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Murtala's son boogies it off

Barely four days to the anniversary of his father's death, Zakari Murtala Mohammed, seem to have forgotten the evil of that Friday thirteenth February, 1976, what perhaps was the bloodiest Friday in his life, as he took time off to mix with the cream of society and glamorous girls at the Peak Night Club.

Humble, handsome Zakari a splitting image of his father, was in the company of friends. We join Zakari and family in humble remembrance of the great leader, Murtala Muhammed.

DIANE GETS A GIGANTIC CARD

She dazzled, she danced and of course she radiated happiness. It was her day - Lady Di rode on the wave of a black mini that flaunted most of her natural endowments. His Royal Punkness Charley Boy Oputa matched her in shoulder padded ankle length top coat, watching his lady chatting up a guest.

Charley mused to Skid Ikemefuna "this my wife has big bottom"

Beautiful Lady Di received a giant birthday card from her hussy signed: "you are my jewel in the park". There were other jewels at Charley's Glover Street, Ikoyi residence, singer/actress Barbara Soky strolled in, frocked in a two piece black tail trouser suit, looking every inch like Alice in the Wonder Land, Babs strolled in a little after midnight. The lady of soaps is fast shedding those fats.

Compulsive night Crawler Ikemefuna like the able host of the Kessingsheen Hit Show, arrived with our Moji Danisa. Pamela Mojeiku (Miss Keep Fit) attended with her little daughter Tina and beau Prof. Danny Gwira. Danny looked like anything but fier soul mate.

He needs to renew his wardrobe if he has to go out with chic and trim Pamela.

Ton Seyvner came with a black slim lady in an all black skin tight outfit.

Also from Polygram Records were producer Chris Ajilo and Wale Iyaniwura. Singer Funmi Davies was her usual cherry self. She still has to attend Pamela Mojeiku's keep fit classes if she's not doing so already. There was also ex-Blo singer Berkely Jones with a Pretty lady in red.

The night wouldn't have been complete without the punk queen herself. Designer Tina Onwudiwe, who came with an entourage of "crazily" dressed half castes. Tina danced the whole night away. Who'd believe that she's a mother of three?

GOOD GIRL AUGUSTA

Augusta nee Ndiwe, of the NTA Newsline fame, now married to Emeka Maduegbuna, ex-anchorman of the infamous NTA Verdict '79, presently practicing public relations,



Jean Claude Mabouela is the right winger Gabonese national team, Azingo Stars, who led our Super Eagles, January 7, 1988 at Knesset Azikwe Stadium, Enugu, in a World Cup qualifier. But that defeat did not stop Mabouela from going through a copy of your soon-arriving CLIMAX.



The University of Ibadan held its matriculation ceremony for new students recently. The Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ayo Bango (above) reads his address at the occasion and left. Kijke Adebajo (left) and Sheriff Owanke Babalola (right) show some of the matriculating students.

radiated that charm that endeared her to her fans on television, in a live interview with the executives of Lever Brothers Nigeria Ltd and LTC advertising, during the re-launching of new improved Surt detergent at the national Theatre. She was marvellous in a glamorous blue shoulder-gaarded dress.

EMI HOLDING TIGHT

EMI Records recorded a huge profit in acquiring fuji star, Alhaji Kollington Ayinla who left Polygram Records early last year, and like every fisherman who values a big catch, they are doing everything to keep the net intact.

The record company we hear is pampering Ayinla Kollington in every way possible. Sources reveal that people calling from the musicians end are attended to with unusual despatch and when Kollington himself calls, he receives sweeties in form of launch or dinner that cost up to ₦200.00.

Kollington has since released three records on EMI stable. Two of them were big hits (Quality and Blessing). Polygram Records, our sources say are making concerted efforts to have Kollington back. But EMI will not let go. They'll do everything, we are told, to make Kollington forget whatever memory he may still have about Polygram Records who takes

credit for his hit LP, 'American Yankee'.

HOW ABOUT THIS, TONY

THE recent Japanese musical shows in Lagos in which the Honourable Minister of Information, Prince Tony Momoh, gave one of the opening speeches that was interesting, both for the drumming prowess of the visiting performers and for the side attractions their show drew.

One of such side attractions was the surprise hop on the stage of the information minister's orderly as Prince Momoh went before the audience to give his opening speech. Suddenly, there was slender, dark-uniformed figure behind him with his hands clapped at his back.

The minister, did not, perhaps, hear the exaggerated shouts of "ha-hal" from the people opposite him, or if he did, pretended not to mind them. How would the prince have commented on that in his days as editor, DAILY TIMES?

SEARCHING FOR A WIDER AUDIENCE

Chic Magazine publisher, Eddie Iroh arrived in the country from London Friday and spent Saturday night at Peak Night Club, Sunlere checking out interior design of his pal, Berkely Jones.



A send-off party was held in honour of Alhaji Raheem Adesumo who last year resigned his chairmanship of the Nigerian Lawn Tennis Association. Present at the party from left are J.A. Olatunji,

Alhaji Raheem Adesumo, Alhaji Babayo Shehu, NSC Director General and Ajomo Alabi (Lord Rumens) and below, Chuka Momah (in suit) chats with Babatunde Oshuntolu (ESBEE) at the party.



Faces at Lady D's birthday party. Pix above shows His Royal Punkness, Charly Boy, Lady D's husband, and friends.



Lady D poses with Mrs. Chi Oputa, Mrs. Jane Azogu (centre).



Miss Keptel, Pamela Moyekwu, and her daughter, Tina, were there, too. To Pam's left is her beau, Prof. Danny Gwira.



"This is my first time here and I must tell you I'm impressed. The standard is as high. It's just like any other club you'll find in Paris and London or New York". Eddie has also been searching for a wider market for Chic. "Chic has received a good world wide audience, what I'm struggling for is to receive a wider audience so I can start making profit" he says.

LYNDA BARES HER LEGS

Ex-beauty Miss Lynda Chuba-Ikpeazu (Joe Best has informed us that they are just platonic friends) was at Peak Saturday night, dressed in a seducing four inch-above-knee-black leather mini skirt and a mid-riff cream Jacket. In her circle were Chic Magazine publisher, Eddie Iroh who insists "Lynda and I are

friends" he denies any love affairs.

Tony Nnancheta, Senior Manager, Foreign Exchange Department of African Continental Bank, one of Eddie Iroh's "best friends in the world" was there.

BJ'S BIG COMEBACK

Berkeley Jones (BJ) ex-Blo vocalist now club designer/defence contractor is returning to music, the vocation that brought him to fame about two decades ago. As he told CLIMAX PEOPLE at the Peak, "I'll be coming out with an eipee later in the year, but I won't be recording with any of the companies in the country, they can't promote it effectively," he says.

REGAL BIANCA CAN'T DANCE

Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria, Bianca Onoh, just back from the Soviet Union, spent Saturday night at Peak accompanied by Silverbird's PR man, Oscar. She was on the dance floor a few times to dance to the music of DJ Prince 2000 with Ade Adesoro, a US based business man.

In the dance department, she needs to take a few lessons and steps from Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu, who was inches away from her. Bianca left about 2.45am apparently not accustomed to the night crawling. Present were retired Captain S. Agoni, Gm Peak/Rufai Remi and pop star Chris Mba.

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Angela Onyeador is a beauty herself. No wonder, the African Queen Pegaant, a competition she put together until last year, was a huge success. But her inviting smile is what you need for your enjoyable weekend this week.

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Straight from the heart

- ♥ Dada – Thanks for all the love. It's a year since you asked. Still waiting to say I do. Happy Valentine, – Maltex
- ♥ Pat – God bless the day, I found you. I'll keep on loving you – Ahmed.
- ♥ Burmi – I'll never stop loving you, even if there is someone else in your life. I'll always love you – Peju.
- ♥ Deji – I'm yours for ever if only you know what it takes to make a relationship go on – Sola.
- ♥ Dupe – Wishing a happy birthday on your special day coming up, and many years of it with love – Tola
- ♥ Meg – You are and you'll always be the greatest part of all the plans, hopes and dreams that are closest to my heart. Thanks for making my world beautiful – Ebi.
- ♥ Sonia – Hope you'll have a nice birthday party for my sake – Onuorah
- ♥ Ngozi – Despite all odds, you are all I have. I will never give up for the love of you, I love, and cherish you – Poptorn.
- ♥ Fummi – I hope you returned safely and forget the incident that happened on New Year's eve – Deji
- ♥ Joyce – You are the only one in my life and you'll always be – Nnamdi.

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Jokes & Humour



OLU was trying to woo one beautiful lady at Kingsway Rendezvous one day when the stubborn lady suddenly shouted at him, saying: "Please leave me alone, I am not for that kind stuff?"

This lady's action drew attention of so many people towards Olu. He felt embarrassed and quickly changed his conversation with the lady by saying: "I'll not leave you alone unless you promise to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour." The lady was dumbfounded. What a smart guy – Remi Nacbas, UBA, Lagos.

There was this boy in my class who didn't comb his hair before coming to school one day. This dialogue ensued between him and the teacher.

Teacher: Why didn't you comb your hair this morning?
Boy: Because we have no comb

Teacher: Does it mean your father has no comb?
Boy: Yes sir!

Teacher: Why?

Boy: Because he has no hair on his head.

— Orum Nkechi, Girls High School, PAIB 7132, Ogbor Hill, Abe.

ONCE upon a time, there was an American journalist who was on a research trip to Nigeria. He had heard stories that Nigerians answer questions with questions.

On his arrival at Murtala Mohammed International Airport, he excused a Nigerian and after exchanging greetings, he asked: "Is it true that Nigerians answer questions with questions?" The Nigerian replied: "Who told you that?" The American nodded his head and went back with the next flight.

— Sam Odehigo, Maiduguri

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YOU GOTTA HAVE STYLE

Twenty-three-year-old Terri Bodek of Buffalo, New York, is another fashion-conscious wife who decided to get divorced in George. Now she dresses like him and is divorcing Mr Bodek in order to travel the world in the wake of her idol. Boy George she managed to secure a front seat and handed him a rose. Apparently the singer took it and smiled. "It's a start", said Mrs Bodek.

People have varying attitudes to divorce. After seven years of marriage, Mrs Daisy Enloak, a member of three, realized she couldn't put up with her husband's indifference any longer. On the day she divorced her husband, she realized she had him as she worked in his vegetable patch. "I am getting a divorce," he replied.

"I don't get these tomato plants in soon they will die", he replied.

Taken from his book, "The Bedside Book of Great Sexual Disasters," By Gyles Brandreth

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How my romance with Mike Enahoro went sour

Mike Enahoro, the chief executive of Prime Television, and Julie Coker, the glamour girl of TV, are no strange bed fellows. They once had a sweet romance together which even resulted in an offspring. Then things began to fall apart. Julie and Mike were no longer seeing eye to eye. It was therefore obvious that the romance would hit a dead end and it did.

JULIE Coker is probably someone you would want to call a role model for a majority of young girls who want to make broadcasting a career.

Intelligent, elegant, glamorous and very enterprising, Julie has refused to age. She has been described as one of the most consistent television presenters around. This is not surprising as she has always been in the mainstream of television programming in the country. The glamour girl has held on to TV with an abiding faith since she hit the air-waves with the then WNTV in Ibadan in 1959.

Apart from being a celebrated announcer and mother, Julie has revealed why her romance with Mike Enahoro went sour.

Surprisingly, it was at the occasion of the launching of a weekly health newspaper — *Life Mirror* — at L'Hotel Eko Meridian in Lagos last December that she made the revelation.

Dignitaries who attended the occasion were asked to pass comments and words of encouragement relating to the ups and downs of life and how challenges should be faced squarely.

When it was Julie's turn, she sang praises of career women, saying that it no longer made sense for men to ride rough-shod over women.

According to her, the father of one of her children, Mike Enahoro, formerly of the NTA (he is now the chief executive of Prime Television, a private television production company), was always in the habit of visiting the Lagos Island Club to play tennis. Julie went on to narrate how she used to drive Mike from the club to the NTA to read the 9 p.m. news.

Thus, it became a steady routine for Julie to abandon her job and pick Mike nearly on a daily basis.

But it was not so one evening as Julie said she had a lot of desk job to handle. When it became apparent that Mike (who had gone to the club as usual) was not going to show up, Julie said she had no choice but to walk into the studios to cast the news. And that was the first time Julie, and a woman for that matter, would read the network news. Apparently, Mike had taken it for granted that Julie would come to pick him. The



Mike Enahoro and Julie Coker (inset). The right shows Julie Coker making a speech during the launching of *Life Mirror*, a weekly health newspaper.

realisation that she was not coming must have hit him hard. And he didn't find that incident funny at all, blowing hot and cold in the process.

According to Julie, he felt it was a calculated attempt on her part to spite him. The foundation of their love life thus took its first knock. Things began to go wrong and it became inevitable that the two of them had to part.

But according to sources close to both Julie and Mike, there were other reasons which actually led to the two of them going their separate ways.

"Mike's romance with Julie," says one source, "was seriously opposed by his people on the grounds that Julie had children from a previous affair."

"Moreover, Mike is from a royal family in Uromi, Bendel State, and no member of that family is allowed to marry a woman with children from an earlier romance," continues the source. "So there was a strong resistance by Mike's people which eventually stopped the affair from being legalised."

This may not have been Mike Enahoro's thinking. You probably didn't know that even before he

started dating Julie, the avid golfer had an affair with a Yoruba woman which was blessed with children. The Yorubawoman earlier on met and fell in love with an expatriate, a relationship which produced a kid.

One of Julie's friends admits: "At the time Mike and Julie were no longer seeing eye to eye, Mike had blood-thirsty eyes which may not have been unconnected with his smoking and drinking habits. I'm sure he drank more than enough during that period of misunderstanding with Julie."

"But the real trouble," continues the friend, "began when Mike started seeing his present wife, Susan (nee Amanaechi), a native of Ibadan in Oshimili Local Government Area of Bendel State). At a point, Julie threatened to pack out of her home a threat which she really carried out. But she didn't stop at that. Julie also vowed that she would make sure their son stopped seeing Mike."

"Mike literally told Julie to go to hell if she wanted to. And that was the last straw that put their romance on ice. It was at that point Mike made up his mind marry Susan, his present wife."



When CLIMAX got in touch with Mike, to get his own version of his romance with Julie, he curtly replied: "Please, I don't want to say anything. I'm now happily married and my wife would certainly not find it funny if I start discussing my private life on the pages of newspapers and magazines."

