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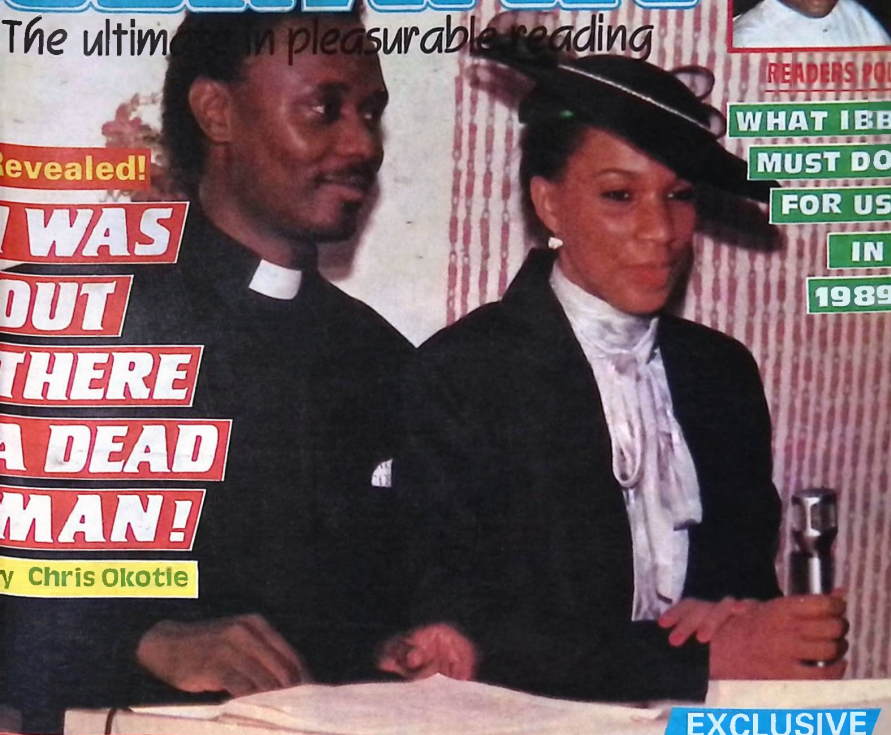
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

WHEN this magazine made its entry into the market on July 28, 1988, nobody in the Control Room, not the least myself, expected it to be a smooth ride all the way. But today, without knowing it, CLIMAX, the family magazine with a Born-to-Win team, has seen 23 weeks already. How time flies!

And that news alone is enough to make everybody happy, especially those who have contributed in one way or the other to the growth of the magazine.

In particular, our faithful readers will continue to have value for their money as we shall leave no stone unturned in the process. In fact, I can assure you that we have more gun to last even as full throttle.

If you take a second look at the cover of this week's issue of CLIMAX, you will notice that we are featuring a couple for the very first time.

Pastor Chris Okotie and his beautiful wife, Tina, believe in the same goal — to preach the word of God.

If you happen to find yourself on Obisa Street, Ikeja, you are not likely to miss his House of Holiness Fellowship Church where he worships with his flock. On Christmas day, Chris shifted base to the Immanuel Hall of the National Stadium, Surulere, with a very large congregation.

As Senior Staff Writer Roland Ogburna found out, Pastor Okotie is a self-effacing man. Although he still

wears his hair in jerry curls a clear reminder of his days as a pop-singer — the UNN law graduate is sentimentally attached to his pastoral duties.

Whenever table tennis is being discussed in Nigeria, Atanda Musa, you can be very sure, will be the subject. He has remained the undisputed African Champion for about six years now.

'Mansa' Musa has so dominated the table tennis scene that the red-hot rivalry between two top-class female players — Bose Kaffo and Kuburat Owolabi — has been going on almost unnoticed. Last year alone, both players met five times with Kuburat Owolabi gaining the upper hand on three occasions. So, who is really living on borrowed time? Staff Writer Mumini Abo and Reporter/Researcher Sunday Oretes! have been able to

penetrate this country on the sports pages. If you have a beautiful weekend, and, remember, it's the best time to go to the beach, you'll have a successful year for you!

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Xty, take it easy

This year might be a year for declarations. You could declare to make friends, but some new year resolutions might be very negative. It is allowed. After all nobody owns you and if you must have your way, you should have your say. That is why nobody is quarrelling with what might be Christy Essien Igbokwe's most vibrant declaration this year.

We hear that Christy recently stormed the PMAN's office and declared Onyeka Onwenu an everlasting enemy. Christy, we gathered, allegedly believes that Onyeka directed Ebon Clarke (in charge of leasing out the Unilag auditorium) to stop her filming project (JDUAK) which she started about two months ago at the auditorium.

It was an irate, 'Apena' we hear who stormed Tony Okoroji, the PMAN Presidents office to publicly declare Onyeka Onwenu - LIFE ENEMY NO 1

The otherwise lovable Nigeria Lady of songs seem to be shattering her image as one of Nigeria's most loved artiste pretty fast. Recently at the Aero-Contractor lounge at the airport, Christy was seen raining abuses on a man we believe is her 19 year old boyfriend.

Why did you allow my son to come to the airport dressed like this? she asked "Madam, he insisted say na this one he go wear" the hisses and abuses that followed are better left out of print!

BACK TO YOUR ROOTS OH! SUNNY

NOBODY actually knows the real problem between Sunny Ade and his sole distributor, Ibukun Orisun Iwe and Mut Mukson trading company owned by Alhaji Ola Kassim but Climax is on the verge of decamping and defecting to Take your Choice TYC, the company that takes credit for inviting the king for mass consumption.

We will keep you informed on the deal between owner of TYC Chief Abioro and Sunny Ade. For now we can say for sure, that there must be some big bucks involved.

CLARION CHUKWURA HOOKS MILLIONAIRE-SHINA TO THE ALTER

While still keeping her Ogba apartment, Clarion Chukwura has chosen to hide under the wings of a young millionaire. Things might never be too bad again for Clarion if she knows her onions and how to eat them.

We hear that any girl who's fast enough to share the home of this young man who lives along Isaac John St, GRA Ikeja, will never find life hazy. Since Clarion has been able to achieve that bit, it is now left for her to do the rest. We wish her luck.

Meanwhile, father of Clarion's six-year-old



The 8th African Table Tennis Championships ended recently in Lagos. Pix shows Engr. G. O. Segun who was elected President of African Table Tennis Confederation chatting with Mr. Ranti Osofobun, Director of Sales and Marketing Cadbury Nigeria Limited.

A kiss for Miss Climax '80 (Udita Dorothy) from outgoing queen, Rosemary Mufemei.



Major General David Jambirwon (left) and Dr. Prince Ademiloye at the Sports Award Night, Lagos Country Club.



son, Shina Peters, is expected to be going to the Chapel of love with his seven year old live-in lover, Sammy. (Mother of how many?) early this year.

Guess who best man will be, who else but 'professor' Y. K. Ajaio.

CHARLIE BOY STILL DATING TINA ONWUJIDWE?

Crazy? Punky, Oguta loud mouth, Charlie Boy will never stop making news. Bad news? If you know what we mean. Excellent copy as the case may be.

A few years back it was a very complicated drama when the royal punkness, outrageous and sissy Tina Onwujiwe went to press claiming a marriage that never was. Then, Clarie

claimed it was purely a publicity stunt. Probably, with fire sparking from his wife, Lady D's bright eyes Charlie tagged Tina a whore.

Any woman he had said, who can publicly declared that she is still going with another woman's husband is a whore. Did that stop Tina from having another lovely sibling? No way. Tina went her way, remained silent and the ripples calmed as suddenly as they started.

The question CLIMAX People is suddenly asking now is: What was Charlie doing in Tina's car on a certain Friday at the UBA Ijora Branch? Lady D, if nobody else, might want to know that Tina drove Charlie to the bank to collect some money from his account.



The Osofo of Isolo, Oba Yekini Goloba, recently paid a special visit to Cheseborough Products Industries factory to acquaint himself with the high tech. that produces the range of Vaseline Products. Here the Osofo of Isolo listens to an explanation from Mr. Gatte



At the Polytechnic Records Awards Night in December 1988 are from left Chief Stephen Osis Osadtbey, Toy Seysner and Prince Tony Momoh, Minister of Information.



Miss Fajana Omilabare, one of the graduands of Nkwey African Institute of Fashion Design receiving her certificate.



Mr. Ademola Osinubi, Punch Editor, unwinding at CLIMAX Night Club, Ikeja.



At the Lagos Country Club Sports Award Night, Group Captain Oduapof, former NFA Chairman, presents a trophy to chairman of the Club, Olu Faniwe.

UMUNNA'S AWARD NIGHT

One of the highlights of programmes held to round up the last football season was the Ben Osi Umunna Rangers Award Night which took place at the Presidential Hotel, Enugu on December 19, 1988.

Rangers dependable central defender, youthful Herbert Anijekwu was declared the club's best player for 1988 at the ceremony and he won a cash prize of ₦1,500, a gold medal and a free return flight ticket to Lagos. Anijekwu also received the Ben Osi Umunna trophy for his achievement.

Also honoured was Iyalla Iyalla who received

a cash prize of ₦1,500 and a silver medal for emerging second, while club skipper Jude Agada got ₦1,000 and a bronze medal for being the third best player. The two also received a free return flight ticket to Lagos each.

While making the presentations, the award sole sponsor and chairman of the Rangers management committee Mr Osi Umunna said his aim was to ginger a healthy rivalry for discipline, loyalty, skill and dedication on the part of Rangers players, as well as to establish a culture of reward for excellence which he hoped other clubs would imitate.

Mr. Osi Umunna then revealed plans by the

club management to run a lifetime Lottery aimed at generating funds for running the club. The lottery would go into operation this year if government permits, Umunna said.

The Award ceremony was attended by such personalities as the NFA Chairman Justice Chuba Ikpeazu (rtd), Chief Jerry Enyeazu, a founding member of the Rangers International FC, and Group Captain Luke Ocholor who stood in for the Anambra State Governor, among other dignitaries.

Singers Funmi Davies and Ken Nwofor entertained guests at the ceremony.

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Straight from the heart

- ♥ Niya Despite the distance and all that happened between us, I still love you - Yetunde
- ♥ Eno To say that I really love you is an understatement. I love you and I will always do - Kelechi
- ♥ Isiwat I can't quantify the amount of love I have for you - Matthew
- ♥ Omotayo My love to you - this coming Christmas and the New Year ahead - Olanstiji
- ♥ Niyi Adewusi - I love you and will always do; no matter the odd, I am yours forever. - Bidemi
- ♥ Jesus Christ - I have surrendered all my life to you. Please protect and lead me in my activities - Shina.
- ♥ Margia For the love we once shared I would never give up for the love of you. I love you - Stacy
- ♥ Abigail Honey, you are wonderful and I'm glad you are mine. Happy birthday and best of luck - Chris
- ♥ Kenny You are the pleasure in my life. Oh! how I love you all the way - Edmiric
- ♥ Lec I cherish every single week, day and hour, minute and second, I spend with you! - Chris
- ♥ O.A.U. My heart and soul belongs to you - A.A.A.
- ♥ Akah I remember with pleasure I will love to be with you always - Lita.

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Jokes & Humour



In a family of five, the man and his wife are always to work, leaving their two children for the maid. Whenever the man is home, he's either drunk or annoyed over little things, and keeps shouting. "Your head no correct(?) to school, the son was posed with these questions and he answered as follows:-

Teacher: What is your name?
The Boy: My name is Ade
Teacher: What is your father's name?
The boy: (He scratched his head in thinking) - Eem, your head no correct.
 The teacher asked him again and he answered the same uses to him. He recognised it as his father's name. - Lagos.

A teacher was telling his students that he did not want them to speak vernacular when they want to get permission to go to the toilet. The teacher told them that they should say "Excuse me sir, may I be allowed to go to the toilet?" On the following day, one boy bearing the name Alao wanted to go to toilet, so he went to the teacher and said: "Excuse me sir, may I be allowed to go to the toilet?" and the teacher said he could go. Another boy bearing Kasal heard what Alao said and he thought any name that wanted to take permission should put his or her name in the sentence and he too went to the teacher and said "Excuse me sir, may I be Kasal to go to the toilet" and the teacher and students started laughing at him. - *Oluwumi S. Idowu, Community Grammar School, Box 3505, Mapo Post Office, Ibadan.*

Here is a conversation between Juliet and Mum:
Juliet: Mum, Simon has broken my doll
Mum: How did he do that?
Juliet: Well, I hit him on the head with it
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YOU GOTTA HAVE STYLE

The French journalist and broadcaster Jacques Ferrard tells what he claims to be the true story of a young English couple on their way to a camping holiday in the south of France. Together under canvas and away from the prying eyes of friends and family, the young lovers' thoughts had been turning more and more to one topic ever since they had embarked on the ferry at Dover. By the time they had reached Paris both were in a frenzy of passion and unable to wait any longer to do something about it. They stopped in the Bois de Boulogne and, facing behind a somewhat restricted terrace without being discovered by the slight drizzle which was falling.

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

Come and see the light of God

Ever since Pastor Christ Okotie became a born-again christian, he has never looked back. He admits that after two years now, his Household of God Fellowship Church has been growing from strength to strength. Roland Ogbonna reports

CHRIK OKOTIE, is a strong-willed man. Unlike many young people of his age, he has found the strength to build a life that, has brought him happiness and satisfaction.

