



The “Cash-Madam” MRA entanglement

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TINGZ**



**Hazel Mak & DJ Nathantunes,
love affair competition?**

Cliché but, well, age = a number

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The feature for this week's cover star had us thinking, is the adage, "the youth are the leaders of tomorrow," still relevant? Because hey, despite not actually visualizing it thanks to the 'rona and our failed former leaders, we're 6 months down in VISION 2020.

All those talks about us knowing we're bound to be the next leaders do not suffice anymore, we believe, because there has never been a better time to lead than now. One of my favourite lines (well, not a pick up line to get a girl) has always been, "the future is now."

All those "you're the leaders of tomorrow" inspirational talks should turn that tomorrow to today because the future, again, is actually now.

Other than that, felt quite sceptical to use the "age is just a number" phrase because 1. A cliché. 2? It's odd. Usually used by guys (or girls) justifying relationships with big age differences. But this time around, hear "age is just a number" and interpret, "I can achieve whatever I want despite being a young person."

No age signifies what you and I can achieve. However, before I turn this into a too-much-motivational-talk-edition, thank you, once again, for downloading a new edition of the FYI Online Magazine.

With that being said, enjoy the 10th edition of our online magazine.

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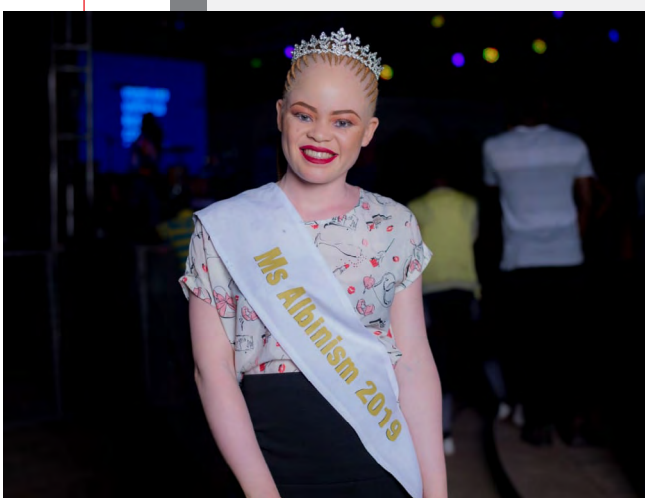
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5 RED FLAGS YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS TOXIC

By **Precious Hemah**

Here are 5 signs you're in a toxic relationship that show through changes in yourself. Do NOT miss these signs.

1. Friends and Family Don't like Who You've Become When with Your Man.

» It's a red flag when your family doesn't like your guy/girl, but that reaction can cut both ways.

2. You Become Unreliable and Inconsistent.

» When the man we love is inconsistent and unreliable, we can often mirror him, becoming unreliable and inconsistent with everyone except our Romeo.

3. You Do Weird Things to Manage or Affirm the Relationship.

» Anyone might predict a wonderful future for you and your heartbreaker if you can just figure out how to control him. Worse, you might rely on the wrong self-help book that affirms your choice to stay in your heart-stomping situation with the false belief you can influence your man by applying the tools presented within. The reality is, a relationship is only as good as the person who tries the least.

4. You Turn the Narcissist's Breadcrumbs into a Rustic Loaf.

» The longer we stay in toxic circumstances, the more we deplete our jet fuel and self-worth. Later on, we're giving the scoundrel credit for doing the absolute minimum to keep our relationship slogging along. Women trapped in soul-numbing situations are extraordinary bakers. They can take their chap's breadcrumbs and whip them into a rustic loaf because they desperately want to justify staying with him.

5. You Become Addicted to the Cycle of Abuse.

5 best celebrity couples

Yeah, you won't see that Jada and that Will love on this page – we're doing no entanglements here. But here are our 5 best celebrity couples.

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Meghan Markle and Prince Harry

4



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

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Chrissy Teigen and John Legend

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Beyonce and Jay Z

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Michelle and Barack

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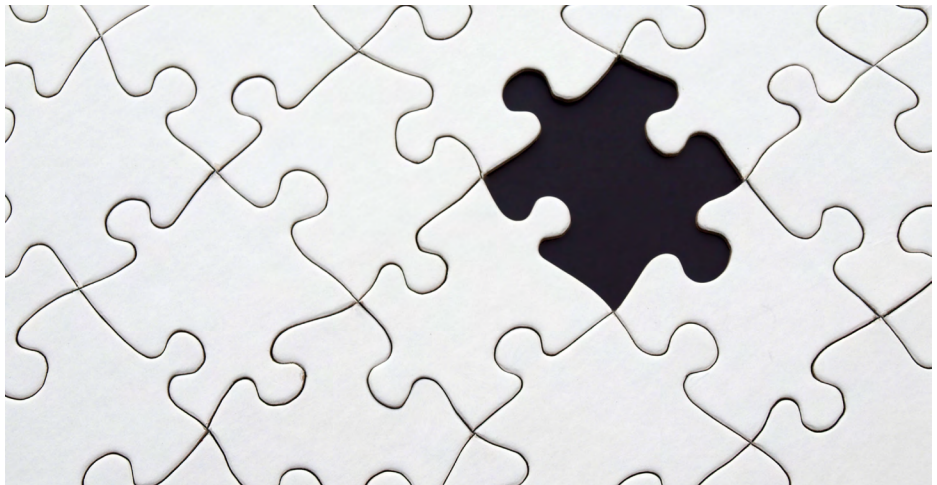
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Did you know?