Mike Enahoro's son from Julie is now based in the US. Anytime he comes around, he visits his father. And, most times, Julie Coker goes to Mike's house to share in the happiness of having him around.

In fact, a very reliable source says both Mike and Julie are now on talking terms. "They have both forgotten the bitter past even without any written undertaking. And I think that is how it should be — no love lost," added the source humourously.

The people who have "all the luck" are those who don't depend on it.

— Ivern Ball

If you want your dreams to come true you have to stay wide awake.

— Bud Holiday

I can't believe my son is dead

Victor Akan, a senator in the Second Republic, died of cancer in a London hospital last December. Two of his brothers who are medical doctors were at his bedside when he gave up the ghost. Maybe this can explain why Victor's father can't believe he's dead.

Uwem Ankak reports

HE walked as if he was threading on a landmine into the reception lobby of his white-painted, one-storey reception palace. His mood was pensive and that of transparent grief. He looked left, right and left again, lifted his head a little higher, sighed and took his seat opposite this reporter who had already stood up to express his sympathy for the great loss of Victor Akan.

This was the mood of His Royal Highness Ahta Uwe Otoy Akan, the paramount ruler of Oron, five days after his first son, late Victor Akan, a prominent second republic senator and shrewd business magnate, was buried.

He beckoned the reporter to take his seat and asked almost immediately in a tone that was a shade above a whisper: "What are you coming to ask me?"

"How did you react to the news of your son's death?" I asked. He gestaculated a little in his seat, clawed his fingers together and said with all calmness: "I still do not believe that my son is dead. I heard of his death two days after he sent a message to inform me that he would be returning home early January this year. But he is now dead. It's hard to believe," added the old man, waving his hand absent-mindedly.

Would the paramount ruler see the son's death beyond what is quoted by medical experts as the cause of his death? "Well," he said with a sharp shudder, "I have to

believe what the medical experts said. I want to believe Victor's death was natural and that he died of cancer.

"What if somebody dies by accident? So, I have to believe the medical report, after all two of his brothers (all medical doctors) were there with him in London when he died.



Late Victor Akan



Father of late Victor Akan, His Royal Highness Ahta Uwe Otoy Akan, the paramount ruler of Oron.

Victor was a very good son. If I were to give him marks, I would have given him a very high score

What would the traditional ruler remember his son for? "Victor was a very good son. If I were to give him marks, then I would have given him a very high one. He surpasses many other children of mine.

"As my first son, I could only use the adjective, exemplary, to describe him. He played his role as a first son creditably. He was very good to the rest of the family members. He was not only good to the family but to every other person."

While HRN Ahta Uwe Akan was able to entertain questions about the

death of Victor, his wife, Mrs Arim Uwe Akan (Victor's mother) could not talk. She was in such a shock that when she was called to meet the reporter, she just starred blankly at the caller.

She's reported to have been in this state of shock since the news of her son's death. For Mrs Mima Akan, the wife of the late senator Akan, She had not recuperated enough to talk to CLIMAX as at the time of this interview.

Attired in black mourning dress, she came out of her room to

meet a former vice-chancellor of the University of Calabar who had come to pay her a condolence visit.

And, voluntarily escorting this reporter to the gate of their home was a security man in the estate. "Him!" he sighed. "My Oga was very good to me. I have never seen a man like him. He listened to problems and solved them as if they were his own. He used to buy us things anytime he comes back from his long travels. I don't think I will ever forget him."

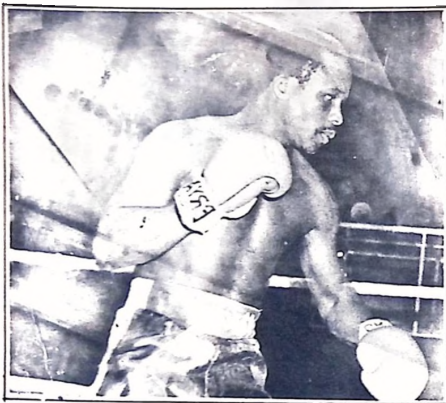
Late Victor Akan, chairman of Senate Committee on Banking and Finance and later Public Services (in his short tenure as a senator in the second Republic), was sick by early September. He was flown to London for treatment by the middle of the same month. He eventually died of cancer in December last year and was buried on January 6, 1989.



CLIMAX —
ALWAYS FIRST
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Obisia Nwankpa picks the gauntlet again ...

We reported an interview which Obisia Nwankpa granted this magazine last year. But somewhere along the line, Nwankpa's ex-mother-in-law, Mrs Josephine Ugorji, didn't like some of the things Nwankpa said. She wrote to us and we published her story. Now, Obisia Nwankpa is stepping forward again to counter the allegations contained in that rejoinder by Mrs Ugorji ...



OBISIA NWANKPA — "How can my mother-in-law call me a nobody?"

IN CLIMAX issue Vol. 1, No 20 (December 20, 1988), we published the report of Mrs. Christiana Ugorji, mother of Obisia Nwankpa's ex-wife, Josephine. That report was a rejoinder to an earlier interview Obisia Nwankpa granted us in issue Vol 1 No. 3 (August 18, 1988).

Now, Mr. Nwankpa, who visited our office, is unhappy over some of the contents of that report and, according to him, "silence can be golden but sometimes it is often taken as an admission of guilt." He continues: "It is against this background that I've decided against ignoring the recent rantings and unguarded utterances of my former mother-in-law, Mrs Christiana Ugorji.

"When I met her daughter, Josephine, in 1979, I had a flashy Renault TS saloon car and this certainly caught the fancy of Mrs. Ugorji who did not hesitate to give her approval to my marriage proposal to Josephine. I'm therefore sure that she could claim that not her daughter, I was 'a

Jgorji also claimed that she had an international passport before I met her. This claim

cannot be true otherwise the passport ought to bear Miss Josephine Ugorji instead of Mrs. Josephine Nwankpa.

"I wish to state categorically that I obtained passports for Josephine, her younger sister, Stella and their mother, and made it possible for all of them to travel to USA. While her children went to USA for studies, Mrs Ugorji's first visit to USA, under my auspices, was when Josephine gave birth.

"I also rented and furnished lavishly apartment for my former wife in USA in addition to buying for her an automatic Honda Accord car.

"That is not all. At the end of every month until 1984, I bought and despatched to her home the following items: a bag of rice, a half bag of beans, a dozen tins of tomatoes, among other provisions, plus ₦250 cash to sustain her and the family in keeping with my earlier pledge."

"I had earlier-on given her ₦1,000 cash before she proceeded home from Lagos."

"It is also true that I fell apart with my former mother-in-law from 1984 when I told her I had no more money especially after my father

died leaving me with six of my younger ones to cater for. She then formed the habit of embarrassing my female boxing fans, saying that they were my girlfriends.

"Mrs. Ugorji went as far as seizing the following items from one of those girls who had come to congratulate me after winning a fight: a handbag containing expensive jewellery, ₦35.00, and a pair of shoes. These items seized in 1984, are yet to be returned to the owner although I have since paid for them through the nose in order to avoid the unpleasant and adverse publicity the issue would have attracted.

"I wish to state that there is no basis to compare me with any member of her family. I'm above them all and Mrs Ugorji, with all her rich Senior Federal Civil Servant brothers and sisters was stranded in the United States of America. She was also deported to Nigeria. Until I intervened in 1985, by guaranteeing a ₦700.00 loan to enable her purchase her ticket to return to Nigeria even though I was not aware of her trip to USA.

"It must be stated here that this incident occurred in 1985, almost two years after the purported sex scandal involving me in 1983. The public can now judge for themselves the irresponsible fabrications in Mrs. Ugorji's purported rejoinder.

"In addition to guaranteeing the ₦700.00 loan for her flight ticket from USA, it is on record that Mrs.

Ugorji flew to Lagos completely kobless and in spite of my financial hardship, I had to raise ₦500.00 to enable her journey home from Lagos. Why did she not invite her very rich family members to come to her rescue?

"Mrs Ugorji made mention of her younger brother whom she said graduated from UNN with B.Sc. (Hons) degree. As far as I can remember, the boy was only a youth corper at that time and so could not have made any meaningful contribution when I was getting married to Josephine.

"My former mother-in-law also believed the incorrect *Nigerian Tide* report of December 19, 1983 about me ho-ho! The paper had reported that I had canal knowledge of a 7-year-old girl. It is disheartening that she believed what she read in the *Nigerian Tide* without attempting to hear from me, claiming that I made myself impossible to be reached.

"If she could not reach me to confirm the story, how was it possible to reach me when, two years later, she became stranded in USA? It is most unfortunate that the *Nigerian Tide* threw the noble professional ethics of investigative journalism to the winds, and published baseless, misleading and malicious reports about my person without cross-checking their facts. One begins to wonder the kind of journalism practised by the *Nigerian Tide*.

"Finally, let me also add that although my love for Josephine was genuine her mother did not live above board. To help my ex-mother-in-law, Mrs Ugorji, set her marital records right, she knows that her second legal husband, Mr Ugorji, died when Josephine, my ex-wife, was just about six months old. But as at today, Mrs. Ugorji has seven other children who claim that the late Mr. Ugorji was their father. If you are a sincere and honest mother, why not tell these children who their biological fathers are?

"I'm always available since Mrs Ugorji has promised that her daughter would return with more facts. I shall counter any unfounded allegation against me."



How booze cost me my radio job

THE MOST REVEALING INTERVIEWS ARE IN CLIMAX

There's no doubt that Patrick Doyle who plays Melvin in NTA's drama programme, *Ripples*, is a handsome man. He's got the kind of looks that will make many women go weak on their knees. But why did he allow booze to ruin his radio job? Roland Ogbonna reports

HE is ruggedly good-looking in a charming way. There is a dimple in his chin and a dangerous twinkle in his eyes.

His throaty voice and good looks make women go weak on their knees. Some might say that the word sex was invented with him in mind, but he says: "I get on with them fine. As far as we are pals, fine, but when it comes to the extent of seduction, I run. I mean literally."

Born again Patrick Doyle, warm-hearted and friendly, was into broadcasting with Radio Nigeria, Ikoji, at the young age of 21 and due to youthful exuberance, he was unable to keep the job because he was drinking too much.

"I was always coming to work late and getting drunk. I was so young then, about 20-21, and wasn't responsible" in the process, he got a couple of warning letters from his boss but he didn't take them serious.

"There was another round of booze which I had that ended it all. I came in about two hours late on a shift and heard that I was going to be fired. I quickly handed in my resigna-

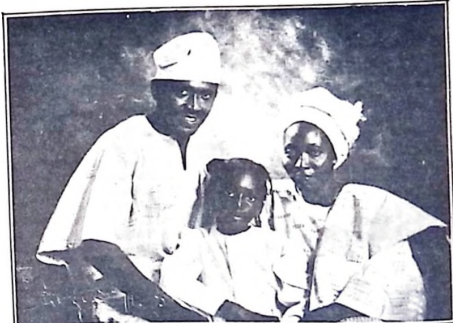
tion letter.

"But the point is I was not drinking as hard as a lot of people believed. I was just like any other young man and I'm sorry I can't look back now because those days have gone by," he says. "It was exciting. I had the best of everything." Even women? "I don't discuss my relationship with women," he confesses, "but I like women and would say that women like me because I'm an easy going person."

Gazing out of the window of one of the NTA's offices in Victoria Island, he is not looking dandy as Melvin, the role he plays in *Ripples*.

This is Patrick who isn't viewed through scandal and gossip. This is the guy away from the paparazzi and studio lights. He presented a half-hour programme — *Sunset Lagos* — now on NTA Channel 10 and it was one programme he enjoyed presenting.

"The responses I got were very nice. In fact I got the most flattering of letters. That was one of the programmes I love doing more than



Patrick Doyle in real life and Melvin in NTA's Soap, *Ripples* — This is Melvin and his family.

any other thing. Though I'm not competent to comment on why the programme was rested, it may be that NTA wanted variety, or maybe stopped it because somebody didn't like my face.

"But I suspect as NTA is going commercial, they needed money, and *Sunset Lagos* is not a programme that could have found sponsors easily because it was a talkshow," he admits.

Melvin, the role Patrick Doyle plays in the NTA half hour network soap, *Ripples*, is the dynamite of the programme. And, surprisingly Patrick says acting is purely business and that he does not identify himself with Melvin. "I think I'm a good actor and at the same time a born again Christian and all these go to prove that, with Christ, all things are possible.

"I'm very apathetic to Melvin. I don't even like him neither can I interpret his character. All I do is to deliver the lines as it is on the script and how the director wants it. The reason is that if you attach yourself to him, you intend to believe in him, so I detach myself from him," says Patrick.

It was few years later after resigning from radio that Patrick set up his own advertising agency which he says is a small one but has been able to pay its bills beautifully. Even though he is the executive director,

he insists that he's ~~not~~ a broadcaster but only he will not go into paid broadcasting job.

"We produce commercials. For example, we did the Rogers Gift commercial, Nora Products and quite a few others and I have a lot of clients. I'm also looking forward to doing more television talkshows, nice ones with a christian slant. Moreover, I have designed a good soap opera and the shooting will start anytime and it's nothing quite different from the ordinary," he explains.

In the next six months, too, Patrick Doyle will march his cherry pie to the altar. And for a man who is going to be 29 on March 23, why not. "I'm old enough and supposed to do what men of my age are doing — running a family. I should love my wife, provide for her and give all my life to her. That's the kind of husband I'm expecting to be and I'll train my kids so that when they grow up they'll not depart."

And that's the way he wants people to think of him, po. A guy who obey God's instructions. "I have this Irish temperament, terrible tempers. I don't know how to suffer fools, gladly or otherwise, and when I see incompetence, I always go crazy," he continues. "But I'm not saying I'm a highly competent person."



Patrick Doyle — "I'm very apathetic to Melvin," says Patrick of the role he plays in *Ripples*.

The world's most married man is tamed by a shy teen

"God has sent me an angel!" says 80-year-old Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, the world's most-married man, talking about the shy teenager who became his 27th bride three years ago.

"This marriage was made in heaven and will last forever!" Wolfe and his Filipino wife Daisy — who was only 14 when they tied the knot — are beating the odds by living in domestic bliss at their home in Blythe, Calif.

"Scotty is the kindest man, I have ever known," said dark-haired Daisy. "The difference in our ages is unimportant. All that matters is that we are deep in love."