He was once a pop singer and the last time he made an album was six years ago. It was then surprising when a national daily reported that he is back into the studio to record yet another album.

"I am not ready to go back to the studio," he says. "But my sister Laureen, is making her second album and I've been helping out especially as it is a gospel collection. I've not thought of making a record in the sense but whatever God wants me to do is what I will do. If God feels that gospel tunes will be projected more through me by making records, I'll do that."

"But right now I'm a pastor and I'm doing the job the way God has asked me to. So, I don't have to go to the studio. It takes time to make a record, you know. Apart from that, I don't feel motivated towards that direction now."

Instead, he is considering writing books. At the moment, he has contacted some publishing houses like the Longman Nigeria Limited. Pastor Okotie says the prior motive of this project is to propagate the gospel and not necessarily to make money.

"I preach on Sundays and Wednesdays and we have them recorded on cassettes. But I feel prompted by the spirit of God to publish them in books just the way they are in cassettes. I think it will create more rooms for blessings to a wider audience. We're interested in the propagation of the gospel and for people to understand and have knowledge of what the

Bible says about Jesus and heaven", he says.

Okotie speaks of the acceptability of the book by publishers and its commercial viability: "The church forms a majority in this country, at least from the statistics we have, and I don't think the publishing houses are ignorant of this. I would imagine that such a book will sell especially when it is written by somebody like me" he declared.

The UNW alumnus set up the Household of God Fellowship Church located on Obasanjo Street, Ikeja, on February 1, 1987 and it has been growing tremendously. If not for space constraints, the church would have had more than two thousand members as at today. He is not even thinking of having branches because he has not found any evidence from the new testament to support such idea.

Although he did not set up the church for commercial purpose "because any man who seeks it wrongly first instead of the kingdom of God is in error", but there were a set of people who thought the church would not stand the test of time.

"In every project, there will always be doubting Thomases who imagine that you won't do what God has asked you to do. After two years now, we have been growing stronger and stronger. And such criticisms are indications that we are doing the right thing. It proves we are following Christ" he admits.

Now a pastor, Christ still keeps in touch with some Nigerian musicians. Some want him to come back to active recording. Others attend his church. At the same time, he follows the trend of show business. According to him, showbusiness has gone back to where it was when he



Pastor Christ Okotie — "Being a christian means living a supernatural life."

started singing. "Reggae music has always dominated" he says.

"But I think Laureen's album is going to make a lot of difference in Nigerian music scene."

But can the pastor compare his life now to his days as a pop singer? "No, I can't. A dead man doesn't compare himself with a man who is alive. When I was in music, I was dead, but now, I'm very much alive. To be a Christian is to live a supernatural life, a natural world" says Chris.

He describes his marriage with Tina as great and fantastic. When are they planning to start having babies? "We can't really say now. It's me really because I didn't want to have children. I was not sure what I wanted to do. I thought we were going to be missionaries and not pastors. These things don't make it easy to serve God. But Tina and I have been talking recently and we'll have children very soon," he promises.

With his usual dark jerry curled hair and flashy look that puts him in the class of funky preachers,

Okotie, for the first time, talks about government's interference with religion. "I don't criticise government, but if I see where they are doing the wrong thing, I'll pray for them. I can advise them if they ask me to. If government interferes with what goes on in the altar, we are certainly not going to keep quiet. But so far, nothing like that has happened," he admits.

What worries Pastor Okotie about Nigeria? "Nothing." What about the youths? "Nothing". Moral decadence and drug addiction "They don't worry me, but it's not good. I've seen that many young people are into drugs. It's not their fault but I'm not saying they're doing the right thing. We don't only worry for them but pray, as well. Sn manifests in adultery and drug addiction", he says.

Then, he admonishes: "Nigerians should have a good sense of purpose. We know there are lots of problems but I know that change is going to come. I say hold on, the climate is going to change", philosophises the suave pastor who was now smiling for the first time.

CLIMAX OPINION POLL

IBB must tame this monster called 'high cost of living'

WHAT good tidings will 1989 bring for Nigerians? This question may not be totally irrelevant. This is because of the attendant hardships that were the hallmark of 1988.

With the birth of every New Year, the belief that things will move from 'bad' to 'good' since the day austerity measures were first introduced. Virtually everybody is now hanging on HOPE for a lifeline. Expectations from President Ibrahim Babangida have thus reached a feverish pitch.

More than 50 per cent of the respondents talked to on what they want IBB to do, using the president to tackle the soaring inflation and high cost of living which have made life unbearable. "He has to take a second look at the suffering masses and force market women to bring down the prices of household commodities in the market," says S.M. O. Gervase, a civil servant. "Everything is going up without the corresponding rise in wages."

Ayo H. B. Opuene, a footballer, corroborates the opinion and wants the government to throw it's weight on agriculture. "Government has been paying lip service to agriculture. The old people in the village should be supported and the president should ensure that DFRRI gives loans to the rural farmers", he says.

The improvement of the economy generally is the main concern of Mrs. Ohama Ukpabi and she wants the president to do "something" about the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) which she says has not been effective in creating



□ Segun Ojebantale



□ Mrs Ohama Ukpabi

jobs. Mrs. Ukpabi adds: "President Babangida must look at the suffering masses and many of them are on the streets without jobs and no means of feeding their families. Apart from the unemployment problem, rural development should be taken seriously, while free and compulsory education should be provided for all Nigerian children."

"Unemployment is affecting the well being of many Nigerians and the economy," adds Mr. A. O. Onyekwere. The president should, through government machineries, create jobs for the people and, with this, the rising wave of armed robbery will be checked."

Another 30 per cent of respondents say that the impact of the president's mass transit programme enunciated last year has not been felt. Instead the transportation system is in chaos.

Mr. Segun Ojebantale, a Vono (bed) distributor is one of them. He feels the president should reduce import duty on trucks and distribution vans to encourage local producers. "Urban dwellers are suffering a lot as there are no means of transporting farm produce from the rural areas to the urban centres" he explains.

A number of youths who spoke to want president Babangida to do just two things for them - funding education adequately and creating jobs for them. Tamunomi Dauphin says: "The price of books are going up daily. I want the president to come to our aid." Abiye Telema admits that it has become hard for "our parents to continue paying for our school fees."

Better still, they will appreciate if the president considers restoring free education in Nigerian schools.

By Al Humphery Onyanabo

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Those Fuji Modernisers!

IT is the tradition in this country for the president to send goodwill message to Nigerians to mark the new year or any special anniversary. I follow that tradition today by sending the show-business equivalent of a goodwill message to all lovers of music. I wish them happy listening and nice time on the dance floor.

In particular, I like to address the goodwill message intended for all musicians to the fuji musicians. Not because they are so good as to deserve such an exclusive honour in a country where self-styled music royals abound in all other genres, but because I see it as a patriotic duty to advise our fuji musicians to slum media and musical overkill. This category of musicians, especially the major stars among them - Sikiru Ayinde Barrister and Kollington Aiyinla - are in the habit of over advertising themselves on the pages of newspapers. Worse, their products are not often worth all the noise.

For upward of five years now both musicians have remained in the limelight, sometimes pushing juzu music, which is their forerunner, into the background. An insane attempt was made at a point to bring juzu-fuji into the orbit of religious bigotry. Jujus says fuji enthusiasts belong to Christians, while fuji is supposed to be for Muslims. What rubbish! The argument is premised on the fact or plain co-incidence that the two dominant juzu stars, Obey and Sunny Ade, are Christians; while the two fuji giants, Sikiru Ayinde Barrister and Kollington Aiyinla, are Muslims. This absurd attempt to bring juzu and fuji fans head-on failed woefully.

Both fuji and juzu tend to thrive best when their key practitioners are locked in some petty conflicts or the other. It is generally known that juzu's golden years was the 1970s when Obey and Sunny Ade were at each other's throat. When the rivalry fire was put out, juzu declined a bit. Now, like fuji, it only survives on praise singing and religious sentiments expressed unabashedly in its lyrics. Fuji was heard in all juke-box at parties throughout the Yoruba speaking areas of Nigeria when Barry locked horns with his arch-rival, Kollington. As the perennial quarrel cooled off, interest in the music waned too.

Like reggae, once you remove protest, there is no more substance left. Although Evi-Edna and Gregory Isaacs are unusual exceptions who have managed to build their careers

tions on themes not related to societal conflicts.

In the light of the new thinking that the war between fuji stars might be some crude commercial tactic designed to stimulate record sales, people are now wary of any new talk of quarrel between fuji artists. So, they are forced to innovate to remain in market. Perhaps maturity, and a desire to grow out of pettiness, inspired the "new revolution" going on in fuji music.

Barry pioneered fuji in commercial terms. He is attempting to do the same by introducing the musical form to a wider audience through the infusion of electronic devices unfamiliar to his traditional audience who still form the core of his constituency. He only need to add guitar to his new garbage series to complete the transition to juzu or fuji-juzu, not fuji-garbage as Barry styles it.

Though his fans are likely to get excited over this strange new sound, the more traditional hard core listeners among his followers may soon begin to feel that the sound is not the same again. Chances are they might slowly lose interest, or turn back to juzu.

The point is, if Sunny and Barry sound alike, why not then go for Sunny at once? Not that there is anything criminal about innovation but any sudden directional shift, even by the most seasoned "camelion" is likely to bring dire consequences. Even then, the implications are more far reaching than Barry thinks. He may now have to invest heavily on new equipment year in year out to keep pace with sound-tech. This may mean that he would have to run and maintain a music machine worth more than two million naira. There is no way he can even recoup that kind of investment given the paltry sum he will make at shows, which are no longer regular, no thanks to FEM.

Kollington and other fuji artists are trying to ape Barrister so that they do not look outdated. But before long, they might soon find out that the rising cost of new equipment and the fight to master their new sound may drive a wedge between them and their audience.

The beauty of fuji is that it is played mainly with traditional instrument which are available locally, cheap and ubiquitous, their raw materials are never hampered by import restrictions.

Why on earth do they want to go all this length to innovate, if all they can get is temporary applause but long-term woes?



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CHRIS OKOTIE, is a strong-willed man. Unlike many young people of his age, he has found the strength to build a life that has brought him happiness and satisfaction.

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"I am not ready to go back to the studio," he says. "But my sister Laureen, is making her second album and I've been helping out especially as it is a gospel collection. I've not thought of making a record in the sense but whatever God wants me to do is what I will do. If God feels that gospel tunes will be projected more through me by making records, I'll do that."

"But right now I'm a pastor and I'm doing the job the way God has asked me to. So, I don't have to go to the studio. It takes time to make a record, you know. Apart from that, I don't feel motivated towards that direction now."

Instead, he is considering writing books. At the moment, he has contacted some publishing houses like the Longman Nigeria Limited. Pastor Okotie says the prior motive of this project is to propagate the gospel and not necessarily to make money.

"I preach on Sundays and Wednesdays and we have recorded on cassettes. But I feel prompted by the spirit of God to publish them in books just the way they are in cassettes. I think it will create more rooms for blessings to a wider audience. We're interested in the propagation of the gospel and for people to understand and have knowledge of what the

Bible says about Jesus and heaven", he says.

Okotie speaks of the acceptability of the book by publishers and its commercial viability: "The church forms a majority in this country, at least from the statistics we have, and I don't think the publishing houses are ignorant of this. I would imagine that such a book will sell especially when it is written by somebody like me" he declared.

The UNN alumnus set up the Household of God Fellowship Church located on Obasa Street, Ikeja, on February 1, 1987 and it has been growing tremendously. If not for space constraints, the church would have had more than two thousand members as at today. He is not even thinking of having branches because he has not found any evidence from the new testament to support such idea.

Although he did not set up the church for commercial purpose "because any man who seeks money first instead of the kingdom of God is in error", but there were a set of people who thought the church would not stand the test of time.

"In every project, there will always be doubting Thomases who imagine that you won't do what God has asked you to do. After two years now, we have been growing stronger and stronger. And such criticisms are indications that we are doing the right thing. It proves we are following Christ" he admits.

Now a pastor, Chris still keeps in touch with some Nigerian musicians. Some want him to come back to active recording. Others attend his church. At the same time, he follows the trend of show business. According to him, showbusiness has gone back to where it was when he



Pastor Christ Okotie — "Being a christian means living a supernatural life."

started singing. "Reggae music has always dominated" he says.

"But I think Laureen's album is going to make a lot of difference in Nigerian music scene."

But can the pastor compare his life now to his days as a pop singer? "No, I can't. A dead man doesn't compare himself with a man who is alive. When I was in music, I was dead, but now, I'm very much alive. To be a Christian is to live a supernatural life, a natural world" says Chris.

He describes his marriage with Tina as great and fantastic. When are they planning to start having babies? "We can't really say now. It's me really because I didn't want to have children. I was not sure what I wanted to do. I thought we were going to be missionaries and not pastors. These things don't make it easy to serve God. But Tina and I have been talking recently and we'll have children very soon," he promises.

With his usual dark jerry-curled hair and fleshy lips; that puts him in the class of funky preachers,

Okotie, for the first time, talks about government's interference with religion. "I don't criticise government, but if I see where they are doing the wrong thing, I'll pray for them. I can advise them if they ask me to. If government interferes with what goes on in the altar, we are certainly not going to keep quiet. But so far, nothing like that has happened," he admits.

