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FROM THE PUBLISHER

To say it was a great occasion is to merely state the obvious. Out of the world's first, probably, quite close to describing the big do at the place locally fondly call, Small London, recently. Chief Onwuka K etu, a true son of the soil, really had a field day on the occasion. And our own Moji Danisa was there in fact to record for you the making of the Okpu Uzu of Abiriba. It is done in her inimitable style as you will find on page 10.

No Nigerian artists, say the entertainment scene authorities, has ever had two straight hit songs among the Nigerian artists (that stats, please note, don't cover the juju and fuji musicians). But Evi Edna Ogholi is an exception. We pay her a tribute this week for making three straight hit songs. Ladi Ayodeji and Moji Danisa are at their best in laying bare the myth of Evi, who in enjoying every second of her marriage to hubby/manager Emmanuel Ogo. Please, turn to pages 17, 18 and 19 for the special feature.

The present Acting President of the Nigeria Olympic Committee is an unassuming septuagenarian who has given quite a large chunk of those remarkable years to caring for the sports needs of this nation.

For nearly 17 years or so, he was in charge of the tennis association, bringing it from near obscurity to immense popularity. Of course, I am all along talking about the Chairman of Adejumo FAM Limited, Alhaji Raheem A. Adejumo, who this week talk to Senior Staff Writer Whywe Owoogbade for our Super Achiever's column on page 23.

Would you ever think of stealing from the blind? This is not a totally irrelevant question because, as an investigation we have just carried out reveals, the NTA authorities are yet to meet their obligations to the Perelli School for the Blind after their rousing command performance at the National Arts Theatre, Igbamu, which drew the cream of the society that were so thrilled that money flowed freely from every purse supposedly into their coffers.

But is it? That was the question that drove Moji Danisa to find out what exactly happened to all those money. Again, this is another un-gut-punchable issue of CLIMAX and I hope it sweetens your weekend.

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HEZEKAYA (THE SON OF ARAKATILA)

BY OPATA



Prof Fatunla's day of glory

AT the launching of Professor S. O. Fatunla's Book, "Numerical Methods for Initial Value Problems in Ordinary Differential Equation" the Nigerian Institute of Oceanography and Marine Research, Victoria Island, Saturday November 19, 1988, M. K. O., who was chief launcher, revealed his 'other side' as he sent guests reeling with laughter with well crafted wisecracks.

For instance, he said that all of us cannot be Holy Ghost otherwise there would be nobody to shout Halleluyah! Apparently the Chairman of Concord Press was referring to the 285-page book published in the Computer Science and Scientific Computing Series of Academic Press, U.S.A.

The joke here is that only people in the class of the author, Prof. S. O. Fatunla of the University of Benin and his students, can understand the contents of the book.

Professor Chike Obi, generally regarded as the grand-daddy of African Mathematics, was there too.

When it was time for the book launch, Bashorun M. K. O. Abiola (he came in at 11.03 p.m. and left two hours later) bought 76 copies of the book at \$44.50 each about N400 at SFEM rate after it has been shipped into the country. He used that occasion to endow an academic chair at the Dept. of Computer Science, University of Lagos for N500,000.

The review of the book was done by Professor M. A. Ibiyegbua of the University of Ilorin.

UAC FOODS PICKS WINNERS!

EVERY industry in Nigeria today is engaging in aggressive sales gimmick to compete in the market. It all started with the '7Us' to the difference is clear' competition. People were initially skeptical but when some doubting 'Thomas'es' saw their neighbours and friends bring home prizes, there was no stopping both buyers and manufacturers!

Now, soft drinks manufacturers, food manufacturers, magazines, even promoters employ this method to sell. It seems to be working so well for them.

The UAC Foods picked winners of its Double Chance Competition, through lucky dip at the National Arts Theatre recently.

The judges included names like Bimbo Oloyede (former Bimbo Roberts of NTA news); Justus Esiri (Village headmaster), Mr. Kunle Adesina (President, Lagos Country Club) and his wife; Mr. Dipo Onabajoo (Daily Times) and Dorothy Ovbajegbe of Macell Advertising.

In his address to the participating audience, the General Manager of UAC Foods, Mr. Phillip Sharpe, said that the UAC distributes Satis, Walls, Gala as well as baked ham and roasted beef.



THE Lipton Yellow Label Tea Big Dash raffle draw was held in the premises of Lever Brothers Nigeria Limited recently. Pix shows Mrs. R. Olanrewaju from Ilorin who won egg/ electric cooker with oven being congratulated by Mr. E. C. Onuzo, the General Sales Manager of Lever Brothers.



This lady is a member of the Safakin Dance Troupe that performed at the 4th Milo Marston Award Night at the Eko Meridian Hotel, Lagos.



Angela Amajuyi, the winner of the 4th Milo Marston was all smiles after receiving her trophy at Eko Meridian.

In the words of Mr. Dele Okotoki, manager of UAC foods, "The Satis Double Chance Competition started when consumers were given the opportunity first to win the satis beautiful aprons by submitting an entry containing one head part and one tail part of the drawing of a cow." The second, was the opportunity to win the instant prize at the super draw which was done by lucky dip.

Prizes which were won included a cutlery set, an electric blender, kettle, pots, a gas/electric cooker and a refrigerator.

WHEREFORE THE ACE OF CLUBS?

ONCE upon a time, there was a house situated on Allen Avenue, Ikeja which was converted into a night club. It was a prestigious club. Everybody wanted to be associated with it, and it was called the Ace of Clubs.

That is a tale many will tell when the time

comes. The Ace of Clubs is fast losing its pride of lustiness and elegance.

When you step into the club, the nauseating language used by these girls could send you out in minutes. Girls, girls everywhere! They out number men two to one. And what a chimney! All of them smoking. But thank God I went home with my clothes intact and not burnt.

The preacher and the One-man band: One needs at least a 3-day visit to fully appreciate the array of items on display at the recently concluded trade fair at the Badagry Expressway.

The exhibition is memorable not only for the items on display but for some Nigerians who put themselves on display too as side attractions.

One of them you may have watched on the

is going on in the society



Prof. S. O. Fatunla's book, 'Numerical Methods for Initial value Problems in Ordinary Differential Equations' was launched in Lagos recently. From L — R are the author, Prof. Fatunla, Prince Adolor Okotie-Eboh and Bashorun M. K. O Abiola putting heads together. Pix right shows Prof. Chika Obi, the grand-daddy of African Mathematics, who was also present at the book launch making a speech.



Lagos television or on stage at one time or the other.

He is called the one-man band. At the fair, however, the young man went about with an assistant who beats a konga for him and together they commended what one may call a 'walking amphitheatre'.

Mr. "One-man Band" has been around for some time and this no doubt, contributes a lot to his popularity but one disturbing aspect of him is his poor dressing. His worn out shirt and trouser did not show him as someone about to turn his business into a respected one. It is either his comical show does not pay or, as someone put it, "He's been living a free lifestyle."

Another "exhibition" that caught our atten-



Yaba College of Technology recently held its 40th Convocation ceremony. From L — R are Ezen Ewuoso (Guardian Newspapers), Harriam Haboya (the majored in Building Technology), Segun Bakare (CLIMAX magazine) and Monday Emon (Chief Photographer, Quality Magazine).

tion at the fair was a preacher who found a dias on the edge of the mountain. A megaphone in mouth, he shouted, "Receive Jesus Christ now as your personal saviour."

The passers by squirmed. Apparently, his was not the kind of "item" the organisers had in mind when they were planning their exhibition, or the hundreds of visitors who came, a day to the end of the fair.

THE LONGEST HIGH TABLE

THE paintings of old show our ancestors huddled together on the floor during festivals. Then the white man introduced the "high tables" and, as usual, we've beaten him to it.

At virtually every public function, even if private, everybody wants to be on the high table leaving the 'low tables' empty. Anyway,

what concerns us is that the recent Jack Williamson Hair Show will soon have a place in the Guinness Book of Records. The high table was a record 50 metres long!

AC IN THE LOO

THERE'S this popular saying that the thing you value much is not often appreciated until you lose it. One money bag who has turned Ken Olumese's Nite Shift into a regular beat didn't appreciate the AC in the loo, until he visited another club on Allen Avenue, Ikeja, recently.

The difference was clear — what with a stinking loo! "Thanks Uncle Ken for giving us those little luxuries every day at Nite Shift," he was heard saying afterwards.



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Straight from the heart

- ♥ Ije - No day passes without a loving thought of you, you are the best thing that ever happened to me, you mean so much to me, I love you - Charlie
- ♥ Uchenna - You are all I ever wanted, I need no one else but you. I love you so much and I love the way you kiss me - Patty
- ♥ Phunke - You are all I ever wanted because you are a masterpiece of sweetness and light. I love you - Aderemi
- ♥ Junior - You are the only one in my heart and you are the one I always think about when ever I get down - Fall Alimi
- ♥ Deleke - If loving you is a sin then I am the greatest sinner on earth. If two people are made for each other, it's you and I - Olabisi
- ♥ Chu - "knowing you and knowing that you are still there is enough tonic for my world to keep sailing" - Chyke
- ♥ Jimmy J. - You're everything and every thing is you. My love for you will never die - Floxy
- ♥ L. O. - I'd really love to get to know you better - Let's get together sometime - K
- ♥ Tayo - Just try your best to please me, that is all I ask of you - Sina

Jokes & Humour



With a profound sense of loss but with gratitude to all cooking ingredients, I regret to announce the death of my friend 'Panla' (stockfish) in the early hours of today which was accidentally crushed by my teeth and was buried in my stomach.

Lying in state will take place in my intestine and the wake-keeping will take place in the toilet by 7 a.m. in the evening Panmo, Iyan, Eba and Maggi for the family - *Olu Osibisanya, Box 2834, Ikeja, Lagos.*

Music was going on the TV. A little girl of four went frenzy dancing to the tune. The mother, who has been busy discussing with a visitor, suddenly got disturbed with the girl's wild dancing, and the following dialogue ensued.

Mother: Tata, what are you doing?
Daughter: Mum, I'm dancing
Mother: Stop that, it's bad of you, as a christian to dance disco music.
Daughter: Leave me alone, I know I'm bad, I'm bad, I'm bad.

She continued chorusing 'I'm bad in harmony to the music of Michael Jackson *Bad* playing on the TV. The mother turned round and got drowned in laughter - *Emeko-Eze Vincent, 28/30 Western Avenue, Surulere, Lagos.*

AN illiterate man heard on the radio that Bourvita is made of Cocoa, Milk, Sugar etc. The man quickly sent his son to buy him a tin of Bourvita.

The little boy went to the shop and bought a tin of Bourvita and took it back to his father. But the illiterate man who had never seen Bourvita before, accused the boy of eating the cocoa, milk, and sugar that were in the tin with some brown substance - *Loveline Nwusu, Girls Secondary Grammar School, Obalende, Lagos State.*

Put your entries to every regular joke or humour printed. Send your entries to Jokes and Humour, CLIMAX, P. O. Box 3140, Ikorodu, Lagos.

FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE

Elaine Shaw of Brisbane had a nasty shock when she sent a specimen of her boyfriend's handwriting to a calligraphy expert who had been advertising in the local press, offering to tell fortunes for a modest fee.

"Please find enclosed an example of my boyfriend's writing," she wrote in her covergill letter. "Can you tell me if he would make a good husband?"

"No, I'm afraid he won't," my dear," replied the graphologist by return post. "He's been a pretty rotten one to me for the last three years. But thanks for the evidence."

"Nothing in life is free."

In March 1971 Christine Brown married Ralph Smith and looked forward to a shared lifetime together. The first night of the honeymoon brought to her own surprise when Ralph shouldered his stick in bed with both arms bound up to the ceiling but his eager young bride also mysteriously ripped the plaster from his claims. "True love is my dear with Pam".

His lack of foresight cost Ralph Smith £75 - £25 for the fine imposed for contacting a bigamous marriage and £50 for his own words, "to make a clean start with Christine."

Taken from his book, "The Bedside Book of Great Sexual Disasters" by Gyles Brandstater

Were these students real

Students of the Pacelli School for the Blind and the NTA got working together early this year for a tagged Charity Concert '88. By any standards, the Concert was a huge success but it is alleged that the proceeds from that Concert were disbursed. Moji Danisa reports

What has actually happened to the one hundred thousand, five hundred and sixty three naira N100,563 suspected to have been realised during the NTA-sponsored Pacelli School for the blind charity concert which was staged at the National Arts Theatre on the 19th and 20th of March this year?

After having run the programme, "Pacelli School for the Blind" produced by Frank Gorhe and presented by Remi Ali Bieu for two quarters (26 episodes), the NTA Channel 10, won the hearts of the whole nation when they put together the grand charity show.

Cards were distributed for the command performance which took place on the 19th after a serious advertising campaign which was run on both Channels 10 and 5 for about two months.

It was not a surprise that the

command performance drew the attention of many influential people in the society. Chief Dapo Tejuosho was chairman and he donated N10,000 to the school. Information Minister, Prince Tony Momoh, donated N5,000 while the Lagos State Commissioner for Youths, Sports and Culture, Chief Otutuloro, donated N10,000 on behalf of the state government.

