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FROM THE EDITOR

HOW lucky it is to be married an understanding Nigerian man! To the world, Gladys Dzide is the pretty face, beautiful Nigerian Abiga of *Behind the Clouds*. She tells you that she has an understanding marriage that has lasted for twelve years. But Gladys, unlike the Madam Abigo type, angor on Nigerian men whom she says are too timid to approach successful ladies, Timid? Surely the menfolk right? Mind you, a lady's say that it's an opinion of a soap star and who else is in a better position to make such statements than a woman who has seen it all. She has worked with successful single ladies and she must have confirmed this fact from her experiences as an actress and producer. Well, Gladys is throwing a challenge. It's for you guys out there to react. Until I wonder why success brings so many pains. Even such vain pains as getting a husband... It's a real "the higher you go, the hotter it becomes" stuff.

Don't be downcast, Gladys is forwarding your cause, it you yearn for a husband. She even appeals to men to see how

with successful ladies are. Thank goodness Manarat Thatcher is retired. If her own stance was anything to go by, Gladys might have an already testy heart in her hands. But we are blessed with other successful like Corazon Aquino and Benazir Bhutto!

It is true that sultry singer, Mandy Brown Odebanjo, has left the country. What happened to Soyibenson, the one love of her life? *CLIMAX* has the inside story. It's juicy and well researched.

Our special feature, *Soyibenson's Story*, is just for you. **NEED TO READ THIS!** **NEED TO READ THIS!**

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Straight from the Heart

- ♥ **Femi** - Your thoughts fill my heart every second, minute and hour, and each time I have these feelings, I begin to wonder if I could ever let you go. - *Doyin*
- ♥ **Olu** - You mean so much to me that I force my life crumbling without you. - *Nightingale*
- ♥ **Fato** - I need someone to comfort me. Someone to help me get over my bitterness and I'm so glad that you're mine. - *Modinat*
- ♥ **Martina** - You're my dream of another heaven. I'll risk everything in my life only to love you forever. - *Chinedu*
- ♥ **Tola** - Sometimes I wonder if you'll ever come my way, now that I hardly see. I'll forever hold on to you. - *Arun*
- ♥ **Orioh** - I love you so much and I pray you progress in Jesus name. - *Julie*
- ♥ **Soyi** - Just to say I love, trust and adore you now and forever.

If you have any message for your loved one, write to Straight from the Heart, CLIMAX, P.O. Box 51404, Ikoyi, Lagos

How do they find lessons outside school hours?

Kids are intelligent lots and, usually, they perform very well in academics. To most parents, securing a good school, having high-skilled teachers is of much concern as they are pretty sure of their kids getting the best. But one gets to know of the unifying nature of these parents with the extra classes they still take time to provide in order to broaden the knowledge of their kids. The pupils of Royal Nursery/Primary School on Adeniranla Araba street in Oshodi, Ibeju area of Lagos, seem to appreciate their parent's concern when they talk about their extra lessons.

KIDDES PLATFORM

By Doyin Lawal



Kelechi Oyenize - 7 yrs
The teacher who used to come for our extra classes stopped coming after we complained to daddy that we don't enjoy his method. We found his teaching so boring that we used to sleep.

Funmilayo Dada - 6 yrs
I go up to join our neighbours for extra classes each time I return from school. The teacher is very nice. He comes with biscuits, sweets, to give anybody that gets anything right in the class.



Mabel Ujong - 7 yrs
I don't go for extra lessons, but I still read my books every evening. Daddy has promised to get us a teacher. We didn't allow him to rest because our neighbours already have one.

Obina Onshola - 6 yrs
I like reading a lot. There was a time mummy got a teacher for us at home but suddenly, the man stopped coming and mummy keeps telling us we drove him away. I don't really know how troublesome we are.

Eddy Ujong - 8 yrs
I like going for extra lessons because the teachers teach us what we've not covered at school. It's a good thing. Since I started attending the lessons, I've improved a lot in my studies.

Fajini Daba - 8 yrs
I like going for extra lessons. I've never missed it for a day. I normally get my homework from school done with the help of the teacher who takes me on extra lessons.



Al Humphrey Onyanabe presents

CLIMAX PEOPLE

TUS AGBAKWU CELEBRATES 50TH BIRTHDAY IN STYLE

YOUNG LOVE: Oss Sonny Adun and Oyinkan's joy was beyond words as they posed for *Climax People* on their wedding day.

THEY were the perfect couples, contentment etched on their beaming faces. Husband and wife enjoined in pastoral elation as business personality Engr. Tus Agbakwu celebrated his 50th birthday in the rose and lily scented garden of his Opebi Road stately mansion.

The kilometre long assemblage was led by President of the Senior Boys of Nigeria, Dr. Matthew Ethalomi (how do you do it sir!); Dr. Azu Ndukwue, personal physician to the Chief of General Staff (Psychiatric Doctor); Pat and Cynthia Ani of Peadi Drycleaning, still waiting for 1990; Steve Omole, Dr. Gbosi Onwemiri, Tunde Oremule, (M.D. Dr. Adinola); Dr. George Allohukwu; Vera Ifudun making a come back into society; Lexy and Lizzy Ajulo (with out the Pandora Box); Mr. & Mrs. Ken-Caleb Oluwase; Tonye Mc Duke and Tunde Amusa, Director of Flour Mills (Big Apapa Party giver).

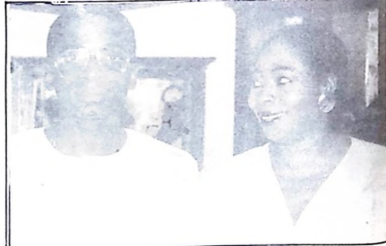
Refusing to deliver a formal speech, Engr. Tus Agbakwu, told me later: "Its just a figure, attaining 50 is not easy, its half a century and I thank God for letting me reach that age."

Pausing to put his thoughts together, he added: "This year, I suffered a lot of reverses both in my personal and business tortures and I'm now celebrating with close friends to help me forget bad times then and to thank God for being alive."

And what Engr. Agbakwu planned as a luncheon dove-tailed into an evening party for Senior Boys.



SAY CHEERS! Members Akinley, Jean Benoit and Ms Bose Oni-Okeke share deserved smiles during Sheraton Hotel's recent independence anniversary package.



TAILS YOU LOSE: The woman beside Barrister Segun Awolowo is not his wife (foolish you?). She's his aunt, Mrs. Austin Peters. Now how about that for ladies!

AND THE FIRST LADY CAME. If the First Lady visited the slums more often, methinks life will be better for its inhabitants. For three years visitors to the Victoria Island Motherless Babies Home swam during the rainy season, to visit the home. Two days to First Lady Mariam Babangida's visit to the home, workmen and tractors descended on and tarred the marshy road. Sheer hypocrisy!

THE WAITING DAYS ARE OVER

These four American-trained gentlemen, Chief Onyekachi Onyekwere, Henry Achiokwu, Dr. Tony Chigbo and Barrister Chika Nwokoko, directors of Gallup Polls have been waiting patiently. They've been waiting for President Babangida to announce the two registered political parties they've been waiting for now.

BIMBOS SHY LOOKS: Can anybody guess why former news-ster Bimbo Olovedun is looking so shy at Kissa nightclub? Chief Kevonson Igwe must have said something interesting.

What's their interest? "We are more or less," begins Chief Onyekwere, Chairman of the board, at a recent cocktail martini in Ikeja, "interested in political activities in Nigeria. We do image-making for politicians. We try to promote their ideas to the masses and more than that, we sample opinions in the commodity market, promote commodities and sniff like that. We believe we can break new grounds, we want to lead so others can follow."

Who are your clients? I asked. "We don't call names because we have clients here and there. We have a lot of gubernatorial candidates, presidential candidates, local council chairmen, corporate bodies, multi nationals, and business executives. We try to bring out the best qualities of our clients.

We accentuate these fine points and let the world see how capable they are."

ALL SAINTS YMCA CELEBRATES 10

The Young Men Christian Association (YMCA) of the All Saints Anglican Church, Ikosi, Ketu, Lagos, founded on 11th November, 1979, celebrated its tenth anniversary with pomp, fanfare and festivities at the church compound penultimate Sunday.

A special church service was attended by the Most Rev. T.O. Olufoyo and the Rt. Rev. Abiodun Adettiloye.

Since its formation, the association has contributed greatly to the growth of the church. It bought the first heavy duty generator now in use, presentation and decoration of Bishop's chair and was the first society to produce the first indigenous pastor in the church.



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: Fola's daughter Yemi and daughter at the concluded Motor Fair exhibition in Lagos.

YMCA president, Mr. S.O. Oladogba, assured the church that their solemn resolution was to continue in the true spirit of YMCA worldwide, embracing people of different tribes and to be of service to God and mankind.

WHO'LL BE RANGER OF THE YEAR?

As the national league rounds off, uncertainty reigns in the Rangers International Football Club camp, Enugu. Their worry is who lifts the coveted Best Ranger Award in this year's 3rd Ben Osi Umunna-sponsored Rangers Player of the Year award expected to hold at the Presidential Hotel, Enugu, on November 25.

Tipped for the valued award into which Chief Osi Umunna is sinking over ₦200,000, an insider says, are striker Ogechukwu Ajah, who has scored nine goals this season, left winger Donnan Alataze, Ejifor Okolo (skipper), Azuka Aramigha, Anigekwu (last year's winner) and Sunday Ikwor. The first prize winner will receive ₦1,500 with a gold plated trophy. Second prize, ₦1,000 with a silver trophy and a bronze trophy with ₦500 cash for the third best Ranger. They will each receive a return ticket to visit any state in Nigeria.

Majeke Fashek and Funmi Davies will entertain the players and Sports Minister Tonye Graham-Douglas that night.

NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

Schwarzenegger, the most complete man in the universe, predicted he'd marry his wife - 25 years before they met!



ARNOLD Schwarzenegger's amazing love prediction 25 years ago came true when he married the girl of his dreams, Maria Shriver.

Friends of the popular he-man actor, say Arnold foretold his marriage to Maria when he was still a little boy growing up in Austria, predicting he'd marry an American girl with dark hair who was smart, independent, and funny.

"That's Maria," says Arnold proudly of his beautiful news anchor wife. "That's what made me fall in love with her."

The movie star also knew for sure he would end up in America — because he believes he was an American in a previous life. "It was like reincarnation to me," says the burly actor.

"I always felt that if I had lived before, the place I would have lived would be America and I would have been an American."

Arnold escaped his tiny hometown in the Austrian Alps when he was 18 and swore never to return.

The ambitious young bodybuilder arrived in the country of his dreams penniless and alone, but he was never daunted by his booming America.

"America — land of big things," he laughs. "Big house, big land, big streets, big everything America — the place where you really achieve things if you work hard."

"I'm totally America. There's body more American than me."

Arnold, 42, became a US citizen in 1983. By that time he was already famous as a bodybuilder and making his fortune as an actor in movies like Pumping Iron and Conan The Barbarian.

The ambitious young body-builder arrived America penniless but he is now worth over \$25 million

"Becoming a citizen was another dream realized," he says.

"I felt so strongly about how much I owed this country for everything that happened to me."

He says growing up in Europe made him more patriotic than some native-born Americans.

"If you have to choose and compare, you're more patriotic because you realize American is the best place. I never would have done in

other countries what I've done here

"I never would have made the money, gone so far in bodybuilding, or in my own happiness."

Forbes magazine estimates Arnold is worth \$25 million. He even owns the 27 Cadillac he dreamed of as a boy.