Wolfe, a former Baptist minister who's listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's most-married man, had almost given up hope of finding the girl of his dreams after his 26th marriage broke up — only 63 days after he'd said "I do." His previous marriages had all been short-lived, lasting anywhere from 19 days to five years.

"My marriage to Daisy is already my third longest ever, and I'm determined this one's going to last till my dying breath," Scotty vowed. "Daisy is the first woman to tame me and make me settle down. I still have to pinch myself to believe it's true."

The happy couple met in 1985 after Daisy's mother saw a newspaper story about Scotty's marital misadventures and showed it to her pretty teenage daughter Daisy.

"The next thing I knew, out of the blue I received a letter with a photo of this gorgeous young gal, saying she wanted to marry me," Scotty recalled.

Wasting no time, Scotty flew to Cebu in the Philippines, and after a whirlwind courtship, they were married in a civil ceremony. But after an idyllic honeymoon, they ran into a bureaucratic road-block when Scotty tried to bring Daisy to the U.S.

"Immigration authorities said that even though Daisy was my legal wife she could not enter the country till

63-YEAR GAP: Scotty Wolfe gives Daisy a kiss at her high school. She was just 14 when they were married



she was 16," Scotty said.

He reluctantly left his bride behind and came back to California alone. For more than a year, the couple kept in touch through love letters, counting the days until they could be reunited.

Finally, in January 1987, shortly after her 16th birthday, Daisy was given permission to join her husband. She's now attending high school.

"In the evenings I help Daisy with

her homework and she fixes dinner. And every time she passes me she gives me a kiss," Scotty said. "We are real homebodies."

"Unlike my other wives, Daisy has no interest in running about town spending my money. She doesn't drink, she doesn't smoke and she doesn't expect me to buy her mink coats."

"I just know she was sent to me by the Man upstairs!"

... and man fixes cars full time for the needy — for free!

"I'm just a tool in God's toolbox," says auto mechanic Roy Haning — a former heavy drinker who now devotes his life to repairing cars free of charge for desperate, needy people.

In the past four years the 47-year-old Dallas man has put 400 cars back on the road for people who couldn't afford to fix them — and he also has given away another 311 cars he re-built.

"There's no subway system or public transportation in Dallas, so if you don't have a car that's running, you don't work," explained Haning.

His automotive "ministry," called "Cars for God's Kingdom," is operated with only one thought in mind — to help people who need and deserve help.

"I've got exactly 11 cents in my pocket right now, but it makes no difference to me. God always provides for my needs," said Haning, who became a born-again Christian in 1984. "Everything here is run by donations. I receive no salary at all. My house, the two-acre lot and the

electricity are paid for by a kindly couple who took an interest in my ministry."

Local churches and civic organizations arrange for old clunkers to be donated to Haning by owners who don't want them anymore. He gets some of the cars running again. If a vehicle can't be repaired, Haning strips parts from it and uses them on other cars.

"When I fix cars for people, they sometimes donate \$15 or \$20," he said. "But I don't expect a donation — these people are often out of work and down on their luck."

Four years ago it was Haning who was down on his luck. He had such a problem with booze that he couldn't pay his bills.

He and his wife were facing eviction for not paying their rent, he couldn't afford taxes to fix his broken-down car and all his utilities were about to be cut off.

"My wife and I had about half a jar of mustard and an open can of soda in the refrigerator, and that was all," he said.



HELPING HAND: Roy Haning devotes his life to fixing cars at no charge for people who have no where else to turn.

But a group of Christians rallied to help him — and Haning decided to serve God as repayment.

"That's when he began repairing cars free — "and it just snow-balled," he said.

Haning, an auto mechanic for more than 30 years, recently turned

down a shop job that would have paid him \$600 a week. He says the money isn't as important as doing God's work.

"And I figure I'm building up a real good account in the books kept by God!"

— *Courtesy of National Enquirer*

Woman

• We aim at making you look great and adorable

Edited by MOJI DANISA

'I love you silly ... I love you lots'

It's been such a long time I had butterflies in my stomach. The last time I felt swept off my feet and elated with loving emotions was on my wedding day.

As the ring slipped into my finger, I took a look at my husband's face and the love I felt went through my brain down to my toes. It lingered for another twelve months and has almost disappeared totally. You know, after living together, waking up together and bumping into each other in the bathroom, we have really taken things for granted. A more hilarious scene is, who uses the 'john' first.

If you come into our bathroom in the morning, you might think it's a scene from the Frank Spencer's series. He insists I get him medicated soap because they are a lot more

hygienic. I love my old trusted friend, Imperial leather. Recently though, I reverted to the imported 'Zest' lemon scented soap, and guess what? Medicated soaps have been discarded and when I demand to know why, he says in that burly tone of his: "Buzz off my friend, I don't know why you are so selfish!"

That burns because I don't know why he is so assertive. Anyway, I must confess that life without him would be one cold winter. But, that is not to say that when other occasions arise for the heart to skip a bit or do

some big hurdles, mine does otherwise. My heart still flutters at those silly romantic love notes I get or the long romantic and touchy letters that adorn my drawers. Don't get me wrong I do not

advocate adultery but I will not pretend that I am more than a mere being. My biology teacher used to tell us that everybody loves to see the beauty of nature. While in the fine arts class, we were instructed to feel the beauty in everything and "let your passion show in your drawings." It's just human that when I get those letters, I react positively.

Just this morning (I certainly hope Oga is not reading this), I got a 14 - page letter from somebody I once liked very much. I liked him then but he did not even know me. I opened it and after the first few lines, I discovered I had a masterpiece here. Oh! I really got swept off my feet. In times like this, I wish I still had all the time in the world to fall in and out of love in "tumbles," I laughed out loud when I read a romantic funny piece. Everybody in the office was curious. They were soon to get their pens busy when they realised it's one of my hair-raising hobbies - laughing out loud. Sometimes even at my own silent jokes ... what I call my impulsive nature, ... see, like stopping in the middle of a write-up to touch up my lipstick ... I just did that anyway. I guess I am thinking too much about that lovely letter I got this morning. My head swelled and my heart was full of warmth and umm ... love. Yrs I think so. I think I loved the words, maybe not the writer. I've always been a sucker for flattery, flatter me and I'll love you silly.

Every woman loves to be flattered and I'm not different. To let you

into another little secret in my letter, my admirer is a song writer. ... a very good song writer. He wrote a song for me. Maybe one day he'll make me a star. And instant hit that song might just prove it and when it made into a record. "I love you crazy, I love you lots," wish I could sing. I would have done that song myself. I'm sure my admirer would have been kind enough to let me have it.

There are other times, too, a girl must be allowed to let go once in a while. I enjoy going out with my husband but I enjoy my solo outings a lot more. A little flirtation cannot hurt, and what's more, it makes you feel alive. The girl in you comes out. That tight cuddle could make your head swirl for sure if your partner never gives any idea of this little brain waver.

A kiss on the cheek makes you squirm and giggle. That suppressed happy laughter is no doubt what many refer to as foolish giggle. I'd rather call it head-swirling, heart-warming and a natural ecstatic reaction. Really, you can't fault a girl for those innocent acts!

I'll read my letter before I go home today. I might, if you promise not to tell, just share some of those romantic feelings with you sometime. Frankly, when Oga is too busy with his job to read magazines, and when I get your promise of sealed lips, you'll hear and read lots about "I love you crazy, I love you lots."

Hey, wish me luck. If Oga reads this, I might not have any fingers to write next week!



BEAUTY TIPS FROM LADY O.

Many misconceptions circle around dieting, some are stories, others are market techniques from marketers of slimming aids. Know these facts today, to be less disappointed.

- Grapefruits and lemons do not have any magic properties, neither will speed up the rate at which you lose weight.
- Pouring vinegar on your food will not reduce the number of calories it contains - although it may give you stomach ache.
- Toast has the same number of calories as bread, margarine has the same number of calories as butter, an ounce of cheese has hardly any carbohydrate but contains at least 120 calories.
- Drinking lots of water is unlikely to mean you eat less food.
- Eating specifically formulated 'slimming' foods are no guarantee

that you're going to lose weight. Any such claims will be professed with the phrase 'when used as part of a calorie-controlled diet.' This means that you and not the product, will have to do the work of slimming.

- Doing all your eating at 10 O'clock in the morning or eating 10 small meals a day instead of three large ones will not necessarily result in weight loss; neither will fasting for days do it; your overall consumption of calories that counts.
- After the first three weeks of any diet you can realistically only expect to lose weight at the rate of 2lbs a week.
- When you are dieting you lose inches from your thighs but you may find that your breasts get smaller instead. Exercise, however, can help to tone up specific target areas.
- Only a minority of people are overweight because they have glandular problems.
- Heavy bones rarely account for excess weight.

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"It saves time and worry to plan meals ahead."

- Bean Balls - (for 3 people)
- 6oz or 1 cigarette tin of white or brown beans (cooked)
- 1 large or 2 small eggs
- ½ medium sized onion (finely chopped)

¾ pint groundnut oil 2oz chopped meat or fish (optional)

HOW TO PREPARE

1. Either mash the beans with a wooden spoon, grind or mince them.
2. Place ground beans into a bowl and add the chopped onion, tomatoes, meat or fish if used.
3. Break the eggs first into a cup to test for freshness and then add to bind the mixture.
4. Form into balls and toss in flour
5. Heat the oil until a faint blue smoke appears
6. Fry bean balls until crisp and brown
7. Serve in a dish with fried ata sauce.

HOME TIPS

To remove burnt stubborn stains from your cooking pots, sprinkle the pot while dry with salt and place on the fire for 3-5 minutes, scrape away the stains while pot is on the fire.

Contributed by Toyin Amosun,
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University of Jos.

Send us home tips you have discovered to make life easier for the house. Write to:
CLIMAX Woman, P. O. Box 51404,
Ikoyi, Lagos.

What People Are Wearing

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



1. A casual outing needs this kind of outfit - a half-length trouser of adire materials is a knock out any day.
2. She looks so gorgeous in this free glossy blouse and knee-length skirt. The hat that goes with it gives her a 'perfect' look.
3. Displaying our African outfit can't be helped on some occasions like this! This slim gown with puffs and frilly bottom makes her an African woman but the plumed hat and the gloves subtract from that Africanness.
4. She steps out with confidence in this two piece skirt and blouse of Adire and plain cotton combination, with the hat giving her that complete look.

The first two designs are from Labanella, while the others are from Exclusive Fashions.

*Photos by Ajayi Oyebo
Compiled by Doyin Lawal*



Who cares if your marriage is happy? CLIMAX does!

YOUR

The column that shows straight answers exclusively to CLIMAX readers. If you have any problems related to marriage and romance, don't hesitate to tell Dr. SA-OJO Jr. who is always ready to listen to you with compassion and understanding and will keep your problems closely guarded secret.

Sorry, the counsellor cannot reply personally to readers' letters and for now, his clinic is not open to the general public yet. Write to: Marriage Counsellor, CLIMAX Magazine, P.O. Box 51404, Ikeji, Lagos.

For the first time, Dr. [last of medicine] SA-OJO Jr. — who has for many years been helping those close to him to solve their marriage and love problems as one of his pastimes — will be extending the service that has earned him the reputation of 'Dr. of Marriage Problems' among relations, friends and business associates exclusively to CLIMAX readers. If you have any problems related to marriage and romance, don't hesitate to tell Dr. SA-OJO Jr. who is always ready to listen to you with compassion and understanding and will keep your problems closely guarded secret.

Happiness in Marriage is...



Sharing the agony of delivery with your wife when she wants to give birth.

Contributed by: Genee Adewuyi, Lagos.

WITH ALL MY LOVE

Kindly send a beautiful card to my cousin, Ebenezer Akinrinde, who also happens to be my Val on the occasion of his birthday which comes up on Friday, February 20 1989. I would like a very special card for him, because it is going to be his 21st birthday and I want him to feel specially loved. "Eben dear, I want you to have the best birthday ever and my all your wishes come true this year." — From Abisola Uyedeji, Post Office Box 91, Oko Ado, Ibadan.

Please send a birthday greetings to my girls in Jamaica which comes up on Sunday, February 12, 1989. I am wishing her all the best in her 25th year on earth. With love from me and God bless. — From Ormonah Obanye, P.O. Box 4274, Ikoru.

• WOULD you like me to send a greeting card to your loved one on his special day? Or do you want to wish someone dear to you to get well quick? Or urge them to do well in their exams? No matter what the special occasion is, just let me know and I will send them my message of love and hope FREE OF CHARGE. It is one of the services I'm rendering to enhance the love life of Nigerians. Send your request to WITH ALL MY LOVE, CLIMAX, P.O. Box 51404, Ikeji, Lagos. Allow 10 days for the card to reach its destination so that the card will arrive its destination on time. Note that only requests published here will be honored.

Though she was hard-won, she has, at least, successfully proved to me beyond any reasonable doubt that not all the girls in our higher institutions of learning are loose and bad after all. Deeti, once more, you are great! You will forever be my choice for all time.

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FOREVER MY CHOICE

Last week, we published the first prize letter with a cash award of One Hundred Naira (N100.00). Below is the runners-up letter with a cash prize of Fifty Naira (N50.00).

It is a well known fact that most male undergraduates do not believe in "going steady" with their female counterparts because, as they rightly observed, you cannot rely on them.

Today, she will hug and kiss you and make you feel you are the only man in her life. Tomorrow it is a different story altogether!

I used to share this view ... until I met Deeti.

Our relationship wasn't that rosy at first in the sense that trying to win her wasn't at all easy for me. I tried very hard but she kept turning me down. But I wasn't discouraged. Her refusal kept me wanting her more and more. I started longing for her all day and night. I was sure no girls has ever had such an impact on me before.

The turning point came in our third year. Deeti suddenly disappeared from the campus. For two days I did not see her in the lecture hall where she usually goes to read in the evenings.

On the third day, I could not bear it any longer. So I went straight to her room and, luckily, I met one of her room-mates who told me she

was involved in an accident.

"The accident wasn't that serious," she assured me. "It was a simple fracture on her right leg and she is in admission at the University Teaching Hospital," she further volunteered.

How could that be! My dearest one involved in an accident!

After getting all the necessary hospital details from her roommate, I went straight to the ward where she was placed in the hospital without any delay. When I got there, I met her on the bed with a plastered leg, sleeping. I decided to wait patiently beside her until she woke up.