What worries Pastor Okotie about Nigeria? "Nothing." What about the youths? "Nothing."

Moral decadence and drug addiction "They don't worry me, but it's not good. I've seen that many young people are into drugs. It's not their fault but I'm not saying they're doing the right thing. We don't only worry for them but pray, as well. Sin manifests in adultery and drug addiction", he says.

Then, he admonishes: "Nigerians should have a good sense of purpose. We know there are lots of problems but I know that dawn comes after darkness. I say hold on, the climate is going to change", philosophises the suave pastor who was now smiling for the first time.

CLIMAX OPINION POLL

IBB must tame this monster called 'high cost of living'

WHAT good tidings will 1989 bring for Nigerians? This question may not be totally irrelevant. This is because of the attendant hardships that were the hallmark of 1988.

With the birth of every New Year, the belief that things will move from 'bad' to 'good' since the day austerity measures were first introduced. Virtually everybody is now hanging on HOPE for a lifeline. Expectations from President Ibrahim Babangida have thus reached a feverish pitch.

More than 50 per cent of the respondents talked to on what they want IBB to do... want the president to tackle the soaring inflation and high cost of living which have made life unbearable. "He has to take a second look at the suffering masses and force market women to bring down the prices of household commodities in the market," says S.M. O. Gervase, a civil servant. "Everything is going up without the corresponding rise in wages."

Ayo H. B. Opuene, a footballer, corroborates the opinion and wants the government to throw it's weight on agriculture. "Government has been paying lip service to agriculture. The old people in the village should be supported and the president should ensure that DFFRI gives loans to the rural farmers", he says.

The improvement of the economy generally is the main concern of Mrs. Ohama Ukpabi and she wants the president to do 'something' about the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) which she says has not been effective in creating



□ Segun Ojebantale



□ Mrs Ohama Ukpabi

jobs. Mrs. Ukpabi adds: "President Babangida must look at the suffering masses and many of them are on the streets without jobs and no means of feeding their families. Apart from the unemployment problem, rural development should be taken seriously, while free and compulsory education should be provided for all Nigerian children."

"Unemployment is affecting the well being of many Nigerians and the economy," adds Mr. A. O. Onyekwere. The president should, through government machineries, create jobs for the people and, with this, the rising wave of armed robbery will be checked."

Another 30 per cent of respondents say that the impact of the president's mass transit programme enunciated last year has not been felt. Instead the transportation system is in chaos.

Mr. Segun Ojebantale, a Vono (bed) distributor is one of them. He feels the president should reduce import duty on trucks and distribution vans to encourage local producers. "Urban dwellers are suffering a lot as there are no means of transporting farm produce from the rural areas to the urban centres" he explains.

A number of youths we spoke to want president Babangida to do just two things for them — funding education adequately and creating jobs for them. Tamunoom Dauphin says: "The price of books are going up daily. I want the president to come to our aid." Abiye Telemu admits that it has become hard for "our parents to continue paying our school fees."

Better still, they will appreciate if the president considers restoring free education in Nigerian schools.

By Al Humphrey Onyanbo

LADI on the



Those Fuji Modernisers!

IT is the tradition in this country for the president to send goodwill message to Nigerians to mark the new year or any special anniversary. I follow that tradition today by sending the show-business equivalent of a goodwill message to all lovers of music. I wish them happy listening and nice time on the dance floor.

In particular, I like to address the goodwill message intended for all musicians to the fuji musicians. Not because they are so good as to deserve such an elevated honour in a country where self-styled music royals abound in all other genres, but because I see it as a patriotic duty to advise our fuji musicians to shun media and musical overkill. This category of musicians, especially the major stars among them — Sikiru Ayinde Barrister and Kollington Ayinla — are in the habit of over advertising themselves on the pages of newspapers. Worse, their products are not often worth all the noise.

For upward of five years now both musicians have remained in the limelight, sometimes pushing juju music which is their forerunner, into the background. An insane attempt was made at a point to bring juju-fuji into the orbit of religious bigotry. Juju, says fuji enthusiasts, belong to Christians, while fuji is supposed to be for muslims. What rubbish! The argument is premised on the fact or plain coincidence that the two dominant juju stars, Obey and Sunny Ade were at each other's throat. When the rivalry fire was put out, juju declined a bit. Now, like fuji, it only survives on praise singing and religious sentiments expressed unashamedly in its lyrics. Fuji was heard in all juju-box at parties throughout the Yoruba speaking areas of Nigeria when Barry locked horns with his arch-rival, Kollington. As the perennial quarrel cooled off, interest in the music waned too.

Both fuji and juju tend to thrive best when their key practitioners are locked in some petty conflicts or the other. It is generally known that juju's golden years was the 1970s when Obey and Sunny Ade were at each other's throat. When the rivalry fire was put out, juju declined a bit. Now, like fuji, it only survives on praise singing and religious sentiments expressed unashamedly in its lyrics. Fuji was heard in all juju-box at parties throughout the Yoruba speaking areas of Nigeria when Barry locked horns with his arch-rival, Kollington. As the perennial quarrel cooled off, interest in the music waned too.

Like reggae, once you remove protest, there is no more substance left. Although Evi-Edna and Gregory Isaacs are unusual exceptions who have managed to build their reputa-

tions on themes not related to social conflicts.

In the light of the new thinking that the war between fuji stars might be some crude commercial tactic designed to stimulate record sales, people are now wary of any new talk of quarrel between fuji artists. So, they are forced to innovate to remain in market. Perhaps maturity, and a desire to grow out of pettiness, inspired the "new revolution" going on in fuji music.

Barry pioneered fuji in commercial terms. He is attempting to do the same by introducing the musical form to a wider audience through the infusion of electronic devices unfamiliar to his traditional audience who still form the core of his constituency. He only need to add guitar to his new garbage series to complete the transition to juju or fuju-juju, not fuji garbage as Barry style it. Through his fans are likely to get excited over this strange, new sound, the more traditional hard core listeners among his followers may soon begin to feel that the sound is not the same again. Chances are they might slowly lose interest, or turn back to juju.

The point is, if Sunny and Barry sound alike, why not then go for Sunny at once? Not that there is anything criminal about innovation but any sudden directional shift, even by the most seasoned "camelion" is likely to bring dire consequences. Even then, the implications are more far reaching than Barry thinks. He may now have to invest heavily on new equipment year in year out to keep pace with sound-tech. This may mean that he would have to run and maintain a music machine worth more than two million naira. There is no way he can even recoup that kind of investment given the paltry sum he will make at shows, which are no longer regular, no thanks to FEM.

Kollington and other fuji artists are trying to ape Barrister so that they do not look outdated. But before long, they might soon find out that the rising cost of new equipment and the fight to master their new sound may drive a wedge between them and their audience.

The beauty of fuji is that it is played mainly with an additional instrument which are available locally: cheap and ubiquitous, their raw materials are never hampered by import restrictions.

Why on earth do they want to go all this length to innovate, if all they can get is temporary applause but long-term void?

1989: The experts' predictions

By
Muyiwa Owogbade

WITH 1988 gone and a new year beginning, experts in the precarious art of predicting the future which include prophets and psychics have been making their forecasts.

According to one of such men who would like to remain anonymous, 1989 will witness the death of a former president. According to the prophet, the death would occur between the months of July and September.

To be sure, predictions for the year 1989 began to roll out of the press since November, 1988. A report in the *Sunday Champion* of November 27, 1988, says, "A self-acclaimed prophet has predicted the death of a prominent musician from Ondo State and that of the wife of a head of government in one of Africa's most populous countries.

"Prophet Ota Babalola, 30, who was at *Sunday Champion* office on Friday said that he should not be viewed as a prophet of doom because his predictions were 'direct messages from God.'"

Another report from the same issue of the paper quoted popular metaphysist, Professor Godspower Oyeowole, as predicting an uproar and confusion in the Constituent Assembly over the 'Sharia Law' debate.

In its current issue, the *Prime People*, quoting Primate T. O.

Olabayo, head of the Evangelical Church of Yahweh, who in 1987 successfully predicted the death of the Sultan of Sokoto, the release of former head of state, Muhammadu Buhari, his deputy Tunde Idiagbon and Chief Jim Nwobodo last year, that a former head of state will die this year. This makes Primate Olabayo's predictions agree with an

earlier one by another prophet.

The Church of Yahweh is also quoted as predicting the death of five popular Obas, two serving ministers and two former governors. Primate Olabayo is quoted as adding that "a very big cross and a voluminous Holy Bible will descend from heaven . . . and SAP, that veritable 'monster' that has brought untold hardship to majority of Nigerians, will be further strengthened".

The same issue of the *Prime People* also quoted Prophet S. A. Adewale of the Celestial Church of Christ as saying that five governors will be back to the barracks while six will be transferred to other states.

Says the magazine: "Prophet Samuel Akinlotu Adewale, the controversial Celestial Church of Christ shepherd who it was claimed predicted the death of Pastor S. B. J. Oshofa, founder and spiritual head of the C.C.C. and was also said to have correctly predicted the death of elder-statesman, Obafemi Awolowo among others, now predicts for 1989.

Other predictions attributed to the prophet include a reshuffling of the federal cabinet, the death of five presidents on the international scene, the death of three publishers, two editors, two deputy editors, two good sports writers and eleven reporters among others.

Another prophet from Jos who wishes to remain anonymous has more heart-warming predictions for the Nigerians in the new year. Says he: "I see Nigeria revolting against international rules that ties her down (I mean those that are bad for her). She will truly stand out as Africa's giant. Many victories in

sports for the country during the year. God is bestowing honours on Nigerians in 1989 especially those Nigerians who honour God. And many wicked Nigerians who delight in making things hard will fall during the year."

There is a warning for the leadership. "Any attempt by the military to stay more than they have declared will spark a revolution and also politicians with selfish interests should stay far from politics.

On the entertainment scene, the prophet predicts a new rise for Fela and a few others. Says he: "Fela is going to start making hit records again and he will make a lot of money. But the man remains the same."

He adds: "There's this new artist that will come to stardom in 1989 in Nigeria. At first, he will be controversial to some people but later, he will be understood and accepted by all because he is God chosen. He is going to make people like Michael Jackson and even the late Bob Marley look small. Majek Fashek and the new artist will get on well and do a lot of things together in conjunction with some international artists, and the Mandators too. Terra Kota will come on strong too. Lastly, I see Christians Esien Igbokwe getting more Godly and better off as a result of her hold on God."

The prophet is hopeful on the Nigerian social conscience. "Crime rate in the country will drop heavily in 1989 because God Himself is cleansing. A lot of criminal, will be rendered powerless and exposed by the power of God."

Current Bestsellers



WHAT THEY SAID LAST YEAR

ABOUT this time last year, the experts were making their forecasts for the year 1988. With 1988 gone, a review of the predictions show that most of them went unfulfilled and only a few had a resemblance of having come true. A January 5, 1988 edition of the *National Enquirer* is a test case along this line.

The cover of the edition boldly read "10 Leading Psychics Reveal Their Predictions for 1988". Below, we review the predictions against the events of the outgoing year.

New York psychic, Shaw Robbins, who has in the past successfully predicted economic trends of the world said Elizabeth Taylor will tie the knot with millionaire Malcolm Forster. Liz and Malcolm's friendship failed to blossom into an eight marriage for Miss Taylor.

John Monti of Long Island, N.Y., who foresaw the shooting of President Ronald Reagan predicted Oliver North and Gary Hart will scuffle in a Washington D.C. restaurant after Hart accuses North of being "immoral" for his role in the Iran Contra affair. The two never had a brawl in any restaurant throughout the year.

Monti's prediction that Queen Elizabeth will step down from the throne and allow her son Prince Charles to become King also passed unfulfilled as Barbara Douchess of Matanzas

who forecast that Japanese doctors will discover a way to treat Alzheimer's disease - by implanting a tiny microchip into the brain. Douchess it was, who successfully foresaw the eruption of Mount St. Helens.

Low Wright of Denver who rightly forecast the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II early last year, said: "Princess Diana and her sister-in-law Fergie will announce they're both pregnant. Incredibly, their babies will be born the same day - a girl for Diana and a boy for Fergie.

Fergie delivered a baby boy in the year, but Diana had none, nor has she announced a pregnancy to date.

Some of the many predictions that went wide of the mark are as follows:

*U.S. woman will give birth to 10 healthy babies.

*Devolating winter will paralyze much of the world.

*Russian psychics will wreak havoc on the health of northern California and

*Disgraced Assembly of God televangelist Jim Bakker and his wife Tammy will divorce - and Jim will take a view of celebrity for the rest of his life.

The high art of making forecasts, like life itself, is an unpredictable science.

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Unbelievable.

68-year-old woman menstruates

That is the terrible ordeal of Madam Moriat Adewoye. The matter is even made worse because her grand-children believe the unusual menses is another way of punishing Madam Adewoye who they believe killed their mother in a mysterious headache drama in 1975 and rendered them barren. Orhirhi Ejeba Senior reports.

A POSSIBLE 10th wonder of the world is being witnessed by the people of Buraima Street off Km 36 on the Lagos-Epe road in Maroko end of Victoria Island as a Nigerian grandmother is set to have her name carved in gold in the Guinness Book of Records, for being perhaps the very first woman alive to stop

menstruating 20 years ago, then started menstruating again at her 68th year?