His marriage has made him a member of the Kennedy dynasty. The Democratic family welcomed him despite his strong Republican beliefs.

Arnold is a buddy of George Bush and Ronald Reagan, and friends say if he sets his sights on the US Senate, he would be there in a few years.

Asked if he has ever set goals that eluded him, he replies: "No, never. So far, everything I have gone after, I got."

Surprisingly, success hasn't gone to his head.

"People say I'm always happy," he says. "The life I've had, I'd be sick in my mind if I wasn't."

Called from the Examiner

MANDY DUMPS SOJI

The inside story

FRIENDS CLAIM

- * She lost her baby
- * She was treated like a nobody and Soji was shamelessly unfaithful

LONG suffering Mandy Brown Ojughana has ditched her long-time lover, Soji Benson, for good according to her close friends. "Mandy waited for too long," says one intimate friend. "It all started from the release of her first album. She got no financial benefit nor enough financial relief for her live shows for which she was well known."

According to our source, "Mandy was a girl everybody wanted to see on stage because she put in extra hours to perfect her dancing and stage performance but about half of every kobo she made on campus shows always went to Soji's other girls." The source claims: "Soji used to send it, see girls flight tickets, got a car to pick them up at the airport and at times lodged them in prestigious hotels."

"It all got to a ridiculous extent," say insiders, "when Soji left messages with the gatemen at Faze 2 not to allow Mandy in whenever he had female visitors. Mandy used to cry a lot."

"At other times," an ex Faze 2 security man told *Climax*, Mandy was treated as a nobody. She was made to sign visitors forms at Faze 2 and had to wait at the gate for reply."

A school friend of Soji Benson retorted angrily to this accusation: "Who was Mandy before she met Soji," he asked.

He went further: "Mandy was a fat, frumpy girl who was always jumping buses to Ogbwa where she went to Nkono Teles to get her Demo cassette done."

A former staffer of Faze 2 told *Climax*: "Soji created Mandy. He gave her an image and he gave her the respect she enjoyed from the press." The Faze 2 former employee



□ Soji

□ Mandy

claimed: "Soji spent gruelling hours putting Mandy through her dance steps. Mandy couldn't dance before she met Soji. In fact, she had no image."

A family member of the Ojughanas said: "Mandy's pregnancy was a surprise especially when she named Soji as the father. Mandy never lived with Soji." The family source revealed to *Climax* that Mandy had always lived in her family home with her parents at Okota - Isolo area of Lagos. "Even during her pregnancy and after birth, she was with her parents," the family source further disclosed.

Matters got to a head, our source confirmed, when Mandy discovered after having her baby that Soji has a grown up daughter living in the United States of America and some other kids from another girl who is said to be a Bendelite.

A close relative of Soji Benson revealed: "Mandy cannot claim she did not know the girl who had those children for Soji. Everybody knew her and Soji told her about his kids even before their relationship kicked off."

He explained further to *Climax*: "It's unfortunate they lost their baby. If the baby had lived, all this

wouldn't have happened. Mandy is only frustrated. I believe it will get back together with time."

Contrary to public speculation, Mandy's uncle who says he is disgusted about the whole situation shockingly revealed: "The death of Mandy's baby was a relief from her bondage. Immediately the child died Mandy started counting her days looking forward to February 1989 when her contract which was signed in February 1986 would expire. Our sources claimed that Soji was still able to hold her and convince her to make another album."

Reports have it that the demise of the Mandy/Soji relationship gave a dimax when Polygram Records wanted to handle the production and marketing of Mandy's second album. Our sources: "Soji demanded a ridiculous amount of N100,000. Actually, the production was not a factory to Mandy. She then suggested that the tape be taken to CBS Records for better production. But Soji turned this suggestion down."

However, according to insiders, "Soji promised to take the demo abroad for re-mixing before putting it in the market. But to Mandy's surprise, the cassette was being hawked on the streets and she suspected only one person and it was Soji."

She finally took the bold step to bolt out of the clutch of Soji Benson when she discovered. One of her friends said: "Mandy told me that she was shocked at the release of the cassette on the street after Soji promised that it was only to sell at events all over the world. But her reaction of music lovers and its acceptability before proceeding to London for it's reproduction."

In my wife, I've found a friend and lover - Moweta

YEARS ago, nobody knew Nnamdi Moweta. Her name is Ebba Zosi, a girl he has been dating since 1974 during his school days. He says of Ebba: "I chose my wife because she is lively, intelligent and has a beautiful personality. In her, I have found a friend and lover."

Ebba is a student of Fashion Design at the Yaba College of Technology. The 31-year-old United States born promoter says she is a lover of challenges. He states sternly: "I have the mandate to deliver a world title belt to Nigeria before the summer of 1990. I also plan to storm the entertainment scene with giant reggae

hits in Africa and Europe. His first big

I have the mandate to deliver a world title belt to Nigeria before the Summer of 1990

plan and first main artistes billed for the proposed "Europe Storm" are Majek Fashek, Lucky Dube and Alpha Blondie. He claims that these singers from Nigeria, Southern African and Cote d'Ivoire respectively are well respected in Europe and America.

"When I took Fashek's album to America, some friends listened to it and thought it was Bob Marley. To them, Lucky Dube sounded like Peter Tosh while Alpha Blondie is in a class of his own with his root in reggae. Moweta continues: "When I met Lucky



□ Nnamdi Moweta

Dube, he told us Nigeria is one of its largest markets. I doubted him but when came to Nigeria, I went to the record stores and he was all over the place and selling well, too."

Moweta's big plans don't end there. He plans to take Dada Abiodun and Chris Mamba round Europe and America.

The President of Motherland Position outfit is also set to storm the country with new innovations in her music which he is more known for. To add to this claim, Moweta has mapped out his strategies which will encompass the setting up of a Nigeria boxing team in United States of America. "They will there and participate in major boxing events all over the world. Just like the Belgium-based footballers," he opines.

Nnamdi has discovered, so far, four Amateur boxers and two of them will be leaving to join his stable - The Motherland-Promotions after the world tour next in Russia. According to him, he will train in the United States and graduate there to the Commonwealth Games that is if Nigeria does not boycott the Games.

The two potential world boxing champions will leave the country finally for Moscow camp area Moscow James (21) from Nigeria who won gold medal during the world and national sports festival at the defunct Olympian Adewale Adesunju Salaudun Bashiru (18) who had been a basketball boxer. Nams Moweta before doing a gold medal during the festival...

DATELINE GBAGADA

The Priest and the Punk should

GO!

By
Al Humphrey
Onyanabo



□ Kumuyi's Deeper Life (above) and Charly's Punk Palace (right). Inset is Rev Kumuyi and he says stay blessed!

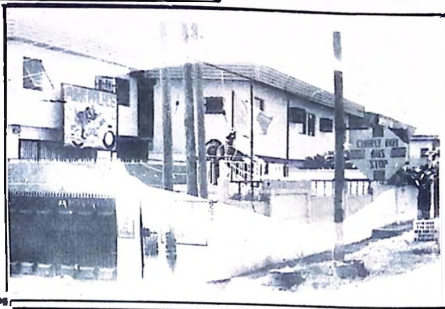
THEY are born in one corner of the sprawling and all-consuming city of Lagos. Gbagada, that is.

On one side is a former university mathematics teacher, Evangelist William F. Kumuyi, General Superintendent of Deeper Life Ministry, one of the largest ministries in Africa, holding five church services on Sundays. He is the man who claims to be ordained by God to cure and give salvation to the lives of others with his word. Thousands flock to his church, DEEPER LIFE Ministry, to seek salvation for their tired and weary souls. From everywhere, they come—East, North, South and West—crammed into old, rickety buses, singing melodious chorale choruses. Their voices ring with the richness, fullness and happiness only those at peace with their creator can explain. The more affluent of the congregation come in their cars; the not-so-rich and the jobless who can't afford the bus fare walk from Anthony or Oshodi Bus-Stop, all to see "this spirit-filled man" as one member said.

A large number of them come looking for jobs, few others seek improvement in their businesses. The women predominantly present, as in the city's over 2,000 churches, flock there for varied reasons and problems least of which is their own. They come for their husbands and their children. They pray that their children may score good grades in school; they pray that daughters marry good husbands; they pray that their sons find good wives who will receive them when never they could visit.

They come to seek penance for the sins of their husbands who drink all night long and beseech God to deliver them from the hands of women of Lagos of easy virtue. If by the time they finish reciting this long list of requests, the church service is not over, they quickly chip in one request for themselves.

"God me let me live old enough to reap the fruit of my womb." They are all regarded by unbelievers as extremists, sometimes distastefully as



Fela came to open the Punk Palace with his numerous wives and polluted the neighbourhood with Indian hemp, yet our children grow up here

And tucked in another corner of Gbagada is another hair-raising extremist. He is the son of a retired Supreme Court Judge who was sent to America to read communications. Although he completed his programme successfully, he came back with a black American wife, music and the lifestyle of wild Boy George of London combined with some of the eccentricities of Wacko Michael Jackson of the USA. Charly Boy, without even any verifiable claim to royalty, is now addressed as His Royal Punkness — an absurdity he immensely enjoys by the grace of the media, and his wife, 'Lady Di' (another non-hereditary title) who claims to have created the Charly Boy brand.

His house on the free-way faces two to stop and stare. A motor bike pointing skywards stands on the roof top of the yard's cubicle. At night, it is bathed in flood lights.

Few days after he moved into Gbagada from his father's 10 Glover Road, Ikoyi, boys'quarter residence because "I want to be with my people, the masses," he changed the name of the age-long Second Pedro Bus-Stop to Charly Boy Bus-Stop. He spent money to erect a big, painted steel sign-post.

A few weeks ago, neighbours saw a carpenter erecting a 14 sheet Bill-board on his battery. "What is he up to now?" they asked among themselves. They next day, an artist reproduced an impression of Charly Boy riding a motor bike with

"PUNK PALACE" boldly written on it. Said another puzzled on-looker: "I just thought this man had gone crazy. The night the palace was opened, Fela came with his wives in a yellow bus and 'polluted' the neighbourhood with Indian Hemp smoke."

Charly Boy's visitors do not stream in unorderly; they tickle in at the break of dawn — brow beaten, weary and bathed, damo-ocanties in hand, Artists who worst advise on how they can make a record also come around. Charly Boy's visitors do not stream in unorderly; they tickle in at the break of dawn — brow beaten, weary and bathed, damo-ocanties in hand, Artists who worst advise on how they can make a record also come around.

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They have disrupted our lifestyle
...we know no peace any more

SAY GBAGADA
RESIDENTS



□ YROOM...Says the Punk

As one young man pretty well sums up, "We don't want to sit on a bench without Kumuyi and Charly Boy."

But the question is: do the tax paying citizens of Gbagada, need these two people who have succeeded in changing their lives? Is it fair for peace-loving citizens to be bombarded by extremism and fanaticism? Kumuyi and Charly Boy are two of a kind and yet so different! Most of the residents complain because of the turn around of events in the Gbagada neighbourhood. Left to them, both Charly and Kumuyi should go!

Nigerian men are too approach successful

TO some, she is popularly known as Hauwa, a name she derived from her role in *Lynx*, a successful tele-drama produced by NTA Jos and screened network. To a million others, maybe 30 million people, she is known as Madam Abigo, after appearing in over 65 episodes of the Sunday evening soap-opera, *Behind the Clouds*.

In her tastefully and artistically furnished apartment located on Joseph Gomwalk Road in Jos, Madam Abigo, whose real name is Mrs. Gladys Dadzie, gave an open interview but refused to make public her private life. She quickly comes to the defence of female artists who remain single, saying "artists who stay single, especially the ladies, are still looking for the right men. It is not that they don't want to get married."