Investigations revealed that at that performance alone, more than N80,000 (eighty thousand naira) was realised, though receipts were not issued for all cash donations (which were numerous), the NTA arrived at a round figure of N81,770.00 (eighty-one thousand, seven hundred and seventy naira).

The next performance was open to the public and the hall was so small that the performance which was billed for only two shows had to

make way for a third show, because the NTA obviously underestimated the response they got from the public. Our investigations revealed that N97,793 (ninety-seven thousand, seven hundred and ninety-three) was realised.

When contacted on how much her school was given, Reverent Sister Okereke, principal of the Pacelli School for the Blind declined to give any information. She told us, "I'm tired of all this talk about money, my job here is to take care of the children". She however pointed out that the school still lacked facilities like drugs, clothes and other amenities. "Look at those children in the infirmary (they were about the ages of five and ten), they are all sick and have to be treated".

Sources close to the school revealed that the school got cheques amounting to N16,000 (sixteen

thousand naira) from the NTA which had been cleared.

Reacting to the issue, the General Manager of NTA Channel 10, Mr Thomas I. Holmes, affirmed that he had sent a breakdown of the fund realised to the Lagos State Schools Management Board. He advised this reporter to go to the schools management board to get the information.

When questioned on sales from recorded cassettes of the charity concert being sold to the public by Channel 10, and no returns given to the school, Mr Holmes retorted, "We buy the empty cassettes and do the recording. We are not making any profit out of it".

When the executive secretary to the SMB, Mrs Maureen Bakare, was contacted, she denied getting any breakdown from the NTA.

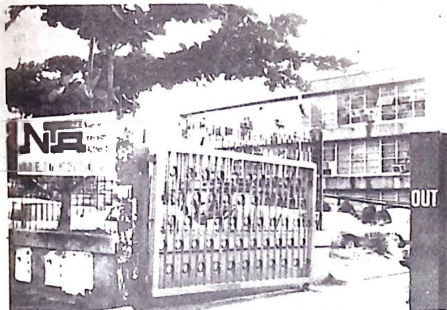
"The NTA has not accounted for the money collected and neither

These are the blind students that performed at the Charity Concert '88 organised by NTA Channel 10. Christana Abia is with the mic. Photo: Courtesy of Guardian Express



y ripped off?

command performance at the National Theatre that there is a big mystery surrounding the man-



□ Front view of the NTA Headquarters, Victoria Island, Lagos.

have they told us how they will disburse the money. Until I have a full report, there is no way I can report to the commissioner," she said. She explained that when preparations for the concert were being made, the schools management board was not brought into the show at all.

"The normal thing for them to do was to have applied through the schools management committee or directly to the board," she contended.

Mrs Bakare said she only saw the adverts on TV and got an invitation card to attend the command performance which she did.

The executive secretary also pointed out that the schools management board had written a letter to the NTA to account for the tapes being sold, "but we have not got any reply from them yet".

However, it is also alleged that the NTA is claiming N64,000 (sixty four

thousand naira) as publicity rate, N8,397 (eight thousand, three hundred and ninety seven naira) as production costs, N5,600 (five thousand and six hundred naira) for hire of OB (Outside Broadcasting) van and N800.00 (eight hundred naira) for maintenance of artistes.

What is actually the cold war going on between the Paelli School for the Blind and the NTA? Both parties have refused to talk. But a reliable source explained that before the concert, the principal of the Paelli School for the Blind made the NTA believe they could deal directly with her but after the concert, she refused to have any dealings with the NTA and directed them instead, to the schools management board.

It was also alleged that the NTA offered N1,500 (one thousand and five hundred naira) to the multi-instrumentalist blind music teacher of the school, Mr John Yekini. Some people saw this move as a bribe to hide some fishy deals.

Some of the people interviewed at the NTA and schools management board (who refused to be named) concluded that "the whole affair is really very fishy".

Why has the NTA stopped the programme, Paelli School for the Blind, which had a very wide viewing audience?

Mr Holmes states that his station reached an agreement to air the programme in two quarters which they did. The charity show, he continued, was conceived to bring the programme which was favourably received, to a grand end.

SOCIALITE: She's so ritzy, she has Gucci bags under her eyes. - Jacy Adams



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HOLLYWOOD SYNDROME breeds poor players

KIDS drop out of school. They take up menial jobs, watch movies, see boxing championships, listen to megastar singers, watch electrifying live concerts, read super electrifying stories and get like their role models.

At the end of the day, lots of these ghetto kids fight their ways to the top. Some become overnight superstars with plenty of cash to throw around. Then, the problem: they are overcharged and dizzy with success. They can't cope with the demands of their new status, having never been groomed for such roles before hand.

Soon, the rich kid discovers that it is far easier aspiring to be a leader than actually being one. It is much easier to achieve success than remaining successful.

To achieve a desired goal is a one-off thing, a one shot event. To win the presidency is a single event, a 100 metres race; but to remain a successful president is an everyday battle; a painfully exhausting marathon race.

Poor kids of yesterday who found fortune in Hollywood find it mighty hard living up to expectations. In Hollywood, nobody ever lives up to expectations. Nobody can retire from Hollywood and still keep his sanity. Every story from that enclave, from Beverley Hills, ends in an anti-climax.

Poor kids go to Hollywood and leave there poorer; victims of their own success. As poor players of fame and fortune, their accomplishments end up being a terrible burden. What an irony! What a sad end to a sweet story!

The problem, their problem, is that while huge talent could guarantee overnight success, it does not necessarily bring the immediate psychological transformation needed to maintain the mental balance, or the shock absorber required to contain the galleos that go with sudden wealth.

That yearning gap is always hard to fill. Elvis Presley left his shoe shiner's job and his truck for the bright lights of Los Angeles.

He went, saw and conquered. All previous recording landmarks were erased by his phenomenal talents. But, like Hank Williams and

Frank Sinatra before him, he ended up in drugs which consumed him before his talents faded out.

Our rags-to-riches folk hero from Memphis, Tennessee (USA), put the rock world through the agony of his death on his bathroom floor!

James Dean, the first great sex symbol after Rudolf Valentine (remember Valentine's Day?), went up in the flames of his crashed automobile.

Teddy Pendergrass, the sultry crooner, driven by the dizziness of success, sucked his bottles dry of alcohol and his vehicle took a shot against a tree. He ended up being crippled. He is somewhere now, confined to a wheel chair. The former helper of his poor family is now helplessly dependent on them.

Conventional wisdom has created the job of a manager to close that gap and avert the Hollywood syndrome and its perennial destruction of talents.

Managers have done a lot, but their lot is never enough. If not so, why do we have a Tyson problem; a minor domestic rift between the young champion and his wife almost knocked out the yet undefeated pugilist?

The syndrome gave rise to drugs, which offer false feelings of pleasures to artistes who take them. It gives the impression that the guy is still great, when his career is actually going under!

The syndrome has spread to the larger world. Like bush fire, it has engulfed the highly inflammable and vulnerable business world and the ivory tower. This has caused a global alarm among the saner minority.

Is this world turning upside down? Do we legalise illegality because more people take drugs than we are ready to admit?

Politicians worldwide are even blaming surging crime on drug, saying it promotes the courage of culprits. Alas! What must be done?

The solution will remain intractable. Like some of the by-products of the new world's affluence and power: pollution, prostitution, religious bigotry, racism and war.

These have turned us into the poor players of a larger world which is beginning to resemble Hollywood in every material particular.

The making of the Okpu Uzu of Atriba

Recently, industrial magnate, Chief Onwuka Kalu, opened the gateways of Atriba, his home town, to the movers and shakers of the society. The event was his installation as the Okpu Uzu of Atriba and, as would be expected, so much money was pumped into the Chieftaincy bash. Moji Danisa reports

It was not the first of such big assignments for me, but every assignment has peculiar characteristics and it's own exciting adventures.

Chief Onwuka Kalu's installation ceremony as the Okpu Uzu of Atriba is one to be remembered, not so much for it's grandeur, but for giving me the insight into the Igbo culture and, precisely, the very rich traditional values of Atriba and it's humble people.

The trip to Atriba started 3 pm on a chattered Gambian Airline DC 8 aircraft. We landed at the Port Harcourt International Airport forty five minutes later and were driven in Imo State luxury buses to the Concorde Hotel, Owerri.

On this ride were journalists and guests who were invited to the ceremony. Such names as Ray Ekpu, Dan Agbese, Lawrence Akapa, Patrick Oke and Amma Ogan made the trip. It was a very exciting journey; everybody conversed freely.

The most captivating scene on that brief journey from Port Harcourt to Owerri was the miracle village of Elele. The small village was like a big revival centre. There were cars which bore numbers from all over the country and the jerry cans lined up for collection of holy water reminded one of a city that is being supplied water, after a long scarcity.

When we approached the prestigious Concorde Hotel at Owerri, I wondered if we had arrived, but no, some of us had to be taken to other hotels. Concorde Hotel was fully booked, (with some guests waiting for hours to be checked in). In fact, about all the hotels in Owerri welcomed Kalu's guests.

The gala night took place that night. It was a night to remember. Kalu gave a very short speech. His wife, Nelly, dressed in an above the knee, black evening dress, was perhaps the belle of the night. Beautiful Nelly, who sported a casual hairstyle, made a speech that could send the women's libbers to the grave. It was a humble, straight and factual speech, full of praises for her husband who she described as "a local business man."

Tagging herself "a good citizen



A MOMENT OF GLORY — Chief Onwuka Kalu, the Okpu Uzu and his beautiful wife (left)



and a loyal housewife," Nelly, many agreed, was a powerful source of influence to her husband.

The peak of the night was when Onyeka Onwenu, accompanied by the very talented "Kabasa" band, made an appearance. It is perhaps his best since she started performing on stage.

It was a spraying galore. Onyeka sang her heart out and the audience emptied their pockets.

Talented singer, Dan Maraya, also captivated the audience and took home lots of money. At one stage, Maraya was sprayed with ₦1,000 from only one person who was impressed with his witty and beautiful performance.

Mike Okri was there. And from the Olu of Warri's Palace came a group that only honours very important people. Veteran broadcaster, Ikenna Njaguba and James Iroha, of the Gringory fame, "mastered" the day. James, who now cannot distinct himself from the Gringory character, thrilled the audience with his silly but funny cracks.

The next morning, the journey to Atriba started at 7 30 am. It took two hours of beautiful scenery, of hills and valleys, to get to Atriba, "the little London", the celebrated city of warriors, fresh water, vegetable, valleys and hills.

This small London was full of magnificent landscape. We saw mansions built on hills with impressive drive ways coming down the valleys. The whole town was at the town square, waiting to honour 23 of their sons who were to receive va-

rious chieftaincy titles.

Chief Onwuka Kalu was considered to be having one of the highest titles in the Okpu Uzu of Atriba.

According to Professor Nwabuonyi Ogbonna, "The concept of Uzu in Atriba is a mystical one. The blacksmith, like the *diibia* (native doctor), is believed to be a special ward of the spirit. It is significant that the recipient today of the title Okpu Uzu is called Kalu, the shortened name of Kamalu, the god of metallurgy and smithing."

He asked: "Would it, therefore, be too far-fetched to say that Kamalu, our god of technology, surprised that Nigeria, one of the most ancient civilizations in the world, has today" virtually lost not only her indigenous technical capability to produce ceramics, steel, glass, etc and to make such artifacts as masks, spears, hoes, cutlery etc, but also the technical knowledge of the process of manufacturing them, has inspired Chief Onwuka Kalu to blaze a new trail in modern African manufacturing initiative?"

Professor Ogbonna concludes, "It is pertinent that Chief Onwuka Kalu's family is one of the custodians of Atriba god of thunder, known as 'Kalu Ndi Ebe'."

Ndi Ebe, he says, is one of the royal compounds of Amoguudu, Atriba.

At about 11 am, Onwuka Kalu stepped out of his Mercedes Benz with his wife Nelly, dressed in very expensive and impressive traditional outfits, from where they drove to the palace of His Royal Highness, Ukwue Ukwue, the Enachiokan of Atriba,

for the ceremony.

My colleague, Kema Akeh, went in for the purpose of photographs and I walked the length and breadth of the city in excitement and fear of the very fierce masquerades who were all over the streets.

As soon as any of these hideous creatures were in sight, all the women and children ran for cover.

Some dressed like octopuses, some were like elephants, with some having two heads.

They had whips and did not hide them.

A colleague had the misfortune of approaching one of them and got a good lashing. I guess she trusted her press badge too far.

The kids were not left out. They organised groups of masquerade and made a lot of money. Atriba is surely a city for the rich. Even the locals were expensively clad.

After the installation, the entourage moved to Onwuka's compound, where canopies had to be raised. One distinct feature of some of the canopies at Atriba is that they are actually made from very expensive wrappers.

Constituent assembly members from Abuja were not left out of the fun. I saw men clad in flowing 'baba rija' shrouding at the top of their voices and, for a moment, I thought there was a fight until somebody told me they were praise singers. They also got a share of the 'naira rain' (ala 'a' up).

There were delegates from all over the country. The Kalu's withdrew into the house at about 4 pm looking pleased but very tired.