She is Madam Moriat Adewoye, the first from a family of only two girls born in Ilugun village, Ogun State.

The bizarre incident has thrown the Adewoyes into a wild clash of accusations and counter-accusations



Madam Moriat Adewoye — Her grand-children have vowed that she'll know no peace.

Since I was 22, doctors could not find any reason why I cannot get pregnant

and has sent Moriat into hiding while her only sister, Mrs. Kumbi Apata, is running from one herbalist to another, trying to find a solution, to her own grand-children. Titi and Moriat's own grand-children, 30s Funnii, both spinsters in their 30s claim the menstruation is God's way of punishing their grand mother whom they believe killed their mother in a mysterious headache drama in 1975 and rendered them barren.

Titilope who is in her second marriage at Akerele, Sarulere, told CLIMAX in a burst of emotion: "She should've been a great grand-mother like our aunty Kumbi, but her wickedness will not permit her to be like others.

"Since I was 22, doctors could not find any reason why I cannot get pregnant. Spiritual churches say my womb have taken my real that evil people have taken named womb away. Three churches named my grandmother. There's nothing I did not do to persuade her to return my womb but the evil woman denied and continued to deny responsibility.

Titi's first husband, the only child of his parents was so anxious to have a baby, he could not wait for her.

CLIMAX met Moriat's second grand daughter, Titi's immediate junior, Funnii locked in a war of words outside the family home in Maroko with Kumbi Apata and her Kumbi accused Funnii and her gang of falsely accusing her sister in order to save their faces for failed marriages and barrenness. Funnii flared up: "You can deceive

these strangers who don't know you and that which but you can't deceive God. Look at that menses. It's not trickling, it's flowing. It's not that ordinary?" She faced the spectators and asked: in a voice you could have heard over a mile "Where in this world have you seen a grandmother menstruating?"

"If that's not punishment for her evils, what else can it be? She'll know no peace, even in her grave!"

Sitting on the bare floor of native doctor Seriki Agatta's room two streets West of Buraima Street, right. If there is proof that the men do leaves after their, the evil sight of a menstruating 68-year-old woman will drive into the ground. She was still dripping blood when I walked in. She did not attempt to cover up, but barely held her wrap to per in place when I lifted my camera and her hands were soaked in rich, red blood. She just sat there, unspiced, not even the rags she must have used in her days.

The native doctor popularly called "Baba Agatta" refused to be involved in Moriat's dilemma. "I put her there because she'll poison my temple if I treat her," he said. "I've been warned by my spirits not to have anything to do with her."

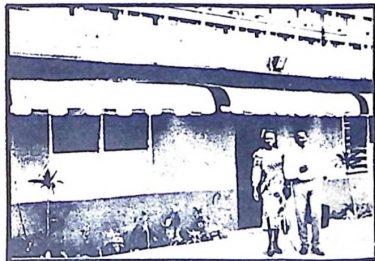
It's not that she's a witch. She has breached certain native laws. Like making her grand children barren and killing her daughter as it's alleged?

"Could be that, could be anything" replies the native doctor. He showed this writer a traitor's charm that has shrunk to less than half of its original size. "This expensive charm started reclinining the moment she was brought here. I've ordered them to take her away by tomorrow later."

All efforts to get Moriat to do something was not successful for she refused to answer questions from this reporter. One thing was very clear however: whatever is responsible for Moriat's re-menstruation at 68 may be a secret between herself and her creator, but certainly, she's not enjoying the situation. While her husband had grown an inch or so under her chin.

She is definitely not enjoying the rip-off.

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She seems to be ready for any casual outing with this knee-length skirt and blouse made of "Ankara" material.

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She stops out with this tail blouse and a plain slim skirt and the hat is a knock out - it can dazzle some men you know!

3
She seems to be on the move with this stylish outfit - A two piece material of black and white and the veil gives her that look of an Angel.

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The model here could not help showing off this stunner outfit of black and white material. The design on the top is really something to ride home with.

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

Happiness in Marriage is...

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Passing compliments to your spouse
Contributed by Ayinde Oshinlege

WITH ALL MY LOVE

I shall be very glad if you can be kind enough to send a birthday card to my darling Abode Ganiw Adeyemo who will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, January 8, 1981. I wish her many happy returns. She is my everything, my world. — Contributed by Kolz Alah, S 11 Lagos Street, Kaduna.

Deep love matters

The more I talked with other men and woman, the more impressed I became with the importance of timing as a factor in how, when, and whom we marry. It is one of the most, if not the most important factor of all.

If you can catch my husband in a serious moment, perhaps he will tell you that the main reason he was still a bachelor at age fifty-two was not that he didn't want to marry. It was because when he was willing and ready, the other person wasn't, and when the other person was—you get the ideal I feel that when a man is ready to marry, it almost doesn't matter who is around at the time. If she's willing, she's the gal who will become his Mrs. On the other hand, two people may be ideally suited to one another, but if their lives are out of sync, nothing will help. Inevitably they'll drift apart.

If you and the man you're seeing turn out to be synchronized, you can proceed with your efforts to wed. Remember when I said that the needs of men and women are more alike than different? Think about what makes a man lovable to you, and try to be those things to your man. What I think is lovable in a man is affection, consideration, generosity, sexiness, cleanliness, intelligence, wit, and looking out for my interests, so I tried to be that way in return.

MR. RIGHT? YOU CAN FIND HIM Says Rusty

SHOULD WE LIVE TOGETHER?

NO! (I can hear the screams and shouts of protest now.) My definition of living together is that one of you does not maintain his or her own home. If he sleeps with you every night but keeps most of his clothes and possessions in his own home, you are not living together by my definition.

The only reason to live together, in my opinion, is if you do not want to be married. Living together is one possible life style for a single person. But since we have established that you want to be married, living together is excluded as an option. Besides, it has not proved to be a valid test of whether a marriage will work. Many couples of the liberated sixties live together for years, and when they finally married, the marriage did not work out. There is a subtle difference between the finality of marriage and the experience of living together. Many things depend on the commitment—inheritance rights, pension rights, and parental rights. To quote Jesse Bernard, "Without a commitment, you have freedom but not security; with a commitment, one has security but little freedom." If all you want is a lover, boyfriend, or steady, live together with my blessing.

It does happen sometimes that a man or a woman is fearful about marriage, and living together can be a way to get comfortable with the idea. But in my view, it's still too risky. It takes you out of circulation. You have none of the status or rights of marriage, and none of the fun and freedom of dating. It can also be confusing for young children if someone lives with you and then leaves. As long as your man has a home that he returns to, they will be aware that they will be prepared for his departure. It will still be hard for them, but not as hard as if the man were living with them on a day-to-day basis. If you move into his house, you lose your autonomy and are not free to leave when you want to.

You'll do as you like, of course, but after much study and contemplation this is the best advice I can give you. Many people disagree with me because they have had an unhappy marriage and feel that living together gives them a chance to determine whether a marriage with "this person" will work. Still, you can learn just as much about a person if you don't share the same roof, but spend many days and nights together traveling together, and so forth. I'm not saying what my grandpa used to say: "If a man can get all the milk he wants, why should he buy the cow?" I'm saying, "If he never experiences what it's like to be without you, how can he appreciate how much you mean to him?"

THOSE TO AVOID

The Bully: Although he will always be contrite afterwards, run as fast as you can from a physically abusive man. Whether or not he has been drinking, there is never—I repeat, never—an excuse for a man to hit a woman. This man will not improve after marriage, so don't ever fool yourself into thinking that all he needs to change him is a little love and affection from a good woman. He won't change, and will most likely get worse. To enter a marriage with a man like this may trap you for life, as he won't let you get away from him without fear for your life and your children's. This is serious, serious business, and I urge you strongly to beware of this man, no matter how loving he can be at other times.

The Gold Digger: I hate to be cynical but unfortunately there are still too many men who are looking for a woman with money and who will go to any length to woo and win her. Even if you aren't rich, you may have come into a sum of money from your husband's death or from a divorce settlement. When we are

needed and lonely, we can be very vulnerable to charming men who are "temporarily out of funds" and just need a loan to tide them over until their big deal in Omaha is finalized. You may find that when your funds are depleted he will when your funds are plentiful, even if you're married to him. It's a chilly world out there without bucks, and I urge you to be wary and use good common sense about a man's motives. This happens. She set up her new husband in three business ventures, which all failed. When she had no more money, he vanished.

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ODDITIES FROM OTHER LANDS

New AIDS treatment discovered

An astounding new blood transfusion treatment is bringing AIDS victims back from the brink of death—and a Nobel Prize winner says it could be a "breakthrough" in the battle against the horrible disease.

Research shows the treatment dramatically increases the body's ability to fight the killer AIDS virus. Developed at prestigious Cambridge University in Britain, it's already being used in a study at a New York City hospital.

The therapy is a "significant" development, declares Dr. Max Perutz, one of the world's most distinguished chemists and winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

If it lives up to its promise it could be a "break-through", Dr. Perutz said. He added that it's already transforming the lives of some patients and will do more in the future.

In a study conducted at St. Stephen's Hospital in London, 10 patients infected with the AIDS virus underwent the new treatment—and it eliminated the infectious virus in the blood of all 10.

If not for the transfusions five of those patients would already be dead, said Dr. Abraham Karpas of Cambridge, who headed the study.

One AIDS patient, Philip Sonnenholdt, had dropped to a skeletal 70 pounds and was so weak he needed constant hospitalization. Doctors had given him only a few weeks to live.

But today, more than nine months after starting treatments, he's out of the hospital and living a normal life

again. Sonnenholdt weighs 140 pounds, has so much energy he takes two-mile walks—and it is even planning a vacation to Egypt!

"I feel like a man who's been given a reprieve from death," said Sonnenholdt, 36, of London.

"Life looks so beautiful! Every morning when I wake up still amazingly alive, I say, "Thank You, God, for giving me this wonderful treatment and this wonderful gift of life!"

The treatment—called passive immunotherapy—was pioneered by Dr. Karpas, assistant director of research in Cambridge's department of hematological medicine.

"Passive immunotherapy is the best hope yet for AIDS patients," declared Dr. Karpas, who was the first scientist in Britain to isolate the AIDS virus.

"There's nothing else in the world anywhere near as good. It is by far the best form of treatment at the present time."

Here's what the treatment consists of:

Blood plasma is taken from people who've been infected with the AIDS virus but are still healthy and haven't shown any symptoms yet, which means their bodies are still successfully battling the virus.

This plasma, which is rich in infection-fighting antibodies, then is injected into patients with either AIDS-Related Complex (ARC) or full-blown AIDS.

These patients are succumbing to AIDS because the virus has destroyed their bodies' ability to make antibodies of their own. But the transfusions



• Philip Sonnenholdt



• Dr. Abraham Karpas

sions give them ready-made antibodies.

"And we have some patients who've actually started to make their own antibodies again!" declared Dr. Karpas.

Only one patient has died—and in that case he'd already been mentally affected by the virus prior to starting treatments, and he "literally starved himself to death," Dr. Karpas said.

Passive immunotherapy is not a cure, he pointed out. Patients received a half-liter of plasma for the first four months of the study, and continue to get a quarter-liter each month.

The AIDS virus lives inside the body's cells. As it multiplies it enters the bloodstream, which carries it to other cells which it then attacks, explained Dr. Karpas.

But thanks to the transfusions, patients' bloodstreams contain enough antibodies to kill the virus as soon as it goes into the blood.

"The patients still have the virus inside cells," Dr. Karpas noted.

"But you confine the virus and prevent it from infecting new cells." AIDS itself doesn't kill. It destroys the body's immune system and allows other deadly diseases to ravage the patient.

That's why the new treatment is so important, says Dr. Neville Colman, who's conducting a study at Bronx Veterans Administration Medical Center in New York City.

WHILE counting our blessings that we are still alive and kicking or... crawling, we must not forget to thank God for preserving all the beautiful, scintillating, outrageous or even annoying things in the world. Of course, if they were gone, I won't have anything to write about today!

We have always had throbs, those men you see, who make your heart go blip, blip, blip within seconds. Those who speed your pulse and those who, for one reason or the other, you want to meet or you'd like to be with.

My heart throb of the year has been quite disappointing though, I proposed to him. Yet, I still have to stand at the bus stop and yell. Taxi drivers are still very pompous, because it is becoming more difficult to buy a car. With all apologies to Maryam, I am still waiting for the president to get me out of my sorrows by accepting my first proposal.

You will agree with me that what makes our number one citizen the greatest heart throb is not just the fact that he can afford some things ordinary man cannot, but his ever serene, smiling and humble looks. Some are born lucky. I dare say Maryam is very lucky. Maryam, herself, ranks high in the list of heart throbs '88—beautiful, youthful, elegant and flamboyant. Blessed is the man who beholds a beautiful woman. No wonder the president is considered a lucky man.