She readily puts the blame on Nigerian men: "They're too timid to approach a successful lady who already has every comfort she can get in a man's house."

"Once a lady attains a status in our society, the men become afraid to talk to her and the situation is compounded when people think that the lady has misted her period of marriage. I'm appealing to young

men to approach such ladies and discover their softness." Gladys insists: No Woman is born single. Every woman wants to taste the house of the man. The problem is that Nigerian men are just too scared of such ladies.

Taking a swipe at women who get out of marriages, the actress says: "Women who allow their marriages to break so that they can get out are heartless, especially if there are kids involved. Any marriage that will not work should be packed up before the arrival of kids."

Married with four kids and a staff of NTA National Productions, how does she react to her husband and herself being on location at the same time. "As the location manager, I run around when the kids are in school and before they come back, lunch is ready but I have a very good househelp who assists me whenever I'm on set."

Madam Abigo no doubt has plenty of admirers, especially men who would like to be seen with such a successful and beautiful woman. "I've experienced embarrassing situations but I politely tell such men that I'm married. I admire and reciprocate attention from my fans,

SAYS GLADYS DADZIE

I'm appealing to young men to approach successful ladies and discover their softness



married or not. Artists should not be snobbish as fans appreciate what

they're doing—that is why they get being indentified with."

SADIQ DABA

refuses new air rate...

They're forcing us to take their mass transit vehicle. I have an alternative - I'll not travel by their mass transit,...I'll go to Lagos by private transportation.

FOR over thirty minutes, Sadiq Daba found himself in a fix at the Jos Airport, for thirty minutes, mischievous and stubborn Bitrus of the *Cock Crowl Down* fame lived up to his screen name - he bluntly refused to accept the 75% increase in air rate announced by the government a few weeks back. His attempts to try a private airline did not work out either.



Sadiq Daba...stranded at Jos Airport

Sadiq Daba who stars as Oduka in the popular Sunday evening soap opera *Behind the Clouds* was on his way to Lagos. He had already planned the trip to Lagos where he usually collects his

monthly salary. So, armed with less than N300, he headed for the airport to purchase a one way ticket. He discovered that he needed N235 for his ticket and that excluded airport tax.

An apparently frustrated Sadiq Daba Climax: "It is now I believe that air travels are not mean for everybody." Reminded of his status as a TV star, he retorted: "Nigerian stars have big salaries but empty pockets."

In resignation, he reasoned it is not economically sensible for a salary agree like me to pay N670 on a return trip to Lagos. "How much do I earn in a month?" he asked in that guilty voice.

Sadiq explained that since he doesn't had to be collected from the NTA headquarters in Lagos, it would be very difficult to collect his pay from now, he said: "I'll now have to wait for some months before I can make a single air trip out of Jos." He came down however when he decided that his employers may agree to transfer his salary to Jos.

Sadiq points out dejectedly: "The forcing us to take their mass transit vehicle which are not comfortable on long distance journeys." "They?" Climax asks Sadiq got angry. "Look, I have what I want. I'll not travel by their mass transit I'll go to Lagos through private transporters." Thereafter he stormed out of airport.

timid to ladies

Everywoman wants to taste the house of a man. The problem is Nigerian men are too scared of such ladies.

For almost twelve years, Gladys has been married to the handsome, soft-spoken producer of *Behind the Clouds*, Matt Dadzie. How has it been as a married artiste?

"My marriage has been successful because I put God first and, besides, marriage is not all bed of roses. It involves a lot of perseverance and, in fact, it is not easy to be a married artiste, but since my husband is also an artiste, the problem was half-solved from the beginning."

The soap-star does not encourage single parenthood but advises. "Single parents must be strict and firm and be ready to answer questions from their children. They should not allow their children to become spoilt like Fortune of *Behind the Clouds*. An only child just like

Fortune should not be over-protected, otherwise he would become stubborn.

"Gladys Dadzie is a clean person who is strict. She is outspoken and God-fearing in these areas. Gladys and Abigo are alike. Gladys is not a lazy person who likes taking no for an answer. She loves hardwork and fights for what she wants in life because God only helps those who help themselves."

Without being fashion crazy, Gladys, like Madam Abigo, likes looking good in beautiful designer clothes. "My spare time is spent mostly with my children and I also read magazines and play jazz music which makes me feel good."

By Lucky Isawode

HE has enjoyed the comfort of a showbiz personality which somehow kept him out of publicity and controversies and attributes this to the fact that he is not newsworthy. Even in his love life, a gossip-potent part in the lives of many celebrities, he tactfully shrouded in absolute privacy, except for his celebrated love for singer Stella Momonye which sent many gossip columnists to work.

The recent tumble of his *affaire d'amour* with samba girl Stella Momonye however rebounds Tony St. Iyke, the "Okonkwo" of *Second Chance*, into public interest and probe.

Stories seem to have only emerged from Stella's end but Tony is cagey. "All I've read and heard so far are just gossips," he offered and insisted he does not deal with questions which have to do with his love life. Further questions about it could over-stretch his patience.

"I don't discuss my love affairs with anyone. Not even with my mother or father. That's my privacy. I don't see any reason why my love life should interest anyone," he says curtly with a philosophical claim.

Tony continued. "I keep stories about myself for my memories as, I have lost my anonymity. I don't

Those who have sex lives are those who can walk into a busy market and pick one for the night

want to lose my secrets as well. The setting of this discussion was the ritzy sitting room of *Behind the Clouds*' Director of Photography, Huseini Baba - Ahmed.

The early morning drizzle had set a mildly cold atmosphere. Looking jaded, Tony grunted in his deep throated voice: "I want a cigarette badly, men."

Amiable and modest though, Tony reveals a spirit personality and an unpredictable temper: "I'm terribly impatient and short tempered."

Queerness, amusement, diplomacy and shock are sometimes what you experience in an encounter with him. "Yes, I like shocking people. My ultimate high is when I trample on



□ Tony in the popular *URA* Commercial

TONY St. IYKE

'I love sex and romance'

people," he grinned.

Talk of what love and sex are, and in a split second, Tony's eyes lit up to reflect some desire and romantic consciousness. He re-adjusted his sitting position, blew out a thick cloud of smoke (from the second stick of cigarette), and relishly talked about what love and sex meant to him.

"The two are not different. Those who have sex lives are those who can walk up into a busy market and pick up one for the night. For those of us who cannot do that - those of us who like a bit of romance with their sex - our sex and love lives are one and the something - indivisible!"

"There has to be communication between us. When there's none, then I don't bother for an affair, that is to say I need mental stimulation from a woman. If I don't get it, then the affair hardly takes off."

"Within my peer group, I'm known for long affairs. That is because it takes me long to find someone I can relate with, and when I find her, naturally the affair will stretch out."

"I'm a one woman (at a time) kind of man. I don't know how to keep strings of girlfriends. It's not my nature. This aspect of me is not honesty, desire not to hurt nor fidelity, it's just my nature," he pointed out.

"Thirty-five years old, if there is a pleasure Tony desires, even after a romance is over, it is the good ol' friend continuity of the affair."

"I like continuity in my love life," he chuckled, "and my best friends today are my ex-girlfriends, married or unmarried. For as soon as romance is over, true friendship begins."

His full surname is equally reserved for him only. "My name is Tony St. Iyke," he says. The droll

he is, you will be asking for comical relief if you ask how faintly is the Iyke?

"I'm not a very religious person. I don't go to church on Sundays. But I know deep inside that the man Jesus has a very soft spot for me."

"In his lifetime on earth, He had

people like me for company. He simply came for people like me who are at least honest that we're sinners. He didn't come for the self righteous who want to prove him wrong by telling the rest of us that they're righteous. But Jesus already said no person, not even one is righteous," he chuckled again. "So when these people go about saying they're righteous, they're saying Jesus is lying," he said.

"I'm happy when Jesus came. He didn't go to socialize with the rabbis, but instead socialized with people like me. I like the way He lived and what He preached. His main messages were peace, love and forgiveness which are what I want to proclaim and achieve."

Before Tony St. Iyke would oblige a chat, he demanded assurance that his sometimes queer expressions be quoted and published without reservation.

Acting, what he is known for, is a self-taught vocation. "I never trained for it. In fact, I'm an educated illiterate."

For leisure, if any comes by, fat books provide him desirable company. "I'm a voracious reader, and when I don't have stuff to read, I go swinging lager with the boys," he states with a boyish grin and adds. "Please publish that."

By Toni Omega



CLIMAX WOMAN

Moji Danisa

TINA Turna wears them. Diana Ross will never step out of her door without them. Who says glamorous Cher has all that hair? Hairpieces are taking over the world. I know quite a few of us who spot them, but I'm not dropping names except that Marlene Onyocha and Bianca Onoh sometimes overdo it. Or don't you think so?

Now they even wear them in hair cream commercials — real cheats they are.

I wore them since I was nineteen. That was when jerry curls gave way to long, wavy hair. Frankly, sometimes I get tired of all the brushing. I tell you, wearing a hairpiece could be glamorous but it is a real pain. They tell you the more expensive, the less headaches when you wake up in the morning and think about brushing.

But I tell you that no matter how expensive my unnatural hair it gets into messy tangles in the mornings. I keep them because sometimes I like to cheat a little. I know thousand 'ho'll swear it's my hair. If you ask me, I tell you the truth, out if you want to guess, I leave you to your

conclusions.

Remember I told you I went on a fine trip some weeks back? I must confess that what wasn't fine about that trip was that I had to fight with my hair every morning. In fact, I did not enjoy waking up — beautiful day or not. The atmosphere was so humid that my hair got into these messy tresses in these morning. The tangling was a real pain... and I'll let you into another secret, I met this young man who happened to share my room — it was only a holiday stuff, mind you.

Well he was such a hunk, I had no heart to say no when he knocked on my door with a bottle of wine and a look of, 'Please let's have some fun'. He was lonely, I wasn't but I couldn't resist his down from the throaty voice, smiling eyes and hairy chest, so I let him in and we shared a room for three days. Don't ask what we did because I'm NOT the kiss and tell type. Back to my hairpiece.

Like every man his age, he wanted to know from minute five, if the thick 'Jack curls were mine and I said NO. He would have discovered anyway — he wasn't that dumb. Not as dumb as

Tell me what to do with my hairpieces



□ Hairpiece

some I've met. Well, when I found my hair in

messy locks in the morning, I always called this guy to do the brushing.

Roman Catholic millionaire native doctor declares...

HE is rich by all standards as a traditional native doctor. But he claims he specialises in curing mental cases and sexually transmitted diseases.

Chief, T.O. Omon Oteabihie tags himself the protagonist of native medicine in Benin City.

Climax drilled him in an explosive and exclusive interview on the credibility of his claims of curing mental cases. How assuring and perfect are his methods of treatment?

"Look young man," he began, "I've cured several cases of transmitted diseases. I can cure AIDS. I delivered a lecture at Ikoyi Hotel on AIDS and it's causes in March 1988. I've cured many cases which have defied Western treatment. I use herbs and leaves in treatment.

I'm a staunch Catholic. My work does not disturb my worshipping God

On mental cases, he says: "I've deaned the streets of Benin City of lunatics" The self-acclaimed Ph.D holder, brought out a letter written to him by Bendel State Government to rid the streets of lunatics harassing members of the public.

He also claims final medical students of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital's School of Nursing and undergoing tutorials under him. "I cure other ailments

such as barrenness.