Ajegunle will always be home for Lari Williams

THE MOST REVEALING INTERVIEWS ARE IN CLIMAX

Lari Williams has acted in several soaps but the one that has undoubtedly shot him into limelight was *Mirror in the Sun*. But when he returned from England last year, he got involved with the production of *Home to Ajegunle* because of his curiosity to know more about the Lagos suburb. Roland Ogbonna reports

The venue was Lari's garden made up of two thatched bamboo shades. At a corner stands another smaller one that looks like a shrine. He begged to be given a little time to perform his usual morning ritual. Minutes later, he saunters across to meet his visitor, bespectacled and smiling.

Actor, Lari Williams, is a very good friend of the press, but his past two experiences with some newspapers have made him to be more cautious in the way he relates to them. When he had a motor accident and was hospitalized early 1987, a national newspaper (which he declined to mention) screamed that he was bitter about his friends and relations for abandoning him at a critical time like that. He denied saying that.

The newspaper again came up with another story that he was suing NTA for kicking him out of its TV detective drama programme, *SPACS*. This again, he said, was not true.

So, when he settled down to talk, he decided to speak on the areas he knows best acting and his life. After *Mirror in the Sun*, a soap opera he acted the role of Ladi, was rested, Lari got another role in *SPACS* which he later left because the programme was degenerating his acting potentials and so he was out of the screen.

I really wanted to know more about the Lagos suburb

But did he voluntarily choose to be out of TV limelight? He hesitates as if trying to pick his words: "Since I left *SPACS*, I've not been involved in any other TV soap due to some reasons. First, there was an accident I had over a year ago. I was knocked down by a *EMSTAR* Company truck and was knocked out of action. I was admitted at LUTH for a while before I proceeded to England to take care of my eyes because of the eye injury I sustained. I hope it has not defaced me," he asked.

Since Lari Williams came back, hale and hearty, he has organised his own play house and percussion. They have been practising and planning to embark on a national performing tour before the year ends and if he gets sponsors. Apart from that, he is involved in the production of *Home to Ajegunle*, a play he wrote and has per-

formed and is being commissioned by LTV Channel 8, and the pilot edition is in the making.

Home to Ajegunle is a progeny of Lari's curiosity to know about the Lagos suburb, Ajegunle.

"When I came back from England people were talking bad of Ajegunle, then, came a day a friend invited me to a party there. I later found out that there was action in the suburb, both positive and negative. I liked what I experienced and decided to put it on paper and picture," the London-trained actor explains lucidly like the actor he is.

If Lari Williams likes talking about acting and its trappings, he is not exactly quite at ease talking about his private life and marriage.

He has been married and that was in England. He will not even say why he is divorced and who the woman was. He hates talking about his broken home because his children are all grown up and wouldn't like them to read him talking about his marriage with their mother.

"They would not be happy to read me say that and I don't want to hurt anybody. But that does not mean that I have anything against marriage. I advocate that every person should get involved if he or she is opportunely. Marriage is fantastic and a beautiful thing. Though some people have basted the institution, that should not be enough reason to tell others not to get involved.

"My children and acting are my most prized possession on earth. I find it hard to compromise the two. My two sons stay in England and our relationship is as good as that of any father and children and I've not stepped having children but I wouldn't have many." Does this mean that he has not said goodbye to wedlock? Lari hesitates, smiles and readjusts his seat.

"Now, I am married to art, and no other marriage should disturb my union with art."

There is no leisure time in Lari Williams' day. His days are crowded with writing plays, poetry, teaching and practising with his theatre group.

Lari Williams, who hates inactive people, plans to build his own Repertory Theatre Company and to make entertaining films, because Nigerians are socially unhappy people and he believes that artistes are to blame for this.

"We are blessed with talents, but



□ Lari Williams — "There's always action at Ajegunle."

we are not getting enough from these talents. I want to be in the forefront towards building an entertainment industry in Nigeria which I believe would be a great earning power for this nation. But until we are trained, the talents will still rot away," he explains expertly.

Nothing can disturb my union with the arts

Lari is a non-practising Muslim, and believes in unification of worship because, all men belong to one creator and "I strongly believe in reincarnation and unified worship." And if he is reincarnated, Lari would still go into acting. He is art and art is him.



ODDITIES FROM OTHER LANDS

Wife tells how she battled savage Hippos to save her husband's life

Two hippos ferociously savaged 33-year-old Michael Akhaye in Kenya, Africa — but his wife Celina, 29, put her own life on the line to save him from certain death. She frantically battled the mother and baby hippos until they stopped attacking her husband — an incredible feat since a fully grown hippo can weigh 3,000 pounds and a baby 800 pounds. Michael was badly bitten on the head, buttocks and spine in the February 25 attack and may never walk again, says Dr. David Akuku, the specialist who is treating him. Here, exclusively for ENQUIRER readers, Celina tells her dramatic story.

It was the worst nightmare you can imagine, but it was no nightmare — it was really happening. My husband was being crushed between the jaws of a huge hippopotamus while a second hippo was tearing at him with its teeth!

Michael's horrible screams of agony mixed with the low grunting of the big beasts. I could feel the ground trembling as they stomped their massive feet.

They looked like they were trying to tear my husband in half and nobody was there to help him but me.

Just minutes earlier I'd jumped off the back of Michael's bicycle to the sewage plant outside of Nairobi, Kenya, where I work. Michael also is employed at the plant, where several hippos live in the sewage pools. When he shouted goodbye to me, it must have startled the nearby mother hippo into thinking her baby was in danger — and she charged him.

I heard him scream and I turned around just as both hippos crashed into my husband's bicycle. Then the bigger beast opened her massive jaws, seized him around the waist and lifted him into the air.

I sprinted toward them and beat the mother hippo with my fist. It was like pounding a brick wall. Then I tried to push her with my shoulder, but it was like trying to budge a bulldozer. Michael was swinging like a rag doll in the jaws of the big hippo while the smaller one was biting and pulling at my husband's buttocks like a dog pulling meat off a bone.

Blood was pouring from the wounds on Michael's body. His eyes glazed over. I was sure he was dying as I screamed at the hippos to let him go.

Desperately I looked around for some kind of weapon to stop the brutes. Then I spotted the handlebars from Michael's bicycle — they'd been twisted off the frame and were covered with his blood. I picked them up and whacked the mother's rump with all my might.

She reared and turned, slamming into me and knocking me to the ground. I was nearly stomped by one of her huge feet, but thank God she apparently missed me — and more



HEROIC Celina Akhaye with her badly wounded husband Michael, whose life she saved

important, she had dropped Michael from her jaws. But the smaller hippo was still savaging him, and now was dragging him up an embankment toward a sewage pool. I scrambled to my feet, grabbed the handlebars and ran at the baby

I swung the bars like a club, smacking the hippo on the ear. It let

I hit one with all my might while the other lunged at me, its mouth wide open

loose of Michael, but just then the mother lunged at me again. Her eyes were filled with hatred. Her mouth was wide open, and each tooth in it was as big as a child's fist.

Terrified, I ran for my life. The mother hippo turned on Michael again, seizing his head in her jaws. "Leave my husband alone!" I screamed and hurled the handlebars at her. They hit her on the shoulder. She reared back in surprise and dropped my husband again. I ran toward her, waving my arms and screaming at the top of my lungs.

God must have been with me that day because instead of charging the hippo toward and lumbered into a pool with the baby right behind.

I ran to Michael and knelt beside him, cradling his head in my arms. I

then he coughed. My prayers had been answered — he was still alive! I tore strips off my dress and used them to slow his bleeding, then ran to the top of an embankment and shouted for help. Workers came running, loaded Michael in a pickup truck and we rushed him to the hospital in Nairobi.

Doctors say my husband may never walk again. Whatever happens, at least he is still alive and our four children still have a father.

Courtesy of National Enquirer



Men think it's easy being a man. They should try to change their sex as find out how difficult it would be to be as a woman

It all starts when a girl starts developing into a woman. The embarrassment when the breasts start showing, and then the fear of the menstrual cycle.

You might have been warned of these things by your mother and all those growing up books, but believe me, no matter how prepared you are, the embarrassment and fear cannot be ruled out especially if you have the misfortune of developing faster than your contemporaries.

Nevertheless, these are not obstacles that cannot be kicked aside. What perhaps is the greatest puzzle comes in the name of sex. Some girls are misinformed, others have terrible experiences while the majority are just at a loss. They drift, asking themselves questions, touching themselves, curiously imagining what it is like and wondering when is the right time to try it and with whom.

The greatest question here is, WHEN. The sex educationists at school never answer that question. They wave it aside and talk about secondary issues like STD (sexually transmitted diseases) and period pains.

Sometimes they put the cart before the horse and discuss safe periods, when the dear sweet little girl has not even had 'it' for the first time. They call for questions, the girls are too shy to ask the one real question that bugs them, so they play the game and continue in their ignorance.

There is no special time to break the hymen. It is, however, important that a girl must strive to complete her secondary school education before attempting it. It is always good to have innocent affairs while in secondary school, especially in the name of pen pals; this allows every girl her own share of day dreaming and first exciting heart beats.

It brightens the boredom of the boarding house. You know, that feeling a young girl gets when opening a letter from her boyfriend, fresh innocent love. This is very healthy.

Parents should not try to stop it, but they must guide their daughters' movements and, if necessary, be very strict with a loose child.

When young girls are on vacation, parents must not allow late nights out. If they are left alone in the quiet and the darkness of the night, these girls will be tempted to satisfy their curiosity and outlive their fantasy.

When secondary school is successfully completed, a girl should have a dinner party and invite a friend who wants to do the same for her, talking about

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Woman

• We aim at making you look great and adorable

Edited by MOJI DANISA

When is it the first time to make love?

sex. Who she decides to do it with depends on what and who the wants to be in future. If she wants to sit back at home, content with having children and becoming a housewife, then she must choose a partner who is ready for that kind of life.

She must not allow herself to drift before she finally settles down with a suitor.

The independent-minded girl who aims for a career must not fall in love too deeply. It does not always last and it could run all the chances.

Whatever the case, a girl should choose a partner not more than five years older than her. There are so many wolves around. Parents must guide their daughters in making their choice. It's no use beating them or telling them the ugliness of sex and breeding little bastards. There is no foolishness in this world that rivals that of a young woman in love. She imagines she suffers all for love. So, do not punish her, instead direct her and carefully give her other interests.

Girls out of school must be given thorough sex education on the safe period method of contraception. I do not advocate other forms of contraceptives because they are not healthy if started too early.

When an inexperienced girl has the misfortune of getting pregnant, parents please, don't drive them out or disown them. A doctor must be reached by the

family. If she is too young to have a baby but is strong-headed and wants it, weigh the consequences this would have on her very carefully. If it won't do her any good, counsel her and convince her to that effect.

Every young girl who has an experienced older sister should be close to her. Girls feel closer to their older sisters and would rather share their secrets with them than with their moms. Every older sister should be in the position to share and keep secrets.

It is not easy being a woman. When the traumas of growing up are about being overtaken, other problems crop up. I wonder when fathers will realize that daughters have more problems than they ever imagined.

An advertisement in a woman's magazine wittily asked "I love you ever imagined men having periods?" They'll be it for days and scream because men are terrible babies. When they have a headache, they cry it is a migraine and when they have a common cold, they say it is a flu!

Father, look at yourself once more and take a closer look at your daughters. Imagine what psychological, emotional and physical pains they have had to go through. Please, give them a chance and take more time off to be involved in your daughter's upbringing and this include periods, sex, boyfriends and all the heartaches.

Rate your spouse

THIS Column is meant for couples who yearn to be close to their spouses and who want to know how they feel about each other's attitudes.

Cut out this coupon every week, and rate your spouse. If the rates keep falling, your partner will certainly know that it is time to pick up. It is also a way of encouraging and commending your partner.

- A — Excellent
- AB — Very good
- B — Good
- BC — Average
- C — Fair
- CD — Pass mark
- D — Bad
- E — Very bad
- F — Horrid

QUESTIONS

- 1) Love Making —
- 2) Cooking (for Dietry habit) —
- 3) House Keeping —
- 4) Parent/children relationship —
- 5) Patience —
- 6) Consideration —
- 7) Giving —
- 8) Taking —
- 9) Selfishness —
- 10) Dress sense —
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- 12) How responsible —
- 13) Caring —
- 14) Intelligence —
- 15) Looks —

*Note: Keep your coupons in your bedroom to ensure privacy

HOME TIPS!



TO save time and fuel when preparing dried beans for cooking, first wash them thoroughly, then put in a sauce pan with plenty of cold water.

Bring to boil and simmer for five minutes. Leave to soak overnight or as long as possible. The longer they are soaked, the less cooking time that would be needed.

Contributed by Mrs. Philomena Obika (nee Dibie). Send new home tips you have discovered to make life easier for the housewife. Your names and tips will be published. Write to: Woman Editor, Climax, P. O. Box 51404, Ikoyi, Lagos.

EMPLOYEE to boss: "It was your idea, Mr. Prevatt. That rules out the possibility that it was the wrong thing to do." — *Walter D. USA Today*

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL BABY



FIVE-MONTH-OLD Ojugo Helen Kanu was born at the Ndubutu Hospital, Aba. She weighed 4.5 kilograms at birth and now weighs 6.6 kg.