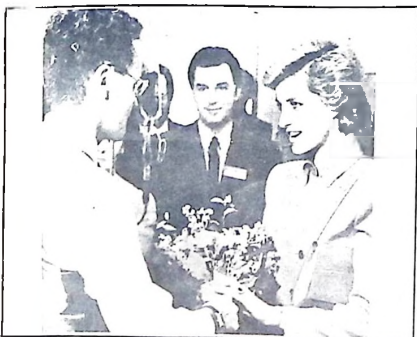
Ibrahim Alfa, the Chief of Air Staff, has refused to age. Perhaps the guy's got some concoction extracted from a magic tree behind his house. Don't laugh now! Sincerely speaking, I'd like to have a piece



• Maryam Babangida



• Ibrahim Alfa



• FLASHBACK: Sonnenholdt greets Princess Di at an AIDS clinic—during his astounding recovery

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What People Are Wearing

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



1
She seems to be ready for any casual outing with this knee-length skirt and blouse made of "Ankara" material.

2
She steps out with this tall blouse and a plain slim skirt and the hat is a knock out - it can dazzle some men you know!

3
She seems to be on the move with this stylish outfit - A two piece material of black and white and the veil gives her that look of an Angel.

4
The model here could not help showing off this stunner outfit of black and white material. The design on the top is really something to ride home with.

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Who cares if your marriage is happy? CLIMAX does!

YOUR Marriage Counsellor

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

Sorry, the counsellor cannot reply personally to readers' letters and for now, his clinic is not open. Write to: Marriage Counsellor, CLIMAX Magazine, P.O. Box 51464, Ikoyi, Lagos.

Happiness in Marriage is...

Putting compliments to your spouse
Contributed by Apelete Olatunji

WITH ALL MY LOVE

I shall be very glad if you can be kind enough to send a birthday card to my darling Abosede Ganiyat Adeyemo who will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, January 8, 1988. I wish her many happy returns. She is my everything, my world...
Contributed by Kola Akash, S 11 Lagos Street, Kaduna.

Deep love matters

The more I talked with other men and women, the more impressed I became with the importance of timing as a factor in how, when, and whom we marry. It is one of the most, if not the most important factor of all.

If you can catch my husband in a serious moment, perhaps he will tell you that the main reason he was still a bachelor at age fifty-two was not that he didn't want to marry. It was because when he was willing and ready, the other person wasn't, and when the other person was—you get the ideal I feel that when a man is ready to marry, it almost doesn't matter who is around at the time. If she's willing, she's the gal who will become his Mrs. On the other hand, two people may be ideally suited to one another, but if their lives are out of sync, nothing will help. Inevitably they'll drift apart.

If you and the man you're seeing turn out to be synchronized, you can proceed with your efforts to wed. Remember when I said that the needs of men and women are more alike than different? Think about what makes a man lovable to you, and try to be those things to your man. What I think is lovable in a man is affection, consideration generally, sexiness, cleanliness, intelligence, wit, and looking out for my interests, so I tried to be that way in return.

MR RIGHT?
YOU CAN FIND HIM
Says Rusty

SHOULD WE LIVE TOGETHER?

NO! (I can hear the screams and shouts of protest now.) My definition of living together is that one of you does not maintain his or her own home. If he sleeps with you every night but keeps most of his clothes and possessions in his own home, you are not living together by my definition.

The only reason to live together, in my opinion, is if you do not want to be married. Living together is one possible life style for a single person. But since we have established that you want to be married, living together is excluded as an option. Besides, it has not proved to be a valid test of whether a marriage will work. Many couples of the liberated sixties live together for years, and when they finally married, the marriage did not work out. There is a subtle difference between the finality of marriage and the experience of living together. Many things depend on the commitment—inheritance rights, pension rights, and parental rights. To quote Jesse Bernard, "Without a commitment, you has a freedom but not security; with a commitment, you has security but a little freedom." If all you want is a lover, boyfriend, or steady, live together with my blessing.

It does happen sometimes that a man or a woman is fearful about marriage, and living together can be a way to get comfortable with the idea. But in my view, it's still too risky. It takes you out of circulation. You have none of the fun and joy of marriage, and none of the freedom of dating. It can also be confusing for young children if some one lives with you and then leaves. As long as you, they will be aware that he returns to, they will be aware that they will be prepared for his departure. It will still be hard for them, but not as hard as if the man were

Kindly send an Happy Wedding card to my friend, Innocent Nwokocha, who took his lovely wife Mary. Ogbajogu, to the altar on Saturday, November 10, 1988, at St. Michael's Cathedral Church, Abuja. I pray that 'love' will reign supreme throughout their married life...
By Francis Okey Offorance, 44, Jubilee Road, Abuja, Imo State.

living with them on a day-to-day basis. If you move into his house, you lose your autonomy and are not free to leave when you want to.

You'll do as you like, of course, but after much study and contemplation this is the best advice I can give you. Many people disagree with me because they have had an unhappy marriage and feel that living together gives them a chance to determine whether a marriage to "this person" will work. Still, you can learn just as much about a person if you don't share the same roof. I spend many days and nights together, travel together, and so forth. I'm not saying what my grandpa used to say: "If a man can get you to want, why should he buy the milk he's giving." "If he doesn't buy the cow?" can he appreciate how much you mean to him?"

THOSE TO AVOID

The Bully: Although he will always be contrite afterwards, run as fast as you can from a physically abusive man. Whether or not he has been drinking, there is never—I repeat, never—an excuse for a man to hit a woman. This man will not improve after marriage, so don't ever fool yourself into thinking that all he needs to change him is a little love and affection from a good woman. He won't change, and will most likely get worse. To enter a marriage with a man like this may trap you for life, as he won't let you get away from him without fear for your life and your children's. This is serious,

serious business, and I urge you strongly to beware of this man, no matter how loving he can be at other times.

The Gold Digger: I hate to be cynical but unfortunately there are still some men who are looking for a woman with money and who will go to any length to woo and win her. Even if you aren't rich, you may have come into a sum of money from your husband's death or from a divorce settlement. When we are

SHAMUSA, WE BETTER SWITCH BACK WITH OUR OWN COMPANION. PLEASE, INSIDE OUR COMPANION. YOU NO HEAR ONLY ONE PERSON CALLING? BAKI BEACH W30 FOR A 'TRN' DRIVER?

needed and lonely, we can be very vulnerable to charming men who are temporarily out of funds and just need a loan to tide them over until You may find that when you are depleted he will disappear from your life, even if you're married to him. It's a chilly world out there without bucks, and I urge you to be wary and use good common sense about a man's motives. This happened to a friend of mine after she divorced. She set up her new business in three business ventures, which all failed. When she had no more money, he vanished.

YOUR TV

By MOJI DANISA

1988 commercials

TV commercials are becoming more impressive, sometimes more entertaining than TV programmes.

It is an obvious fact that the whole world is becoming commercialised. With stiff competition every where the corporate affairs, department of big companies rack their brains every year drawing ad budgets and planning strategic gimmick to put their products in the forefront.

Coca Cola and Pepsi, the largest selling soft drinks in America and Asia spend millions of money trying to out-do each other. They use big star names like Ray Charles, Whitney Houston and Aretha Franklin. Pepsi however had it big when they got Michael Jackson to promote their product, not minding the fact that Michael never 'touches' that 'pop'.

1988 saw the emergence of new ads, and re-runs of old commercials. Ranking in my list of best adverts of the year was the Olympic Coca-Cola/Whitney Houston started commercial. One wonders if that commercial had anything to do with the increase in price of the product!

The British Airways ad is also a very good one. Kodak came out with a nice ad, never mind the fact that weeks after the Olympics, and after Nigeria's disastrous performance in the games, Kodak still believed very much in flying the Olympic eagles.

I really wish the makers of Kessingshem will stop disturbing my ear drums with the horrible commercial. The female voice reminds one of a tin being scratched against a sandy platform. It is bad enough to set the teeth on edge. Remembering that voice makes me shudder.

How on earth Hedex allowed that commercial on TV, still makes me wonder if some people have any sense of decency at all. The Hedex commercial is bad enough to give one, a big headache. The music does not synchronise with the dance steps. It's all done so clumsily, I feel sorry for the cast.

I cringe everytime I see the eyesore of a production they call Phenolic. I thought the producers of that product would have had enough sense to withdraw it ages back. Even my three year old niece jumps to switch to another channel when those two boring figures appear. 'Cafenol' should not be mentioned. It's terribly below standard. With the reporter (if I'm allowed to refer to 'in an one) grabbing the microphone way above the neck as if holding on to a piece of jam.

Nevertheless, I must agree that TV commercials are becoming more interesting and nicely packaged. The lovable super 'V' is still the children's favourite everyday and with Bessy and Company coming back on screen, we'll certainly be seeing more of it.

NEXT WEEK IN SHOWBIZ

Watch out for an on-the-spot account of the Lekki Sunsplash next week.

BITS AND PIECES

ELVIS Presley died eleven years ago but many people still don't believe that he is no more. The rumour that Elvis, the skid rock 'N' roller is still alive is fast spreading in and around the United States.

Recently, a 51-year-old record studio boss in Tennessee, Mr. Lee Stoller, revealed to the U.S. Press that a man who looked like Elvis (dressed in black outfit) came to his office with a tape saying he wanted to make a record. A Florida University student who analysed the voice says he's eighty five per cent sure that the voice belongs to Elvis.



• Madonna — Who's that guy

SUPER star Eddie Murphy whose film, *Beverly Hill Cop II*, set a record as the highest-grossing movie of 1987 after earning more than \$150 million, is now making video history.

Beverly Hills Cop II is also the best selling rental video tape ever and has sold over 500,000 copies of the video version.

MR AKABAMAN Rowland Iginihie was recently elected as the chairman of the Bendel State chapter of the Performing Musician Association.

The new chairman who succeeded Actor Segun Alile, was mandated alongside his officers to select their ex-officio members and trustees respectively.

FREDDIE Jackson was born to be a singer. Thirty-years ago, his mother Juanita Jackson, was doing a church concert when she went into labour. She hung on as long as she could, singing through the pain, but eventually gave in and went to the hospital and gave birth to this mid-tempo music heartthrob.

Freddie alongside other artistes like Gregory Abbot, Glen Jones, Luther Vandross and James D Train has for quite some time been spear-heading a resurgence in male soul ballads. Freddie's romantic songs has been the cornerstone of two of his highly successful albums 'Rock me tonight' (for old time sake) and 'Just like the first time'.

The balladeer is out again with

MAJONNA was very furious when she was informed that her sweet heart actor, Sean Penn was showing home films of them having fun to his friends. 30-year-old-Madonna (Isla Bonita) spent almost an hour on the phone with Sean Penn saying that he wasn't doing either of them any good by exhibiting such videos to outsiders.

In a related matter, Penn, noted for punching press Photographers is said to be upset over Madonna's reported romance with John 'Kenner' twenty-eight year-old son of late President Kennedy, a one time U.S. President.



• Edji • Murphy

QUOTE ME

Fu, a parnoah was conquered by the lion from zion, so shall it be done to Pieter Botha in South Africa and all other oppressors in the world, so let the strong bear the burden of the weak for Jah has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

— Mandators.

Freddie Jackson rocks on

what has always been his trademark — quiet storm. The LP aptly tagged 'DON'T LET LOVE SLIP AWAY' contains such numbers like 'Nice 'N' Slow', 'Hey Love', 'Don't let love slip away', 'Crazy (for me) and 'One heart too many'.

The flip side has the following tracks: 'If you don't know me by now', 'You and I give a bang' 'Special lady', 'Yes I need you, and 'Its gonna take a long, long time'.

His debut album 'Rock me Tonight' got the attention of most quiet music lovers who were deprived around that time the ill-health of Teddy Pendergrass of the 50/50 love fame and the death of sexual healer

Marvin Gaye. Freddie who lost his father he was only two months old so his musical career as background singer for artistes like Melba M Howard Johnson, Evelyn King, Angela Bofill and Lillo Thomas.

Apart from his stunning vocal ability, the most impressive aspect of Freddie is the steady manner which he had been handling his fame.

His new album under Capitol Records was jointly produced by Barry Eastmond and Paul Lawn and was released to the Nigerian market by EMI Records.



• Alex O

• Ras Kim

Nigerian

The year 1988 was marked with fast pace of events, a couple of year back, recording companies in the country cried for lack of raw materials to wax records, this was not the case last year as major recording companies like Polygram, EMI and Tabansi churned out lots of tapes; and for the first time, CBS Records (Nigeria) released a local act on its stable.

The independent recording lab tried to stamp their name by proving their mettle despite the problems the industry encountered.

PROMOTION

Every artiste needs competent promoters to get across so the people. That can't be waved aside.

Nineteen-eighty-eight saw the emergence of serious promoters. Some of the memorable shows that were put together were the highly publicised Reggie

CLIMAX Now Splash s McRufus

LYRICS Dancing in the sun

as recorded by
Onyeka Unwenu

Born a mystery
A masquerade
Controversy is everybody's name
People asking just who you are
As you move by the stars
And you live by the day.
Dancing in the sun

u u m now
Ayyayayaya
You know what am talking
about
Dancing in the sun
uum baby
Am a dancer
So far away.

In our bones there's a history
In our blood there's a generation
line

Now can you start to understand
That we are who we are
And we were for all times
Dancers in the sun
uum mania

You're a dancer
Just dancing away
Dancing in the sun
uum Baby
A... a dancer
So far away



Onyeka Unwenu



Evi-Edna Oghoil — receiving one of her three platinum discs at the Polygram Gala/Award Night



• Tony Okaroji



• Lemmy Jackson

RECORD PIRACY

The issue of piracy was a very big problem for Nigerian artists. While the musicians sweat it out to create a new music the pirates got busy devising new means of bootlegging which resulted to the fight against this serious act of economic sabotage.