What is the analogy of his practice Climax asked. Says he. "It is not supposed to be profit-oriented. The orthodox doctor don't possess the moral competence to chastise the traditional doctors.

Who is a healer? "A healer is a man who does good and is highly conscious of the misfortune of the patient.

"I got my powers from my



grandmother. My childhood days were extra-ordinary. I was brought up in a place not so civilized. My

do with

You'd have thought a hunk would have some sense on how to do these things — not him. He was a real Frank Spencer. (Remember the wimp in 'Some Mothers do 'em') This guy would brush like my hair was grass. He loved doing it, so I allowed him, but in the end, I always called him a 'good for nothing' big boy, but that guy did some real damage to my hair. Non-hair, I mean.

When we parted, my hair was so

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ELEGANCE IN ACTION

I had no heart to say no when he knocked on my door with look of, 'Please, lets have some fun'

scanty I had to tie a scarf. No regrets anyway. I actually enjoyed the damaging process. It was a holiday romance like I said... it's gone... maybe waiting for another holiday. A note of warning, if you want holiday romances (I recommend them), always have loads of condoms in your travelling bag. There's too much of this AIDS thing and Herpes in the pipes. Glee's the creep! Please take this warning seriously.

Anyway, now, I'm sporting

braids. Thought they'd be easier, but gosh! They are so easy because if I don't oil them, the curls don't come out fine. I wonder why I don't just dump the whole idea and wear my real hair — which I must confess is thick, black and flattering... but I have this very long hair 'ferfer' I don't think I can grow my hair as long as I want it, so the problem continues. Hairpieces are a pain in the head... I wonder why I wear 'em! IN CONFIDENCE, Oga most not read this!

clinks where we see the deplorable conditions of some of the patients.

They were sleeping on bare floors, chained and to any surface elsewhere, the place is like a pig sty.

He told Olinar that he has another hospital at Ogidi Quarters where patients are also taken care of. Olinar wanted to know why the clinic was in such a state. He explained that most of the comforts provided for the patients were destroyed by the same patients. However, some patients Olinar spoke to confirmed that they are recovering fast.

Olinar random check round the streets of Benin confirmed that chief Oleshielle was really trying his best. All he needs to do is to improve the living conditions of the patients. He has attended fairs staged around the length and breadth of the country. One peculiar thing too is that the Chief, herbalist is a staunch Catholic. His work does not disturb me from worshipping God," he says.

Chief Oleshielle has six wives and many children. He goes to church and dances regularly to the Roman Catholic Church. He says of his polygamous nature, "I went out prove the church wrong. There is nothing wrong in having many wives. I want intend to have more."

By Eric Dele Ikharia

I have six wives and I intend to have more. I want to prove the church wrong

grandmother nurtured me on the use of herbs.

"I went on errands for her and what ever leaves I touched became potent."

He claims the public gave him an inspiration because of his proficiency. "I received a sound education," Chief Oleshielle said.

What does the doctor mean by sound education?

"I've the ability to be master of myself and the environment, experience is the best teacher. I can analyse problems from people's surroundings.

He later showed the reporter round his

HOME TIPS

When sewing trouser hems, particularly children's, finish off every two inches without cutting the thread. This way the hem will not unravel if the thread is broken — G. Coates.

Taken from Woman

*Please send us tips you have discovered to make life easier for the housewife. Write to: Climax Woman, P.O. Box 51404, Ikoyi, Lagos.



DYSLEXIA

Does your child suffer from inability to read and write?

DYSLEXIA is a disorder of the brain which makes it difficult for some people to develop the basic mechanisms of reading, writing, spelling and, sometimes, arithmetic. It does not indicate backwardness or low intelligence.

Nobody knows exactly what causes dyslexia and any number of different factors may be involved. Intensive research has shown that many cases have history of similar difficulties in other family members. Other dyslexics have experienced traumatic births. Doctors also believe intermittent early hearing loss to be significant. Current research into the nutritional, environmental and genetic factors affecting the physiology of the brain may help our future understanding of the problem.

There is no 'cure' for dyslexia but it can be overcome to a great extent through early recognition of the condition and sustained course of remedial teaching. It is very important for parents of a dyslexic child to adopt a non-critical and supportive attitude.

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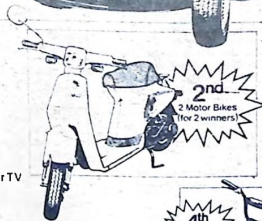
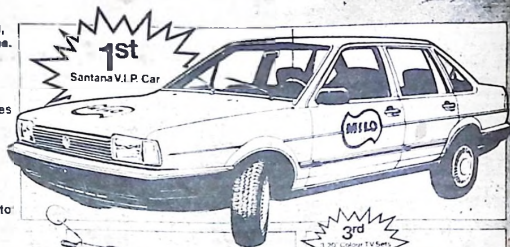
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Training your children in the way they should go so that when they're old, they won't turn away from it. — Contributed by the Marriage Counsellor.

MARRIAGE COUNSELLOR

The Column that
SHOOTS STRAIGHT
AT YOUR MARRIAGE
& LOVE PROBLEMS

CLIMAX We want you and your marriage to be happy... always

Q

The man whom I wedded two months ago is making life unbearable for me. He is so aggressive that he fights me anywhere. At times, he will lock me up in the room and beat the hell out of me. I'm afraid he might kill me one day. People living around us wondered how I did not get to know much about him before we wedded. I'm trying to divorce, him already said there is no issue binding us together yet [we were joined together in the registry] but immediately I made this known to him stopped. Will he pick up the stick again after a while? My family must not know that he beats me. Please advise.

A

CMC says:

Since you don't want the beating to continue, you have to inform your family about it. They may have a way to make him stop. Another thing you can do is to see his parents. Let them know that their son has turned you into a punching bag. No matter the repercussions, I don't subscribe to him stopping beating his wives. The ndags say strike when the iron is hot. Since marriage is "until death do us part," thing, it is now the time you should find a way of stopping the beating. I will give advice in favour of a divorce, since it does nobody any good. Go on and do it as I did, nobody any good. Go on and do it as I did, nobody any good. Go on and do it as I did, nobody any good.

Q

I wouldn't say I had a loose teenage life but I mistakenly got pregnant when I was in class 3 in the secondary school which led to my expulsion. I was later admitted in another school and graduated successfully two years later. Although, I've since made this a secret to be kept forever from my husband but to my amazement, my granny was reporting me to him a couple of weeks ago and she mentioned it. He later came to me to ask me. Although he was not back home, I was in Christ and annoyed the told me he was now in Christ and as such has forgiven me, but I would like to know when he will be back home so that I can tell him that we are getting along.

A

CMC says:

The only way to stop him from using the episode to settle scores with you is by not giving him reasons to do it. You can do this by being loving and caring. A good Christian should forgive and forget and since he is one, you have no cause to doubt his word. What happened to you was a mistake often made by teenagers. I should not be a yardstick to judge you now. So, forget it.

10 ways to keep love alive

By following these simple tips, you can make your romance last

THERE is more than sufficient hard evidence for the notion that falling in love is easy. Judging by the frequency of its occurrence, especially — but not exclusively — among the young, falling in love is a piece of cake. However, keeping the love light burning after Cupid has scored a bull's eye is a horse of quite another color and for many has proven a mission impossible. Only too many people discover that after an initial ride on love's dross nine, the just didn't work out, leaving them disappointed, depressed, bitter and wounded — sometimes for life.

This brings us to the weighty question. What can couples and individuals do to keep love alive and the romance from fading their relationship?

First of all, people seeking last romance must realize that there is no one formula for romantic bliss. If they look around, they'll find that most couples who have successful relationships usually have a number of positive things going for them.

They often are best friends as well as lovers. They trust each other, respect each other. They have seen their love grow stronger through good times and bad times.

They've also learned how to deal with problems that can lead to discord. They know the importance of keeping outsiders out, and working out their differences privately. They are sensitive to each other's job-related pressures, so they act accordingly.

Another way these couples keep their love alive is by appreciating each other. They never take the other for granted, and they are aware of common courtesies that can make a romance last.

Following are ten simple suggestions that, if followed, will help to keep her heart affluter and the glam in his eyes.

1 LOVE YOURSELF

Someone who feels confident, emotionally secure and physically attractive is more likely to sustain a best love...

Learn from the experience of a 34-year-old Chicago legal secretary who was wooed relentlessly by a handsome, successful lawyer. But throughout that whirlwind romance, the couldn't stop asking herself, "Can he possibly see in me?"

When he realized how much she admired herself, he began to ask himself the same question — "and a promise relationship ended before it really began."

Remember — If you hope to build something strong, it helps to start with the best possible material.

2 BE PREPARED FOR AN EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER RIDE

The first giddy, intoxicating phases of romance feel wonderful. Walking on clouds, bumping into walls and daydreaming endlessly about new "love of your life" occupy most of your

sure this is the romance to end all romances, and it feels wonderful to know that the warm, unprecipitated "rush" you feel will never come to an end.

Isn't love grand? While the first stages of love seem to be the ultimate high, the comedown can be equally devastating. All of a sudden you realize the person you've fallen in love with is just another human being. He (or she) has faults and makes mistakes.

Once you take off the rose-colored spectacles, reality will intrude. Make sure you're ready for it.

3 LEARN TO LISTEN

This is easier said than done. A person in love is a complex being who may not feel comfortable sharing innermost feelings with someone else. He (or she) may need a little prompting. Even then, what comes out of his (or her) mouth may not sound anything like what he (or she) intended to say. To further complicate matters, sometimes your mate won't speak at all, expecting you to be somewhat of a mindreader.

The key is patience. The more you learn about a partner, the easier it is to communicate.

4 LEARN TO TALK

How many times have you heard your spouse say, "I can't get him to talk to me," or "She just holds everything inside — and when I least expect it, she blows up?"

From the very beginning of a relationship, it's important that both parties learn how to talk openly about anything. Don't be afraid to discuss matters that may create conflict. If feelings of anger or jealousy rise to the surface, don't cool and then get them... into the open right away. It's better to say, "What you did made me angry, and I need to talk about it," than hold the anger inside until matters get blown

With all my love

*Kindly send a beautiful birthday card to my immediate sister, Mrs. Made Oyediji, whose birthday fell on October 26, 1985. — Lily Oyediji, Ibadan.

*Send a cheering success card to my cousin, Mr. Abisola Oyediji, to inspire and cheer her up in her advanced level final exams coming up soon. — Lily Oyediji, Ibadan.

*Send a success card to my only one, Shadé Orbanjo. She will sit for her exams soon. — Blum Charles, U.I., Ibadan.

*A success card request made for my darling cousin, Antimifem E. Ekere. I wish him the best of luck. — LA AKE bio, Unilag.



entirely out of proportion. Once you begin to talk, you'll be amazed at how much you're NOT saying.

5 GIVE THE RELATIONSHIP SOME ROOM

Although it's tempting to devote all your time and energy to "making it work," love needs lots of breathing space. Once the two of you are certain of your compatibility — physical, emotional and intellectual — it's time for you to step back and see how well the relationship grows on its own, without constant prompting and cajoling from each other.

To be continued... next week

Culled from EBONY

Yours Forever

Frustrated by many angels, I gave up ever loving again! Disarmed by your gold winning face, I surrendered. And since I've found you, I've found peace of mind. Whenever I'm confronted with problems, your suggestions work like 7 wise men's thoughts put together. Laura! Your rosy touch convinces me I've got the best. If I've to look for another lady, it means another Laura but from where? So, I'll forever be your man. — Contributed by Ben Chukwa, Auchi Poly, Bag 13, Auchi.