Helen eats five times a day and her diet comprises Cerelac, breast feeding, SMA and Falac milk.

Fun-loving Helen only cries when hungry. She loves the company of grown ups, but hates her face being cleaned with water.

Her parents are from Imo State.

BABY OF THE MONTH CONTEST IS SPONSORED BY PISCANE INSTITUTE OF FASHION AND TEXTILE DESIGN, 8, ALLEN AVENUE, IKEJA, LAGOS.



"It's ideal to include salads on the menu everyday, especially during the hot season of the year."

Tropical Vegetable Salad for (5 people)

- 8 oz cooked fish
 - 6 oz cooked prawns
 - 4 eggs (hard boiled)
 - 2 oz cooked beans
 - 1 or 2 small lettuce or spinach
 - 5 oz cooked yam (diced)
 - 2 medium-sliced raw tomatoes
 - 2 medium-sliced onions
 - 2 oz groundnuts (broken into nib-lets)
 - 1 small cucumber (diced)
 - 1 small beetroot (diced)
 - 6 small carrots (diced)
 - ½ pint salad cream
 - Seasoning — salt and pepper
 - 2 slices pawpaw (diced)
 - 2 slices pineapple (diced)
 - 1 clove of garlic
- How to Prepare**

- (1) Remove the bones and flake the fish
- (2) Separate the yolk of hard-boiled eggs from the white (white for decoration, yolk for salad cream)
- (3) Wash and separate the leaves of the lettuce and see that they are thoroughly washed in a very weak solution of Candy's fluid. Drain and dry the leaves.
- (4) If spinach is used, boil just when ready to be used and do not overcook to save the nourishment in it.
- (5) Run the bowl for mixing the salad with a clove of garlic.
- (6) Mix all the ingredients together except the following, which should be used for decorating the salad — sliced tomatoes and onions, lettuce or spinach and chopped white eggs.
- (7) Mix thoroughly and season to taste. Put into the centre of an oval dish on a bed of lettuce. Decorate with sliced onions, tomatoes and chopped whites of hard-boiled egg. *Note: If spinach is used, use a garnish round the salad. Use a yolk of hard-boiled egg for the salad cream.

— Taken from a cookery book for Tropics by Mrs. Adelaide Vincent.

What People Are Wearing

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



1) The mini craze is sure catching up fast with us. This pretty model spots an above the knee skirt, a baggy shirt to go with it and a loose belt. She was caught at the concord exhibition.

2) Mrs. Dayin Abiola is known for her creative designs. Here at the Concord exhibition, she steps out in a beautiful bubu and gele to match.

3) A beauty queen forever. Miss Lynda Chuba, 1986 Nigeria's most beautiful girl, goes dotty in this two-piece gown. The beads are also beautiful.

4) Fiz Fashions known for her flowers and frilly designs. This buusa and Iro are a 'killer' anywhere.



Who cares if your marriage is happy? CLIMAX does!



YOUR

The column that shows straight at your marital and love problems

Marriage Counsellor

*For the first time, medicine! SA-OJO Jr. — who has for many years been helping those close to him to solve their marriage and love problems — is now offering his patients — 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 a strictly 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, Ikoji, Lagos.

Happiness in Marriage is...

... taking spouse out (for lunch/dinner) even after the wedding.

Contributed by Ayodele Oshinaja, Shomolu Lagos

In search of Mr Right

The Sexually Problematic Man: This can include a man with whom you are blatantly incompatible sexually, someone with an extremely low or nonexistent sexual drive, someone you suspect of being a homosexual, or someone with kinky and exotic sexual needs that are repugnant to you. (This can include someone who likes to dress up in your clothes — which can be very upsetting, particularly if he looks better in them than you do.) You may think it's unlikely that you'd get as far as the altar with someone like this, but men can conceal things very artfully. He may claim that he wants to wait for sex until marriage, or say he hasn't been feeling sexual lately because of some problem he is having with his nose, his teeth, his stomach, or the state of the economy. For those of us who have been married before, there are few reasons for not exploring sex with our potential mate. I urge you somehow to overcome your prohibitions and have some sexual experience with your man. If it's utterly impossible for you to do so because of strong beliefs, religious or otherwise, at least talk to him about sex and his feelings about it in some detail. I have never believe the old cliché that divorce begins in the bedroom, but a serious sexual problem can be a catalyst for the end of a marriage.

The Hypochondriac: We all have aches and pains occasionally, but the hypochondriac thrives on them. He is constantly at the doctor's office, and usually there is nothing wrong with him. This is really just an annoying behavior (although on an unconscious level of awareness), and can be very hard to deal with in a marriage unless you are a very nurturing individual who doesn't mind listening to his constant physical complaints. You may become hostile and resentful toward this man, and there goes your marriage.

By Rusty Hathorn

takes care of the bad mood or annoyance.

Our quarrel never last more than thirty minutes before we start chatting away again like new found lovers. She is extra honest, she would never hide anything from me.

Although I am still jobless, she has been encouraging, praising and souring me to greater success in the small business I am doing now.

With all these qualities, I classify her as "A priceless gold" to me and I am ready to do anything within my power to protect her and make her happy.

Emeka E. C. Obi, P.O. Box 296, Ikeja.

#50 STAR Letter

Last week, we published the first quiz letter with a cash award of One Hundred Naira (N100.00). Below is the winner's quiz letter with a cash prize of Fifty Naira (N50.00).

Every month, two of such letters will be published. But like I have said before, no fictitious letters would be published. To guide against this, we are expected to send in the photographs of their partners or photographs showing them and their partners together.

NEXT WEEK

Watch out for an intriguing CASE STUDY of a Nigerian couple whom marriage has a lot of lessons to teach you as well as the continuation of how to find Mr for Miss RIGHT.

FIRSTLY, I thank the Marriage Counsellor and the management of Complete Communications Limited for keeping this column and also the column on "Success Unlimited", they are my favourites. Thank you for your good works. These columns must have revived many shattered homes and redirected many hopeless and aimless fellows towards objective and positive living.

I am 33, my wife is 29. She is very beautiful, fair complexioned and of average height with a super figure eight shape. She comes from a middle class family but her brothers and sisters are the lions and lionesses who spend their weekends and holidays in England and U.S.A.

WITH ALL MY LOVE

I SHALL be very glad if you can be kind enough to send a birthday card to my beloved Medinat Biodun Alimi of 27 Bada Street, Moshalashi, Yaba, Lagos. She will celebrate her 22nd birthday on Thursday, December 15, 1988. She is my woman-to-be and she has been contributing her best to my success in life. I love her. — O. A. Obasan, Idi Oro, Lagos.

Your wish is being honoured. Birthday card is already on the way to Miss Alimi. I wish Miss Biodun Alimi a happy birthday.

For me, I am from a very poor family. Being the first son in a family of ten children, you can guess the problems that are ahead for me. I managed to acquire a diploma in salesmanship after getting my WAASC.

I met my wife eight years ago when I was a teacher in a commercial school before I got my diploma in sales. After three years of friendship, I secured a job as a sales representative in a big company.

So after two more years of courtship, we agreed to marry each other. I was living in one room then and she agreed to stay with me in it. She was exhibiting the type of respect and loyalty I have never seen before. My first thought was: This girl is a hypocrite. But, I was wrong.

Then as arrangements were at the final stages for our marriage, I lost my job. Soon, life became very unbearable for me. Her sisters, save one and some of her brothers, refused the continuity of the marriage. They threatened hell fire if their sister did not come back to look for a "good husband". But my wife refused all the threats and stuck to me.

As my position continued to deteriorate, I could no longer pay the rent for the one room I was occupying, so my wife begged one of her uncles to allow us to stay in his house for some time. He agreed.

unknown to her that he has been nursing silent grudges about our affair.

So this was a welcome opportunity for him to stamp his protest. He went into action in my absence after three weeks of our stay in his house. He promised my wife who did catering a huge sum of money to establish a catering business for her if only she could leave me.

My wife refused the offer. This action annoyed him greatly that he sent us out of his house. But this did not weaken my wife. She followed me out. Out to the cold and homeless. We would have gone to live with her parents who loved our courage and sent us money and food-stuff at times, but the road is too far and we had no money.

So, that very day, I mortgaged my portable typewriter for a loan. But it wasn't easy for us to find a house to rent that same day. My wife agreed to follow me to wherever I went, abandoning all luxuries of her family and relations. She agreed to sleep with me under a fly-over that night as I had no trusted friend to pass the night with.

The story is a very lengthy one which will take several pages to relate. Although, today, we are still struggling to make a headway, but we live comfortably, feedwell and are expecting our first baby. All the opposers of our marriage have gone to rest.

Now, to why I love my wife. In spite of all the above mentioned courage and traits of hers, she cares so much for me. She never plays with my stomach, always wanting to know how I feel. When she discovers that I am in a bad mood or annoyed, she would caress my hair, face, ears, eyebrows and then call me one kind of funny name which often

Don't just catch a magazine at the vendor's stand. Catch CLIMAX. But the sports pages need a little bit of modification. — S. Edike N., c/o A. Achuru, Box 51, UNIPORT.

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I am one of the lucky winners of your Mystery Competition which featured Oshoff Shogbena. But I am yet to receive my prize of Ten Naira (N10.00).

I have contacted the man handling the distribution of your magazines in Makurdi by name Alloy Odii only for him to tell me I should contact your Benue State representative who is based in Gboko.

But from Makurdi to Gboko is N12.00, to and fro. So, how do I get my prize?

I would very much like to collect it through Alloy Odii of Newline distribution agency, Makurdi. — U. Richard, No 14, Naka Street, Makurdi, Benue State.
Your prize will be mailed to you — Ed

May I know why the results of the Brain Teasers Bonanza Competition with cash prizes worth N2,000 have not been published? — Elisabeth Isiah Umanab, 9, Tali Eyinola Street, Ikate, Surulere.

The results base since been published — first in CLIMAX issue vol. 1, No. 15 and then in Vol. 1, No. 17 — Ed.

I continue to spend my pocket money every week to buy CLIMAX because I just can't help it. — Ebere Achuru, Box 51, University of Port Harcourt.

I will like to remind you that my registration into CLIMAX readers and penal club has not been confirmed neither has my identity card been sent to me since I registered in September. Please, let me know what is happening to my registration.

In addition, we usually get Climax on Saturdays and Sundays here in Calabar instead of Thursdays or latest, Fridays.

Please tell your agents here to buckle up. — N. N. S. Anama, Naval Base, PMB 1094, Calabar, Cross River State.

Registration for Climax Penal club is being closed and membership cards will be issued as soon as registration is over — Ed

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Life with

Diary of fun-loving single girl

THURSDAY

I woke up with heavy eyes. Thoughts of Tonye disturbed my sleep, especially when I saw images of him and another girl in my mind's eye. I couldn't stop myself from imagining Tonye doing the same things he does with me with another person. The thoughts were killing and I wished I hadn't met him. Dotun left without much ceremony yesterday. Osa left for work early. At about 11.00 a.m., Tunde and Kemi came. Tunde said he had to go for an audition at the National Theatre and promised to come back for Kemi in the evening.

Alone, we talked about men, sex and love. I bought some beer. Kemi was more interested in describing, in sordid details, her love and sex life.

She told me about her sugar daddy. The 55-year-old man who wears big underwears, and how he makes love to her in his office. His penis is so small, and he likes it better from the back. I wondered how she could do things like that, but a girl has to survive.

We had gone into serious sex talk when Kemi told me she felt very horny. She came and sat with me, and asked if she could see my breasts. I was already high on beer and sex talks. Kemi opened my shirt and my boobs sprang out and she started playing with it. It was exciting.

She gently squeezed them together and started linking both nipples. I could not stop her. She opened my legs and started caressing my clit. Gosh! It felt so good. She asked me to do the same and I obliged her.

When we finished, I wondered how it could be so exciting with a woman. But a sudden shyness filled me. I could not look at her. I went into the room and had a good sleep. I woke up when Tunde came, still I felt really ashamed, but Kemi pretended as if nothing happened. I bled some more before Osa came back and slept early.

FRIDAY

I washed some clothes, including Osa's blouses, and searched the whole house for something to read, but there were no newspapers or journals I had not read... on twice.

I slept all day and I thought of Tonye all the time. Osa came in with Dotun and I spent the night. The beast and I only said hello. Osa came into my room and asked me to be more polite. I told her plainly that "I hate him". I wondered what happened to Tonye and what was so special about Dotun. Tonye still hasn't come. I wonder if his fiancée has come from London. Oh, men!

SATURDAY

Guess who was the first person to knock on our door today? Tonye. He was in the living room watching TV, when he came. He nervously sat down. Probab thought he was my visitor.

I looked at him, saw his beard and his heart melted. I introduced Osa as Osa's friend. I took a quick shower in packed my bag for two quick showers for Tonye's flat. I searched the bedcover quickly, wanting some evidence of what happened when I was not around. I went into the bathroom, and I almost fainted when I saw a bed's undie, left to dry.

I felt bad; Tonye met me in the bed room. He brought a bottle of beer! I stopped myself from asking about the underwear. We talked and laughed and drank, with the air conditioner on. Tonye pulled his clothes and made a big ceremony of taking mine off.

I know he loves my breasts. He hungrily grabbed me in his mouth and gently caressed my body.

