoying every bit of the job," she says.

them; most especially with new faces.

I started working as a clerical officer with the Ministry of Works in Lagos thinking that I will be able to interact with people, but things didn't turn out as expected, so I left the place after spending up to two years.

After sometime, I decided to work with the Lagos State Transport Corporation as a conductress. I just felt I will be able to interact more with people because it's where my interest lies.

I started this job in early '86 and we do it on shift basis. When I'm on morning shift, I wake up at 4:00 a.m. to do my normal house chores before setting out at 4:35 a.m. for work because I'm expected to report at 5:00 a.m.

Getting to work, I will have to

collect my ticket machine from the front to the back.

When I was still green on the job, things were difficult for me with the passengers, but now I'm used to it. And I'm really enjoying every bit of the job. When I'm on afternoon shift - I report at 1:30 p.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m.

I've not had any cause to regret ever being on the job. The only problem I have at present is with my fiancée - who is complaining about the time I resume and close from work. He complains of getting up very early in the morning to work, which will not be easy for us when we start a family and also the risk in going out very early and coming in very late at night in the city of Lagos. ♡

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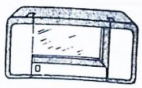


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# PETER AKAKASIKA

## A golfer's dream

### BACKGROUND

PETER was born in Kano on November 27, 1957, and he began his elementary school in the same ancient northern city. He however concluded his elementary education in his home town Effurun in Bendal State where his parents returned to when the civil war was about to break out in 1966.

After elementary school, Peter enrolled straight at a professional institution in Warri where he studied architectural design and building, graduating in 1974.

His northern background is, however, still pronounced in the Hausa language which he speaks fluently. "I can speak Hausa as easily as saying Kalamata", he points out.

Apart from Hausa, Peter also speaks Yoruba, Okpilla and Ijaha, apart from his native Urhobo. Of course he also speaks English.

### CAREER

Peter first got to know about golf at age 13 in 1970, when, although still at school, he started spending his spare

*PETER Akakasiika is a household name in Nigerian golf by virtue of being the top-shot in the teeing game in the country. But while many people know Akakasiika for his deft touches in picking holes on the golf course with precision, few know what made the man ... and what makes him.*

*Akakasiika talks more about himself and less about golf in this report presented by Mumini Alao*

time as a caddy at the Warri Golf Club. He soon discovered he had a tremendous flair for the game and this led to his rapid progress in it. After graduating from school in 1974, Peter turned an amateur golfer in 1975, became a professional in 1976, and the following year he became Nigeria number one player for the first time! That same year he played for the country in the World Cup in Manila, Philippines, and again at the Benson & Hedges Golf tourney in the United Kingdom. "Those were my first time out of Nigeria", he recalls.

### HONOURS

Peter Akakasiika has travelled wide

during the course of his career. "I've been to so many countries that I can't even remember some of them again", he says. "But I think it's enough to say I've been to all the continents of the world", he adds modestly.

And in travelling so wide, Peter has also amassed a large collection of honours for self and country.

Notable among his triumphs are four Nigerian Professional Golfers association Championship wins in 1978, '82, '83, and '84, the record of having won all local tournaments through his career; as well as the brilliant performance in placing equal third during the highly competitive Nigeria Open this year. Peter also became the first Black African ever to qualify for the prestigious British Open Championships. But for all his achievements in golf, Peter is still rearing to go. "I still have some more tricks up my sleeve", he says mildly.

### ROMANCE

Peter Akakasiika is married to pretty Joan Ada who hails from Abioh, a town in Peter's home state - Bendel. The two tied the nuptial knots on August 11 this year, although they already have a son - Peter Junior - born in March 1987.

The Akakasiikas live in a modest but comfy abode in Yaba, Lagos, and get around in a Peugeot 305 Saloon Car which Peter bought for N11,000 in 1986.

Joan doesn't play golf, but she is Peter's greatest fan. "She's always around to cheer me on", Peter says of his wife. "And whenever I go out alone, I always look forward to returning home because I know somebody would be waiting", confesses the star golfer.

### WINNINGS

Peter claims he has won fame, but no fortune from playing golf. "The highest I've won in a single tourney is N25,000, and when you think that players like world No. 1 seed Steve Ballestrero win multiples of that amount in a single outing too, you realise my win is laughable. I'm not complaining, however.



Peter Akakasiika: doing his thing

Although I'm not rich, I think I'm comfortable enough".