Naturally, she was surprised to see me. "James! ... " she exclaimed. "How did you get to know I'm here?" she asked.

"Relax, relax my dear, don't worry about that," I told her. I then asked her how it all happened. Her voice was

exceptionally cheerful this time around. She appeared to be all too glad to see me. When she was through with her story, I excused myself and quickly went out to buy plenty of fruits and other things which I could afford that I felt she needed and brought them immediately to her. This time, she could not hide her appreciation.

During the next one week she spent at hospital, I deliberately missed lectures, tutorials and practicals just to have enough time to spend with her and make her happy.

For three weeks after she was discharged, she was unable to walk well unless with the aid of a pair of walking sticks. Throughout that period, we were always together. I followed her almost everywhere she went, giving her the necessary assistance whenever the need for it arose. Almost the whole campus knew us together at the time. When she had recovered fully, her attitude towards me changed considerably. Deeti now loved me like her own soul and I almost refused to believe I had finally won her!

One particular thing I like about Deeti is that she was not a spoiled brat. She was very intelligent and she knows just how to play her way out of the hands of sex-hungry.

Once, a particular male student from her faculty started paying her visits. Suddenly, his visits became usually regular. In a most polite manner, Deeti cautioned the boy to stop visiting her. She told him she already had a boyfriend and she wouldn't want to have boys fighting over her.

Truly speaking this other guy had no choice but to steer clear of my lady. Oh sweet Deeti, I will forever appreciate you!

When we were about making love for the first time, she told me to be extremely gentle with her because she was still a virgin. I didn't believe her until after the act — when I saw the blood! It's so difficult to believe that reserved girls like her do exist in our present day higher institutions! She is a rare bird indeed.

That was how I opened her eyes to the world of love making and our love life has always been improving ever since then. Now, I can confidently state that it would and clear to the whole world that I've finally found my "Miss Right..."

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Star letter

YOURS FOREVER!

I will never let you down darling even, for anything. I love you so much and I am always thinking of you. Whenever I am with you, I fall in love all again and again. Nothing will change my love for you. You are to me a jewel of inestimable value. You are another part of me, very loving and caring. I cannot do without you. You are my only desire. I will fight for you 'till my death and I will scream your name when I breathe my last on earth — Contributed by Hilda Obi, P.O. Box 1488, Agbor, Bendel State.

I love my undying love for Sola Ogunade. She is my all in all and infant, all I care for. I never believe there was anything like love until she came into my life. — Contributed by Jude Ogunfuyi, NYSC Secretariat, P.M.B. 3, Garki, Abuja.

If you really love your partner, and would like to share the reason you love them with us, send your letter to: YOURS FOREVER, c/o Marriage Counsellor, P.O. Box 51404, Ikeji, Lagos. We are giving away prizes worth N100.00 to readers whose open declaration of love for their partners are published on this page.



BITS AND PIECES



YOUR TV
BY MOJI DANISA

Give us a sexy Segi

To viewer's relief Basi and Co is back on the screen. It's a big relief actually. What Basi and Co lacks in props and set, it more than makes up for in dialogue and presentation.

The cast is still very good, but for a little snag. When Mildred Iweka played that part, I remember saying that her looks could be improved. She had the sleeky charm of a cat and those big eyes were really sexy.

Mildred also had the courage but she lacked sex appeal. Her costumes were dull and gloomy. The character Segi, when played by Ethel Epke was very catchy. She had that look that said "Hey I'm a sexy 'spoiler' and I know it".

Since Segi has the ability to bring to dust all Mr. B's activities she must have the sensual innocence to get her even more fans than Mr. B. I looked forward to a girl who acts smart and wears smart clothes.

I dreamt of all types of hip/bossom revealing dresses for the character Segi. I also believe that the character could be made a lot more interesting if Segi becomes a lot more bitchy.

That is by the way. My concern here is to tell the person who cast the latest Segi, to go to the nearest hospital and declare herself sick. She totally lacks character. She throws her lines back to the microphones and has a voice of somebody who's spent too much time teaching kindergarten kids — a tired voice.

I totally disagree with the idea that artists should be given time to get into character. If an actor is not good, he is simply not good. Television screens should not be made training grounds for aspiring actors, and any good casting director would certainly get the best.

Husky it sexy. But our present Segi has made husky ugly. The last time I watched her on the programme, I was just waiting for her voice to break. I wonder why the girl had not worked hard on her husky voice.

People like Bonnie Tyler and Rod Stewart have proved to the world that a husky voice is actually unique and with little practice could be made beautiful. Even more glow, is her choice of wardrobe. To, with any know, makes some people look 10 pounds heavier, so every actress must carefully select her wardrobe, and since the present Segi has an obvious big midriff, she should have selected loose but good looking dresses.

Who says big is not sexy? Careful selection of cloths and belts could make a big tummy almost unnoticeable.

Segi dear, to make any impact, there's one advise for you, "dare to bare". Dare to flaunt your most sexist anatomy rather than holding a stick of cigarette like a school kid just trying on her first puff!

In all I still believe Ken saro wiwa, has the best comedy outfit on television today, but please Ken can you do something about Madam's house?

It hardly reflects all the millions she dishes out all the time.

Basi and Boy Bosco took over smoothly from where the previous characters stopped while Alali is my favourite anyway!

Dandy? An irritating drunk!



□ Chief Kofi.

One of Ghana's frontline musicians, Chief Kofi Sammy, is said to be doing pretty well in most parts of the continent with his current album, the first in four years appropriately titled *Beautiful woman* which contains tracks like *Adasa*, *Badamba*, *Yayi Mamu*, and *Court Bwa Me*.

Chief Kofi Sammy who

FORMER middle weight boxing champion marvelous Marvin Hagler has taken up a film role in which means that he will step in front of cameras instead of into the ring in his first movie role before deciding whether to resume his boxing career.

The former undisputed champion is still very bitter

The current six track album of debutant Awo Okorie a.k.a. Jan Blast is an excellent piece of work.

In the title track, 'HARD-SHIP' he expressed his thoughts regarding the suffering masses. In it he says: "Children are suffering hunger and starvation. Women are selling their bodies. Men are turning to roques."

He talked about how the haves rule the have-not's in the song 'Rainfall'.
"Other songs in this satisfying product of Leslie Brunner

AN organising committee for the National Theatre Jam 88, an annual event which is in aid of the Nigerian Musicians Trust Fund launched last year has been set up. The committee is putting together a show which promises to be better than what happened last year. It has been slated for March 4 and 5 at the main bowl of the National Lagos Theatre, Iganmu, Lagos.

The musical extravaganza will feature the cream of

incidentally is the leader of the *Okukuseku Dance Band* of Ghana, was born at Koforidua, in Eastern Ghana and began his musical career in 1955. He formed the musical outfit known as the *Young Stars Beat* of Ghana which was later changed to *Okukuseku Dance Band* at the Ambassador Studio in Kumasi, Ghana, where he recorded the all-time highlife favourite *Bosswe* which still sound pleasing to the ears.

Other numbers from this Ghanaian highlife includes *Agnakax*, *Yellow Sisi*, *Wby You Dey Run* and *Ukponku Special*.

Chief Sammy, a father of ten children, is currently on tour of the West African sub-region.

over the controversial loss he suffered from Sugar Ray Leonard last year.

IN a related story, Michael Spinks, the former heavy weight champ who retired after being knocked out by Mike Tyson, would star as a bachelor in a new movie due for release in April.



□ Jan Blast

include 'Pour boy', 'Burning My Soul', 'Reggae Rigmargle' and 'Rastaman'. It's a good buy any way!

Nigerian musicians like Onyekwe Onwezu, Sunny Okosuns, Tony Okoroji, Chief Ebenezer Obey, Sunny Ade, Oliver de Coque, Alhaji Sikiru Ayinde Barrister, Alhaji Ayinla Kollington, Wasu Ayinde, Segun Adewale, Sir Sina Peters Chief Mba, Majek Fashek, Charley Boy, Mandators, Ras Kimono, Ewi-Edna Ogholl title Tosin Jegede, Dizzy K Falala, Mike Okri and Alex O among others



With Do

Gillespie's



□ Gillespie — My trip to Nigeria would remain memorable

BEBOP a melodic, harmonic and rhythmic advancement of Jazz music was hosted by the incubator of bebop and the nucleus of the revolutionary Dizzy Gillespie and his sextet at the National Arts Theatre recently.

Gillespie, a versatile trumpeter, has extensive tours all-over the globe while importantly he toured as a goodwill ambassador for United States Department

African Boy

A NEW musical outfit has emerged on the music scene again. They are known as 'The African Boy'.

The trio who has been working together since 1985 had finally come out in their self-titled debut album under P'link Records label titled 'African Boy'.

The LP which was produced by Ronnie Cotton Heart has six tracks, three on both sides. It includes songs like 'Lagos Girls', 'African Boys', and 'Ujholo' while the other side of the LP has 'Ayeme', 'Indiscipline' and 'African Boys' dub version.

One man they would ever be grateful to is Harry 'Agada' Mosca of 'Sugar Cane Baby' fame who inspired them. "Harry Mosca gave us lots of inspiration. We interacted with him a lot before he travelled out of the country few years back."

The outfit is made up of Samuel Kuno, Eric Akpos and Lucky Okotie (Chris Okotie's kid brother)

MAX New Splash McRufus bop' Jazz

late in Europe, the first Jazz artist to be officially recognised universally.

Debuting in 1973, he did sessions with many groups including his and wrote various soundtracks.

"The trip to Nigeria would forever remain memorable for a lifetime. To me, it's as if I've been here before and I enjoyed very little bit of my stay," he told *Splash* in a brief chat.

For *Dizzy*, it was no surprise that they conferred on him a chieftaincy title (the *Kashere of Iperu*) by *Oba Joseph Ogunlowa Mogunso Amororo V*, the *Alapero of Ogun State*.

His trip was made possible by the United States Information Service (USIS) in collaboration with Jazz Club of Nigeria and Mobil Oil Nigeria Limited. According to the Jazz legend, who's name doesn't sound ordinary, most of his audience in the United States is eighty per cent white. The reason he says is that the blacks don't seem to like jazz music as much as pop music. "Parents don't encourage their children to learn Jazz music at school these days. They'll prefer them to be doctors or lawyers. But that notwithstanding, Jazz music is gradually winning tremendous acceptance all over the world," concluded John Birk (Dizzy) Gillespie.

NTA's ban on Omoge is a conspiracy — Okri

MIKE Obukowhu Okri the first act on CBS records stable could very well be dubbed as the man of the Omoges (ladies man) because of his current pot-pouri seven track album tagged 'Concert Fever' which contains the Afro-pop song 'Omoge' which is perhaps the album's highlight.

In recent times George Michael's 'I want your sex' from the elpee 'Faith' was banned in Britain because of what they referred to as explicit sexual content. Mike who now looks fresh in his new flat hair cut is not happy that the musical video clip which is supposed to back-up the record sales was axed by the Nigerian Television of Authority.

"I was shocked when I first heard that that particular track was banned from being aired on NTA stations. On a truthful pursuit, I don't see anything obscene in that video clip. It's only that some people in this country are trying to show their other sides. They would want their fellow men to believe that the word 'Omoge' is a strange word to them which is certainly not."

"I will want them (NTA) to explain what they really mean by obscene. I would want to know the basic reason why it has to be 'omoge' which wasn't as bad as Charlie Boy's 'Big Bottom' and Liche Ibetos 'Jigida dance' cried Mike. According to him, the picture is totally different. The song idea just came to him and he quickly wrote it down and before he could know it a new song was born. "When I was in the studio working on the album as a whole, I never knew that album as 'Omoge' was the song that was going to do the magic. I see the ban as an embarrassment not to me alone but also to my new found fans. It's a



□ Mike Okri and his 'Omoges' Ono (left) and Kame conspiracy on the part of NTA "

Would the ban make him to sing patriotic songs in his next album? "There are certain things people do and come to realise later that there is so much politics going on in our everyday life.

My singing a song about Nigeria wouldn't make me to be more or less patriotic. Songwriting comes naturally to me. I sing about what I think music lovers want to hear."

Commenting further on the issue ex-BLO drummer Laolu Akins who produced the LP has this to say.

"The song 'Omoge' is a typical occurrence in our day to day life. It's a humorous thing about a beautiful girl who likes to enjoy life.

"I don't know how they come about that decision after previewing it and passing it to be aired only to have a change of heart. I don't see any immorality in the video clip, said Laolu.

According to CBS marketing manager Mr. Dean Disi, plans are underway to release the album in Ivory Coast, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana and Egypt.

yz step out



LYRICS

Let's save Nigeria as recorded by Kingsley Bucknor


How you heard the news
All we've been through the years
This is the time to lend a hand
And help the nation grow
Let's think of the children
They can grow to be heroes
Let's make a happy family
And make the best of time.

Chorus
Let's save Nigeria
Let's save the nation
Let's make our country
And live in harmony (2ce)
(Let's try and live in harmony) 2ce

Sometimes it's hard

So let's join together
What a happy family
We would be
There's hope for the nation
'Cause there is no place like home
Let's make a brotherhood of man
Together we should stand as one

Repeat chorus till fade



□ Kingsley Bucknor

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VAL

In another five days, lovers will that all other 'serious' matters take back seat. That day is Valentine And don't be surprised if you receive love note or someone whispers sweet nothings into your ears. It's season of lovers. Al Humphrey Ony reports

VALENTINE season ~~are~~ those bright, happy and carefree days fill the soul with sweet thoughts, golden sunlight; the air smells of and daffodils, while the clear and sweet song of birds gives the air a brighter light. There are a thousand twinkling stars in the heaven time to fall in love!

Valentine, like Christmas, is a time to make resolutions in your life — re-consider all your relationships, weigh them on a scale and do those that are unfavourable while sticking to those that offer love of mind.

On Valentine Day, thank all those who have been extra special to your love life since the last Valentine.

Valentine is season for making up. If you have wronged your loved one put up a bold face this Valentine Day, buy her a beautiful card, pen a poem flowing with the honey of love, (never mind the fact that you must tell her off two weeks later!). Send a card to that lady who's kept you in cold these past months and see the magic that will follow.

If you're a shy person, Valentine Day gives you the licence and impunity, like April Fools Day, to profess love to all those ladies you dare not stop and chat-up on the street. A card at Valentine softens a lot of hearts.