He then licked my body, starting from my feet. When he got to my legs, I voluntarily opened my legs. Tonye's tongue felt warm on my body. When his mouth got between my legs, he groaned and at it all with relish. I screamed as I reached "the peak".

Tonye brought out his baby oil he uses as hair cream. I used as detergent and rubbed it up and down his penis. "Don't stop," he screamed, until his semen came pouring into my pants. I slept off, but I could not sleep. I could not whose underwear was hanging at the bathroom!

I cooked Egusi soup with some meat. We ate Eba and washed two films in his room. Tonye made love to Ogan, for the first time from behind, before we drifted off.

SUNDAY

I woke up feeling Tonye's weight crushing me. He had slept with his hand on my bosom. Goodness! Tonye slept in sleep of death. Nothing wakes him up until he is ready. I had a terrible hangover and decided to continue with the breakfast. I suddenly felt most "downy". I told Tonye's phallus in his mouth and he came on him.

He started groaning and pushing harder. He then made love to me. At about midday, a girl came. When she arrived, I became nervous. Who is she? I thought. A tall, skinny thing. She sat down; Tonye, looking unafflicted, offered her some brandy.

We watched TV and nobody talked and she did not show any intention of leaving. At about 5 p.m., Tonye offered to take her home. I was left alone. My heart raced and I drank myself silly. He came back after midnight. We talked and I told him carelessly that I never knew I had such an ugly collection of girls. He beast laughed.

Focus on EVI

BEYOND family members and close friends of Evi Edna Ogholi, few people noticed the release of her debut album, 'My Kind of Music,' when it came out off the Polygram stable March 19, 1987. If nobody believed in the product, one man certainly did: Emma Ogosi, the likeable producer of the record, himself a recording artiste of note, was then more recognised for his role as the general secretary of a then beleaguered PMAN, than his musical career, which was not so hot at that time.

His credit as producer of an unknown artiste, therefore, could not have aroused much interest. But that was not to be for too long. For over eight weeks when the record came out, no appreciable sales were made.

Emma called his vast contacts and skill to bear. He arranged showcase gigs for Evi Edna at Klass Night Club, Ikaja and several other spots. Backed by heavy air play and other promotional activities, 'My Kind of Music', whose impact was now being felt nationally, began to pick up. Demand started to outstrip supply; in marketing terms, that means, the product has caught the buyer's fancy.

Emma, who incidentally doubles as Evi's manager, capitalised on this sentiment by going full blast. His artiste, who is instinctively a performer, went on the road. She stormed

The magic begins with Emma Ogosi

Emma Ogosi and Ladi Ayodeji during the interview.

her home state of Bendel twice and got enthusiastic response, which helped her sales. While 'My Kind of Music' burned on the radio airwaves throughout the nation, Evi Edna smiled to the bank. Her album soon attained Gold. By last count, she had sold over 180,000 copies, winning a platinum disc in the process.

Why so much success in so short a time? Who is behind all this? People were spell bound. Critics swallowed their words, Emma Ogosi suddenly became a celebrity/producer.

Hundreds of kids besieged his house, urging him to produce or manage them. Why? Because of so much success. But as Emma was to tell a CLIMAX team, "It's not easy", ironically quoting the title track of his own little known album, "I put it all there in that music right in my house. In fact, every inch of all you hear in that music is mine", says the handsome guitarist/producer, as he looked back into the early days.

He was amused by rumours over the production of 'My Kind of Music'. A school in the Lagos musicbiz scene said Lemmy Jackson, not Emma, actually did the magic. He was slightly taken aback. "I'm hearing that for the first time. Lemmy has never contested the issue with me. I'm sure he has never thought about it. Actually, Lemmy got involved at the demo stage; that doesn't mean he produced the album. If you called in musicians from Ghana, they'd



played the same stuff I laid out there".

Well, if there were any doubts as to his ability, everything was laid to rest when the second album, 'On the Move', came out March 3, this year. It was such a mammoth hit, with sales clocking over 200,000 copies just less than six months after release. This proved that the first hit was no fluke. It confirms Emma's reputation as a producer of hits.

With the success of two hits in a row, the rumour mill became busy with tales about an Evi-Edna/Emma romance. This was fuelled by their well-known co-habitation since 1985. Marriage was not possible before the album projects because Emma was yet to formally get divorced from his first wife after

their marriage broke down irretrievably. Anyhow, a dream wedding took place April 23 this year in the garden city of Port-Harcourt.

People wondered how come Emma fell head over heels for Evi. The gentleman himself provided an answer: "I don't leave easy, when I do, I'm a fool". But as events were to prove, the marriage was anything but a foolish act. It cemented their business relationship.

But why did Emma decide to manage his wife and not someone else? "It came naturally. I did not initially set out to produce her in the first instance. But I had to do it due to lack of funds; we had no sponsor and I was determined the project had to go on. The recording was, in fact,

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TON SEYSNER SPEAKS

IN 1980, a 33-year-old man was invited by Polygram International to its Holland headquarters, to set up a merchandising division. His credentials recommended him so highly. The lucky chap, Tony Seysner, had just reached the zenith of his success as the man who master-minded the operations of a television merchandising outfit which specialised in the marketing and distribution of audiovisual products.

So impressed were the Polygram bigwigs that Mr Seysner was immediately given the task of setting up a similar unit in Polygram. Before long, in 1982, he was posted to Kenya to head Polygram there.

In 1985, he moved to Lagos to take charge of affairs. After three action-packed years, Seysner was supposed to be on the move again last May. But for numerous reasons, he was asked to stay on. Why the break in this tradition?

"It was realised that a new managing director will not be able

to fit properly into the system now", he says.

In an extensive interview before celebration marking polygram's 25th anniversary in Nigeria/Gala Night awards, Mr Tony Seysner bared his mind on the problems in the Nigerian record industry, the pain inflicted on pirates on their earnings and how his company intends to swim out of the recession.

Ton Seysner is worried by the high rate of piracy in the industry. It gives him a lot of concern and sleepless nights. He says: "We have been lobbying the various ministries ever since March when the ministries of Justice, Trade, Information and Education held joint seminar on piracy".

He is concerned and troubled that a draft Anti Piracy Law has not yet been presented. "I do not know what to do anymore other than what we have done right now".

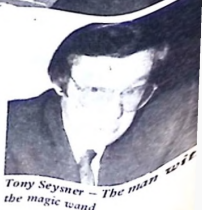
According to him, his firm does not believe in doing harm to the



Ladi Ayodeji and Tony Seysner — a point of interest.

thousands of people involved in piracy. "All we want is for them to come to us and go legitimate". An example he says is Onyeka Onwenu "One Love".

"It was a house-hold name in Nigeria but let us assume that every house-hold bought a copy, that would be close to a million copies but the pirate is making all the money by printing and duplicating. You also see that if a pirate sells N100,000, he is fined N100,00, he just smiles away", he explains.



Tony Seysner — The man with the magic wand

FOCUS
ON

EVI-EDNA

By Ladi Ayodeji, Moji Danisa, 'Doyin Lawal, Davies McRufus
and Al Humphrey Onyanabo

(QUEEN OF REGGAE)

PORTRAIT OF A NEW SENSATION

SHE is perhaps the greatest name in the Nigerian reggae scene today. She is without question the most consistent reggae star whose work in only eighteen months have been prestigious enough to win two platinum and one silver Polygram discs.

A young woman from a humble home, born twenty-two years ago, with a gift for singing, left home after her secondary school education, and went in search of the golden fleece. Today, she is a super star.

Not many can handle the sudden breakthrough, but Evi-Edna Ogois, is not only successfully married, but still has a simple, straight forward and sensible head on her shoulders. With that ever present wide but infectious grin, she says, "I am still the same Evi. I don't think three albums will make me feel pompous, even if I sell a million. I will always remain the same. I don't like things to get into my head".

Evi-Edna Ogholi, to many is the beautifully built young lady who got married to her producer/manager, Emma Ogois, last year after many years of working together.

Their apartment is simple and tastefully furnished. Evi, just showing the early symptoms of pregnancy, luxuriously sprawled on a settee, was painfully going through

the natural difficulties of having a baby.

Like any other woman in her position, this must be one great experience of her life — the first pregnancy for a man she truly and seriously cares for.

Evident on the living room carpet was the fact that the anxiety and happiness will remain for the next months until the baby arrives. Neatly placed on the floor were five books on Pregnancy and Baby Care.

Dr Benjamin Spock's *Baby and Child Care*, another one from the Royal College Midwives, a *Baby's First Year Course*, and two others bearing the titles, 'You and your Baby' and 'Pregnancy and Baby Care'.

Truly this is a great expectation and if Evi's 'tumbling' successes are anything to go by, I can predict that this would be one big successful phenomenon for her.

How does she feel going through the morning sickness and other uncomfortable aspects of pregnancy, the cheerful accommodating songstress, like many women before her, does not see waking up in the morning and feeling sick all day as a joke. But that is not to say the joy of pregnancy is lost: "It is something that I've been waiting for, and despite the discomfort, I am enjoying it. Children are a gift from God".

It is difficult to understand how a woman who works so hard writing her songs, going through the rigours of its production and at the same time concentrating on her role as a housewife, could still be so radiant when she knows deep inside her that a baby would be an additional 'bondage'.

Evi-Edna is not bothered. She is one who has planned her life and still plans very well. "I don't think I'll have difficulties, though I'll wait for the baby to come first," she says. "It is just like when I decided to get married. I have made sure that my career does not disturb my marriage while at the same time ensuring that my marriage does not disturb my career".

Watching this young lady talk of her career makes you wonder if God took extra time creating confident and ambitious people who storm the world and grab it with two hands, beating all odds. How did she begin and what were her expectations and aspirations?



Emma and Evi-Edna

"When I sang 'My kind of music,' I never knew it would sell up to 5,000 copies. All I was praying for then was that it should come out, but when I saw the wonderful reception, I wondered if it was that record".

Simple and attractive Evi-Edna has a lot of thanks and praise for the media people and her fans whose she feels made her success a reality.

Her consideration for her fans and her vow not to let them down, led to her composing *Happy Birth-*

day, her latest and fast selling album. "When My Kind of Music sold out 190,000 (one hundred and ninety thousand) copies and *Out Move* which has sold over 200,000 (two hundred thousand) copies, led to picking up early this year. I began to think of what to do for fans, how to tell them how grateful I am. Thus 'Happy Birthday' was conceived and I dedicated that not to all my fans", says the reggae queen.

Modest Evi is not one for bla-



Heavy Evi-Edna



Evi-Edna and Moji Danisa during the interview

OGHOLI



Emma Ogboli and wife — the parents of superstar Evi-Edna

ting, on how "Happy Birthdays" which has already sold over 50,000 copies is expected to rate in the market, but she thinks her fans should be left to decide

Reacting to the "idolation" she gets everywhere she goes, full of warmth and emotion, she intimates "When I enter a place, and find everybody acknowledging me, and wanting to do me favours, I really wish I could stay with them. This makes me proud to work harder. I am proud to see them react like that, and I pray the love they feel will remain like that"

Not surprising is the young woman's heap of praises for her husband who is her producer who made her dreams come true. "I see him like a boyfriend, like a father and like a brother", she says of Emma Ogoke. She also thanks her parents for their guidance and support; Polygram records whom "I'm lucky to be signed with", and God almighty for giving life and controlling all.

Evi agrees that she is not fashion conscious. "I don't even know what's the latest dress style today. This could be because I don't like going out all the time, I put on any decent dress"

There will be no more albums for Evi until her baby arrives. Just like every other thing in her life, that has been planned too. "After my wedding last year, we planned to start a family. We thought about it for months and outting the nine months pregnancy time into consideration, my husband and I decided to release an album so that my fans will have something to hold on to before I go to the studios again".

In fact, she reveals "I was already pregnant during the recording of 'Happy Birthdays'. How I went through it is a miracle". By the

grace of God, when I deliver, I'll go back to the studio"

The expecting mother gets inspiration when writing her songs from the environment. Her lyrics on the song, "Mother is Good", she says, was an expression of her adoration for women. "I used my mum's experience to write it"

Evi would not allow me and the interview without baring her mind on what has been bothering her kind heart. This is the spreading rumour that she does not like live performances. This is what she has to say "There are many people who want to

drag you into controversies, even when you haven't done anything. "Infant" my manager told me things he said, will be said about you; the best thing is to keep quiet and avoid controversies. But I want to clear out this rumour". She continues, "I came out in March last year. In October, I performed at the Elopee Grand Finale. I also performed for Vanguard Women and in December, I performed live at the Ogbé Hard Court Tennis tournament alongside other musicians like Femi Ransome-Kuti, Terry Mascon and Emma Ogoke.

"That same December, I performed live at the Warri club, where I was requested to do another show due to popular demand. I performed live at the Palmgrove Hotel, Warri, with Rasta Kimono. After that show, I was already in the studios preparing wed closely by my wedding, and into the wedding. I had to take a break because I became pregnant. It still went back to the studio for 'Happy Birthdays'.

Evi wants her fans to take things easy, because she will give them live shows after she puts to bed.

Her favourite Nigerian musician is Ostad Osadebe. She gives a logical reason: "He was in the scene when I penning."