**YOUR
COULD
RY MOJI DANISA**

**Health is wise...
not dull**

PRIME TV is one independent TV station that has someone told us that Nigeria could produce problem-free productions. Their Family Menu is one huge success. Very good quality pictures, nice presentation, (except for the guests who, most times, cannot deliver their lines) and perfect audio. Family Menu is one programme I love to watch. Unfortunately, I cannot say same for Prime TV's other production, Health Wise. Oh course, it's got nice pictures and good quality audio but it lacks content and exciting presentation. That is not saying that Ethik and Kelly, the current presenters, are not doing a good job. What they need is a lively atmosphere, witty script writers with sharp scripts. Their presentation is not interesting. Dailings, we don't need beautiful faces alone on TV! Honestly, those two just have to go. Give it to those Kellys, can do it. She was brilliant in the soap opera, Milers. What I think is that her talent is not being fully utilized. Could be the same for the other girl.

Another thing that bothers me about the programme, Health Wise, is the content. The programme, for now, stunts and looks like a heavily put together job by a lazy producer. There is absolutely no content. What the programme needs is research. In-depth research, not just expert's opinions. Look at it this way, I know we are not in England or America but we could do something close to theirs. After all, we copy them in almost all we do. Foreign health programmes bring you film reports of how actually an operation is carried out or to be done; home, you'll be given real life examples of how to care for your baby. This, of course, could be put together. What I want to see is somebody demonstrating how forcing your baby to eat with his nose blocked could shake him. I want to know and see how a newborn baby is bathed - not just a glum-looking doctor explaining what UNICEF and EPI have been saying all the while!

Frankly, Health Wise must be improved to meet Prime TV standards. The monopoly NTA now enjoys MUST be killed, that is why I'm interested in independent productions. They might not make enough money now but with enough impact, I predict the existence of private Channels in the next decade!

**What Kessingheen
wants to know**

In this column, I mentioned sometime ago that the Kessingheen Hit Show was a shame. I'll tell them why. Presentation is zero. It's one long hour of dancing, with the presenter coming to blab some thing that you cannot interpret or relate to the programme nor the dancers.

The programme is done in such way that this moment a dancing spots a part and next he is wincing. It's a near outfit magic and something else. That is something else.

Why should a non-popular singer like Mustapha Amego be featured without introductions and twice too!
When these singers (mostly unknown guests) perform, we never get a dear audio.
Kessingheen has got the money. They have a good set for filming but their programme lacks creativity and direction! PERIOD. Reactions

Lyrics

**DEBBIE GIBSON:
ONLY IN MY DREAMS**

VERSE:
Everytime I'm telling secrets
I remember how it used to be
And I realised how much
I miss you
And I realise how it feels
to be free

Now I see I'm up to no
good (No, no, no)
Can't remember when I
felt good (Baby)
No I can't remember when

CHORUS
No only in my dreams
Not only in my dreams
It was only in my dreams

VERSE:
Couldn't see how much I
miss you
Couldn't see how much it
would hurt
When I saw you walking
towards me
And I forgot how it feels
to be free

Repeat Chorus

ATLANTIC RECORDS

QUOTE ME

"I didn't have any talent to be anything... it's a fact I had no natural gift to be anything, not an athlete, not an actor, not a father - not anything. I've really worked hard because nothing ever came easy

- Paul Neuman

**BECKY
MUSA WILL
DIE
UNLESS...**

Endowed actress Becky Musa, receiving treatment for cancer in London hospital is not out of the danger yet. And she might die if she does not receive about \$5,000 to continue her treatment urgently.

As it now, Becky Musa's treatment at London hospital PROMPTON and later MARSDEN has been successful until she started coughing out at lunch. An extensive report in the October 17 - 19 edition of Nigerian Home News, a weekly newspaper published by Nigerians for Nigerians in London, stressed that Becky Musa might die unless philanthropic Nigerians at home and abroad come to her aid.

Becky who has been in the UK since May 27 for medical treatment has already exhausted the \$5,000 President Ibrahim Babangida and his wife donated to her for treatment. The money has been spent on her operation and five courses of chemotherapy. She owes the hospital about \$5,000 and is expected to pay another \$1,700 for radiotherapy and her last course of chemotherapy. The six weeks radio-therapy treatment is supposed to be her final round of treatment after which she is hopeful she will be relieved of her illness, although she may still need to come to London for check ups. Converted to naira she needs about N53,000

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Becky Musa

All charitable donations to save Becky Musa's life should be channeled to Committee on Becky Musa, care of Association of Nigerian Theatre Arts Practitioners (ANTAP) Room 67 & 68, National Arts Theatre, Iganmu, Lagos.



THE PROPRIETOR OF CHINESE MANDARIN is now being invited to work from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (including 1.00 p.m.) and the way he used to work. He is now being invited to work from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (including 1.00 p.m.) and the way he used to work. He is now being invited to work from 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (including 1.00 p.m.) and the way he used to work.

UNEXPECTED VISITORS
Becky Musa's household must have been...
I want them back now...
I want them back now...
I want them back now...

At the press conference:

From L-R

Tony Obarofo,

PMAN

President;

Majek Fashek,

and Charles

Uwensyi

Edotomwan,

Majek's

lawyer.



Majek on the war path with Tabansi:

Pay me my royalties or I go

and invest the money, acquired from the sales of that album. Up till today, I have not received a cent in respect of overseas exploitation though I have evidence to prove that the album made impact outside the country."

Talking further, the rain maker also disclosed that there have been

threats to his life and those around him whom he ~~thinks~~ Tabansi assumes have evidence against them.

"Many well meaning Nigerians," he said, "have called on me at home to move around with caution because of an impending attack of Tabansi people. But I and I fear no foe as Iah will fight for the

oppressed. I wish to use this medium to warn the law and order in this country that if anything usual happens to me, my family or any or any of my personnel involved in this matter, Tabansi will be held responsible. I have also the blessing of some eminent Nigerians including His Royal Highness, the Oba of Benin.

LAGOS, Nigeria — As Art Alade took his place at the piano in the basement club known as Art's Place, the ratio of musicians to audience members gave him pause. There three sidemen on stage behind him and four people at the tables in front. The professional led Alade into a jazz accented Yoruba tune. It was the kind of thing Lagos was once famous for, a traditional rhythm blending with a piano style reminiscent of Earl (Fatha) Hines. The scattered guests swayed to the music, mouthing and echoing the familiar lyrics. When the music ended, Alade stepped off stage. "We're just trying to keep our heads above water," he said.

DISCOTHEQUE SCENE

Another Lagos Saturday night across town, in a restored building sporting a neon sign that reads "NiteShift", the seats were filled with Nigeria's elite, their gold jewelry and studded blouses glistening off the marquet table, while outside there were more parking attendants than there were paying guests in Alade's club. The computer controlled curtain peeled away from a thrust stage at one end to reveal Lagos' current pop music heartthrob, Mike Okri lip syncing the hit tune from his first album. These are the two extremes in what was once Africa's most vital musical centre. Taken together, they all but define the challenges facing Nigerian music. On the one side, economic hardship, and on the Western style commercialism.

In the last few years most of the live music clubs has disappeared from this city whose night life was once a byword. Springing up to replace many of them are discotheques like NiteShift, where the recorded music adds nothing to overhead, thanks to Nigeria's lax copyright and royalty laws.



Ken Odubo
Proprietor of NiteShift

Maitasine in West Germany

From Bidwell Nsofor
Mannheim, West Germany

all over the world have gathered to watch over a hundred films and also make their individual assessments in addition to that of a selected jury.

One of the films slated for screening is from Nigeria — MAITASINE. A flashback to the launching of this film in Lagos by President Ibrahim Babangida showed rave reviews in

This is also the case in Mannheim where everybody is talking about it. Everybody is now looking forward to watching a re-enactment of the religious disturbance in Kano from 1980 to 1982 when a fanatical group committed so much bloodshed that the city of Kano was almost deserted.

Allan Nsofor Santos Danata, the Executive Producer of the film, tells a dramatic and gripping story, crowd

the sudden death of Kalana, Maitasin's son, exploded and almost went out of control. The film, therefore, serves as a big lesson for religious extremists or fanatics."

Mannheim was not ill-prepared for MAITASINE. It was given a place of pride in the largest cinema hall. Explaining the festival's objectives, one of the Artistic Directors, Fee Vaillant, says: "Discovering new talents is MANNHEIM'S passion. Only a first feature film can get the 'Grand Prize of Mannheim', because West Germany's oldest film festival is the youngest as well."

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What makes Uwaifo happy? His wife kneels to greet him morning, afternoon and night!



SIR Victor Uwaifo (M.O.N.) is virtually a household name in Nigeria, at least as far as the entertainment industry is concerned. But one thing that gives Uwaifo happiness, apart from his successful stage crafts, is his beloved wife, Osaretin. "She is my source of happiness," he beams proudly. "Osaretin is the epitome of everything that is good. I'm lucky to have met a woman like her. She kneels to greet me morning, afternoon and night. Osaretin is the mother of Victor's youngest son, Alexander Osamudiemen. "She is the exact opposite of my former wife," Victor says appreciatively of his wife. They have developed an all time high chemistry of understanding and love for each other. Victor's wife tries to reciprocate all the good things



Sir Victor Uwaifo (top left) is always enchanted whenever the topic of discussion is on his wife Osaretin (above)

she says about her when she reveals: "My husband is very nice, generous and kind. A day without Victor in my life is a day wasted."

What if Victor decides to marry another woman? "I don't mind," Osaretin says. "I'm not the jealous type. If and when he

Glamorous Osaretin fell on her knees with head bowed to greet her husband

decides to marry a second wife, she would be most welcome. After all, he knows what is good for him and I know deep down in my heart that he would not do anything to deliberately hurt me."

Earlier on, when Victor went to wife to join us for the interview, she came into the living room with Alexander whom the dad fondly calls Guitar Boy. Before our very own eyes, glamorous Osaretin fell on her knees with her head bowed to greet her husband. "Gentlemen, Victor said, "you can now see for yourselves what I mean."

Without knowing it, Victor is a jack of all trades and master of all. May be this is one of the reasons Osaretin cannot do without the charm. Victor is a poet, sculptor, industrialist, music academy proprietor and lecturer, scientist and musician. And after a visit to Michelangelo Arts Gallery, he was no doubt that Victor is a creative genius. But Osaretin remains his hearthrob for a very long time to come.

By Segun Reri Jr.
Eric Dese Ighalo

It is true! I paid ₦0.35m to have a sex change

CALYPSO KING BOB ACTOR

ONE album in the market and Calypso King Bob Actor Brown has finally dropped the idea of becoming a woman due to "Elder's Vow".

But unlike Felix Lebarry whose mother's voice stopped him from changing his face to the replica of the First Lady's, Maryam Babangida, it is "religion" that has been able to put a stop to Bob Actor's sex change dream.

"The elders of the church (Olumba Olumba Obu) persuaded me to drop the idea and, since many of them have dropped by personally to appeal to me that the sex change idea and my present feminine look does not fit a Christian life,

I had to shelve the plan."

Asked about the whopping ₦0.35m, he was quoted to have deposited with a United States hospital as payment for "the sex change. Bob said: "I have already written to the hospital, intimating them with my latest decision and now I'm awaiting their reply."

In an earlier interview this year, the Calypso King was quoted as saying, "Religion is of the mind. God does not look at your body and judge you." He also argued that it is only character and not looks that makes a man.

Bob Actor says his much-awaited album is in the final stages of production.



"I'm still taking my time to put together a good and presentable chart—burst for my numerous fans," he promised.