Don't let this Valentine be like others before it. Learn to add some romance and sparkle to your love life, learn to appreciate those you love learn to say thank-you to those who've been extra special to you. Teach somebody this Valentine Day, with a flower, send a bunch if you can afford one — it makes a lot of difference to a loved one.

Romance is the flame of youth, it sets your spirit aglow, feel free to indulge, let your love show, let your romantic imagination soar on Valentine Day.

WHAT VALENTINE DAY MEANS TO THESE PEOPLE

AJAYI



Well I think its a time for lovers to remember the good old days, old people like us who have been married for upwards of ten years take it as a time to cast our minds back to when your wife was trying to impress you, its a time of assessment and renewal of love, most husbands don't give cards to their wives but to their girl friends. I'm going to send only one card to my wife, she's the only person who actually deserves it. I also intend to take her out to some where exclusive and posh, maybe a chinese restaurant.

Dele Ajayi - Actor, Koko Close

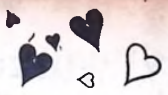
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I think its a 'Europeanised' concept that we are managing to adopt to our African social life patterns. To the elites, the concept seem to be working wonders to the typical African its almost a meaningless love coinage. If I live up to February 14, I'll know if I'll send a card. Valentine doesn't add or subtract anything in my life.

Bidwell Nsofor - Actor, Second Chance

TINE



OBI



It doesn't mean anything special to me apart from the fact that people observe it as a day to send cards and gifts to loved ones. I'm going to send cards to everybody I love in the world.

Mitchell Obi — Editor, Guardian Express

IKPEAZU



I'll be spending it with friends. We'll either go to beach or just relax at home, I'll be sending only one card to somebody special but I won't tell you the person.

Linda Chuba Ikpeazu — Ex beauty queen, public relations consultant.

MADUEGBUNA



I will only send a card to my husband, on Valentines Day which will be work as usual. We might go out for dinner.

Augusta Maduegbuna — Journalist NTA NEWS

IKEMEFUNA



Valentines are very special to me, I'll be sending many cards to all my pretty girl friends for being good to me.

If I'm not working, I'll be listening to fire music at home. *Skid Ikemefuna — Announcer, producer, presenter*

ODIWE



Well in my profession one comes in contact with a lot of people, and you must try as much as possible to maintain a good friendship with them. Valentine is a time for fun, it's a period for interaction and to relate to people.

Patrick Odiwe — Controller of programmes NTA 2 Channel 5

OKRI



Its going to be a beautiful moment for me, I'm going to have a nice time with my woman who I've missed for sometime now. I'll go shopping and maybe picnicking. I will send cards and letters to all my friends.

Mike Okri — Singer

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Hobbies: Listening to reggae music, reading entertainment sports magazines and playing football
Best food: White Amala with Okro soup
Wants pen pals from: Nigeria, South Africa, Israel, Iran, Iraq, USA, and Jamaica (for the sake of Jah brother!)
Girlfriend: On suspension till further notice—that's my new year resolution
Personality to meet: President Pieter Botha — to challenge his irrational behaviour.
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HAPPY VALENTINE DAY

Will you be my val? That is the question you are likely to be asked come Tuesday, February 14, 1989, which is (sometimes) blossom into love affairs, which later (please, watch your steps. I wish you the best of Luck.

— Morgan Okunuga
Co-ordinator, CLIMAX Penpals/Reader's Club

CLUB LATEST

BRITY '88 lunch date comes your way nextweek. Guess what happened hate to miss.

N B All consolation prize winners in the CLIMAX Celebrity '88 contest will have their prizes sent by post. Please acknowledge receipt of the prize

HOT BITS

Registration of new members continue. Meanwhile, postal orders are no longer acceptable by FCL. This is due to the inability of our Post Office advised to send bank drafts drawn in favour of Complete Communication Ltd, Lagos.

All members to take note...

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CLIMAX
— WHERE THE
PULSE OF NATURE
VIBRATES!

Oritse! Why would a man make love to his daughters?

It is generally accepted as an abomination for a man to make love to his own daughter. So, when old man Anieke learnt that his son, Okafor, was engaged in sexual escapades with his daughters, he begged Okafor to desist from the diabolical act otherwise he would answer the call of his ancestors. Okafor refused. His old man died. Orhrihi-Eieba Sr. reports

GETTING this story out of this pair was a sequence of one surprise after another. Their story will make you wonder what kind of mind some people have. If you can hiss, this story will bring out the longest in you.

Old man Anieke took a long time to recover after listening to his grand daughters, four of them, aged 3, 4, 6 and 9 respectively tell him how their father, his son, his only community pride, Okafor Anieke, has been openly forcing them into sex, an abomination in Igboland, an abomination against the gods and, also, an abomination against the native tribe and soil.

He summoned Okafor who came on the double. For a whole day, the old man preached the implication of incest in traditional Igboland and society to Okafor, then ordered him to stop and save the Anieke family from shame. To drive his point home, the 63-year-old man threatened to die if Okafor did not stop. Okafor did not, and the old man went ahead and died of shame in the fall of 1982!

After two days of search, CLIMAX located the hideout in Nkanu LGA of Anambra State (name of village withheld) where 32-year-old mother of E, Mrs. Grace Anieke, from Ugboka Village in Nkanu LGA, is shielding three of her children that Okafor almost killed with his lust. The senior girl, Agnes Okafor, now 15, is taking treatment for swollen flesh near her vagina, a wound her father inflicted on her with his organ.

The first experience Agnes had as a child was the wild, pulsating organ of her father! She was only three when Okafor started forcing her into love-making.

She told CLIMAX: "I grew up to know my father like that. My mother was there all the time and I didn't know whether it was right or wrong. I just didn't like the way he worries me all the time for it. When my mother fought him and left because of it, I knew for sure that it was wrong."

Agnes, who started menstruating at 7 (probably because of early sex) recounts her ordeal.

"He never lets me go anywhere, never allows me or my small sisters



SEX MACHINE Okafor Anieke (left) and his daughter (Agnes) whom he would not leave in peace. Seated with Agnes is her mum. Mrs. Grace Anieke cuddling her baby.

to wear pants. Anytime at all, be it day or night, he would just seize me and force me. Even when I'm sick. When I was very small, I always cry, but after my mother ran away, and I have grown up enough, I began to fight him when he comes to force me."

Even though he sleeps with his wife in the bedroom, Okafor insists his daughter must sleep on the floor beside the bed — naked — where he

not have power in the morning, then he'll send me to buy him beer, that he wants to be 'properly charged,' that he wants to eat me first before he will eat his morning food. And after drinking, he can force me for long, long time."

CLIMAX asked her mother how she could be making love with Okafor whilst he fingers Agnes, their daughter, on the floor.

"If I knew at that time," she said,

He forces himself on us every-day and could kill anyone who tries to stop him

caresses Agnes while at the same time making love to her mother!

"If I refuse, he will force me to kneel on an empty tin of milk until I can no longer bear it," Agnes told CLIMAX.

"I will become very weak, then he'll hold me down and force me. In the afternoons, he'll flog me with kokobe (bulala) until I beg him to stop, then he'll force me as usual."

This insatiable maniac not only flaunted his sexual prowess in his household, he practically engraved it into their liver, making the ugly act a 'normal' scenario. Hear his daughter again.

"After forcing me all night, he'll

"It would not have stopped the mad man. He did worse than that." She gave a dry laugh. "Which woman in this world can bear what I've been through? Which woman would watch her husband massage and suck her daughter's breasts? Which woman can watch her husband rape her small daughters every day and night? That beast did it all to me." She pointed a finger trembling with emotion at Agnes. "That girl was not up to three years when Okafor started making love to her, and he's been doing it until now."

How did she react when she first saw her husband force himself on her daughter?

"I stood there, speechless," she said. "It was like I was having a bad dream. I pinched myself to know whether I was dreaming. When I felt the pain, I found my voice. I said, 'Okafor, what are you doing?'"

"He didn't listen to me. I rushed at him and we fought like animals. His mother joined me to get my daughter away from him. We took her away at last but he beat me so much that I was sick for many days."

While she was sick too, Okafor had an uninterrupted use of their 3-year-old girl. He brandished a cutlass in his household after that first interruption and warned anybody who wants to stay alive to keep away from him and this business.

Said Grace: "I was so sick I couldn't fight him anymore. I watched helplessly as he raped my pickin everyday and every night. I began to beg him but he never hears me. I bought drinks and kola and begged him. I told him to find any number of women he likes to befriended outside. His only reply was to beat me mercilessly. Many times, he'll naked me and force me to sleep on the bare floor while he forces my daughter to sleep with him on the bed."

The lust of this man can only be equalled by that of the male lion whom, researchers say, must have sex every fifteen minutes or would become extremely wild. That aptly describes Okafor whose household

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Hardwork is like a magical word to Prince Davis

Prince (Dr) H. Davis owns a lot of companies in and around Nigeria which he set up since 1981. For a handsome young man of his age, it is a big achievement although he attributes it to hardwork, Oscar Jnr. reports

**SUPER
ACHIEVERS
talk to CLIMAX**

AT half past three in the afternoon, Prince H. Davis Group of Companies Office located on Raymond Njoku Road, South-West Ikoji is immaculately tidy. Why not? With it's white all round interior decor, there is none of the piled up dirt you get to see in some offices.

Instead, a lot of well placed gold plated mementos hang on the walls which included beautifully framed portrait of the president, Ibrahim Babangida, Lagos State Military Governor, Co. Raj Rasuki, the Obi of Onitsha, Obi Olatu Okechukwu of Okagbue and Prince H. Davis, the Group's President.

Prince Davis, who debunks being born with a silver spoon in the mouth, came back to Nigeria from the United States of America in 1981 armed with a degree in medicine from New York State University, did Internship with various multinationals in the United States before coming back to Nigeria to set up his own pharmaceutical firm in 1981 in Lagos.

Since then, he has not looked back. Prince admits that one of the problems he had was that of capital which made him to do job of PR for some Lagos-based firms before setting up his own outfit.

"There was also the problem of staff administration where you cannot afford to recruit quality staff because of lack of understanding."

The phone rings and he lifts the receiver gingerly and spoke very quickly and then smiles. "That's one of my governor friends," he says. Prince Davis said he will always be grateful to God, his mother, the Obi of Onitsha.

Prince Davis attended the All Saints Cathedral Primary School Onitsha, Federal Government College Owerri, Christ the King College (CKC), Onitsha before leaving for higher studies in the United States. "My parents have tried enough and I receive a lot of support emotionally from them even when I'm down and that's more important than helping me financially," he quips.

Prince who leads a healthy social life is ambitious and has a steel determination to succeed in life. "To assist Nigeria in any form, contribute to the progress of the needy in the society, I'm also politically inclined. That is the only way I can reach the people, and I like to be happy all the time with my people."

However, Prince's success has never gone into his head. "I'm a very level-headed young man. If you level-headed you are destined to work very hard you are destined to succeed. I come to the office at around 8 p.m. everyday except on weekends."



Prince H. Davis — "If every Nigerian works very hard, Nigeria will be a great country."

When asked if he will like to contest for any office in the Third Republic, he answers: "If the ban on politics is lifted, and my people need my services, I'll not hesitate to answer their call."

Prince Davis who is married with three kids says he is satisfied with the record of his achievement so far. "No leisure hours? "I'm a workaholic. It is only on weekends I find time to play table tennis."

"Many of my friends feel real bad because I have little or no time for leisure. The only spare time for myself if I'm in the country is always for the kids and my family here in Nigeria."

"I have intention to set up a financial firm and I'm already linked with two new banks. They will create job opportunities for many unemployed youths and help those who need financial assistance."

Prince is lucky, fortunate and successful. Yes, but few things worry him about his fellow youths and the Nigerian society in general and that is the moral decadence and drug addiction by the youths. Instead, he wants them to be more creative and

take their lives in their own hands.

"If every Nigerian work very hard, Nigeria will be a great country. The Nigerian youth should be more reasonable," he says. "Prince" as he is fondly called, is also into sports.

He has contributed to the upkeep of Rangers International of Enugu. He says it wasn't too long he started having interest in the team, because of his friend Ben Oki Umunna who is the chairman of the Enugu-based Football Club. "I had contributed to the success of Rangers Football Club, given them my moral and financial support of recent," he stated.

When asked if he had joined the millionaire club? The likeable president of Prince Groups of Companies, said he is a servant of the people, but confesses that he and his family are quite comfortable.

For Prince Davis, he believes strongly in hard working. It's like a magic word to him. And it is no doubt the key to the secret of his stupendous success in his chosen profession. A philanthropist, Prince has done a lot for various charity organisations all over the country since he came back back to Nigeria.

CARRY ON, ALABEDE

PERMIT me Sir, to recommend Chief Samuel Akanni Alabede (J.P) for your Carry On column.

Chief Samuel Alabede (J.P) is a well known businessman in Jos, Plateau State capital. He has contributed a great deal to the quality of life for men and to the quality of their ages. He has women, irrespective of their ages. He has helped a good number of people to stand on their feet and be good citizens of this great country. He has also donated part of his land in Nasarawa area of Jos to the house for the needy in Jos.

In recognition of the development of both men and women, he was made the patron of Ogbomosho Progressive Movement, Ifeapata Social Club and Olatunmole Ogoji Singers.



Chief Samuel Alabede is the chairman and managing director of Alabede Group based in Jos, Plateau State. So more please to your elbow — Mr Ezekiel Adebayo, P.O. Box 651, Jos.

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Tip from an article in the *Pearla III*, Journal Star: "When shooting snow manually, persons with high blood pressure, heart disease or back problems should stay inside."

CLIMAX

My life with mad people

Mrs Ibilola Ogunbiyi qualified as a staff nurse in 1962 and since then, she has not looked back. As a psychiatric nurse, her job involves mainly treating the mentally sick and Mrs Ogunbiyi proudly confesses that psychiatric nurses are born not made. Roland Ogbonna reports

SHE is always sympathetic with people in need and will not easily abandon them in the cold if they ask for her only wrapper for cover. And if she can't render any help, she gives a concerned suggestion as to where else such help could be obtained.

Mrs. Ibilola Ogunbiyi is a Taurian, an energetic and cheerful person although her job is one of the toughest around. Many women would be scared stiff or tell you 'you are nuts' if you ask them to do the job, but this woman has devoted most part of her lifetime nursing the mentally sick — those the society refer to as lunatics — and says she doesn't see herself doing any other job.