Evi is a careerman and loves eating Eba. She admits a lot of women like Mrs. Koforiji Ojubi and Mrs. Hilda Adefarasin who have been able to get to the top of their careers and manage their homes as well



Evi-Edna — So far so good

Rewarding Excellence

IN recognition of the efforts and hard work of artists in its stable, Polygram Nigeria Limited, has instituted an award night to them and their producers who have sold records and cassettes ranging from 50,000 to 200,000 copies.

The prizes to be presented at the 25th anniversary/Gala Night at the Atlantic Club of the Federal Palace on Friday, December 9, 1988, at 7 p.m., has been divided into three categories. Outstanding artists will be presented with Silver, Gold and Polygram Discs says Tom Seynner, Polygram Managing Director. "We set up the awards as our mark of appreciation for those artists who, despite the economic odds prevailing in the country, have earned through such heights that can earn them either, Silver, Gold or Platinum discs."

Amongst those to be honoured Platinum in *Osondi Osunadi* (200,000 copies), *Aki Koko*, (over 180,000 copies), *Nadi Odegunoko Gold Lu* also Gold.

Ragga Queen, Evi-Edna Ogheli, Platinum disc for *On the Move* (over 200,000), *My Kind of Music* (over 180,000). She will also receive a Silver disc for *Happy Birthday* (over 50,000).

The Mandators will receive commendation for *Crisis*, a Platinum disc (over 150,000) and *Rat Race* (over 50,000) Silver disc.

Chief Kollangba, Osondi Osunadi, Onwaka Onwenu, Ayinla and Gold discs for *American Yankee* and *One Love*, (over 100,000). Alhaji (Dr) Mamman Shata's *Mamman Shata* will also take home a Gold disc.

The producers have not been forgotten. Lemmy Jackson, Nigeria's Quincy Jones will be toasted for producing two best selling albums for *Rat Race*, both for *The Mandators*.

Emma Ogoke will bath in the Kleig lights when he comes forward to be honoured for producing three award winning albums in a row for his wife, Evi Edna. Polygram Artists Manager/producer, Chris Ajilo, one of the oldest and most consistent producers today, will be all smiles. He will receive honours for producing six award winning albums.

The award night is not only for artists but also for Polygram and the media and also to show the world that no matter the problem it can be corrected with creativity. We wish emulate Polygram companies will produce recording companies will awards to encourage their artists and producers.

— Al Humphrey Oryzabo

Next Week...

EX-BEAUTY QUEEN IN LOVE TANGO

THE marriage between a former Miss Nigeria and a 35-year-old father of six last year is reportedly hitting storm in for away Benin. The reasons for the marriage which range from the sublime to the ridiculous and the reasons for the love tango will be served hot next week.

LIFE IN IKOVI PRISON

SUPER Comedian John Chukwu talks of life in Ikoivi Prison. That happened 22 years ago but it is the first time JC is narrating the circumstances that led to his incarceration. It's revealing!



PURE BLACKMAIL!

YOU watched the last Olympics Games in Seoul while it lasted on your telly, never mind that our athletes did not live up to expectation. But do you know that the NTA was blackmailed into bombing the Gainers from Seoul? We tell you the why, the how and the result of that blackmail next week.

'OBISIA NWAKPA IS A LIAR!'

In issue Vol. 1 No.3 of this magazine, we carried the story of how boxer Obisia Nwanke ditched his former wife, Josephine. But Josephine's mum, Mrs. Christiana Ugorji, is terribly outraged by what Nwanke disclosed in that interview. She has bit back at the boxer, revealing what she calls skeletons in Nwanke's cupboard.



Plus all the regulars . . .

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Life with Zigi

There was no lovestaking that night I was in a sour mood and Tonye was not interested either.

MONDAY

Tonye dropped me at the post office. There was no magic. I just hated him. I cured the day I met him because I knew I would always yearn for him.

There was a letter from mama. She sent me my NSO. God bless her. I took a taxi home. Osa did not go to work, said she was very ill. I had to go to her office to report that she was sick. I also told Tonye and he promised to see her later in the day.

When I got home, I told Osa about Tonye's girl. I knew she was ill, but I Tonye's girl. I knew she was ill, but I could not keep it to myself. She just told me to take things easy with Lagos boys. "and don't go thinking of a change because in Lagos, if you keep changing them, you would have had more than a hundred before you decide to settle down."

To me, Osa came as promised. Trust the woman wrapper. The spirit? True night.

TUESDAY

My period did not come. I have never taken contraceptives. God, why me? If I am pregnant what will I do. I read the abortion table and all those sharp instruments. I cannot have a baby now and what will Tonye say. I'm so depressed.

Tonye came back again today and spent the night. He was even ready to prepare the 'Owo' and plantain, Osa's village delicacy she had insisted on eating. Real woman wrapper, this Tonye.

WEDNESDAY

I had hoped my period will come at night. It still hasn't shown face. Where will I get the money to have an abortion? I have too much pride to ask Tonye for the money. After all, I'm big enough to know what to do. I am so depressed.

Osa is still sick. I wonder if she's pregnant too! Always vomiting.

T HIS is the first time I will have the privilege of being invited to give a talk. The first time. I was asked by my friend, Patrick Ekjeli, then lecturer at the National Institute of Sports, to speak on a subject which he knew I could discuss with great passion: Professional Football.

We were about four on the panel that afternoon. And we let out quite a steam. Our voice hit the roof of the auditorium of the NIS building inside the National Stadium complex in such a manner that we believed we had said all there could be said on the subject on that day. So convinced we were of having X-rayed the issue thoroughly that even Patrick Ekjeli congratulated us for making his football coaches-in-training wiser about the subject. Were you to be at the symposium, you would have gone away with the impression that professional football would take off in Nigeria the following month, considering the rosy picture we painted of it and amount of facts and figures that we presented.

Well, as you all probably know, professional football is still a 'wait-start-tomorrow' venture in Nigeria.

The second invitation I got to speak came from the Nigeria Association for Physical Health Education and Recreation (NAPHER), University of Ife Branch, now Obafemi Awolowo University. The invitation came early in 1985. At that time, the Sport magazine I was publishing — SPORTS SOUVENIR — was like a sick baby needing constant attention of its mother.

So, although I was very much interested in honouring the invitation especially as the panel comprised of my good friends, Segun Odegbami, who is now my business partner and Mr. Adegboye Onigbide, the former national football team coach. And the subject, as you might have expected, was also "professional football".

But, as I said, my sick babies wouldn't allow me to go. And anybody who has had to attend to a sick baby will understand how impossible it is to concentrate on other things when the sick baby is crying for attention. So I sent my regrets with lots of apologies to the student body that had been so kind to consider me worthy of addressing them on that subject.

It is, therefore, quite significant that as I stand here before you this afternoon, it is my very first time of being asked to address a group of Nigerians on a subject which is totally different from football.

Here words, I assure you, cannot effectively describe how tremendously grateful I am to the members of Leo Club, Ota Branch, for giving me this rare honour of speaking on this special occasion.

When I was approached with the request to address this august assembly, my first thought was: what would I be asked to talk about?

But when it later transpired that I was to speak on the type of role youths should play in our great society, I felt quite elated. And this is not without reason. I have been looking for the opportunity to pass just one challenge to the Nigerian youths.

The message, which I want to pass across to youths in the length and breadth of Nigeria, is that they should tell this country with one determined voice that they don't want anything from this society from now on. Instead, the society should stand, hands akimbo, and watch them deliver the goodies to the society.

I know that will sound like a strange philosophy to this gathering. It is. But allow me to explain what I mean.

If you take a look around the world today, what you find is despair, desperation, dejection. There is no where on this planet where there is no confusion. There is shortage of everything. Everything good, that is, The situation is appalling.

Here in Nigeria the picture is not different. A small-sized family of one husband, one wife and two children which, experts say, should be an ideal family today because of the economic situation, can hardly boast of three square meal.

Our educational system is going through a rebirth. I am hoping it is for good. But while the change of system is going on (and changes, as we all know, are bound to bring some hardships), coping with the attendant problem is not easy.

From these students in Lagos, as far as I am concerned, have been retrenched. Or what do you call a situation whereby students in that class are asked to stay at home from October till early next year when school is expected to open to some of them who are lucky to pass their JSS examination?

Add to that young group the unemployed graduates whose intractable problem has become a permanent feature in our nation's life. Then, of course, you have retrenched fathers and, in the worst of these situations, retrenched parents.

You may be lucky to have come from a home where everybody is gainfully employed. But there is no one in this room right now who is not having a relative, whether distant or close, who is not a victim of the situation I have described above.

ONLE CONVICTED to another. It was the perfect crime. He not caught, had a 100-acre trial and sold the book and film rights to millions.

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The Charter presentation ceremony of Ota Leo Club International took place Saturday, November 10, 1988 at the Sango Plaza Hotel, Ota. Pix left shows the Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of CLIMAX and COMPLETE FOOTBALL magazines, Mr. Sunny Obazu-Ojasigbase, reading his address on the occasion. Seated beside him is the Chartered Leo President, Mr. Laro Adamoye. Pix above shows the some other members of Leo Club enjoying their meals at the presentation ceremony. L - R are Chartered President, Ota, Lien M.A. Bankole; Lioness President, Ota, Lioness Funmi Bankole; Lion - President Tunde Ajejobe and Leo District Vice President, Mr. Pedro Ugboana.

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period when newspaper print was scarce and newspaper houses were in danger of closing down.

Even the last newspaper I worked for, The Guardian, was not spared. The management, in its effort to find a solution to the crushing situation, decided to put staff on half salaries. You have to be in their situation to understand how terrible it is managing newspaper crisis.

But it was this period of uncertainty that I decided to go into sports newspaper-magazine publishing. I had the confidence that if the project could take root in that difficult time, then it can only get better when things return to normal. As it will soon do.

Now don't laugh at that last sentence. Things will soon change for good in this our blessed country. Anyone who knows anything about cycle will understand what I mean. No one condition can remain permanently. Things, everything are in constant motion. Nothing is static. That is why, whether you believe it or not, I know and I am convinced that from these bad times Nigeria will move to better times. Better days are going to be here again. And I want you to be among those who will bring it about.

Robert Harold Schuller, an American televangelist and pastor of Crystal Cathedral congregation, passed this same message of hope to Americans in 1982 through his book, titled **TOUGH TIMES NEVER LAST, BUT GOOD PEOPLE DO!**

The book, which you will find is a good reading material, was on the New York Times Bestseller List for more than six months. And that is an astronomical success for any book of its kind.

Schuller propounds in the book that no matter how bad things may be, they eventually get better when you stick to it; refuses to give up and never getting discouraged.

Why, if I may ask you, do you think we are feeling as if the world will come to an end tomorrow in this country today?

Of course it is because the majority of people of this country have learned to lose hope instead of clinging to it. Without hope we are doomed. But anyone with hope, who believes that tomorrow will definitely be better than today, will enjoy a life more abundant.

But what do you see? People go about with sad faces. No one wants to smile. No one is anxiously waiting for better days. No one wants to believe that our tomorrow is surely going to be better than today.

Everybody is engaged in blaming every other person but himself for the situation in the country. As Schuller says, "Everybody was fixing the blame-nobody was fixing the problem!"

For a change, let us turn things around. Let us decide to give first instead of aiming at getting always. If everyone in this great and blessed country decide to give generously of his time, of his talent, of his self, then this country will turn around faster than we expect.

Nigerians and most especially, the youths, should not depend on government to do everything for them. For once, let the youths and every Nigerian decide to give to the government what the government cannot provide and we shall see a tremendous change in our lives.

I have proved it. I have been able to create jobs for fellow Nigerians by working very hard and getting the co-operation of other like-minded Nigerians.

There is someone in this hall right now who knows the history of Complete Communications Limited which publishes CLIMAX and COMPLETE FOOTBALL magazines.

The young man, who is a member of Leo Club, Ota Branch, will tell you that getting the company to where it is today was not an easy task. The company, despite four years of struggle, is still struggling. But it is a healthy struggle that it is facing today. It is facing the same problems every publishing establishment in the country is facing. There is nothing peculiar about its difficulties.

But if I had folded my arms some four years back and insisted on waiting on government to provide me with a job when I resigned from my Sports editor job with the Guardian newspapers, then Complete Communications Limited will not be in existence. And the more than forty people who earn their living from the company right now would have been a plus, instead of a minus, from those on the unemployment list.

So, to the youths of Nigeria today, I say to them to look far away into the future and set a goal for themselves. They should ask themselves: In ten years time, what will I be doing for this great country of mine?

Once you have made up your mind about what to do, you should start immediately to work towards that goal. Have faith in yourselves. Believe that you can do what you set out to achieve. Don't get discouraged. Work purposefully. And I am positive that you will achieve success in the end.

I will be a very happy person indeed if, in ten years' from today, the youths in this room, having listened to my message, looks back then and find that as a result of what he heard from me today he was able to change his own future by being the captain of his soul.

Only thou: shall I be able to give praise to the Almighty God for using the time we have spent here to bring about improved quality to our lives.

As an optimist, who always operates with positive mental attitude, I want to present the executive members of Leo Club, Ota Branch, my own certificate of excellence that will not be valid until 1988.