However, he has put aside the album for the moment to concentrate on his Company — Sound System Production. And recently he incorporated a subsidiary — BAC International Limited — "to cope with the hard period."

Bob Actor who now dons an afro cut says: "I decided to drop my feminine posture like hair braiding because I'm just listening to God's command through the church elders." He capped it with a biblical quotation: "God gives, directs and commands as he wishes."



Bob Actor

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Day I was snubbed by
British royalty

FUNMI ADAMS

HOTTEST STUDS AT THE NTA

Who are they?

SHOCKER!

We tell you why
Omo Aikhomu
was rusticated
from University
of Sokoto

I'm a fish out of
water
without my
husband



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Mirror in the Sun was not
up to standard

Says Beke of the *Cock Crow*
At Dawn fame



EXCLUSIVE **CLIMAX**

Pen Pals

READER'S CLUB



Idiagbon is a true hero



Name: Prince Willie Gatenso
Address: Box 365, Odofo, Lagos
Sex: Male
Ambition: To be successful in life
Hobbies: Football, swimming, travelling
and movies
Best food: Amala and ewedu with fresh
fish
Wants Penpals from: Kuwait, Israel and
Australia
Personality: to meet someone I might
like to visit Israel
Favourite TV Programme: Wrestling
Favourite Comedian: Alvin
Favourite Actor: James Collins
Favourite Singer: Miki I. Ladike
Why I want to become a member: It is
likely to be associated with CLIMAX
Why I buy CLIMAX: It is the dictionary
of the society

PIKOLO

The exciting and romantic
escapades of a super stud



"Elsie, you have changed..."

"Changed? I don't understand?"

"I can't say for sure. But I can feel it! Everything about you is now
delightfully different. Your body for instance is as smooth as a baby's
skin. And what do I say? Ain't you really such a master-piece?"

"Aaaaassh...sh...!" Elsie drives tight into me. Oh my soul! I can feel
a crisp sensation right in my brain. Elsie is too much! She is presently
walking in a cyclic fashion about my private member.

"Uhhm...uhhmm..." she makes a series of soft sexy sounds. Her waist
continues its cyclic drive. Unabatedly. The way she appears to be twisting
her waist makes it difficult for me to drive harder. Hell! This bitch is
damned experienced! And sweet too. This is life. Real life.

"Pikolo?" she murmurs.

"Uhm?" I answer sleepily.

"You're simply wonderful..."

"Am I?" I laugh a little driving after her with as much gusto as she
comes at me. Elsie appears much livelier in her movement now. More
artistically fulfilled! Ha...ha...hal Don't ask me why I am laughing. You
call this rhythmic movement of sin fulfillment? Did I hear you say that
just now? Never mind. Elsie is simply great. Eight long years after, the
very friend you not the wuvval is still the same. Yet she seems to me the
verse embodiment of evil... Sweet evil...

Elsie is moving wildly now. For once it seems orgasm is being pro-
longed. It's better not to thrust into her yet. I move faster. Guess who is
about to take place...

"Pikolo... you are great... Will you marry me?"

"Marry you?"

"Yes... I need some active fellow like you all the rest of my life..."

"Really?"

"Oh Pikolo please... please... please!"

Now the battle is drawn. With blinding enthusiasm we cruise into each
other. Rapid violent movement of sin. Slowly the sweet sensation turns
into a cold realisation of wet shame... Elsie gasps rapidly.

For a minute or so we lie side by side, looking up at the ceiling. Stroking
my hairy chest, she says, "This is the reason I came back to you... But tell
me, Pikolo..." she lapses into silence.

"Yes, Elsie... I am listening..."

"Tell me, did you really forget me? Didn't I mean much to you then?"

I do not know what to say to her. Here is a girl who stormed out of
my bedroom eight years ago swearing she would ever look into my face
again. What do I say without getting her heckled up? I am still keen on
licking from her honey-pot.

"Elsie, I didn't forget you. Just that I didn't know how to reach you.
But I am happy you are back to me..."

"Pikolo, will you take me back?"

"I don't understand?"

"Now I don't mind your moving around with other girls. Just think-
ing we could still be regulars..."

"Why not?" I say squeezing her nipples.

"So can I have you when I want?"

"You won't understand, Elsie. I am a free bird, okay? You can only
have me when you want if we are married. But you know as well as I do
that marriage is out of the talk..."

"I know... okay. May be I am just in some stupor or something. You
know you really fucked me so hard just now. Don't blame me for forget-
ting myself temporarily. We can't get married that is basic. But let's do it
this way. I call you on the phone when I want you. So we'll have some
swell good time. Okay? I won't bother to keep other guys... cause they
are mere shadows! Who wants to have anything to do with men who can't
perform... What do you say Pikolo?"

"What do I say, my beautiful dancer? How you make my heart quiver
when you dance! So why should I refuse to watch you dance?"

"H'mmm, that's watery poetry, if you ask me..." she giggles.

"You can say that again!" I say pulling her close to me. My private
member is standing stiff now. I thrust deep into her and she whispers,
clinging to me, "Pikolo... thrill me...!"

CLIMAX TRUE ROMANCE

By Chim Newton Okpor



Why? Abany, you've been so cold all the time suddenly after we got married... Why?

Mareeta, Why worry when there is a shield in my bosom? Part(1)

ABANY is looking out through the window. His eyes appear fixed on some fascinating scene. The surroundings are dazzling with the naked sun pouring down mercilessly. What is he staring at? Mareeta wanders at the door of his study contemplating whether she should talk to him or return to the sitting. What kind of answer will he give this time? She doubts. Two years they have been married. What picture of Abany she formed in her consciousness? She can hardly say. "Darling can I have a word with you in the bedroom?"

"Why the bedroom? We can talk here, can't we?"

"Of course we can. I only thought it is not proper discussing my subject

in the room..."

"Yes go on. I am listening." Abany says, still looking steadily through the window. He has not moved an inch from that position.

"Oh Abany..." she lapses into silence for a moment and continues, "shall we go to the sitting?"

"Okay. I'll join you in a moment..." he says, still looking out of the window. Mareeta walks to the sitting shaking. Why is her husband so cold to her? What about her does he find so consistently repulsive? For two years they have lived together more like strangers than couples.

Time passes. Mareeta waits, shivering with smouldering bitterness. She really wants to pour it out on him. She has always wanted to. Every day, these past months, she has felt something tearing her heart slowing. How can she free her

herself from the turmoil that has engulfed her? Can she afford to blow up and give the public the impression that she has made a mistake? What will her friends say, particularly Morka and Chuky? Will they gloat at her misery? She will not begrudge them if they do. But they won't. She is sure. Did she not cast them away for Abany? Though they were such devotees. Oh she doesn't want to remember the day he came along. That day! no...

She can hear footfalls. She sits and wears an expressionless look on her face as Abany walks in, twenty minutes after she talked to him. He takes the opposite seat and looks straight into her face. There is nothing of hate expressed in those onion eyes of his, yes those eyes have a way of reaching deep into her and disarming her. They have been his

most effective weapon against her. "Yes what is it you want to discuss with me?"

She lets a few moments pass as she fights rough to control the turmoil rocking her soul. "Dear, I just want to ask your opinion concerning my food processing company. You see, in the face of these tough adjustment measures it becomes necessary to..."

"Marie, sorry for cutting you short. You know I have always made it clear that I'd rather have my hand in the running of your companies. I told you that right from the beginning, didn't I?"

"You did, and what was my answer?"

"That had no effect on my resolve, I am not a man who goes back on his words..."

"Abany, you are not being fair

You are supposed to be my band. If so, why must you keep treating me as if I were a total stranger? If you love me, why won't you be actively involved in my business — business because it has helped to keep us comfortable. Why? Ah, you've been so cold all too suddenly ever we got married... why? Mareta breaks down in sobs. As the key sound of her almost silent quish sails gently round the room, many gets up and walks to the window, stroking his beard. When Mareta calms down, he returns to his seat and says, "I want you to understand this. First I am not an opportunist and would never become one. You talked about our business how it has helped us. Yes, thanks to you. But always remember that I didn't marry you because I needed more comfort than I had before. Second, you said I have been rather too cold to you. Well, I wish I can remake my nature. Mareta is a very expressive person. Perhaps not in the way you'd have wanted. Like strobbing over you with kisses and talking such sweet nothings. No, I am sorry to disappoint you if that's what you mean. But sincerely I have more important things to do as an artist than cuddling and necking. For instance a while ago as I was meditating on the infinite beauty of nature which I wanted to reproduce, you came and made blur the picture. You call my constant meditation being cold? I really wish I can unmake my nature..."

"Let's face it, Mareta. Marriage is not a picnic at a seaside. It is a bed... on which you must turn on both sides always. It is not exactly a sweet dream. Neither is it a nightmare. You and I must be ready to adjust to each other's shortcomings. That way we will succeed in keeping sacred the marriage institution..."

Abany is such a glib talker; soft spoken though he can go on and on speaking. And he has nature on his side. A glamorous face which a woman can resist. A voice soothing enough to hold a listener spell bound... And a personality that makes him likeable even to his enemies.

Mareta really wants to love him, but he appears bent on discouraging her. Does he really intend to break her heart? This man she married though there were more respectable persons to choose from! Now why does he want to make her unhappy?

"You can't unmake your nature, but... but you know it! You are being unfair to me. How you make me look like some undesirable wretch! You simply do not care anymore... although I am a part of the furniture in your house..."

"Our house... in fact it is more yours than mine..."

How can you say



For how long will you weep, Mareta! Why must you weep for a beast? Can't you see he is just a beast with the look of an angel? You mustn't let him prod you any longer...

such an unobtrusive thing? If that is your impression, then I have every reason to believe you've never really loved me."

"Look, Mareta, I haven't said anything to make you come at me like that. Please I do not wish to quarrel with you..." he gets up and makes to leave.

"Wait! Abany..." Mareta says in a broken voice that trills of bitterness. "Why can't you show a little more love and concern? If you were this cold when I met you, would I have married you...?"

Abany looks her straight in the face calmly as though saying, "I didn't force myself on you, did I?" And walks away, leaving her weeping. After ten minutes or so, she walks to the bathroom and washes her face. For how long will you weep, Mareta! Why must you weep for a beast... Can't you see he is just a beast with the look of an

angel? You mustn't let him prod you any longer. He's bent on breaking your heart. That will please him a great deal... A tiny little voice whispers into her ears as she returns to her room. Yes, why should she keep on weeping? Why must she break down just because a man reminds her always that she has made a mistake. Looking into space she makes a resolve. "Yes I must make a steel of my inner being. From this moment a consummate stability must dwell within me. For I do not wish to kill myself because I made a mistake. Is there no way I can put it right? He has been trying so hard to find an answer to this question. The pride that was once Mareta's strongest point as an adorable person, is now a weapon against her. She cannot bring herself just now to give the world the impression that she has made a mistake. Especially after pulling to the limits

the cockles of many a heart. What will they say when they hear...? Then she will wear a rosy smile — on this face that streams with tears every night — and look so tenderly when a friend comes, such that she succeeds in creating the impression that all is well.

Oh what will her tomorrow be like? What is material acquisition without happiness... without rest of mind.

Thinking, she falls into a sound sleep. An hour later, there is a knock on the door.

NEXT WEEK

We see Mareta going through silent misery in her matrimonial home. An old friend comes visiting and excites a whole gamut of feelings.

SUCCESS UNLIMITED

PAUSE & THINK

You may be a spectator at a heart operation, watch a primitive tribe go to war or have a front seat at the coronation of a sovereign. Whichever you choose, you will be widening your mental horizons.