"It's been very very interesting and I think I've benefited a lot and don't regret anything. In fact, I don't think I could nurse somewhere else except in mental hospital because it has enabled me solve my problems. And seeing yourself solve patients problems you feel satisfied."

Mrs. Ogunbiyi joined the Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, as staff nurse on March 15, 1962, after graduating as a mental nurse in England and, today, she is the Matron and longest serving nurse of the Hospital. Although things were tough when she started, it took her little time to adjust due to her steel determination and the zeal to make other people happy.

Ask her how she enjoys nursing the mentally sick — the lunatics in general — and you touch a raw nerve. "They're human beings and were not born sick. Something caused it and you have to take this into consideration. You have to be born a mental nurse and not made because some of us come in scared, but with experience, understanding and determination, you either quit or stay. I'm not scared when I'm in their midst though at times a patient may get violent or slap or hit you, but you will of course know he wouldn't have done that if he or she was a normal person."

"Lola sighs as she takes off her honey-coloured framed glasses to reveal those brown bright eyes. Her jaw tenses as she stares at no object really, then with a touch of emotion,



AS A VERY YOUNG NURSE: "I don't see myself doing any other job," she says and right. Mrs Ogunbiyi poses with her husband and children.



says: "One gets frightened one in a while when a patient gets wild," she admits. "If I say you don't get scared now and again then I'm not speaking the truth, but what else can you do when you've chosen the career?"

As a mental nurse, her duty includes giving treatment to patients as prescribed by doctors, looking after their general welfare, do their thinking — most of them — and, of course, treat and see them individually. And that is the toughest side of it.

"When you treat patients and see them get better, you feel delighted because you have helped saved human beings especially after they've been discharged. You look back, think of how they came in and you feel fulfilled," she says.

One memorable event Mrs Lola Ogunbiyi will always recall with a toothpaste smile is that of a mentally ill young man who became psychotic as a result of his parent's divorce but the personal attention Mrs. Ogunbiyi gave to the young man was instrumental to his being cured. Today, he is a graduate of psychology from the University of Lagos. And she is happy for him.

So far, her worry is that when relations of these patients bring them to the hospital, they dump them and don't want to associate with them anymore. At other times, most of them give fake addresses and this depresses the nurses and doctors. "Society needs to be educated on this," she quips. "It's also agonising when a patient gets adequate treatment and he won't get better and where he is discharged, he may come back in a worse condition."

Looking young than her 55 years, Mrs. Ogunbiyi is married to retired army Captain Edward Ogunbiyi, a psychiatric nurse too. They married in 1955 when she was just 24 years old. So, can it be said that their marriage is full of bliss because they are in the same profession? She smiles.

It may have slipped though, but I must confess that my husband is well-behaved otherwise I wouldn't have been able to tolerate him and vice versa," she says. "Tolerance, endurance, and the ability to understand each other are some of the key factors that make marriages work. My husband can cook and take care of the children. In fact, we are very happy together."

It's apparent. Lola Ogunbiyi feels happy when cured patients see her on the street and extend their gratitude. Although she hasn't given retiring a thought, it could come anytime from now. "I think I've had my share. Though I've not had problems here, but it's always good to leave the stage when the ovation is loudest," says the mother of four.

But remind Mrs. Ogunbiyi, the impression most people have about nurses — that is nurses are very lazy and with a snap of the finger you can get them into bed — again you touch a raw nerve. "It's all rubbish. That thing is everywhere. Everybody flirts so why must nurses be made sacrificial lambs? Even a lot of secretaries flirt with their bosses in the office," says Mrs. Ogunbiyi, her voice rising. The 55-year-old nurse rounds up by saying a few things about herself. "I'm a pleasant person. I like cooking, dancing and watching my husband play billiard. I'm also cheerful. I mix freely with people and can't live in a place where there is no happiness."

Really, this woman can't have it another way.

TITLE: THE END OF A CASSANOVA

PART THREE

NOW, WHERE DID YOU SEE ME WITH A LADY LAST WEEKEND? TALK BEFORE I DEMOLISH YOU!



WELL, I SAW YOU WITH A LADY GOING TOWARDS REMY'S RESTAURANT, AND I KNOW I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU CAN KILL ME IF YOU LIKE, I WON'T...

WHAT?! HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT! I'LL TEACH TO SPY ON ME IN FUTURE, TAKE THAT---



AAH! NOZI! SEE WHAT I HAVE CAUSED.



NOW, GET OUT OF MY HOUSE! IF I SEE YOU HERE AGAIN, I'M SURE YOU WON'T LEAVE ALIVE.

EMEKA STORMS OUT IMMEDIATELY.



ON THE MORE AGAIN... HE SPOTS A LADY AHEAD.



WAO! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS PRETTY GIRL! MUST CONVINCE HER TO GO OUT WITH ME TODAY.

HELLO BEAUTIFUL DAME! I HOPE I'M NOT MAKING YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE BY TALKING TO YOU.



COULD BE NOT, BUT I FIND IT UNCOMFORTABLE AND I DON'T WANT TO TALK WITH STRANGERS.

I AM EMEKA, AN ACCOUNTANT WITH SIDEVIEW ADVERTISING COMPANY. REALLY, DON'T MIND YOUR CHARMING FACE, YOUR GLEAMING TEETH AND YOUR GLITERING HAIR... I WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT WITH YOU.



YOU MEN WITH YOUR SWEET COATED TONGUES... ANYWAY, I'LL GIVE IT A TRIAL, BUT I DON'T LIKE NERVOUS PEOPLE.

EMEKA TAKES HIS NEW LUNCH TO A NEARBY HOTEL FOR LUNCHLAND... --



EMEKA, I WOULD LIKE TO MARRY YOU, BUT I DON'T TRUST MEN OF THESE DAYS.

WHY NOT? LOOK, I DON'T LIKE ANY BODY IN THIS WORLD BUT YOU. WHY YOU'RE WELL EXPERIENCED IN THIS GAME. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU FOR DONKEY YEARS.

BACK ON STREET HOWEVER, THE CASSANOVA MOVES INTO ACTION AGAIN...

EXCUSE ME LADY, I HOPE IS NOT EMBARRASSING TALKING TO YOU. I AM EMEKA, A MAN OF MANY PARTS. I HAVE M.S.C. IN ACCOUNTANCY, A.C.C.A. IN ACCOUNTANCY, D.H.D. IN MARKETING, I'M WORKING WITH SIDEVIEW ADVERTISING COMPANY AND, I AM KEENLY INTERESTED IN YOU.



AAH! LADY, I'M EXPRESSING MY FEELINGS TO YOU AND YOU DIDN'T UTTER A SINGLE WORD, YOU'RE ENCHANTING. YOU'RE A GEM. I DON'T MIND YOU.



OH MY GULD YOU STOP ALL THESE FLATTERY PLEASE?

OH COMON, MY OWN STYLE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. I ONLY COMMENT WHAT I SEE AND SINCERELY TOO YOU MATTER NO FLATTER.



OH MY GOD, IN THIS EARLY PART OF THE DAY ARE YOU NOT GOING TO YOUR OFFICE NOW?

I'M NOT WELL, THAT'S WHY I'M OFF DUTY TODAY. CAN'T WE JUST GO TO THAT RESTAURANT TO RELAX IF YOU'RE FREE TOO? IT'LL BE A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN THE DAY. I PROMISE YOU.



I'M LUCKY TODAY GETTING A CUSTOMER SO EARLY MUST BE A DAMN GOOD SIGN.

LUNCH AT THE RESTAURANT AND AGAIN...

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LOOK AT THIS SLUT. SHE MUST THINK I'M A DUNCE. HOW CAN I GIVE A WHORE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF MY HOME? ANYWAY, I'VE TRIED FOR THE DAY LET ME GET BACK HOME.



TO BE CONTINUED

"I was in Benin as a provincial crime officer when instruction came from the commissioner of police in Lagos that I should get ready to head a mobile unit to the West," says Chief Daniel Ajagbe, then a deputy superintendent of police and a provincial crime officer in what was then known as the Mid-West.

"I was given 24 hours to report in Ibadan. I was shocked and at first thought it was a mistake. Why should I be asked to head a mobile unit? I was not a member of the mobile unit: the men of the mobile had their own special training in anti-riot operations and it was unusual to handpick an officer to head a mobile force, the units had their own officers.

"Throughout that night I could not sleep as I continued to pace up and down my room, praying. I would have liked to cross-check with the commissioner but the time wasn't there. The following morning, I left with a mobile force for the Agbekoya riot in the West: nothing was coming from that place but bad news:

"The Agbekoyas had already broken the Agodi prison and also attacked the Agodi police station, killing an officer. Rumours had it that they were trying to march towards the government house. The news was all over the country, and when Governor Adeyinka Adedayo came to Benin for consultation with his Mid-West counterpart, we had to give him and his host sufficient security.

"All the states of the federation were asked to contribute a mobile unit to report to the then deputy inspector general of police, Chief Fagbola. That was how I was involved: I was to lead the unit in Benin, all the officers had suddenly become sick, they all produced medical certificates to support themselves.

"I am a human being too – all the night, I was praying and pacing up the floor. I read all the psalms that applied to my situation.

"The next day, I set out at the head of my unit with my pocket Bible and my swagger stick – my symbol of authority as an officer. My uniform was different from that of the mobile men since I was not one of them and somebody had to lend me his own.

"Chief Fagbola who was to direct the operation was surprised to see me leading a mobile unit in Ibadan; but I quickly put him at ease by saying it was a challenge I had accepted.

"The Agbekoya riot was not a war in the real sense of it. In war, you can see those you are fighting with, but in the Agbekoya's case, you can't see the other man. The Agbekoyas just went out attacking officers of the police and people here and there

THE WAR OF NERVES THAT WAS AGBEKOYA RIOTS

This is the story of the Agbekoya riot of 1969 by Chief Daniel Ajagbe who led one of the first mobile units against the protesters. Pa Ajagbe who will be 71 in June says during his active days, he used charms for personal protection but with the outcome of the Agbekoya riot the Bible is now his personal companion . Muyiwa Owogbade reports



Chief Daniel Ajagbe, during the interview and inset while still on active service.

while the police were on patrol to keep peace.

"Units of the mobile were soon detailed out to approach the crisis points from different directions. I was to go through Akofu, the village of Tafa Adeoye, the head of the rioters. A unit of the police had earlier been overpowered there, it motor seized and burnt.

"We were all strangers in the area and were led by an intelligence officer. Then we got to this juncture with about eight in-roads. The piloting officer said this was where they turned back the police.

"Everything was quiet in the area. I came down from my landrover and gave an instruction that no one else should come down except my orderly. The soldiers were a little behind us. They were to come in only if we signalled to them that the situation was beyond our control.

"The entire place was quiet. In a disturbing way. There were eight in-roads into this junction and there was absolutely nobody on the way. I stood with my

orderly, my pocket Bible and swagger stick in hand. My gun too was in my hip but I wasn't even making any attempt to draw it out. We were just looking around, and there was nothing particularly suspicious in sight.

"Suddenly, one of the constables in the landrover jumped down. I was angry. He said he wanted to stretch his legs. I asked him to return to the jeep. Before I could repeat the order, a shot rang out and hit the man.

"I looked round but there was nothing in sight. Nothing except the trees by the roadside and an anthill not very far from. I asked my orderly if he saw anything, he said nothing.

"I ordered that the constable be taken into an ambulance and get treated. We looked again at the direction the bullet had come but there was nothing except some trees and an anthill. We looked at the ground too to see if we could see any footprint, nothing.

"Then my orderly shouted that he thought he saw a snake's head. I looked across the spot again and found the footprint of a human being. My orderly didn't see any footprint. I asked him to shoot at that very spot where he saw the snake last.

"Immediately he shot at the spot, we heard somebody cried out. 'Yes, mo gbe o, won pa mi ol' [I'm dead, they've killed

me!] Immediately, the anthill vanished and a man appeared in its place.

"He was armed with charm from the top to his hip, only his legs were left unarmoured.

"He turned out to be Tafa Adeoye's right-hand man. He was at that post relaying back what he saw to his village through spiritual powers. He was greatly wounded. With him shot and captured, the network of the rioters had been destroyed. We later smashed into the village. The men were going through the bush by the roadside while my orderly and I walked the road. We later came to a road block. When we tried to lift the log of wood on the road, shots rang out. We fired at the point they had come and heard people cry out.

"When we got to the village, we gathered the children and women into churches and mosques. We shouted on the microphone to them that we were on peaceful patrol and would like anyone contemplating battle to lay down his arms and surrender peacefully.

"Unfortunately some of the rioters chose to open up fire. We replied with shots of our own, captured the man and burnt down the village. We had ended the trouble before a unit that came in from Odudu appeared, but Tafa Adeoye escaped.

"The entire operation took about twelve hours. Further operations took us to Omi Ido, behind Omi Adio on Abeokuta Road. It was an equally tough battle here. The rioters had earlier killed a police superintendent and intelligence reporter. They also showed some mastery of military operations because they too had some ex-servicemen among them.

"We later proceeded to Owode-Egba in Ogun State, but there was no strict opposition here. The protesters simply laid down their arms and fled. This marked the end of the operation for my own unit as well as the Agbekoya riot. We returned to the Mid-West at the end of the riots.

Thus, the Agbekoyas ["Farmers Reject this Suffering] the farmers' union fought and lost – their war to resist what they considered an unjustifiable taxation system on the part of the then governor of Western State.

They did not win their war but succeeded in winning a new respect for themselves.

Pa Daniel Ajagbe will be 71 in June. He retired from the Police Force 12 years ago as a chief superintendent of police after serving for 36 years. A native of Oshogbo, he accepts charms for protection in his active days but said that with the Agbekoya challenge breaking out on him the way he did, he had to rely on the Bible. "The Bible was what I always depended upon even in those days" he says.

Now a born again christian, Chief Ajagbe is the patron of the Methodist Evangelist Group, Western Zone and also the patron of Deliverance Evangelistic Ministry, Oshogbo. His wife, Helen Cecilia Oluwayemisi Ajagbe is also a retired police officer.

SUCCESS UNLIMITED

By Stick-to-it 'Biodun

Many people go through life aimlessly not quite knowing how to succeed. This inspirational column written by a man who preaches what he practices, will help you resolve one of World's most perplexing puzzles and show you the way to good health, abundant wealth and lots of happiness.