### GUIDANCE

Peter Akakasiika has received useful guidance from a lot of people since coming into golf, but two of them stand out. Says Peter: "Justice Ephraim Akpata for whom I was a caddy at the Warri Golf Club during the early days remains the biggest influence in my career. The other person is Matthew Jacob, the current non-playing captain of the Nigerian golf team who has also given me a lot of encouragement".

### DREAM

Akakasiika's hope is for an improved atmosphere for the development of golf in Nigeria. "We don't have enough competitions just yet", he says. "For instance the British players who beat us (the West African Golf Team) in this year's Benson & Hedges tourney play in various competitions every single week of the year, while Nigeria... has only six sponsored tourneys for the whole year. So golf to improve more in the country, we'll need more competitions to allow us improve our game, and keep in shape.

### Brits out smoking again

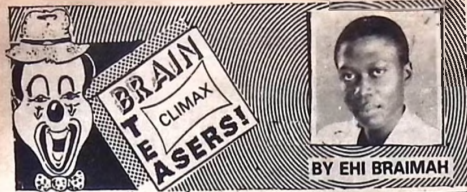
THE B'n Benson & Hedges International Golf tournament ended on Sunday December 4 at the Ikoyi Club golf course with the Great Britain team retaining the much coveted title, after beating their hard-fighting West African opponents by 11% to 8% points. The victory was the fifth by the Brits in the yearly challenge contest, and it awarded them the custody of the Benson & Hedges giant trophy for another twelve months.



Peter gets set for another hit (left) and watches as wife Joan signs the dotted lines on their wedding day (right)







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BY EHI BRAINAH

## FIND THE DISTANCE

Tunde and his beautiful wife, Kemi, set out to travel from Town A to Town B with Tunde behind the wheels, cruising at 100 km/h. But unfortunately for them, their car broke down before they could get to their destination, wasting about 45 minutes in fixing the car. When the car was O.K., Kemi took charge of the journey at 80 km/h. If the total time spent for the journey is 2 hrs 45 minutes, what is the distance between the two towns?

## TEST OF VERBAL REASONING

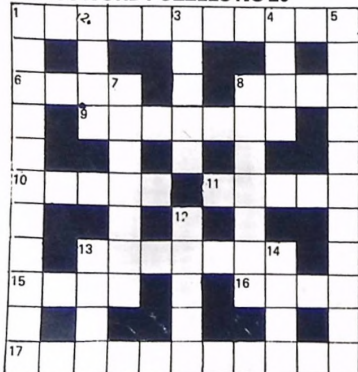
- Man is to Masculine as Woman is to (a) Intuitive (b) Madam (c) Girl (d) Feminine
- Circle is to Sphere as Square is to (a) Ball (b) Cube (c) Polygon (d) Triangle
- Cheap is the opposite of (a) Valueless (b) Trendy (c) Glitters (d) Expensive
- What means the same as Portion? (a) Whole (b) Part (c) Chip (d) None
- Poet is to Verse as Sculptor is to (a) Chisel (b) Statue (c) Stone (d) Artist

## How Fitting

Can you find a word that will complete a longer one for the group of words below?

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1. Likeness (11) 6. Get into a panic (4) 8. Eye of inflammation (4) 9. Muddle (7) 10. Large flat fish (5) 11. Divide (5) 13. Lingered (7) 15. Hardwood (4) 16. Small mountain lake (4) 17. Signalling apparatus (11)

Down

1. Cooling drink (11) 2. Flyhigh (4) 3. Type of soul (5) 4. Observe (4) 5. One who inflicts capital punishment (11) 7. Mailman (7) 8. Piece of news (7) 12. Long-handled brush (5) 13. Roman garment (4) 14. Silly (4)

## Find'em Out

- Which city is the capital of Norway?
- Where would you see the Mona Lisa?
- What's odd about the buses in Venice?
- What is the nickname of your little finger?

## Word Search

- (4) The following towns are some state capitals in Nigeria. Can you find them in the grid below? Abeokuta, Minna, Koforutua, Jos, Ibadan, Sokoto, Kaduna, Enugu, Owerri.

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## SUM UP

- (6) Trace a path from 8 to D through five numbers that add up to 61. (You can move in any direction, except diagonally).

1	2	3	4	8
9	8	7	6	5
10	11	12	13	14
19	18	17	16	15
D	20	21	22	23

14. Date  
Down: 1. Refreshment, 2. Soar, 3. Broth, 4. Note, 5. Executioner, 7. Postman, 8. Sailboat, 12. Broom, 13. Toga.