— Robert J. Lusmden

Wider mental horizons

TO increase your mental horizons, your zest for living and your general knowledge of life, you need to extend your mental horizons. You will begin to do this as you revive your childhood curiosity, the spirit which kept asking questions. By developing the inquiring spirit you will put yourself in the company of explorers, scientists and inventors you will come to understand the world in which you live, and that is the aim of all education.

Carry out the following suggestions.

CONSULT YOUR ENCYCLOPAEDIA

These treasures of knowledge should be used far more than they are. Much time, labour and money go into their production. Get set into your home at all costs even though it means buying it in weekly parts or by monthly instalments.

By Robert J. Lusmden

If this is out of the question, the reference room of your local library is bound to possess one. Look in and browse through it whenever you are passing or have an hour or two to spare. Better than browsing is to have several definite subjects to look up, so keep a list. Whenever a topic crosses your path which arouses your interest or about which you realise your shortcomings, let it down, so that your time with the encyclopaedia will be really profitable. The articles are always by reliable authorities and illustrations are plentiful and good. No field of knowledge or human activity is neglected.

USE YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The staffs of public libraries are invariably helpful and ready to place their

knowledge, time and skill at the disposal of the enquirer. Often a telephone call is sufficient. A poster in one library typifies the spirit of them all: "Whenever you want to know any thing, ask the public library to help you."

A library has unusual facilities for gaining information. Some of the staff, too, are excellent fact-finders. Remember, too, the remarkable network of co-operation which exists between libraries, making it possible for them to obtain for you — merely for the cost of return postage or less — almost any book you care to ask for. The notice board at your public library is well worth regular inspection. It will keep you acquainted with local cultural events like lectures and exhibitions, and also inform you of the activities of mental

VISIT MUSEUMS

Most of us have recollections of trailing wearily around museums with a school

party. Such memories tend to keep us away from them in adult years. This is unfortunate because museums have much to offer the curious adult mind, and they are much more attractive than formerly.

Make a point of revisiting the older, well-known museums, and be sure to go to any museum which comes within your orbit, for example, when on holiday.

In a museum, carefully labelled and interestingly arranged, are the fruits of years of discovery and research. Thousands of fascinating exhibits will add to your general knowledge and increase your understanding and appreciation of both your global and local environment.

Ideally, a visit should have a purpose, some particular objects to study or questions to answer. Most museums contain so much that you may be overwhelmed unless you narrow your interest. A hasty or purposeless visit yields little more than a general idea of what it too be found there.

Many museums arrange lectures and films, or provide current recorded, portable commentaries. Make use of these facilities.

ATTEND PUBLIC LECTURES

As a member of the public such lectures are free for all on the look out for posters advertising them — on station platforms and outside premises. Lectures and public lectures are arranged in the form of literary weeklies. Video bottles are responsible for these lectures, varying from nearby university to the horticultural or literary society. Subjects cover a wide range from education to Buddhist philosophy.

Admission to most is free at nominal charge only by night.

Most lectures run over at the end to answer questions from the audience. Overcome your fears and seize these opportunities. Never be afraid to ask questions they do not reveal ignorance so much as they show a lively and enquiring mind. Those who have made the greatest contribution to the advance have done so because they learned to ask questions. You will certainly widen your own mental horizons as you do the same.

Taken from 23 Steps to Success and Achievement.

WINNERS NEVER QUIT; QUITTERS NEVER WIN

"I DON'T use cannabis or any other stimulating drug, but that does not mean I have anything against musicians who use drugs to enhance their performance."

These were the words of controversial but very popular Benin musician, Osayomere Joseph.

It is no secret in Benin City that speculations are rife that the talented musicians who shot to fame in the late '70s with his first hit, *Efe Wado*, is heavily on drugs.

Osayomere, sporting his usual head-band and with obviously bloodshot eyes reacts to these rumours: "I never wanted to react to it but for you taking all the pains to really come to Benin."

Those who are making such accusations are only jealous of my God-given stamina. You see, I can dance and perform on stage for as long as sixteen hours non-stop and most of those other guys cannot even go beyond eight hours without ending up in hospital."

Continuing, Osayomere points out: "It is true that some musicians use drugs like coke and cannabis and other concoctions to enhance their performances but I don't belong to that class. I don't hold anything against such people. Human and physiological make-up is different."

Osayomere is of the opinion that Western musicians look down on African musicians who use Marijuana. "I think they're worse off because most of them use hard-drugs such as cocaine to enhance their performances. African musicians who use Marijuana believe in



□ **Osayomere Joseph** the philosophy of 'ROOTS' which signifies nature and naturalism. They use herbs which they believe comes directly from God and nature."

Whether his bloodshot eyes are natural or not, Osayomere's success cannot be argued. After his first hit, he built a beautiful house in GRA Benin and now drives a Mercedes 280s.

He is always in controversy. One of such was his song on the Obaship of Benin, *Oba na de go foforo*. The 38-year-old musician born under the birth sign, Scorpio, explains the reason behind the song which may saw as a slight on the highly revered Oba of Benin.

"People misinterpreted my lyrics. I

I'm no drug addict Says Benin music maestro Osayomere Joseph

Those who are making such accusations are jealous of my God-given stamina

was particularly irked by the negative publicity the Obaship in Benin was getting at that time. Institution of the Obaship and the Oba himself is a not a government but a natural endowment from God and I see no reason why the press should begin to publish such things as the Oba's salary and all such stuff. My work was a positive work."

Osayomere got himself into another controversy in the male dominated Benin Kingdom when he released his album, *Give women's Chances*. He was criticised for daring to suggest and even advocate a woman's liberation. The music maestro who started his career when he was in the Army remains undaunted. Says he: "I still believe that the male folk have failed the women. If the women should be given the chance to run the affairs of the country." The

musician even has letters he received from the Philippine Embassy as recognition for his efforts on the subject. I mentioned earlier, because Osayomere is the record.

It is whispered in some corners that Osayomere Joseph cannot do with making his mother in the village, even throughout. Some people say he got there for *native insurance*. He was just part of the rumours but have become a part of the life of the musician, just like his jerry curls, his hat-band and croch restling stage outfit.

Popularly known and called 'Uk Power' by night crawlers and 'Obaship Party' regulars, Joseph is married to children. "An Edo man does not count the number of his children." He says

By Felix Okogbo

A TANGO FOR LOVE



The Comrades (8)

AUTHOR:
C.N. OKPOR
ARTIST:
C. OBAJI

THE COMRADES WON'T LET RICHY EAT HIS CAKE AND HAVE IT. THEY CORNER HIM AND HAVE A WORD WITH HIM.

an see you are putting an airs. No need for that! Right? No need. We are sworn comrades. If you will only understand that. No going back, okay?

What do you mean no going back?

No heeding, okay? Just we are saying if you can't just ditch us like that because of a bite!

Now let's get serious. Remember as comrades we must share whatever we have together. Have we not been doing that?

Yes, why are you keeping the bit to yourself?

Now I understand. If that's why you are driving at, you've got to be joking... No way!

What do you think you are?

Who's a bastard? You son of a dog...

What else can he be? The bloody bastard that he is

I see your mother's are and shut your fat big mouth!

Any way. Ain't got anything with you boys anymore... I hope that's clear.

is that a joke or something? Look, Richy you will regret it if you do.

I mean it, I just realised that I have been wasting my time with a bunch of hoodlums.

Who are you saying that to?

New Dada you fix him up!

DADA SWEEPS RICH OFF HIS FEET?

I am going to beat you real hard, so hard that the bit on will take you for a monkey!

See, crazy you! Stop it. Stop it!

LANDS HIM ON THE GROUND

I will pound your face into a good hat!

Oh ist me off... and fellow!

Alright, Dada... I'll spare the bastard...

Now buddy, are you also here on walking out of us?

No going back on my words

Really?

RICHY DUSTS HIMSELF

Let him go

yes, let him go

Richy, you'll regret it. I bet you.

You can't do more than a lame duck.

RICHY LEAVES

So what next?

Go home and rest

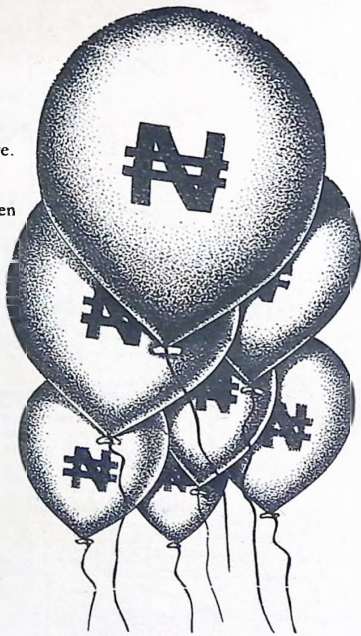
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WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

KINDLY help me locate the whereabouts of my best friend, Marylyn Ekpe (also called Mimì) last contact with her since 1987. She should get in touch with me. —*Tawo Akhamie, Bag 564, Benin City.*

Where are you now Ayishanu Waziri? Anybody who knows her whereabouts should let me know. Ayi is from Agie, Niger State, and we both finished from Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, in 1981. —*Bami Ahmed, National Oil, Box 707, Ilorin.*

Please link me up with these my friends — Kingsley Chidi Alozie, Batholomew Ejezic and Emmanuel Ikye Onyeka. They are all ex-students of Comprehensive Secondary School, Onitsha and I lost contact with them between 1984 and 1985. —*Achu Valentine, 1A Water Works Road, Abakaliki, Anambra State.*

I lost contact with a very close friend of mine — Mav Nwajei — soon after our N.C.E. course at Uyo College of Education, Cross River

State, now Akwa Ibom State. She hails from Ibusa in Asaba, Bendel State. She should get in touch me either directly or through CLIMAX. —*Olori Maria Oloboyo, Oba's Palace, Box 16, Kabba, Kwara State.*

I will like you to link me with Nkeinka Vivian Ibememen who finished school at Etche Girls Secondary School, Umuolu, Port-Harcourt. I was made to understand she's now in Jos with her parents. I will be grateful if she gets in touch with me either through Climax or to —*Roselyn Ayeaikito Alamuona, Care Roselyn Ezeabasi, 114 Victoria street, Port-Harcourt.*

I would greatly appreciate it if you can link me up with my childhood friends, Johnson Owonaru, Henry Owonaru and Edim Edim Ita. We were all students of Army Children School, Calabar, before I left for Lagos in 1977. They should get in touch. —*Lugman Anfan, Box 3029, Oshodi Lagos.*

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Do you like to link up with someone with whom you've lost contact? Where ARE YOU NOW? Complete P.O. Box 710, Lagos.

CARRY ON, LANRE

PLEASE permit me to recommend Mr. Lanre Bhadmus, the Chief Executive of Lanre Bhadmus Industries Limited, Ibe Alani Estate, Ibejo, Lagos for your Carry On column.

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YOUR WORD

THE NATION'S LIVELIEST LETTERS ARE IN CLIMAX

I WISH to commend Climax for publishing interesting and educative stories which make pleasurable reading. I also like your romantic stories, all these make the magazine first among equals.

However, I will like you to give more attention to foreign artists and actresses like you've been doing. Their photographs should also be published to complement the stories.

You will be doing us a great service if you give us more romantic escapades like Pikolo.

Finally, I will live to become a member of the Climax Pen Pal Club and I want you to furnish me with more details.
Stanley Brown, Box 928, Owo, Ondo State.

*Send in details about your self (as you find in the column) plus N30 postal order made payable to Complete Communications Limited. —Ed.