PAUSE & THINK

Never reject an idea because it is impossible

Put your problem in the proper perspective (4)

This is the last instalment of a four-part topic titled. Put your problem in the right perspective. The topic was taken from Robert H. Schuller's book, "Tough Times Never Last But Tough People Do"

THERE IS A NEGATIVE AND A POSITIVE REACTION TO EVERY PROBLEM.

In the final analysis the tough people who survive the tough times do so because they've chosen to react positively to their predicament. This is not always as easy as it sounds.

Consider, for example, the problem of an unwanted pregnancy. What are the options? What are the alternatives? Which "solutions" are really solutions? How do you determine which reactions are positive and which are negative?

Let me answer the last question first. The positive reaction is the one that would contribute most to the collective self-esteem of the human family. Of my options, I must choose the one that would diminish any shame that could fall upon the human family. I must choose the reaction that will ultimately make me more proud of myself as a person. Furthermore, a positive reaction would be that which would bring the greatest joy to the most people. In addition, a positive reaction would be the reaction that holds the greatest possibility of making a constructive contribution to society.

By contrast, the negative reaction would be the reaction that would be most embarrassing to myself or to the human family and would prevent any good from coming from the problem that I am facing. Based upon these positive principles of choosing the most positive reaction to a problem, I have long advocated that an unwanted pregnancy should be allowed to go full term and the child should be allowed to be offered as an answer to the prayers of a childless family. Abortion is a negative solution to a

problem.

How do these principles for choosing the most positive reaction to a problem apply to other problems?

For instance, what is the positive reaction to a terrible financial setback? In this situation would it be the positive reaction to opt out? Run away? Escape through alcohol, drugs, or suicide?

No! Such negative reactions only produce greater problems by promising a temporary "solution" to the pressing problem.

Stealing money in order to pay your bills is a negative solution because it will (a) generate a whole new set of problems, (b) fill you with the fear of exposure and detection, (c) haunt you with shame and rob you of your self-dignity, and (d) lower the collective self-esteem of the human family.

The positive solution to a problem may require courage to initiate it. It takes courage to face up to your creditors and to deal with them honestly and forthrightly. If they insist on pressing for payment and refuse to give time for you to resolve your position more favourably, then choose the legal and honorable route of filing for bankruptcy. This will provide the breathing space to work out your solution without committing a crime.

Next, let's consider the problem of a troubled, quarrelsome marriage. For years it has been assumed that it is better for a child to live in peace with one parent than to live in a home with father and mother who argue frequently. Based on that unstudied, unscientific, generally accepted assumption, hundreds of thousands of married couples have chosen divorce as a swift and immediate solution to their problems of marital unhappiness. Many have sincerely believed that this is better for the children.

However, recent studies indicate that this may be, in fact, the more

negative solution.

"If children ruled, there would be no divorce". So Dr. Albert A. Solnit reported to the American Academy of Pediatrics recently. This Yale University psychiatrist continued, "We do not in any sense know what the long-term effect of divorce is on children. If we were living in a world governed by children's wishes, there would be no divorce."

Another child psychiatrist said there is no way he could be convinced that children were better off when parents divorce.

Dr. Derek Miller, a Northwestern University professor of psychiatry and head of the adolescent unit at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said there is no proof that a child brought up by a single parent feels more secure and is better off than a child brought up by two parents.

He took note of a rise in suicides among adolescents, drug abuse, teen-age pregnancies, alcoholism, and even murders—problems that emerged in the sixties and grew in the seventies.

Such research indicates that it might be more positive to stay together despite the tension and arguments.

My own father and mother had quarrels. I have vivid, childhood recollections of some strong verbal arguments in our home life. But divorce was never considered. Because of this, I grew up believing that solutions are never found by running away from a tough problem. I believe that because my parents kept their marriage intact despite problems, I am a better person and a more tenacious achiever. Their overriding, ever recurring love taught me to believe in the importance of commitment.

If you know that divorce is not an option, it is amazing how you can learn to love again.

Tough times never last, but tough

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How to Play it

Florence Scovel Shinn

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people do. Tough people stick it out. They have learned to choose the most positive reaction in managing problems. And that's the real key: "Managing problems" For in spite of all our possibility thinking, there are after all some problems that defy solutions.

If your leg is amputated, you can't grow it back. You can manage this problem, however, by considering all the possible ways in which a prosthesis can be developed improved, and refined. You can manage it by determining to walk better, more smoothly, more quickly than anybody else could imagine. In the process you will become an inspiration to everyone whose life touches yours.

Possibility thinking—I do not claim that it can solve every problem. But I have no doubt that the vast majority of problems can be solved if we only believe. "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19: 26).

But if a problem defies solution, then what?

When you can't solve the problem manage it.

Survivors. How do they do it? When they can't solve the problem, they manage it creatively. And how do you do this? By following twelve principles for managing problems creatively and constructively! We will take a look at these in the next chapter.

Quiet responsibility, frugality and peacefulness creates blessed harmony for posterity while frenzied hate, careless sectionalism and noisy rancour is an illwind that blows no one good (Dubar)

WINNERS NEVER QUIT; QUITTERS NEVER WIN

Riddle of menstrual circle

If you're under your menses, better stay away from a river

WATER, in all her motherly bosom, is the cradle of mankind, the source and sustainer of all that is. Put aside all that crap about Adam and the garden for a moment and consider that every living creature, including the fishes, plants, and all made their entry at their very first step at evolving here on earth through water in their different genetic lineage and groups.

When nature introduces new plants to meet growing pressure she lets the rains come down first and then from the aftermath springs different breeds of crops, vegetation, new plants with special medical contents even new creations, too.

Now, the degree of cosmic rating of water as she manifests in streams, springs, in all her expressive glory is



that of a sacred nature. There are certain things you don't do with, in, or around the grounds of water. So you see certain streams, rivers or ponds which actually have their own shrine and chief priests and so on.

If a woman in her menses goes to a stream either to bathe, just fetch

drinking water or merely wades through the water, it is *owo*, a taboo against the magnetic pulse of nature and organ of hydro-genetic laws. There is no great harm done to the woman if she does not get pregnant after that menses, well, not one that will endanger her future pregnancies, anyway, but it will freeze all resources of the husband or boyfriend responsible for the pregnancy.

Again, if a pregnant woman flirts with the surface of a stream or river her husband's resources will also be frozen inexplicably! She'll have the baby of course but this is the kind of baby who prefers to come down with its feet instead of the head: what Yoruba religion calls 'lge', medical doctors call it 'bridge-birth'.

Now, if the woman who's in her menses goes to bath, fetch water or do anything in a flowing stream, and she takes in after that menses, one definite catastrophe awaits that child after delivery. No matter how long he or she lives, the child will die through water accident.

Then if a woman washes her menstrual rags in a stream or river, and she gets pregnant, the child, when born, will choke to death with water before the age of 5. It could happen while the child is bathing or while drinking water, etc but it comes before the age of 5 principally because each one of the five years is

given to represent the one day places which the menstrual period shed its circle.

In the days when rags were a popular mode of washing, there was this practice of re-washing

rags for use next time or next day.

Even if you are caught in this circumstance, ensure you do not wash your menstrual rags in a stream away from a running stream: you are under your menses. Do the same if you are pregnant. If you must wash old rags for use again, water from the house in a bucket do your washing in your bathroom or toilet sink. Do not throw such water on the path where people go through.

The kind of problems people go through in life are not always designed by the witches; many are largely caused by mismanaged menses. The responsibility naturally placed on the irrepressible woman in mothering an entity is simply overbearing, but femininity is a condition for reincarnation, isn't it?

Have you heard of people killed by falling trees? See how mismanaged menses can cause this tragedy ... next fortnight!

Often angry, self-justifying, intolerant outbursts or theories can be a mere unconscious cover-up for one's personal self-hypnotized inadequacy (Lambert)

The man who makes love to his daughters

Continued from Page 22

and neighbours condemn in unseemable terms. "He'll leave you in the middle of an important discussion to quickly rape his children," said a source, but the story from his household is dirtier or more dirty, whichever way you look at it.

Said a member of the house: "Okafor will get up from his wife and enter his daughters one after the other like a smooth operator. Have you heard of a man who will not allow all his daughters to wear pants so that he can rape them any minute he likes?"

"Look, Agnes is 15 and he never allows her to attend school. You know why? So that he can rape her all the time and that's what he does. I hope God forgives him."

The last straw that forced Grace to flee with the youngest child who was then 3-months-old will irk you. They were having a meal when Okafor called Agnes to bring him water. When she held out the water, her father avoided the cup, grabbed her wrist and set about unifying his lips!

Grace said of that incident: "I screamed and stoned him with every-



The evil that a father can do to her daughter ... Agnes shows an injury she suffered while surrendering to her father's diabolical wishes

thing in the house, including the food we were eating, but all that didn't stop the mad man. He held my daughter down and raped her while I called him all the bad names I know. That was November 1979 when Agnes was 8."

While Grace said she had left the house before Okafor stopped Agnes from attending school, the girl confirmed she had not attended school more than three times since 1981.

"One morning when I was ready to go to school," she said, "my father seized me, saying I should take off my dress so that he can suck my breast."

"When I refused, he locked me up, raised the stereo very high, then he held me down, tore my dress, sucked me all over for a long time and forced me till people who went to school returned."

"Since then, he said I must not go to school; that I do not need to speak Oyiwo because he's going to be speaking with me until I die.

What happens if she is menstruating? CLIMAX asked to know.

"He throws away the toilet roll and forces me when I'm menstruating," Agnes said. "It doesn't matter

whether I'm menstruating or not, he forces me many times - day and night. Sometimes, I drip blood all over the house because he won't even let me use pad or toilet roll."

"There are some nights he would ask me to sleep naked beside him. He would be looking at me until I falls asleep, then I sleep too, but after, I'll wake up to find him already sleeping with me."

Had she gotten pregnant or not before? Does he take her to the hospital?

"I've been sick many times, but he doesn't take me to any hospital even though our house is very close to the health centre, but he buys me one medicine from a Chemist. He said it'll make me not to be pregnant."

She does not know the name of the medicine, but said her father sends her some times to buy it. The Chemist knows the type her father buys so she just pays and collects.

□ This story will be concluded next week. You can't read the last one Anieke yet.

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ARIES
Mar 21-Apr 20

The meeting with someone you've always desired turns you on but observers give you a red flag as they go about with tell-tales of your former escapades.



TAURUS
Apr 21-May 20

Sympathy with lazy and careless subordinates may earn you a query about and place your credibility at risk. Endeavour to follow up your instructions with firmness.



GEMINI
May 21-Jun 20

Your weakness for gossip may earn you the comeuppance from an unexpected friend that this may mean a lot for the future.



CANCER
Jun 21-Jul 20

Stay at home over the weekend so as not to miss someone you'll be pleased to discuss your problem with, and in discussing, know what to keep back.



LEO
Jul 21-Aug 21

Guide against distraction on Monday, brightness may cost you something important.



VIRGO
Aug 22-Sep 22

Someone writes from afar to say its time for a settlement. Don't feel too pompous to give a reasonable reply.



LIBRA
Sep 23-Oct 22

A friend goes and you feel like doing away with the church. Understand, you can't be angry and thoughtful at the same time.



SCORPIO
Oct 23-Nov 22

Surprise recovery from an illness puts you on the rose again. Good luck at the same time.



SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23-Dec 20

If luck changes your way early in the week, be prudent with what you have; you may have to spend on a lot on Tuesday and Wednesday.



CAPRICORN
Dec 21-Jan 19

Don't travel if you can avoid it, especially on Friday. Of course, this may frazzle your nerves.



AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18

You are excited at the prospect of a romance. Bid your time or you may miss the fun.



PISCES
Feb 19-Mar 20

With someone warning his way into your life and the financial situation picking up, you have the feeling you've just won a jackpot.

THE 1967 civil war really impaired my life, so to say, but I'm happy for being alive and gainfully employed. It was a sad experience for me. I was in form four when the war broke out and lost three of my brothers. This affected me.

I couldn't finish my education at Obazu Secondary School in Owerri. We returned back to Lagos with the rest of the family hoping that things will be better down south after the war, but to our surprise, life became more unbearable for us as my parents couldn't make ends meet. My attempt to further my studies proved futile.

So, I trained as a nurse with my S.75 Certificate at Obalende Maternity Hospital in Lagos. It was while undergoing this training that I came across my husband who happened to be a brother to the owner of the maternity home. When he asked his sister to stop me from working for her, I felt terribly bad, because I didn't want to be a liability. But I had to give in later when I thought it won't be of any good losing on both ends. I got married to him and became a full time housewife.

Long after the marriage, I found out I just couldn't stay at home idle. Things were so boring. Not that I didn't engage myself but I felt it wasn't enough. What irritated me most of all, my neighbours who used to leave their children in my care.

ME AND MY JOB

BY JOY UZUZIE

Newspaper vendor

before the other men, selling close to me. Sometimes, I return the unsold copies to my distributor.

My job is very interesting except for the pressure of attending to a lot of people. Persuading others to buy some newspapers which they are not used to, makes the job even more hectic. Some readers prefer Concord, The Guardian or Champion to other newspapers for reasons best known to them, but I'm used to them for I can't help seeing some customers behaving in such a way. So the need to understand customers' behaviour is very important. This will help one to remain on the job.

The job doesn't take much of my time. When I get back home, I normally have the rest of the day to myself - doing one thing or the other. I was even selling snacks before, but gave it up when I discovered I need rest for my own good health and that of the baby. I'm



Mrs Joy Uzuzie (seated) is surrounded by other vendors and customers.

My husband didn't buy the idea of me doing anything at all, so he refused bluntly when I called his attention to what I had in mind. But I went on to carry out my plans to register with one Mr. Abiola, a newspaper distributor at Demuren Street, in Ketu, who started supplying me newspapers.

I wake up early at 4.00 a.m., get my kids set for school, before going to collect newspapers. I sell about 400 - 500 newspapers of different types everyday. I have my stand at Ketu, where I sell along with two other vendors. I normally finish my sales at 11.00 a.m. and head for home which is nearby.

People like buying from me, and most of the time, I finish my sales

expecting.

On those days that I'm expected to be at the clinic, all I do is to programme myself by going out very early, collect my newspapers, and finish selling at 9.00 a.m. before heading for the clinic.

I'm happy with my job and hope to be collecting more newspapers for sale. I make an average of ₦40 - ₦50 a day which is far better than nothing, but when my baby comes in about three months time, I'll be forced to take some months off.

I hope my customers will understand and start buying from me when I resume.