Across: 1. Resemblance, 6. Flap, 8. Style, 9. Route, 10. Skate, 11. Split, 13. Terrace, 15. Ebon, 16. Tam, 17. Transmitter.

How Fitting: Lag

Sum Up: 8 - 5 - 6 - 13 - 17 - 20 - D

(1) The nickname of your little finger is Pinkie

(2) The buses in Venice are boats

(3) The town Liss is in the Louvre, Paris

(4) Oslo is the capital city of Norway

Find the distance: 180 km

Test of verbal reasoning: (1) d (2) b (3) d (4) b (5) b

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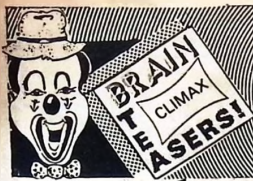
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## FIND THE DISTANCE

Tunde and his beautiful wife, Kemi, set out to travel from Town A to Town B with Tunde behind the wheels, cruising at 100 km/h. But unfortunately for them, their car broke down 45 before they could get to their destination, wasting about 45 minutes in fixing the car. When the car was O.K., Kemi took charge of the wheels for the rest of the journey at 80 km/h. If the total time spent for the journey is 2 hrs 45 minutes, what is the distance between the two towns?

## TEST OF VERBAL REASONING

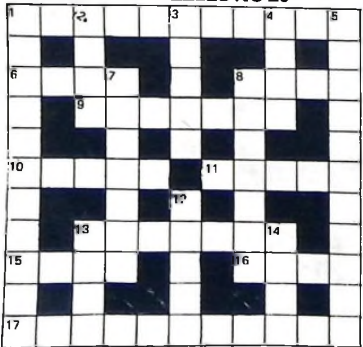
- Man is to Masculine as Woman is to (a) Intuitive (b) Madam (c) Girl (d) Feminine
- Circle is to Sphere as (a) Ball (b) Cube (c) Polygon (d) Triangle
- Cheap is the opposite of (a) Valueless (b) Trendy (c) Glitters (d) Expensive
- What means the same as Portion? (a) Chip (b) Part (c) Whip (d) None
- Poet is to Verse as Sculptor is to (a) Chisel (b) Statue (c) Stone (d) Artist

## How Fitting?

Can you find a word that will complete a longer one for the group of words below?

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F \_ \_ \_ ON  
P \_ \_ \_ UE

## CROSSWORD PUZZLES NO 20



1. Likeness (11) 6. Get into a panic (4) 8. Eye of inflammation (4) 9. Mundane (7) 10. Large flat fish (5) 11. Divide (5) 13. Lingard (7) 15. Hardwood (4) 16. Small mountain lake (4) 17. Signalling apparatus (11)
- Down  
1. Cooling drink (11) 2. Flyhigh (4) 3. Type of soul (5) 4. Observe (4) 5. One who inflicts capital punishment (11) 7. Mailman (7) 8. Piece of news (7) 12. Long-handled brush (5) 13. Roman garment (4) 14. Silly (4)

# Find'em Out Word Search

- Which city is the capital of Norway?
- Where would you see the Mona Lisa?
- What's odd about the buses in Venice?
- What is the nickname of your little finger?

(4) The following towns are some state capitals in Nigeria: Can you find them in the grid below? Abeokuta, Minna, Kano, Akure, Jos, Ibadan, Sokoto, Kaduna, Enugu, Owerri.



## SUM UP

(5) Trace a path from B to D through five numbers that add up to 61. (You can move in any direction, except diagonally).

1	2	3	4	B
9	8	7	6	5
10	11	12	13	14
16	17	15	18	19
D	20	22	21	23

Down: 1. Refreshment 2. Soar 3. Broth 4. Note 5. Executioner 7. Postman 8. Snippet 12. Broom 13. Toga

17. Transmitter.  
13. Tattered 15. Ebon 16. Tarn.  
9. Routine 10. Skate 11. Spilt.  
1. Resemblance 6. Fisp 8. Style.

How Fitting? — Lag  
Sum Up: — B — 5 — 6 — 13 — 17 — 20 — D

Find the distance: — 180 km  
(2) The nickname of your little finger is Pinkie  
(3) The buses in Venice are Boats  
(4) The Mona Lisa is in the Louvre, Paris  
(5) Oslo is the capital city of Norway

Test of verbal reasoning: — (1) D (2) B (3) D (4) B (5) B

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