The certificate will state that they have, indeed, done the right thing not only for creating this forum but also for choosing the subject: **THE ROLES OF YOUTHS IN OUR SOCIETY** for me to speak on.

Some are bound to ask: Isn't it too early to give a group a credit now for what will not manifest its result in nearly a decade's time?

Well, my answer is that: I believe strongly that this gathering will leave this hall this afternoon individually and collectively making up their minds to change this society for good.

And, remember, when your mind conceives an idea which you believe strongly in and are prepared to work hard to actualise it, the idea will jump out of the drawing board of your mind into its physical equivalent.

May the Almighty God give each and every one of you great ideas... enable you to achieve your personal goals in life.

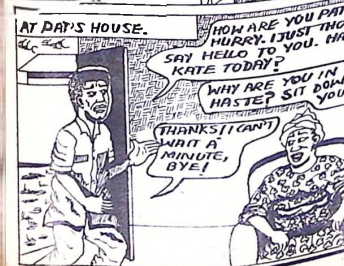
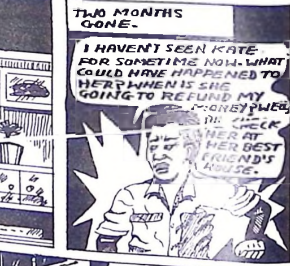
Appropriately, let me end this speech by asking you to join me in saying a Leo's prayer

"One thing I desire each day is to serve my fellowman in whatever capacity I can and in whichever circumstance I find myself.

Lord grant me enough strength to do this and even more.

TITLE: LOVE IS BLIND

PART I



Creativity at its best

Special Supplement Package for End of year

Dear Reader,

We did promise you about our supplement series. The first one on Fashion Houses is to be continued due to popular demand. And we are going to continue the supplement series on hair and barbing saloons, motor industries, nite clubs and department stores.

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Kema Akeh
 By Kema Akeh

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 inspired by our special relationship coupled with the fact that she has this innocence about her. Ang's repertoire was so unusual!

"The songs were in her language which I thought was unusual for reggae music." He admitted that the concept was totally hers, "but I changed the style." It was Mr Ogo who changed the music from the heavy, "slapp stapp heart beat to hard reggae with all the light pop melodies".

Obviously, this appealed to the Polygram Chief, Tony Seysner, a Dutch. "We did not expect 'My Kind of Music' to sell that much. We just felt we should give it a try and then it turned out to be so successful!" Seysner admitted. But he went on "I feel that she had a good management too. And that contributed greatly to her success."

Emma came here in his own defence. "Without trying to sound immodest, Fvi Edna is the only one that has a management. Most of the big names have houseboys they call managers." And this has not helped their careers one bit. Magenta Limited is the name of Emma's management outfit. There, the schedule of the artistes is planned.

He set home, relaxing one cool morning when Polygram officials came knocking. "They requested

that we produce a new album for a September/October release. We felt that after two straight hits, a third would be difficult. Originally, a third album was planned for next year. But the recording people felt that it would be ideal to have a new album before she puts to bed (it's no secret that Evi is pregnant) next year," he explained. That was how Happy Birthday was rushed and released October 6. Again, in less than six weeks - it has won a gold disc with sales clocking over 50,000 copies.

Mr Ogo attributed this big break to hard work, luck and the grace of God. "I did the promotions round the country. I travelled in luxury buses, got home broke hungry and tired. All my PMAN friends knew what I went through. Through persistence, I succeeded. That's the secret of her success."

He promised that she would surely celebrate that success with her fans at the Polygram Lekki Beach Sunsplash, December 26, and in Benin December 21, at the show for the Eweyawe Isoko Association of Nigeria. On December 22, she would star with Verno Man-oghae in Benin at a public performance. She would round off with an encore for the same association (Eweyawe) in January 28 and 29, 1989. It is a nice way to usher in a new year, which hopefully will bring a new baby, another hit and plenty of fun



Dear Member,

BEST of the season to you all and congrats for being part of this beautiful dream with love. We shall continue to put you first. Now as a full-fledged member, you are free to send in your ideas for making this club great and your request(s) on other issues will be carefully treated. By now, your acknowledgement letter should have reached you.

Your membership card would have been ready but the two current passport photographs we asked you to send as stated in your acknowledgement letter is delaying the production process. Meanwhile, full details on the special T-Shirt production will be made known to you through this medium in due course.

All intending members whose postal orders were returned due to certain errors(s) will still be given that opportunity of being a founding member, provided they send in their new and error-free postal orders before December ending.

This opportunity is also applicable to applicants who wrote request for the club's aims, objectives and other informations. We publish some of these letters below:

I am a regular reader of your magazine and - love it as well. I would like to be one of your founding members but help me to clarify these: Do you need the name(s) of girl friend(s) from the females? And is it compulsory for applicants to name his or her boy or girlfriend (lover)? - *Jemi I. B. (Miss), PMB 1147, Zaria*

** Informations on either boy or girlfriend or lover are not mandatory. You are free to keep strictly personal issues to yourself.*

THIS is to congratulate the Control Room Crew for the beautiful job since the birth of this unique magazine and thanks for introducing CLIMAX Pentials and Reader's Club.

My dream is to become a member in which you are giving an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enter. To this end, I am willing to be one of the founding members. For clarity sake, kindly treat these questions for me: Is a member's photograph going to be attached to the membership card? Secondly what other benefits will the members enjoy apart from

meeting showbiz stars? Above all, can I come in person to your office to pay for my registration? - *Shade Adeyemi, 40 Enitan Street, Aguda, Surulere, Lagos.*

** The entire staff of Complete Communications Ltd will be happy to welcome you.*

I'm highly interested in joining CLIMAX Pentials and Reader's Club and I urgently need to know the full details of how to become a member of this famous club plus other informations mainly on its future plans - *(Prince) Emeka Igwu, Asosa Hqtn., PMB 01194, Enugu.*

Check previous issues on HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER and follow the procedures with care. We shall publish the club's future programmes soon.

Full informations on the aims and objectives with other benefits will be published soon. The registration of new members is under consideration, keep us with us next week.

*Yours in the Service.
 Co-ordinator*

Newsflash

The winners of N500 Cash Bounce Competition plus a night out with a celeb bity of your choice will be announced next week.

All CLIMAX Pentials and Reader's Club foundation members are free entrants. They would join others who have sent in their 12 MASTHEAD CLIMAX logo in the lucky dip contest.

Members and applicants whose home address or phone number is not with us should send them now to facilitate easy contact through the DHL as soon as the result is published.

The name of the celeb of the winners choice will be published as well as the date and time of the night-out.

Another meet the celebrity of your choice contest comes your way very soon.

NR - the profile of registered members will continue next week.

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.

The Law of Karma and the Law of Forgiveness

We must never get tired of learning about the Natural Laws that are vital to our well-being.

This is why I am reproducing below a brilliant write-up on the subject of giving and taking.

It has been established beyond any iota of doubt that those who understand this Natural Law and apply it are among the most successful people in the world.

Autress Florence Scovel Shinn in her book, *THE GAME OF LIFE AND HOW TO PLAY IT*, did a marvellous job by illustrating this important aspect of how to succeed in life with easy-to-understand words and easy-to-follow logic.

The articles in two parts. The second part will be published next week.

After that, our weekly lessons will continue before we again punctuate it with a well-researched discourse from accomplished authorities on the subject such as Florence Shinn.

Please read on

MAN receives only that which he gives. The Game of Life is a game of boomerangs. Man's thoughts, deeds and words, return to him sooner or later, with astounding accuracy.

This is the law of Karma, which is Sanskrit for "Comeback." "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

For example: A friend told me this story of herself, illustrating the law. She said, "I make all my Karma on my aunt, whatever I say to her, someone says to me. I am often irritable at home, and one day, said to my aunt, who was talking to me during dinner. *"No more talk, I wish to eat in peace."*

"The following day, I was lurching with a woman with whom I wished to make a great impression. I was talking animatedly, when she said. *"No more talk, I wish to eat in peace."*

My friend is high in consciousness, so her Karma returns much more quickly than to one on the mental plane.

The more man knows, the more he is responsible for, and a person with a knowledge of Spiritual Law, which he does not practice, suffers greatly, in consequence. "The fear of the Lord (law) is the beginning of wisdom" If we read the word Lord, law, it will make many passages in the Bible much clearer.

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay; saith the Lord" (law). It is the law which takes vengeance, not God. God sees man perfect, "created in his own image", (imagination) and given "power and dominion".

This is the perfect idea of man, registered in Divine Mind, awaiting man's recognition; for man can only be what he sees himself to be, and only attain what he sees himself attaining.

"Nothing ever happens without an on-looker" is an ancient saying. Man sees first his failure or success, his joy or sorrow, before it swings into visibility from the scenes set in his own imagination. We have observed this in the mother picturing disease for her child, or a woman seeing success for her husband.

Jesus Christ said, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"

So, we see freedom from all unhappy conditions) comes through knowledge — a knowledge of Spiritual Law.

Obedience precedes authority, and the law obeys man when he obeys the law. The law of electricity must be obeyed before it becomes man's servant. When handled ignorantly, it becomes man's deadly foe. So with the laws of Mind!

For example: A woman with a strong personal will, wished she owned a house which belonged to

an acquaintance, and she often made mental pictures of herself living in the house. In the course of time, the man died and she moved into the house. Several years afterwards, coming into the knowledge of Spiritual Law, she said to me: "Do you think I had anything to do with that man's death?" I replied: "Yes, your desire was so strong, everything made way for it, but you paid your Karma debt. Your husband, whom you loved devotedly, died soon after, and the house was a white elephant on your hands for years".

The original owner, however, could not have been affected by her thoughts had he been positive in the truth, nor her husband, but they were both under Karmic law. The woman should have said (feeling the great desire for the house), "Infinite Intelligence, give me the right house, equally as charming as this, the house which is mine by divine right".

The divine selection would have given perfect satisfaction and brought good to all. The divine pattern is the only safe pattern to work by.

Desire is a tremendous force, and must be directed in the right channels, or chaos ensues.

In demonstrating, the most important step is the first step, to "ask aright".

Man should always demand only that which is his by divine right.

To go back to the illustration: Had the woman taken this attitude: "If this house, I desire, is mine, I can not lose it, if it is not, give me its equivalent", the man might have decided to move out, harmoniously (had it been the divine selection for her) or another house would have been substituted. Anything forced into manifestation through personal will, is always "ill-got," and has "ever bad results".

Man is admonished, "My will be done not thine", and the curious desire is, man always gets just what he desires, when he does relinquish personal will, thereby enabling infinite intelligence to work through him.

"Stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord" (law). For example: A woman came to me in great distress. Her daughter had determined to take a very hazardous trip, and the mother was filled with fear.

She said she had used every argument, had pointed out the dangers to be encountered, and forbidden her to go, but the daughter "became more and more rebellious and determined. I said to the mother

"You are forcing your personal will upon your daughter, which you have no right to do, and your fear of me is only attracting it, for man attracts what he fears". I added, "Let her try what her mental hands off, go, and take your God's bands, and use this put in in God's hands, and use this statement: "I put this situation in

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the hands of Infinite Love and Wisdom. If this trip is the Divine plan, I bless it and no longer resist, but if it is not divinely planned, I give thanks that it is now dissolved and dissipated. A day or two after that, her daughter said to her, "Mother, I have given up the trip", and the situation returned to its "native nothingness".

It is learning to "stand still", which seems so difficult for man. I have dealt more fully with this law in my chapter on non-resistance.

I will give another example of sowing and reaping, which came in the most curious way.

A woman came to me saying, she had received a counterfeit twenty dollar bill, given to her at the bank. She was much disturbed, for, she said, "The people at the bank will never acknowledge their mistake"

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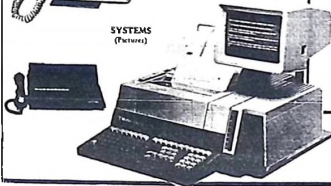
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nal small unit equipment mainly for home use which is capable of turning out 50 tons of feedmill per day.

Another of the company's products is the Complete Feedmill, different from Hammer Mill in the commercial sense. From Complete Feedmill, the user can expect 10,000 tons of animal feeds per day, depending on the kind of animal and the available raw materials.

Finally, and for the purpose of clarity, none of the above machines is designed to turn cassava into garri.

Veast Alpine got its certificate of incorporation in 1979, although it started work in the country much earlier. A specialist in hydro-electricity, Veast Alpine was a part of the partnership that built Kaiji Dam between 1964 and 1965. It also presently handles the Shiroro Dam in Niger State.



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INDIGESTION

We all know what's meant by the word "indigestion", and yet strictly speaking there's no such thing. It's really a collection of symptoms, all linked to eating or drinking — the commonest being heartburn, wind, tummy pain, "fullness", nausea or other discomfort — felt during or within an hour or two of food or drink, usually in the centre of the chest or upper abdomen.

What causes it? In all but a few cases, indigestion is caused by eating or drinking something which "disagrees" with you, or by swallowing food too quickly, without chewing it properly. It's easy to see how a lump of food can cause discomfort by stretching the gullet or stimulating too much gastric juice in the stomach.