It would be recalled that a register of protest was opened at the PMAN Secretariat, Ikeja, Lagos and signatories on the register included those of civil servants, musicians, students and unemployed graduates.

A self explanatory prologue in the register states thus: "We the underlisted hereby sign this register in vehement protest against the reckless amount of copyright infringement in Nigeria today and the seeming helplessness of the government to deal with this virus."

A memorable event that happened in the year in question was the declaration of November 30 as Anti-Piracy Day by the Okoroji led PMAN. The day was a free day for all musicians, recording companies and allied industries.

More to that, a peaceful demonstration was held in Lagos to protest on what they referred to as the seeming non-challance on the part of the government to deal with the issue of copyright infringement in the country.

The musicians on that November 30 marched on to the Federal Attorney General Prince Bola Ajibola and the Information and Culture Minister Prince Tony Momoh. The massive but peaceful demonstration however provided an opportunity for the artists to come together. Speaking on this issue Okoroji said:

"I believe that our action showed how bad we felt about piracy which the government cannot just ignore. After the peaceful demonstration, I had a private meeting with the Attorney General Prince Bola Ajibola who told me that they had already been instructed by the President, General Ibrahim Babangida, to ensure that our problem be dealt with."

As we enter a New Year musicians need to turn a new leaf — not ignoring the fact that coming together of different people with different musical ideas contributes a lot to the success of an album. You're welcome.

music scene: 1988 in review

Sunsplash '88 which was the most comprehensive reggae jam featuring Juddy Mowatt, Burning Spear, the duo Robbie Shakespeare and Sly Dunba, U Roy, King Yellowman, supported by the Afrobeat chief priest Fela Anikulapo Kuti and King Sunny Ade.

The PMAN show at the National Arts Theatre organised in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, NTA and the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN), the annual Pootson musical jamboree which for the first time featured chief Stephen Ustia Osadebe, Oliver De Coque, Alhaji Kollington Ayinla, Salawa Abeni, professional Seagulls, Mandators and Geraldo Pina and hosts of others), was well organised too.

Another tremendous show, worthy of mention was the freedom day musical festival which was sponsored by Frontline International

Promotion to commemorate Nigeria's 28th Independence Anniversary. Sonny Okosun did what could be rightly termed as "First of its Kind" when he launched the LP "HAPPY DAYS" at Marina Car Park, Lagos. The Ozizzidi King told reporters then, that he did it because he felt that the common man has long been alienated from album launchings which usually takes place in big hotels.

At the tail end of the year, hordes of Lagos music lovers were treated to hit songs from popular and aspiring artists at the Lekki Sunsplash.

PRODUCTIONS

Record production turned out well. Lemmy Jackson is no doubt the music Producer of the Year, proving that he can do to Nigerian music what Quincy Jones and Narada Michael Walden are doing to the United States music. Ex-Blow drummer Laolu Akins followed hot in pursuit

AWARDS

Notable awards were the late Orlando Martins award, the Polygram records 25th Anniversary Gala Award Night during which Silver Gold and Platinum discs were presented to outstanding artists on it's stable and the Bawa Awards.

NEW COMERS

The year 1988 took everybody by storm, as potential stars blazed into the music market with debut albums that were beautifully penned and produced. Those that readily come to mind include Alexander Okorogwe (Alex 'O') who is certainly the most promising

debutant to enter Nigeria's music scene. Others are Mike Okri, Mike Obi, sound on sound, Sparks, Sina Fagbenro to mention a few.

Reggae was one kind of music that caught fire throughout the length and breadth of the country. Artists like Majek Fajake, Chikimono, Christian Negus, ABC among others emerged. The Isoko reggae ambassador Evi Edna Oghoil maintained the standard she set with her first LP MY KIND OF MUSIC.

RECORD SLEEVES

While Polygram Records did very well as regards record sleeves, Tabansi Records and other record labels overlooked the fact that album covers required a great deal of professionalism. One poor record sleeve that comes to mind is the LP "THE RETURN OF THE LOVE DOCTOR" by Mannix 'Copy Cat' Okonkwo.

NIGHT LIFE

Despite the menace of armed robbers, night club attraction night crawlers who want a place to relax and forget their headaches and feel much happier about life.

Lagos social circle in the year that have just closed was full of actions. There were lots of party goers, fun and leisure seekers.

Apart from the established ones like Ace, Lords, Climax, Flamingo World, Class Jazz 38, others like Peak, Winas Gullivers, Deroof, Nightshift among others, joined the list of already bursting Lagos nightspots

nice 'n' slow



• Freddie — Doing It Nice 'n' slow

NEXT WEEK...

IS BIANCA A CELIBATE?

When Miss Bianca Onoh was declared the Most Beautiful Girl in Nigeria a few weeks back, a lot of people didn't know she was Chief C.C. Onoh's daughter/ ex-civilian governor of Anambra State in the Second Republic.

But would you believe that the law undergraduate at the University of Nigeria who is ready to call even Adnan Kashoggi's bluff has not made love in ages? Find out why next week.



RIDDLE of MENSTRUAL CIRCLE

Are you one of the millions who cannot have a baby? How comfortable are you sitting tight and folding your arms when the SOLUTION is still not clear? If these questions have any direct bearing with you, then you must not fail to delve into the archives with us next week when we take a closer look at the suffocating laws controlling menstruation.

Cure for AIDS now found

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"It may help help stop the destruction of the body's immune system, allowing the immune defenses to gain strength to fight deadly infections," Dr. Colman said.

Unlike the anti-AIDS drug AZT, passive immunotherapy has no side effects, Dr. Perutz pointed out.

And it can be done anywhere at any center where healthy AIDS seropositive people (those with no symptoms yet) can donate their plasma, he said.

The British study results were published in the December issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a publication that provides scientific advice to the U.S. government.

A North American company, Medicorp of Montreal, plans to offer the treatment commercially in the U.S.

Medicorp probably will market a substance containing the antibodies, company president Dr. Elliot Block told the ENQUIRER. This product will be sold to doctors treating AIDS patients.

The treatment could be available in the U.S. in one to two years, but it must first receive approval from the Food and Drug Administration, said Dr. Block, a bio-chemist.

However, a series of clinical trials

is expected to be conducted in the U.S. prior to FDA approval - and AIDS treatment centers might be able to arrange to get some of their patients in those trials, he added.

Doctors wishing more information about the treatment can write to Medicorp, 6100 Royalmount, Montreal, Que., Canada, H4P 2R2 Dr. Karpas says physicians also can write to him at Clinical School of Medicine Hills Rd., Cambridge, CB2 2QL, England.

Dr. John W. Ward, medical epidemiologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's AIDS program, told THE ENQUIRER that if the treatment proves effective, it would be a major break-through in the fight against AIDS.

The great hope is that it will be able to put patients into remission so "they can go on living a reasonably normal life," said Dr. Colman, director of his medical center's blood bank.

"We've treated some patients for a period of three months now, but it's too soon to tell how they're doing". He said he's familiar with the results of Dr. Karpas' study and that they look very encouraging.

"There's nothing much out there that's hopeful at the moment - and if passive immunotherapy does reduce the progression of the disease, it's an important contribution," Dr. Colman declared. "And it looks as though it will be."

- FLEUR BRENNAN and JOHN BLOSSER

The moment I came into town, Sani wanted me to meet her. She, by the way, is someone Sani had been telling me about for sometime. She has, in his estimation, the most beautiful 'backside' he has even seen. Apart from that, she is quite pretty, intelligent and very good company!

My regular complaint whenever I went to Minna was that apart from the roasted meat and fish which we ate everyday at home and, of course the occasional w/e and gatherings that we had with friends like Ayuba, Frank and co. coming in from Kaduna, Minna would be a 'dead' place. There was really, 'nobody' interesting to meet who could tickle your fancy, if you get what I mean.

So, when Sani enthusiastically invited me to meet her, I was rather apprehensive even though I always appreciated his taste in women. He did not even allow me to drop my

cised" rear. It was every time Sani said it was; large wide hips that gave shape to her thin waist; a moderate protrusion that beat a moderate waltz tempo; the faint shape of her undies that emphasized the 'dimple' in her buxom; it was actually a treat to sensuality!

But all that was nothing. Yes, nothing compared to the object that now became the focus of my attention. Her legs! Piew! What exquisite beauty! Beyond description! Words would not do justice to those great legs.

They were one of the best pair of legs God has ever given me the privilege to set my eyes upon. And I was filled and fulfilled: My eyes were riveted to them? Even as we got to the car and I was talking to her my eyes, my brain, everything

Segun Odegbami's
INTIMATE ENCOUNTER

Trip to 'China'

bag in his place before driving down to her office somewhere in the Bosso area of Minna.

We knocked on her door and a lovely feminine voice ushered us in. I walked in with so much curiosity to find out what Sani had in store. She turned out to be quite lovely. Not pretty in the sense that she could contest for Miss Nigeria, but pretty in her own little way. A lovely well-done hair, on a face radiating a beautiful smile, a full lip sensuous in a way and a voice (yes, that voice) that was so inviting you only hear stuffs like that in bedrooms!

Sani made the necessary introductions. She had heard a lot about me and so on. Oh, how I wanted to change the topic. I was still curious for it wasn't her face Sani had told me so lavishly about. It was her demeanor.

Eventually, she had to get up to see us off. Incidentally, she had been quite intelligent and interesting during our discussion and had thoroughly impressed me to no small end.

Back to the issue - the interesting one - the 'backside'. All my gentlemanly behaviour came to fort. Yes, I was quick to open the door for her. I ushered her out with all the grace of a ballena. Was she impressed? One thing she failed to notice all the time was that my eyes were struggling to catch a glimpse of my 'object of curiosity'. Sani knew what was going on and could hardly conceal his amusement.

At last, alas, she went past me and took some tentative steps. After that, she "balanced" properly and walked, no, glided, down the corridor. Then, I saw something else and forgot about the "much publi-

was looking down at those legs. She misread my focus. She thought I was shy!

We arranged to go out to dinner - the three of us and only the restaurant would do justice to such pretty legs. Sani, who was relatively new in Minna, did not know anywhere else but the restaurant in Shirooro Hotel where he stayed for sometime when he first came to Minna. She didn't know of any first class restaurant, too. But had heard of a certain Chinese restaurant in town and if we would locate the place it would weight her to accompany two gentlemen to a candle-lit dinner.

Sani decided to carry out some investigations to locate this 'Chinese' restaurant he too had heard about faintly somewhere previously. On getting to his office, a Lebanese man was waiting to see him. We enquired from him the whereabouts of this Chinese restaurant.

He told us he had also heard about a "Golden Hero" restaurant that serves Chinese meals. He has not been there yet, but he had heard it was situated on Bosso Road.

Sani said not to worry. We would find out where this restaurant is. After all, Minna is a small town and Bosso Road is even smaller.

So, at about 8 o'clock that evening, we set out from home in finely tailored Safari Suits. We picked her up at her home and as she came out of her flat, my heart made a somersault (so, not what you think). She wore a dress that was midway between a mini-skirt and flabby shorts accentuating the beauty of her legs. I shall conclude this story next week by telling you whether or not we found the so-called Chinese restaurant.

S M T W T F S

Highlights of My Week

By Sunny Okafor-Okechase



There are many ways in which I can remember the year 1988. But this is the one I've settled for... and Sammy Sparkle loved the idea because he had a great laugh reading my diary of events of 1988. Here we go:

During the year 1988 I...

● **LAUGHED** at music critics who wasted tons of newspaper writing off **SIKIRU AYINDE BARRISTER** a.k.a **BARRY WONDER** and his Fuji Garbage. While the music critics were spending sleepless nights, Sikiru's best selling record was sitting pretty as the No. 1 on the charts. As if to tell the critics they have mis-fired, Barry went back to the studios to record Garbage No. 2. That practically left the critics speechless.



Ayinde Barrister

● **REMEMBERED** the days when Muhammad Buhari and Tunde Idiagbon were the dominant figures of this country following their recent release from em... what did Chief Duro Oniobule said we should call it? Two things easily stood out for me about those days. I remember my feverish memorization of the new national anthem and the long, agonising night I had in London in June 1984 while trying to pick the news of the judgment of the now historic DN 4 involving my Guardian newspaper colleagues at the time, Tunde Thompson and Ndaka Irabor. Think I should share this thought with TT How about sending a copy of Fractured Jail Sentence to name sake Tunde Idiagbon?



Idiagbon

● **WONDERED** if actress Robin Givens could survive the year living under the same roof with heavy weight champion Mike Tyson. I was still fearing a Tyson left hook would knock the head of the class star cold when news of her divorce hit the waves. Many thought Givens was after Tyson's money. But actress proved everyone wrong by saying she was dropping all claims from the divorce suit. However, Givens could still lay her hands on Tyson's millions... if she wins her multi-million dollars libel suit against the world champion.



Robin Givens

● **LOVED** the comment of one unnamed official who, on returning from Seoul, told reporters: "You can take photographs and report what you like. But at my age (47 years) you do not expect me to spend one week in Seoul and return with only a handbag."