PLEASE I write to inquire about Mr Godwin Kienka's Tennis

Academy. I have tried to get in touch with him but I have not been successful and after reading about him in your magazine, I thought you could help me because I am interested in enrolling at Academy. *Jumoke Duyila, 81, Olomade Street, Alagomeji, Yaba, Lagos.*

*Godwin Kienka's Tennis Academy is at Lagos Lawn Tennis Club, Onikan, Lagos. —Ed.

I AM an ardent reader of Climax which in my own estimation is beautiful. It appeals to one's emotion and intellect.

Please could you enlighten me on the following.

How do I communicate other people that interest me through the Pen-Pal column? Also, I will like to know what it takes to become a member of your Reader's Club. *Seiu Ahmed, Box 2176, Ikeja.*

*See the reply to Stanley Brown's letter in this column. —Ed.

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by Chino Obani

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ARIES

March 21-April 20

You'll worry not a little about some of your immediate financial problems. You can conquer the circumstance by remembering that you've been here before.



TAURUS

April 21-May 20

Concentrate on essentials. There is less temptation on your pocket this week. You should be able to see ways of increasing your funds quite safely.



GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Unexpected meeting with a special person raises new hopes. Watch your emotion. It is no time to fall head over heels in love.



CANCER

June 21-July 20

Vibrations on the part of others may get you worried for a greater part of the week. Soon, events turn round to cheer you up.



LEO

July 21-August 21

You might be called upon to save a dire situation. You must remain firm while being humble.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb 18

Friday and Saturday may provide some disappointments.

YOUR STAR THIS WEEK



By Eric Dale Ikharua

THE THIRD EYE

Burn your seventh candle and watch your miracles come true. Remember to take care of other things while burning your candle, follow the cosmic laws of nature.



VIRGO

August 22-Sept. 22

Don't trust too much in your craftiness and ability to wander in out of romance. A carefree adventure can end in a sorry tale.



LIBRA

Sept. 23-October 22

Something exciting may rush in your life this week. Don't start at opportunity, let them flow down into your hands.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov 22

You'll break less plates in the kitchen and permit a great deal of insolence on

the part of others. You'll be at peace with yourself.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23-Dec. 20

Certain novets would prop up in the midst of fun to disturb a romantic week-end.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 21-Jan. 19

You may find yourself with an unpalatable assignment before the week runs out. This may cause you some worries. Enjoy yourself while the chance permits.



PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20

It's time to find out one or two new things about your partner, if necessary a "confrontational" way.

STAR LETTER

Dear Eric,

I'm Libra and very much interested in astrology. Can you tell me some of the characters of Gemini, Libra and Aquarius that is what they do, concept ideas or thoughts.

Miss Dupe Abraham, Ibadan Poly.

Dear Dupe,

Let me be straight to the point Gemini, Libra and Aquarius. They rule the element, air. In every way they are light, detached intellectual persons who, like the air, must be everywhere.

They love words, concepts, ideas, communication and abstract thinking. They think about things most people "feel" about. They are news bearers and play and role of "Amoeba" in the chart of the Zodiac. Information often gets to them first and they do a good job of spreading news and reports, facts and fiction. They are original thinkers and they could be quite creative in their words, language or beauty as these are their primary means of communication.

They are more than ordinarily alert about the environment with a sharp nose to smell whatever is going on. They are mental explorers. If you meet them at social gatherings, you will need their attention as they appear so green and pleasant atmosphere that everything revolves around them. If you do not start talking to them early enough, they will start walking up and down, greeting people including people they do not usually speak with.

Your Astrologically, Eric

Nigerian bizman transforms Liverpool



□ Ray Sefia

TOXTETH is a part of Liverpool whose people have remained isolated from mainstream employment, shopping, entertainment and recreational areas. It's people suffer from discrimination. Many young ones are forced to move away from

the community seeking new neighbourhoods with more amenities. They yearn to leave their problems behind them.

In 1981, the depressed and oppressed people of Toxteth burst into a frenzy of destruction out of frustration. That riot was to be tagged the Toxteth Riots of 1981.

After the riots, a group of residents got together to try to find a way of improving the quality of life for the people in the area.

Today, the chief executive of that body which called itself Toxteth Activities Group, TAG, is a Nigerian and his name is Ray Sefia.

Ray's transformation of Liverpool is so remarkable that the man tipped to be the next leader of the Conservative Party, Michael Heseltine, recognised him and praised his efforts. Heseltine exclaimed: "There has been a transformation in Liverpool over the past eight years. I come to the city every few months and there is always something new to see."

The handsome, light-complexioned Nigerian has this to say about TAG: "You could say we emerged from the ashes of 1981." What actually are the achievements of Ray Sefia as chief executive of TAG? He reveals: "The group which is based in Grove Street in a building leased from the University, receives no funding from the City Council. In addition to community services which include pensioners, luncheon clubs, a Parish Aid Home, there is a visiting programme for the edel and the disabled, as well victim support schemes. We also act



My time is time with you, you'll tell me who you are calling OFFICIAL BEGGAR.

as Employment Training Manager Ray, in his interview with a British newspaper, said: "We plan to open some retail outlets eventually to sell furniture and items made in our workshops. We are also discussing the viability of opening a small restaurant serving Afro-Caribbean food."

TAG also organises computer training course for the women, and has also established a sports centre.

Mr. Ray Sefia plans to visit Nigeria soon.

SPORTS INFO

*ECOWAS soccer for Ilorin

ILORIN stadium may host the next ECOWAS Cup competition scheduled to hold during the first week of December. This fact was disclosed to *Climax Sports Souvenir* by the State Football Association Chairman, Squadron Leader Isaac Otuwola.

He stressed that the State Football Association will use the challenge cup annual preliminary in Ilorin to impress the N.F.A. representative, Mr. P.O.C. Achebe, so that when the question of selecting venues arises, Ilorin will definitely get the nod.

*Kwara Sports Director on transfer of service

Mallam Ahmed Yahaya who resumed barely four months ago as Kwara Director of Sports, has transferred his service to the national level.

How is now to work as Assistant Sports Director, National Sports Commission, Lagos.

The appointment which takes effect from today is now given staffers of the State Sports Council concern over who will take over as the new Director.

Members of the Sports Council who spoke to *Climax Sports Souvenir* complained bitterly over the new posting of the Director.

"We all like him, but since his appointment is for good, we've taken it in good faith," some of the council staffers volunteered.

Mallam Yahaya who was a star athlete in the state in his hey days bagged Masters degree in America before coming home.

*Tunde Disu on his new assignment

TUNDE Disu who now heads the Kaduna Eagles told journalists covering the F.A. Cup competition in Ilorin that his new job is a challenge.

"Initially, I thought it was a demotion but when I consulted those that matter, I was proved wrong. That is why I took the job as challenge," said Disu in his American accent.

He also revealed that coaching in Nigeria requires a lot of sacrifice and that anybody who is ready to serve his country diligently must make some amount of sacrifice.

by bayour issah

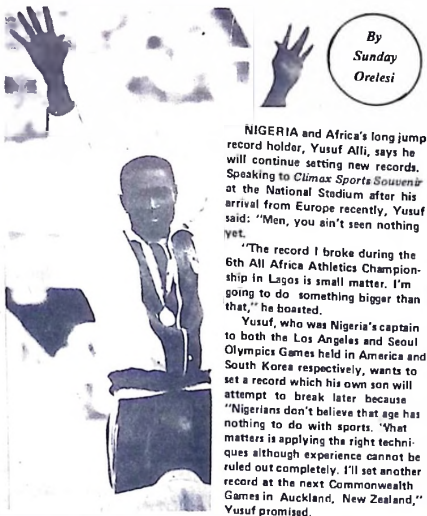
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SPORTS SOUVENIR

'WATCH ME IN AUCKLAND'

Long jumper Yusuf Ali promises to set another record



By
Sunday
Orelesi

NIGERIA and Africa's long jump record holder, Yusuf Ali, says he will continue setting new records. Speaking to *Climax Sports Souvenir* at the National Stadium after his arrival from Europe recently, Yusuf said: "Men, you ain't seen nothing yet."

"The record I broke during the 6th All Africa Athletics Championship in Lagos is small matter. I'm going to do something bigger than that," he boasted.

Yusuf, who was Nigeria's captain to both the Los Angeles and Seoul Olympics Games held in America and South Korea respectively, wants to set a record which his own son will attempt to break later because "Nigerians don't believe that age has nothing to do with sports. 'What matters is applying the right techniques although experience cannot be ruled out completely. I'll set another record at the next Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand," Yusuf promised.

SPORTS BUG

* Pressmen and Briuge Boys

SINCE Julius Berger Football Club escaped relegation, pressmen have not stopped visiting the office of the Bridge Boys at Ijora to see the chairman, Chief Daniel Idamu.

In one of the such visits, the chairman remarked: "Look, victory is good, the funny aspect of it all is that the journalists who were magnifying our problems are now coming to say congratulations. That's life." In appreciation, Chief Idamu presents Julius Berger souvenirs (openers, writing materials, etc.) to the pressmen.

* NFA boardroom and Mama Put joint!

ALL the interim committee members and junior workers of NFA love Amala plus Gbegiri soup. Their dining room is NFA boardroom.

Try visit the boardroom at about 12 noon, and see the aroma of Gbegiri soup that will waft through your nostrils. Investigation revealed that the staffers usually purchase it at Shito-Bey area, opposite National Stadium. Same Mama Put!

* Dominiguez on Erico's suspension



Joe Erico

Alex Dominguez

RANCHERS Beach Football Club Coach, Alex Dominguez, is not in support of Iwawanyamu Nationale Football Club management's suspension of Joe Erico. "Why should he be suspended," the Argentine quired. "Each time I stay up to two weeks in Kaduna, I feel crazy. I start looking for where to go. Kaduna is waa better than Owerri, a terrible place. And going to Lagos is not a bad idea because Joe's family is there."

"He grew up in Lagos, and I sincerely don't see anything wrong in visiting Lagos from time to time."

CX SS LAUGHLINES

By Charles Ojo

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SEND HIM OFF REF. IT'S HIS BALL WE'VE BEEN PLAYING!



STUPID QUESTION! WHAT DO U EXPECT OF A MATHEMATICAL NUT LIKE ME...HEH?!



Charles Ojo

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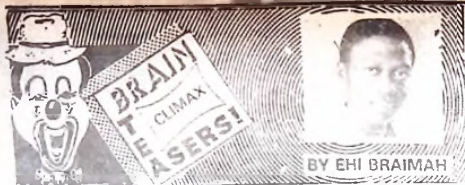
BET IT WITH ME...THEY'D STILL EQUALIZE!



Charles Ojo

HE HAS ALWAYS CALLED MY SHOTS POSSIBLE ON THE FIELD.





BY EHI BRAIMAH

Find the Partner

When the seven names — given in a mixed up order — are correctly placed in the horizontal lines, the letters in the diagonal line will spell out the name of the missing partner.

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TREVOR / ?

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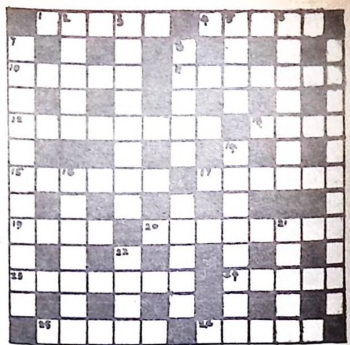
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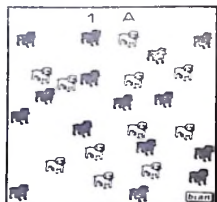
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DOWN

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