Mrs Joy Uzuzie spoke to Doyin Lawal

WHAT HER STAR SAYS

THE Vice-Chancellor of the University of Benin, Prof. Miss Grace Akilo-Williams, was born on December 16, 1922 a septarian.

It is in the nature of those born under her star to be forceful in the pursuit of their goals, hence they could be headstrong and uncompromising.

They also like to lead and nurture others, so it is not surprising that the author of "Modern Mathematics and Book for Teachers" is one herself. The vice-ree may spot a potential trouble arising from one of her policies this week. The Archer must be ready to shoot without hesitation, this low comedy, if badly handled, can erupt into a big trouble.



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TITUS OMOTARA

Holding tight to his bat

With the exit to Germany of former African champion Sunday Eboh, Titus Omotara remains the longest serving national table tennis player in Nigeria today.

A horde of younger players have since emerged in the scene and have planned many 'coups' to show him the way out, but 'Titus the Titan' has held on to his bat with determination.

Today, Omotara is Africa's no 2 behind the talented Atanda Musa, and he plans to still go a long way, after coming such a long way. *Report by Mumini Ailo*

BACKGROUND

Titus Odulami Omotara was born on August 4 1958 at Owode town in Ogun State. He is the fourth child of his parents' six, which includes only one female. He started his education at Araromi Primary School, Owode, finishing in 1967, and the following year proceeded to the famous Iganmode Grammar School, situated at Otu, the Ogun State industrial town that now hosts the senior national team, the Green Eagles. Titus graduated from Iganmode in 1972 with a grade 2 pass in the school certificate exams, then moved to Lagos to enroll at the Federal Ministry of works Technical Training School at Ijora to read Electricity in 1973. "That was where my career on the ocean table really started," he says.

BEGINNING

"I had a brother who was the secretary of the UAC Table Tennis club," narrates Titus. "After School, I would go to the club house in Iddo to watch people playing. Later I started playing too and discovered that I could beat most of the others with ease. When the club there offered a challenge contest at the Rowe Park Sports Centre at Yaba, I was registered to play."

The young man surprised everybody including himself by reaching the final in the Intermediate category before losing to one Gbenja Tawo. Lagos state table tennis coach Solomon Bamgbohe however noticed the great potential in Omotara and promptly took him over for intensive coaching. So began a career that was destined to blossom rapidly.

CAREER

Losing in the final of his first major tournament was to become a permanent feature in Titus' career in the following years. In 1976, he reached the finals of two major competitions as a senior player, but lost them both to the Red Cross Cup to Sunday Eboh, and the Lagos Asoju-Oba cup to Babatundun Obisanja. His two conquerors were however well recognised



Titus Omotara in Yasaka shirt, with a tin of Ruvrinita and the silver medal he won to become Africa's number 2

national players and the spirited efforts he put up against them earned him a call to the national squad. The same year 1976, "I joined Eboh and Obisanja to play a series of open championships in China for 4 months. The experience served to improve my game well," the petit ping pong star says.

HONOURS

Interestingly, Titus Omotara has won most of his credits from ping pong while pairing with others. Apart from the National Coca-Cola singles title which he

won on defeating Sunday Eboh in 1980, in the 1987 Asoju-Oba cup in which he beat Atanda Musa, Titus has his other honours from men's doubles, mixed doubles, and team events. "I seem to be a better doubles player than I am in singles," he says.

The list: three Red Cross Championship titles: three Omo Cup titles, two Asoju-Oba cup titles; one Vaseline Kano open, and one Oluyole open titles among others, all in doubles.

In team events, Titus helped win the 1978 (Algeria) and 1985 (Kenya) Africa Games titles for Nigeria. He has also played in five world cups: 1979 in North Korea, '81 in Yugoslavia, '83 in Japan, and '87 in India, bringing Nigeria's rating from world third category no 33, to world first category no 16 in the process.

Of recent, Titus has been improving on his singles, however, and in 1987 he got his first world rating as number 125. Last year, he became Africa's No. 2 singles player at the African Championship held in Lagos last December. "I can still do better," Titus says.

OPPOSITION

"My most feared opponent is Masunov, a young Russian player who beat me 3-0 at the last world championship. If my wife had seen the way that boy brushed me, I'm sure she would have divorced me. In fact I lost the first set 2-3, but performed much better in the last two. In Nigeria, Sunday Eboh has inflicted on me the most painful defeats, beating me five times out of six final confrontations. I can't have greater opponents than these two. Atanda Musa plays better than me, but rather than being my rival, we're good friends. So it is with the other young players, but Musa particularly has proved to be such a reliable ally. I adore him so much."

SPONSORSHIP

Titus Omotara is ever grateful to his club, Union Bank, which gave him the opportunity of playing yearly at the United States open since 1985. "We've reached the finals three times, but never won it," he says. "I'm also grateful to Nigerian coaches who have proved capable of improving our game because, since the Chinese handlers left, the standard of table tennis has not fallen in this country."

Titus enjoys the sponsorship of Yasaka, a table tennis kits manufacturing firm in Japan. By the contract, Yasaka provides Titus with free playing kits and the player uses them in all tournaments to help advertise the products: shirts, shorts, bats, bags, towels and balls. Titus received a greeting card from Yasaka last Christmas and says: "I'm ever grateful to their Executive Director Babumami Murakami."

FAMILY/CAR

Titus' parents are still alive, but the young man has started his own family too. He now has two kids - Temitope (5, female) and Imoleayo (2½, male). Titus rides a green well decorated Mazda 323 car.

FOOD/HOBBS

"I like eating as a hobby. Usually, I take bread with stew, or other solid foods like pounded yam because they give me strength. I don't drink nor smoke, and I like discussing with ladies because they seem to have so much problem needing advice. I like giving advice."

DREAM

Apart from hoping for more success throughout the rest of his career in table tennis in Nigeria, Titus Omotara has a rather unusual dream for a ping pong player. Says he: "I want to become team manager to one of my favourite soccer side - ICC Shooting Stars of Ibadan or Shooting Stars of Lagos. How much Titus loves football.

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EMEKA AMADI

Born August 26, 1972. Emeka is a pretender and that's why he doesn't have any nickname. The young Nigerian goal-minder has a clear vision of his ambitions for Riyadh. "I'm going out there to win," he says matter-of-factly.

CHRIS OHENHEN

When Nigeria went washed little Lesotho on its way to Riyadh, that country's coach described her as Chris Ohenhen as "a diamond that does not glitter." What he meant is that the Calabar Rivers new signing is a "Strong Operator."

Ohenhen will also operate strictly in Saudi Arabia and before Nigeria's opponents get to know him, he might be wretched havoc with his cannon shots.

MUTIU ADEPOJU

This scoring machine is the "Diamond of Nigerian Football" last season. Even his coaches describe him as the best player in the pack, no wonder club ICC mounting stars is crying for losing him to Julius Berger.

Adedaju is a potential outsider of a Junior World Cup, and the Addis Ababa Boot is therefore on line for him.

OLADINLEJI LAWAL

Here is a player that has been listed to mathematical Super Odegbami, as far outside the net playing it concerned O'Adinleji and scored Dimejused their qualities to entertain the world as an elite in Canada '87, and no less than a performance is expected from this brilliant ball artist. He'll make Riyadh go agog to Nigeria right from Day one.

PETER OGABA

Like it was in Canada '87 Ogbani now at 15 is the youngest in the Saudi-bound squad. But one of the coaches describe him as "one of the strongest defenders in Nigeria. Such a young boy."

The lad survived the nightmare of nearly getting dropped from the soccer pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia, but he was not an Alhaji, but a world champion. A boy with a big heart. This Peter.

CHARITY IKHIEDRO

Born November 16, 1970, Charity has an ambition to be useful to his family, his, his relatives. Nigeria however remains a big family which Charity also belongs to and being useful to this family is his first her conquer the world in Riyadh. Charity is a very charitable, but Nigeria's opposition should not expect the charity of a goal of Charity Ikhiedro mans the central defender. He said as much.

TAIWO ENGWEEA

Ball fans call him "Energy" and that's because he's so energetic at moving forward from his traditional midfield position. Engweea was drawn with injury when Nigeria beat Saudi Arabia but he is a very charitable, but he has been to be around when Nigeria take on the rest of the world in S.A. Good luck to Nigeria, but for the rest of the world!

By Mumini Ailo

Akosa spells out WAFU master plan

After years of complaints by Nigerians that the West African Football Union (WAFU) was being dominated by Francophone Countries in the sub-region, Nigeria's Jonathan Ogegero was finally elected president of the football union last December.

Another Nigerian, Mr. Austin Akosa who has however been WAFU's Secretary for Organisation, Disciplinary and Publicity Committees since 1984, talks about the new programmes WAFU has for West African Football, and also presents his views about the situation of the game in Nigeria. Report by Sunday Oreisi.

U-17 Competition:

WAFU plans to introduce an U-17 Championship among countries in the sub-region, and it shall be named after the former WAFU president, Abdoulaye Fofana of Cote d'Ivoire. Presently our U-17 boys play only one tourney in two years and that is the FIFA U-17 tournament. This is not enough and the one we are planning will even serve to put our boys in shape for the FIFA world cup which three WAFU nations - Guinea, Ghana and Nigeria will represent Africa this year in Scotland.

World cup Zoning:

WAFU should have a World Cup zone to itself so that West Africa sub-region can present a qualifier directly to the World Cup proper. This I plan to table before the executive body and if approval is given, we will invite CAF and FIFA. It will be difficult to achieve, but there is no man in trying.

Television rights:

In order to boost our finances, WAFU now plans to sell the TV rights to all competition it organises. This has been discussed and approved by the General Assembly and machinery has been set in motion to work out modalities for our tourneys.

We also plan to help create a West African Sports Writers Union so that Journalists from all countries in the

sub-region can work together for better performance.

Technical Development:

By offering special training facilities to West African Football referees and other officials, WAFU hopes to achieve positive development in the technical standard of the game. We would contract CAF and FIFA to assist in training our referees but we hope we'll get sponsors from any of our member countries in order to make a success of the programme when the time comes.

Participation:

Most times in the past, WAFU competitions have been competed by only eight out of the sixteen members that form the West African sub-region. The new president is trying to ensure that all or majority of our members participate in our programmes and that is why we are hoping all the innovative ideas being introduced will be approved by the General Assembly. A wider scope of operation will enhance the viability of WAFU.

Awards:

There is a proposal already for WAFU to organise an award ceremony after each of its competitions especially the Houphet Boigny Cup for senior national teams and the Shagari Cup for the junior



Austin Akosa: planning big for WAFU national teams.

At such ceremonies, prizes will be given to the best players, best match officials and best teams at the end of each competitive. Then there will be one over-all award night at the end of every year. But all these are still proposals to be discussed by the WAFU General Assembly.

Nigeria and WAFU:

Its true that Nigeria's relationship with WAFU has not been smooth. The reason is not as a result of Francophone dominance as people are won't to believe but the real reason for the past controversies has been little misunderstandings. Although there are 11

Francophone countries as compared to five Anglophone countries in WAFU, members from the respective language grouping have held the WAFU presidency twice each.

National teams:

If need be, our national teams should be kept in military camps with good playing pitches so that nothing would distract their trainings. They would of course have visiting days and off-days, but aside from that, they should be kept like in a boarding house, committed only to playing football.

At the end of each month, they should get salaries say like N500 each to a senior player, N400 to the U-20's and N300 to the U-17 - apart from other allowances and bonuses.

This way, we'll always have ready and well blended teams for national assignments and our success rate is bound to improve.

WAFU on its own part would play its necessary roles to assist Nigeria and other West African nations to develop their football.

SPORTSINFO

ADELE GOES COACHING

Veteran defender, David Adiele has hung his playing boots at last... and has put on a coach's carvase.

The 37-year-old Ileso Stars indigena is now assistant coach with Rivers Football Club, a squad sponsored by Rivers Packaging Co. Ltd. in Gboko, Bonny State, home of Adiele's last club, BCC, which sacked him midway last season.

Rather than brood over his experiences at BCC however, Adiele expresses gratitude to those who made his new departure possible. Says he: "I'm grateful to my new employers for giving me the chance to start a coaching career, but I mustn't forget the invaluable contribution of my former employer, Chief M.K.D. Abiola, who sent me for a coaching course in Brazil while I was with Abiola Babes.

"I'm now going to live with my family on the proceeds of that unique opportunity."

Adiele spent 17 years playing active football, and featured for six clubs during that period: PWD F.C., Kumba, Cameroon (1970-73), Bona Dia Gana, Enugu (194-75), Benel Insurance (175-81), Spartans of Owerri (1982), Abiola Babes (82-87) and BCC Lions (1988).

On leaving BCC, he received various offers to coach at different clubs but opted to stay at Gboko for Bona Dia Gana. "I've come to take Gboko as my home."

He adds: "I regard my new job as my own youth service and I'm eagerly looking forward to helping the club gain moral consent."

Ben Idi, Gboko

UMUNNA GOLF KICKS OFF

The 20th yearly All-Nigeria Open Amateur Golf Open Championship sponsored by Mr. Ben Os Umunna, chairman of Rangers Football Club management, will hold between February 18 and 19 at the Enugu Golf Club grounds.

As usual, the championship is expected to be attended by a wide range of amateur golf players from all over the federation, while Namdra State Governor, Col. Robert Abacha, will declare the Tourney open as special Guest of honour.

A lot of prizes are on line to be shared away by winners at the 3-day championship.

RANGERS LOTTERY

The Rangers International Football Club Lifetime Lottery which is designed to generate funds for the club's self-financing programme may take off with the new football season in February.

The project which is a baby of the club's management was announced by the chairman, Mr. Ben Os Umunna during the 1988 Rangers Award Night.

According to Mr. Umunna, who also served as the club awards, the Lifetime Lottery tickets would be sold for one naira each through selected agents all over the federation. Fantastic prizes are expected to be won on the draws which would be made periodically.

Mr. Umunna further disclosed that Crystal Palace Football Club of England of which he is a director, has for a long time been removing successfully the kind of lottery being planned for Rangers to stay solvent.

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Muhammad Alomane	NNPC	"
Samuel Okaka	JIB	"
Isaka Ugochukwu	Enyimba	"
Isaka Asanuga	Flash	"
Ikemwaka Osondi	Stores	"
Isaac Ndabara	NNPC	"
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Isid Drji	OSC	"
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Isidat Ikudazu	Kad. Super Boys	"
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