Chidi Imo



● **PITIED** the editors of two Lagos-based afternoon newspapers, who, in a rush to get onto the streets on time, carried banner headlines that were far from exactly what transpired. LAGOS NEWS told its readers that Chidi Imo "beats 'em all" while the GUARDIAN EXPRESS reported that "Ivan Lendl defeated Boris Becker in the finals of the Nabisco Masters." In both cases, the opposite was correct.

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PART III

JAFFE YESTERDAY WAS A BAD DAY FOR ME. THAT PAULINA IS A MAD GIRL. SHE EMBARRASSED ME TERRIBLY.

WHAT? YOU DON'T MEAN IT? BUT HOW DID YOU COME ACROSS HER IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

I JUST SAID I LIKED HER STATISTICS, BUT SHE ROARED AT ME LIKE A TIGRESS.

PAULINA? SHE MUST BE CRAZY!

CAN YOU SEE THAT SHE EVEN CALLED ME A SHORT-MAN-DEVIL?

AAH! IF SHE CALLED YOU THAT THEN SHE IS DEFINITELY CRAZY!

LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING ABOUT GIRLS OF THESE DAYS, INCLUDING PAULINA...

PLEASE RIDE ON.

TRY HER ONCE MORE.

EEH! WHAT DID YOU SAY? TRY WHO? YOU MUST BE MY ENEMY.

COMMON BIDUN. I SAID, BE A MAN, AND GO TO HER AGAIN.

NO! NO! LOOK, IF I SHOULD TELL YOU, I FEAR THAT GIRL NOW.

UNU! LET ME TELL YOU. GIRLS OF THESE DAYS ARE PRETENDERS. YOU START SPENDING FOR HER, AND YOU'LL SOON DISCOVER SHE'S VERY FLEXIBLE.

IF YOU WERE THERE WHEN SHE WAS ABUSING ME YOU WOULDN'T BE SAYING THIS.

BIDUN, DON'T BE CHILDISH. I'M SURE SHE CAN STILL BACK DOWN FOR YOU.

NO JAFFE! I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE HER AGAIN. SHE'S TOO TOUGH FOR ME.

D. K. LET'S TAKE A BET ON THIS...

GOING BACK TO THIS GIRL ON MY GOD! O.E., BUT YOU CAN LEAVE THE BET.

BIDUN GOES OUT TO TRY PAULINA ONCE MORE.

I HAVE CHECKED TINA'S HOUSE, BUT SHE'S NOT THERE. LET ME TRY HER OWN PLACE MAY BE I'LL GET HER. OH, I LOVE THIS GIRL.

SUDDENLY, PAULINA APPEARS OUT AHEAD OF HIM...

OH YES, THERE SHE GOES... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHICK SHE IS. LET ME PICK COURAGE AND TALK TO HER AGAIN.

HELLO, PAULINA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, OR CAN I ACCOMPANY YOU? AT LEAST WE ARE NO ENEMIES, ARE WE?

SO YOU THIS DWARF HAVE COME AGAIN! DIDN'T I TELL YOU I CAN'T STAND YOU? NOW, WILL YOU SHURFFLE OFF!

NO WHY, THIS TIME I'M READY TO BEAR YOUR INSULTS, BUT CONVINCE YOU TO LOVE ME, NO MATTER THE COSTS.

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By Stick-to-it 'Biodun

Many people go through a 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.

Set an intermediate goal

First, join me in giving praise to the Almighty God, the Infinite Intelligence, our Creator, for preserving our lives to see the beginning of a new year.

By crossing 1988 to 1989, it means you have yet another great opportunity to change your life for good. It means that you also can today begin the process that will enable you to stamp your foot on the sand of time and leave a monument behind that Nigerians will be proud of you for.

Whatever it is that you decide to achieve, and it can be as big as you can dream, it to be, start today, right NOW! and work hard at it.

Yes, set an intermediate GO-A-L-I. We all know how to set a goal.

It is not different from what you call "New Year Resolution". The only difference between making a New Year Resolution and setting an intermediate goal is that whereas you can list a number of things that you will do or will not do this year as part of your New Year Resolutions and forget about them right after dropping your ball pen; when you set an intermediate GOAL, the type I am asking you to set, you will make a pact with your God that you are going to see the goal through.

Yes, you will face the goal with resolute determination and dismantling

all the obstacles that will definitely come up. You will promise yourself that come rain or shine you will never abandon the project, the main objective of your INTERMEDIATE GOAL.

If you set an intermediate goal today and you follow it through, the result is that at the end of the year, or about this time next year, you will be able to look back, see what you have achieved, and give a greater glory to your Creator for giving you the ability to accomplish your set goal.

Setting goals, as I have pointed out before, enables us to make progress in life. It becomes a yardstick which we determine in which direction we are heading in life.

I will tell you the story of Raimi A., a young man who, about this time last year, set an intermediate goal and worked strenuously to achieve it.

I met Raimi through a friend who took me to his shoe-repair shop in Ikeja area of Lagos. I noticed that Raimi had just opened the shop and there were only a few tools in it. But he radiated so much enthusiasm about his work that I decided to chat him up. He then told me his story.

He came from a family of eight. He was the first child. On completing his secondary school education in

PAUSE & THINK

"IT is the planner, the man who can make a practical programme and carry it out, that does things worth while in this world".

- Marden.

1987, the prospect of continuing in a higher institution suddenly fizzled out when his father lost his job and his mother, a trader who would have helped, was attacked by armed robbers, losing several thousand naira worth of goods and cash.

"All this happened around October that year," says Raimi. "And for the next four months, I was out on the streets of Lagos looking for a job, any job. But there was none".

Things remained pretty the same at the beginning of 1988. Then Raimi, believing he had to do something, made a vow to himself to be the master of his fate.

"I kept thinking of what I could do", he says. "Then one day, as I was still trying to decide what to do, I saw somebody pushing a hand cart through the street and collecting dirt from people who paid him for the service.

"Suddenly, an idea struck me. I could do the same thing and make some money too. As soon as I had made the decision, I went into action. My mother was able to provide me with money with which I made my hand cart, the only capital I needed to start.

"The first day I was looking awkward. But I soon got used to it. Then money started coming in. However, it wasn't what I would like to continue to do forever. So, after the third month, I decided I must learn some trade. I fancied shoe repair and was able to get somebody who agreed that I could come in for eight hours a day to learn the trade while I could spend the rest of the day to go about my job of dirt collection.

"After six months, I had got enough experience to set up my own shop. The money I was able to save while collecting dirt was what I used in renting this shop and buying the few equipment you see here".

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As you budget time every day, so also must you make allocation for different expenditures. Don't spend money first and then turn round to discover that you had purchased something you didn't need immediately in the place of what you required urgently.

In later lectures, I will expand on this very important subject. But always remember that to succeed in life you must budget your time and money. Always.

WINNERS NEVER QUIT; QUITTERS NEVER WIN

SENIOR,

I was poisoned sometime three years ago and one way or the other I have managed to vomit the poison, but my problem is that I developed a kind of a disease that some called sickle cell or T.B. It is like I have a sour, a kind of a sour inside me very close to the lungs. It leaves me gasping for breath all the time and makes my mouth watery to the extent that I am finding it difficult to speak some words. It attacks me once in a while and, each time, I will become thinner. I always feel some severe pains down my throat and axil-bone up to my head. How do I get a cure urgently even now that many hospitals have tailed me. — *Kehinde Taiwo Lagos*

Dear Kehinde,

You do not develop a sickle cell and sickle cell is not quite the same as a pronounced T.B. If you had typed your letter I may have told you I.B. is no problem at all.

You are not suffering from sickle nothing or T.B. Some forces are manipulating your life like a typist manipulates a typewriter. Your writing is strained with years of ultra-fatigue.

I don't think you can make much headway if you go looking for a native doctor because the same forces will alter your approach to



Your questions answered

the genuine ones that can combat the degree of their intrusion. Send an SAE, but first find a piece of an empty egg-shell hatched by a local hen and mail it with your self stamped addressed envelope to me. That'll ensure it doesn't get lifted on the way for 21 days, at least.

— Yours Naturally

I quarrelled with my boyfriend I had been courting for 2 years because he was befriending my friend His parents didn't like me anyway so I turned down all his pleas and forgot about him.

Now, two years after, I've had two other serious relations that suddenly turned sour for no reason

at all. Two spiritual churches told me I had a boyfriend who had done something; that I can never marry any man unless I go back to him.

Sometimes, I dream that somebody I cannot see has his face is having fun with me. I am beautiful and 25, this year. I want to get married and have a home. Is that impossible? Again, I have a step-mother who is very bad. Could she be doing this to me?

Please help before I kill myself — *Olu - Lagos*

DEAR OLU,

It doesn't matter if you kill yourself because you'll come right

back and start it all over again, anyway. You're lucky you wrote in your writing because your writing devines you like a plain mirror.

Again, you're lucky to have had some boyfriends; at least, you now know what love making is all about physically. There are women like you who haven't had a man look their way since their teens and they're clocking 40 and above.

Your SAE should reach me before this publication but I'll use this part of your letter for the benefit of other readers. You fall within the category of spiritual bigamists. I hope you know what bigamy is. You cannot owe bad debts and ask for more credit, just like you cannot eat your cake and have it, and that's not referring to your first or other boyfriends, or step-mother. They haven't done a thing to you. Screw the churches that tell those tall-tales.

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YOUR STAR THIS WEEK



"IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!"

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 20

You are under serious allure to take up an occupation you've once deserted. Why not? You are not too old for any challenge yet, and if not now, when?

TAURUS Apr 21-May 20

An omen to pay back in the same good gesture a friend once honoured you may lead you to a new discovery over the weekend and keep you busy most of the week.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20

Your luck would land you the company of some important partners and the envy of friends. Be careful about those you confide in.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 20

You call it "terminological inexactitude," we call it lies. Your inability to face up to the weakness on your part may torpedo your love boat.

LEO Jul 21-Aug 21

Seeking to please the people around, you accept an impossible job, the good, old Samaritan; your song, by the week's end, may be: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!"

VIRGO Aug 22-Sep 22

Your creative ingenuity continues to attract the attention of others.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Developments of Thursday and Friday may throw some spanners into your weekend plans.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 22

As someone warms his way into your life, you contemplate dropping your former partner in the sea. Take care.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 20

Domestic expenses are flailing up like the hands of an orchestra's conductor. Hopefully, an expected sum of money would come before the week runs out to bring you back to better moods.

CAPRICORN Dec 21-Jan 19

Last week's winning and dining retains its hangover making you more active at work and dependable at home. As you would learn in the last few days of the week the basic economic situation hasn't changed and the demand on the pocket is still nothing to be extravagant about.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 19

Don't depend too much on others while making your plans. You look gloomy on Tuesday and Wednesday, and this is probably from business disappointments.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20

You feel tentatively inclined to try other options about certain business moves you want to make in the week. In the end, men, rather than tactics will decide the outcome of your plans.

"WE are all born artists, or let me just say it's my family's trade. I didn't know I've started a career. The time I used to take a razor blade mischievously to shave my eyebrow, and my sisters will be asking me to shave theirs.

Later I progressed into cutting other people's hair with scissors that was when I discovered, I have the talent of making people more beautiful.

Though I really wanted to be an artist, I'm still on the line so to say, but it's just that I'm now making it real — dealing with people, instead of working with objects.

That my first experience — with shaving of eyebrows really spurred me on, and people were asking me to shave and cut for them; and before I knew it, I was already on the job.

There was a particular style in America, then in early 70s the 'Bob Style' People were coming. Infact some will save money to buy chemicals and bring it for me to make their hair.

Then professional chemicals came as hair relaxers and I was using it for people. This hair relaxers were made of lye and potatoes, the lye is a very strong chemical.

So when the public knew that I have the talent, they started asking me to do something for them, I then began to do chemical works with hair relaxer.

Up to this stage, I didn't take the job very seriously, because I also work in the music area as an entertainer and a writer. I discovered that the area needed a lot of sacrifice. That was the time, I sat to think about the type of skill I really have. I started reading books on my own, books that tells me more about beauty. With this knowledge, I got an admission into the American Styling School in order to get a licence for my job.

Funny enough, before I could get out of school, I was making lots of money. I was getting a reputation as a hair stylist, so proline Company in America just called on me. With them I developed the relaxer called "Soft and Beautiful". The Co-operation was concerned in giving me the support and sponsorship to go to different parts of the world to further my skill, and that had made me to visit different parts of the world — I've been to Canada, Paris, U.K., Nigeria and some other countries.

ME AND MY JOB

BY JAVA LEWIS

An American hair stylist



I'm in Nigeria for the second time now. I came here last year and the Co-operation had to send me down on popular demand. I planned to stay here to attend some workshop till the end of February 1989, working with Stardave; so that we can share knowledge together.

My job is very interesting. I'm lucky I have a job to do, for I always see myself performing things. I didn't even know I could do.

There are times I get tired because it's very hard to get on with the job, but I programme myself not to get tired. I've featured in lots of adverts both on television and billboards. I even appear on movies, as a stylist — like the movie titled "Dynasty".

I do everything related to hair, ranging from curls, perming, name them! But I like waves, so that's why people call me "The King of Waves".

Residing in Nigeria now, I would not be looking for a more comfortable place to stay and work than Stardave. For I think it's where I action is — you see lots of people coming in.

I'm making it, and happy I have lots to put in, because I don't have any other thing and when people are really looking upon me, I think I should give them what they deserve — the best!