But how can food disagree with you? Well, again this means different things to different people. Onions, cucumber and cabbage, for instance, are often blamed for "repeating" — making the person belch or burp — although there's no scientific explanation for this. The main cause of belching is swallowing too much air, usually by eating too quickly or drinking fizzy drinks).

Another way in which food or drink can disagree is by irritating the stomach lining, causing gastritis. The commonest cause of this is alcohol, particularly spirits. But spicy food can also do it, as can various foods you may be sensitive or "allergic" to, such as shellfish, strawberries or eggs. Food poisoning — caused by viruses, bacteria or toxins — is another common cause of gastritis, with nausea and vomiting.

Heartburn — nothing to do with the heart, is a burning discomfort behind the breastbone, and is often caused by acid gastric (stomach) juice leaking up in the gullet. It's common in pregnancy and in very overweight people, but it can also be caused by a hiatus hernia — a weakness of the muscles, which normally act as a one-way valve between the gullet and stomach. Gastric irritants such as aspirin and various anti-arthritis drugs often cause indigestion as a side effect.

Stress can also affect the stomach in many ways, and indigestion is one of the most likely — often linked to a lack of appetite. Finally, indigestion can be caused by a peptic ulcer in the duodenum or stomach, or by inflammation of the gall bladder.

What can you do about it? In most instances, indigestion will usually settle of its own accord

within three or four hours. Because the root cause of most of the symptoms of indigestion is excess acid, for whatever reason, the most effective treatment is usually an antacid (literally anti-acid).

There are scores of brands of antacid tablets, powders or mixture available. Most are combinations of quick acting and long lasting antacids. Some are specially formulated to form a soothing coating to the inflamed gullet or stomach. Whichever antacid you choose, its action is only temporary, and does nothing to prevent it recurring. Nor will they help if the cause is food poisoning. Needless to say, aspirin and other gastric irritant medications should be avoided.

How can you prevent indigestion? Firstly, don't eat too quickly, don't bolt your food — chew it well. If your teeth are giving you trouble, get them fixed. If your problem is heartburn, try eating smaller meals but more often — this helps to prevent stomach acid contents being forced back up the gullet, as does trying not to stoop or lie flat after a heavy meal.

If you're getting indigestion in bed, an extra pillow or two may help, for the same reason. Get to know if there are any particular foods which seem to upset or disagree with you, and avoid them. Go easy on alcohol, especially spirits, and also coffee, which can be a gastric irritant.

Pay attention to proper food hygiene and throw out any food that may be tainted or "off". Try not to miss meals completely — especially if you're slimming — give your stomach juice something to work on. And (yes, I had to get it in somewhere), give up cigarettes — they're a potent cause of peptic ulcers.

What the doctor may do. If these simple measures fail to prevent your indigestion or help it at all, if it's severe or wakes you at night, if it's accompanied by loss of appetite or weight, if it usually makes you vomit, or if it worries you for any other reason, see your doctor. It may be that there's an underlying cause that needs to be treated — such as a peptic ulcer, hiatus hernia or gallbladder disease.

● *Culled from London's WOMAN magazine*



YOUR STAR THIS WEEK IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

Your partner wants a tight hold, friends a big gig, but your star until a quiet contemplation, possibly by the seaside.



ARIES
Mar 21-Apr 20

There are temptations to invest beyond your means; it is counting the kitchens before they are hatched. Travels over the weekend are certain and safe.



TAURUS
Apr 21-May 20

You are bound for a letter or rumour that will upset you. Don't embark on a time-wasting project by replying to it.



GEMINI
May 21-Jun 20

Your temperature rises as you continue to give undue thought to the finances of the future. Now close your eyes and repeat this prayer after me:

"Lord, help me to change that which I could, leave that which I couldn't, and know the difference between the two".



CANCER
Jun 21-Jul 20

You'll expect a miracle in the area of health. Still you mustn't drive yourself hard yet.



LEO
Jul 21-Aug 21

There is travel prospect especially on Friday and Tuesday. Watch your temper in any meeting you may be involved in.



VIRGO
Aug 23-Sep 22

The week offers a lot of romance; this raises your spendings, but you will only feel the expense in a passive way.



LIBRA
Sep 23-Oct 22

Who doesn't like a good thing? But a good gift from a distant friend may just turn out to be a Greek horse.



SCORPIO
Oct 23-Nov 22

The other side of your woman would make you downcast. In your shoe, I would ignore her: "Beauty don't they say, is in the eye of the beholder".



SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23-Dec 20

Someone is waiting for you to fight in her aid, fight if these demands it.



CAPRICORN
Dec 23-Jan 19

You may have to disregard a pledge and cancel a trip not for any other thing but a poor purse.



AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18

Knowing your weakness for generosity, someone comes abagging during the week. Just tell him to sit down and take a long trip out.



PISCES
Feb 19-Mar 20

The weekend offers fun. There are also opportunities to improve social relationships.

WHAT HER STAR SAYS

MRS Maryam Babangida of the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) was born on November 1, 1948, a scorpion.

K. K. Yope, one of our respected astrologers, has described the Scorpio as "The messenger of the Zodiac which goes about like 'Amebo' gathering and distributing information"; the Scorpio could be swift and dogged too. The First Lady fits the prediction.

While the public grapple with the meaning of her "generalship" and the tongue-twisting "ANPPCAN", the president's wife will be occupied



with how to push one or two more of her ideas forward. The ideas may help the Nigerian child but will certainly retain the peripatetic lady in our memory long after she might have left the office.

Exclusive

HOW NIGERIA CAN

QUALIFY FOR 1990 WORLD CUP

Nigeria's football is in tatters after the Seoul Olympics debacle but the nation faces Gabon January to begin campaign for 1990 World Cup. How can Nigeria qualify for Italy? Complete Football crack team of experts offer solutions.

The line-up:

Emmanuel OMIUNU (Nigeria Coaches Association President) Chris OKOJIE (Deputy Editor of Vanguard Newspapers) Ibikunle AMSTRONG (One time TM of senior national team)
John MASTOROUEDES (Mentor of disbanded Leventis United) Monday SINCLAIR (Sharks coach)
Sani JUBRIN (Publisher of Sports Parade) Christian CHUKWU (ex-international) Alex DOMINIQUEZ (Ranchers coach)



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EXCLUSIVE!

NFA boss, Chuba Ikpazu (rtd), is under pressure to sack Manfred Hoener to avoid another disaster as the nation gears up for 1990 World Cup. He says: retired justice says NO WAY... He says: "To sack Hoener is to beg the issue of Nigeria's failure in Seoul.
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What the experts say

THE African Cup of Champion Clubs Competition is generally regarded as Nigeria's jinxed tourney in African football. Since the annual competition started in 1965 — twenty-three years ago — no Nigerian club has ever won the cup. Instead, the best we have achieved is two appearances in the finals — by Enugu Rangers in 1975 and IICC Shooting Stars in 1984.

This year however, Iwuanyanwu Nationale of Owerri have showed a lot of promise in reaching the final again. And as the Nigerian representatives tune up for the return-leg final against Entente Setif of Algeria, CLIMAX Sports Souvenir sought the views of some experts on Nationale's chances of breaking the Champions Cup jinx, and bring the trophy to Nigeria.

CHRISTIAN CHUKWU (Enugu Rangers skipper in 1975)

"IWUANYANWU Nationale are capable of winning the cup, just like Rangers was in 1975 before the NFA cost us the cup due to its carelessness.

"I hope the administrators don't disrupt Nationale's preparations again this time around. If that can be assured, then I don't see Nationale failing to bring home the cup. The side has the materials to make the historic win.

CHRIS OKOJIE (Deputy Editor, Vanguard Newspapers Ltd.)

WITH their famed resilience and tested toughness, I believe Iwuanyanwu Nationale should be able to bulldoze their way past the usually technical Algerians and snatch the Champions Cup.

Nationale is lucky to have such skillful players like Thompson Ojiha in their midfield, and the wide exposure the team has enjoyed this year should take them beyond the fierce intimidation expected to be posed by the Algerians

TAIWO OGUNJOBI (Skipper of IICC Shooting Stars in 1984)

IICC lost the Champions' Cup in 1984 as a result of anxiety and lack of experience on the part of some of our players. But I don't see Nationale falling prey to these factors because most of their players have been playing in African cups for different clubs in the past, and should bring that experience to bear on the current task.

However, the players would have to watch it on the artificial turf on which the return-leg final is due to



* Christian Chukwu

be played. The pitch can prove very damaging to their confidence and playing pattern, thus making them easy prey to their more comfortable Algerian hosts.

Hopefully, the experience of coach Dimitris Theophanis would come in handy to give the players tips on how to cope on the artificial surface. If that is overcome, I'm certain the Nationale boys can square up with the Algerians and win the cup.

BEST OGEDEGBE (Ex-international goalkeeper)

"Nationale have a very good keeper in Edward Anshah, and I'm sure he'll stand between the Algerians and victory, so that the Owerri boys can bring the cup home to Nigeria.

"But the team should not take any chances with the Algerians. They should acclimatise well, preferably in Europe so that they can practise on synthetic pitches in preparation for the match. And they should go to Algiers with their own food, if possible.

SEGUN ADAMS (Editor-in-Chief, Sportsworld magazine)

"Iwuanyanwu officials should be able to read the return-leg game well in the first fifteen minutes in order to effectively counter the tactics of the Algerians before they cause havoc.

"The club has good players no doubt, and their encounter against FAR of Morocco in the semi-finals should have made them wiser on what to expect when playing the North Africans in their backyard.

"I see Nationale clinching the Champions Cup for Nigeria for the first time.

MANFRED HOENER (national coach)

Iwuanyanwu has many good players who can hold their own against others from the rest of Africa.



Manfred Hoener

including the Algerians. But the boys need to acclimatise before the return match otherwise the cold weather of Algeria may affect their play adversely.

ABDULLAHI ALAUSA (Ex-Levent United defender)

"Iwuanyanwu Nationale should not play defensive in the crucial return match. They must play total and sustained attacking football in order to rattle the Algerians.

A very hostile reception awaits the players in Algiers but if they can keep their heads and maintain a purposeful pattern of play even while under pressure, I'm certain they will bring the cup home.

OJO ON THE MOVE

Coach Femi Ojo of the defunct Abiola Babes fame who nurtured second division Bank of the North (BON) FC of Kano to a glorious season this year may be on the move again. And this story may be very unpalatable for Kano soccer fans who hinge their hopes on Ojo's magic to steer their club to the first division next season.

Ojo revealed exclusively to CLIMAX Sports Souvenir that some clubs are already dangling big carrots before him, and he may be tempted to bid BON 'bon voyage'.

Speculations are that Ojo wants to call it quits with BON because he was not adequately rewarded for his achievement for BON last season. While the coach acknowledges this rumour however, he's quick to volunteer, "I don't know what they have in stock for me, actually... And as if trying to tell the BON management to make haste or lose his services, he adds: "I don't think it's too late for them to act."

Nevertheless, Ojo admits that he's had a nice stay at BON so far. "The management and the players have been so co-operative". Together with my little contribution, we've taken BON to where it is today", he adds modestly.



* Femi Ojo

Although Ojo yet to make up his mind on which club he'll be coaching next season, he's already planning ahead.

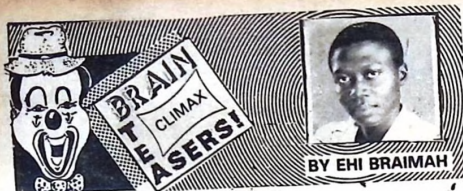
"I'll remain at BON. I will fortify my attacking line so that the promotion ticket that eluded us this year will be achieved come next season.

It remains to be seen whether BON will be willing to compensate Ojo enough to distract his attention from the temptations that presently threaten to snatch the lucky sweet merchant away from Kano.

From Allen Ogeyemi, Kano.



* Taiwo Ogunjobi



BY EHI BRAIMAH

FIND OUT WHO

The surname scrambled below is that of a popular Nigerian. Try to unscramble it and let's see what you get.

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Odd man out

Can you find the "odd man out" in the four alternatives given below?

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4. ELEVATOR

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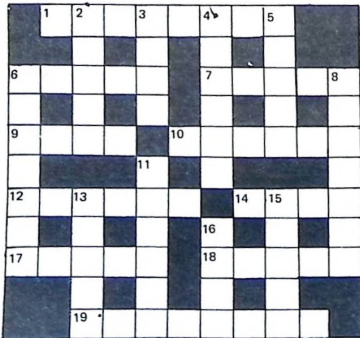
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1 Uruat, 19 Ninnteen
2 Oler, 3 Edge
KONM— 2 Oler, 3 Edge
Anchor, 5 Tria, 6 Collect
Result, 11 Pigeon, 13 Orlon
5 Ruch, 18 Hunt

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Across

1. Indulgent (8)
6. Stick close by (5)
9. Nobleman (4)
9. Nobleman (4)
10. Marsh (6)
12. Outlandish (6)
14. Married German woman (4)
17. Rubbish (5)
18. In one piece (5)
19. Number 181

Down

2. Willow used in basket making (5)
3. Rim (4)
- Fasten as a ship (6)
5. The shinbone (5)
6. Assemble together (7)
8. Attack (7)
11. Homing bird (6)
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