I'm still single and I wish to marry a Nigerian lady; but not now! I have lots of things to do. ☺

Java Lewis spoke
to Doyin Lawal

WHAT HIS STAR SAYS

BORN February 3, 1960. Atanda Musa is an Aquarian. Making his first international appearance in the All African Table Tennis Championship in Benin Republic in 1976, the soft-spoken father of two has since won several laurels, including the Commonwealth singles title of which he is the only African holder.

Perhaps the zeal to return to his position as one of the best 40 in the world will dominate his thought this week.

A long call from home in Florida would be the thing to attend to first. Plan for a week of travels and emergencies and, of course, spendings too. By all means, it's a wrong time to damn others.



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KUBURAT

Birthdate: 21-1-67
 Height/Weight: 5-2ft/58kg
 Club: Nigeria Airways
 Ranking: Nigeria/Africa No. 1
 Nickname: 'Gbebe'
 School: University of Lagos
 Religion: Islam
 Hobbies: Driving, Travelling
 Favourite other sport: Swimming
 Music: Jazz
 Foods: Chines

BOSE:

Birthdate: 14-11-72
 Height/Weight: 5ft/45kg
 Club: Lennards
 Ranking: Nigeria/Africa No. 2
 Nickname: 'Muscle Girl'
 School: Surulere Secondary Sch. Lagos
 Religion: Islam
 Hobbies: Reading, Dancing
 Favourite other sport: Football
 Music: Funk
 Foods: Rice and Fried Plantain

HOT RIVALRY

Table tennis followers are in for another hot rivalry in the ping pong game - the type that may push the one between Atanda Musa and Yumi Zankole to the back seat.

Bose Kaffo, the 17-year-old table tennis whizzkid is closing in on Kuburat Owolabi, the queen of African table tennis very fast.

At the final of the All-Africa Table Tennis Championship sponsored by Bouravita in December last year, table tennis fans were held spellbound as Bose Kaffo gave Kuburat Owolabi a good fight for the number one spot.

Below are the assessment of the hot rivals by their colleagues and officials ...

Sunday Eboh (Former African No 1 seed)

NO doubt about the fact that young Bose Kaffo is Nigeria's most gifted player ever. I only hope she'll get adequate international exposure to exploit her talent to the fullest.

Playing only one opponent over and over again will not help her game. By the time she gets to beating Kuburat very well for instance, she may assume she had known enough about the game. If Olawunmi Majek were still around, her opposition would have benefited Kaffo the more.

Anyhow, the girl's still has her hands full of Kuburat who remains a good player and a worthy champion.



Sunday Eboh



Bose Kaffo still No 2 but stroking ahead.

Ayo Osofala (Sports commentator and tennis player)

Bose Kaffo is the most talented female player the country has ever seen. Presently, she is yet to gain enough exposure in the game, but what she lacks is experience, she makes up for with her dedication and agility.

Kuburat Owolabi is no doubt a skilful and rugged player. She has gained much experience in playing against the best in the world and you can always trust her to make daring come-backs when she is down. All these qualities will, however, not be enough for her to retain her No. 1 ranking if she relaxes for one bit.

This is because Bose is very capable of taking over in no time. I believe the close rivalry is good for both of them, and Nigerian tennis in general.

Ahaji Jubril Kotun (Lagos State Table Tennis Chief Coach)

I like the way Bose Kaffo came from nowhere to be giving Kuburat Owolabi a run for her money now.

When Olawunmi Majekodunmi was the reigning women champion, her success soon got into her head,

and it needed the threat of Kuburat to knock some senses into her. Now that Kuburat is No. 1, Bose has also been keeping her in check and both of them are now at par.

Naturally, however, Bose is destined to take over from Kuburat as No. 1 very soon, in fact, sooner than you can imagine.

Admittedly, Kuburat has caught up well again with her training and superb form, but with the youthfulness and dedication on Bose's side, it's just a matter of time, before the kid assumes the throne of women ping pong in this country.

Abass Ekun (National Player)

Nigeria is lucky to have both Kuburat and Bose playing for her. These two girls are much gifted in table tennis, and they will definitely perpetuate Nigeria's domination in Africa.

On personal notes however, I think Kuburat has an edge over Bose who loses concentration too often, especially when she's under pressure. Kuburat exudes the confidence which makes her a more complete player.



Bose (left) and Kuburat: Friends but foes.

But to say that Bose is extremely talented is an understatement. The girl is indeed a player for the future.

Titus Omatara (African Championships finalist)

I've always observed Kaffo's losses to Kuburat as resulting from carelessness and inexperience on the part of the former. Most times, Kaffo cannot determine which type of the opponent's serve to spin, and which to stroke. When she commits these errors of judgement, Kuburat is always waiting to punish her effectively.

Nonetheless, I'm certain that Kaffo will overcome her inexperience with time. Kuburat rules the present but Kaffo will reign in the very near future.

Patricia Offei (Ghana's women No. 1 seed)

Kuburat and Bose are equally good, and they play effective attacking styles. Bose however has a great future in the game because she's still

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Kuburat... beautiful and experienced



Bose Kaffo... pretty and talented

**Bose Kaffo
closes in on
Kuburat**



young. But she has a big fight ahead of her if she plans to snatch the No. 1 spot from Kuburat who is a rugged player anyway.

Nihal Meshref (Egyptian female No. 1 seed)

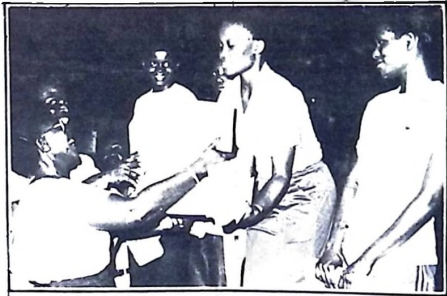
The two Nigerian girls are very good, but Kuburat is definitely better and makes a more formidable opponent, at least for me.

Bose is also skilful and has a strong fore-hand, but I can't imagine her beating Kuburat for some time to come.

Kemi Amure (National Female Player)

Kuburat exhibits more composure and puts her experience to maximum use when playing, while Bose exploits her natural skill and powerful fore-hand to maximum effect.

Both of them are good, but rather than compare them, we should pay attention to how best they could help win honours for Nigeria. Female tennis players in Nigeria need coaches of their ilk, and better facilities like the male players enjoy presently.



Kuburat here receives one of the trophies that made her No. 1.

Jacob Akinola (Sports writer)

Kuburat is a very dependable player, and she is No. 1 in Africa today because of her wide exposure. This, however, takes nothing

away from the fact that Bose is the most talented female player we've ever had and by the time she gains enough experience in the game, she'll become unstopable even for Kuburat.

About the rivals

ADILAT Kuburat Owolabi didn't become Nigeria's and Africa's No. 1 female tennis player by accident. She has been working hard for it.

Having started playing the ping pong game at a very early age, Kuburat won all the big titles the country had to offer in the junior and intermediate categories by the time she turned 14. Then, she vowed to become champion one day!

Today, Kuburat has indeed made it as Africa's No. 1 player, a feat she achieved at the African Table Tennis Championships held at the National Stadium, Surulere December, 1988. But rather than relax on the achievement of the first of her five-year-old goals, the University of Lagos physical education under-graduate is working as hard as ever before.

"I'm going to work harder for greater achievements," Kuburat says. And despite all the threat that Bose

Kaffo poses to her through Kuburat she vowed never to let slip her title.

"Bose will not catch up with me," she declares. "She is good and very talented, but I will always excel with my experience."

Bose Kaffo

Like Kuburat Owolabi, Akinola Jisteju Kaffo is now the teenage sensation of Nigerian table tennis. But unlike Kuburat who had to wait five years after turning sixteen to become African queen, Bose nearly snatched the coveted crown at 16 as she played a remarkable game to nearly upset the usually more composed Kuburat in the final of the African Championships.

"It'll be back," she says. "I lost the African title because of the anxiety of the emerging eventual champion overtook me when I was 2-1 ahead after three games. When I lost the fourth game at 21-19, I couldn't recover well from the disappoint-

SPORTSINFO

Uwe hangs his boots

Ex-Leventis United ace defender and skipper of the Nigeria's 1985 U-21 World Cup bronze-winning squad, Andrew Uwe is quitting football, the game that brought him fame. "I'm quitting football to go into journalism," Uwe told Sports Souvenir recently at Oyerri.

Uwe reveals that he has been offered an admission to read a four-year degree course in Mass Communication at the Alabama State University — the same school that Tajuddeen Disu, formerly of the disbanded Abiola Babes, attends.

Uwe who holds a diploma in physical education from the University of Ibadan however explains that he is not leaving Iwuanwanay Nationale — the club he played for last season — because of any mis-understanding.

"I've explained my situation to Chief Emmanuel Iwuanwanay and he understands why I have to leave" says the lanky defender. "He even gave me his blessings, because I know he will never block the path of anybody's progress.

"Moreover, I don't intend to sign for any club for next season, so its not as if I'm deserting Nationale for another club side." Uwe asserts.

Andrew Uwe's departure for the US may jeopardise his chances of playing for Nigeria again, but the six-footer doesn't plan to honour any call-up for national duty again.

"What is there to gain from playing for this nation?" he queries. "I'm definitely through with football in Nigeria, and that's the bitter truth", Uwe says with an air of finality.

— From *Taye Ige, Owerri.*

ment, and that cost me the fifth deciding game.

All I need now is to be able to control my nerves and keep my composure at crucial moments. I'm sure I can win the big ones too," says Bose with high hopes.

Bose's Kaffo's emergence as a powerful player has been awe-inspiring. After only two years in the big scene, she has appeared in the final of all the big events in the country, and even gone ahead to win many of them — notably the Gluyole Open '88 at which she beat former African Champion Iyabo Akumini in straight sets.

Despite the keen rivalry between Kuburat Owolabi and Bose Kaffo however, they remain fond of each other. Says Bose of her current superior, "Kuburat is a good sister to me, and I enjoy having her to play the doubles because she gives me tips to handle the opponents, while encouraging me to keep my nerves. It's just a pity that I will have to beat her to become the first African woman to win the big ones."



Our Brain Teasers Super Prize competition for ₦2,225 expired on December 23, 1988. The date for the draw, when decided, will be published. We thank all those who took part in the competition.

BY EHI BRAIMAH

MIND YOUR SPELLING
The words below are incorrectly spelt. Correct them.
corrigendum, corroborate

Fix Them
On a Saturday, Pat went to the market to buy a bat but returned with a mat.
-AT, -AT -AT -AT.
Underline the possible words you feel can fill the spaces above - one of which has to be abbreviated.

FIRST WORDS

Papa Ade sent his son to buy him a keg of palmwine. Ordinarily, it shouldn't have taken Ade more than five minutes to and fro. But he returned 30 minutes later. What do you think should be Papa Ade's initial reaction in not more than two words?

UNSCRAMBLE

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Find Out

which is the oldest political party in the world?

ODD MAN

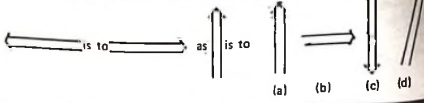
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Dr. Onaolapo Soleyé
Dr. Idika Kalu
Dr Chu Okongwu

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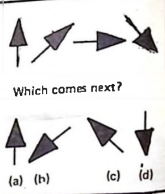
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Imagine you've driven to the North Pole. In which direction should you go to get home?

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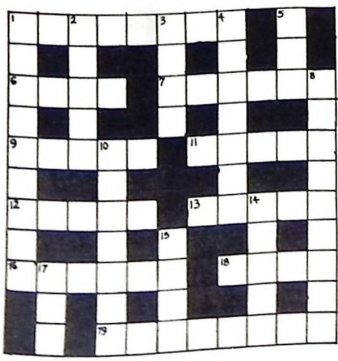
WHERE

In which state of Nigeria would you find TUNDUN WADA



Which comes next?

CROSSWORD PUZZLES NO 22



ACROSS: 1. Annoy (5) 6. Outraged (4) 7. Rashidun Mercenary (6) 9. The devil (5) 11. Sea and hold (5) 12. Pliant snake (5) 13. Fruit of the vine (5) 16. Morbid swelling (5) 16. Asian desert (4) 19. Send away (2)

DOWN: 1. Contain (3) 2. Respond (5) 3. Part of the foot (4) 4. High title (4) 7. Rashidun Mercenary (6) 9. The devil (5) 11. Sea and hold (5) 12. Pliant snake (5) 13. Fruit of the vine (5) 14. On high (5) 15. Malay (4) 17. (4) 18. (4) 19. Send away (2)

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

See if you can spot the ten differences between these cartoons



1. FIND OUT - Domestic party in the
2. MIND YOUR SPELLING - Diphthong
3. Diphthong
4. ODD MAN - Prof. Jibril Aminu. Not
5. WHERE - Tundun Wada is to be found
6. FIX THEM: The words at PAT, STAT
7. ABSTRACT REASONING: BAT and SAT (sounds for short)
- 8.
- 9.
10. UNSCRAMBLE: Mr. Bob Kwofie
11. CROSSWORD PUZZLE: You would have only eleven to get home as this is the North Pole
12. FIRST WORDS: He should ask Ade.
13. ODD MAN: Prof. Jibril Aminu. Not
14. ODD MAN: Prof. Jibril Aminu. Not
15. WHERE: Tundun Wada is to be found
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