QUIZ!



The richest man ever is African (Mansa Musa). He was ruler of the empire in Mali, born in 1280. He had an estimated value of \$400 billion.



- 1). You live in a one story house made entirely of redwood. What color would the stairs be?
- 2). What has six faces, but does not wear makeup, has twenty-one eyes, but cannot see? What is it?
- 3). How do you make the number 7 an even number without addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division?
- 4). Always in you, Sometimes on you; If I surround you, I can kill you. What am I?

Last week's answers:

1: a, 2: c, 3: c, 4: c.

Brief Gossip

Cash-Madam in an entanglement with MRA

Dorothy Shonga, popularly known as Cash-Madam, who rose to fame for... what made her famous again? Was it the Times Exclusive interview she had with Brian Banda, for saying she threw a divorce party to celebrate? Or, is it, for allegedly being in a relationship with controversial artist Tay Grin? Well, Cash-Madam is actually

an entrepreneur and socialist, owning a local branding and marketing company called D.C Brand Cloud.

However, one thing is certain, she is famous for all the "wrong" reasons, but you can't help but see the "queen" she is. This week was nothing short of all the controversy that usually surrounds her; as she revealed that MRA and

Malawi Police raided her house to verify a Range Rover, which the 'celebrity' has.

Well, details allege that Cash-Madam was given a contract to supply golf shirts to MERA at 75 grand each. The gossip around is that her brand was getting suspicious deals but, Shonga denied all these claims.



Creative of the week



Name: **Mtisunge Moyo**
Creative Industry: **Make-up Artist**

1. What inspired you to become a Makeup artist?

"Makeup, for me, has always been a passion. I see beauty in a lot of things especially people. Every now and then, on my creative side, I want to bring out the different facial features we have, using makeup. Everyone is a person of many faces. Turning my passion into a business was just a factor poured out from my very own entrepreneurship skills."

2. Seeing that a couple of females are venturing into the makeup industry these days, what makes you stand-out as a makeup artist?

"Makeup is a way of expressing myself as an artist. It's a way of life as we are all inspired in different ways. I'm a champion for green perspectives in the sense that I work with organic products. Ensuring the health of my clients is at optimal and equally they get inspired and give back the some love to the environment."

3. What are the challenges you face as a young Malawian creative?

"Firstly, finding the right shades for every girl in Malawi is not easy. The goal is to ensure customer satisfaction; to work with different shades and accomplish them all is a hustle at times. The makeup industry is still lacking in high melanin shades. Another issue would be finding capital. Makeup is not cheap. To find a sponsor is rare. As much as it is good to invest in yourself, it's hard when you are working with change money."

4. What's the vision you have for your Make-up artist brand?

"My dream is to one day run my very own cosmetics line. I want to own a place where Malawian women will turn to, for their affordable cosmetic needs."

You can reach her on **0881534455** (WA), **@Beautylounge_mw** (FB) and **@Beautylounge_Mw** (IG).

Figuring out your best look

by Mayamiko Chiwaya

Looking fashionable is not always wearing the trendiest, most expensive clothes or mastering some complex style. Fashion certainly doesn't exist in clothes only; it also has something to do with how you can transform ideas from your head into your outfits. Sometimes you have trouble in your routine in selecting an outfit and nothing really appears to work; most times because you just don't know what's best for you.

Being able to dress chic and stylish can be an everyday skill that can be difficult to master. This might just help you look your best every time you step out of the house, pay attention.

First and foremost, you need to value style and image. It will be difficult to bring out the best look for yourself if you don't value dressing. Books are always judged by their covers so; you have to know that appearance matters most especially when it comes to giving first impressions. The way people see you at first glance leave behind a story. Mind you, your style and image have to work together with what your society or culture deems acceptable. You certainly don't want to dress in a manner that leaves everyone talking about you on the streets.

Secondly, well-fitting clothes, please. Frankly speaking, you won't be able to get into that dinner party wearing your daddy suit or your mummy gown (well, if I was hosting the dinner). The rule is "if it doesn't fit and cannot be adjusted to fit, don't buy it." If you want to put on something loose, however, you have to balance the top and the bottom. For ladies, wear a loose top with a well-fitting bottom and vice versa. Guys on the other hand; have a well-fitting suit and the length of the jacket shouldn't cover the back of your butt.

Thirdly, you need to level up your foot wear. The saying, "good shoes take you to good places," hits home. So, stop wearing slippers all the time and get yourself some good shoes. They say, "You can judge a man by his shoes," so how do you want us to judge you?

Lastly, and definitely not least, dress with a sense of maturity. Dress in a way that will earn you respect not shame. Ladies, avoid clothes that show too much skin and gents, nothing can substitute a decent outfit.





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Entanglement or embarrassment?

BY Zindzitswa Mvula



I got a banter text from one of my friends asking, “Are you in a relationship or you are in an entanglement?” I responded with a meme that said, “Entanglement is for rich people”.

According to the urban dictionary, Entanglement means a romantic or sexual relationship between two people, especially one that is outside marriage. Let me share my two cents from what I took after watching both interviews between August Alsina and the Smiths (okay recap: Jada, Will Smith’s wife, had an affair with August Alsina).

August clarified that he did not want to be called a home wrecker for destroying Will and Jada’s marriage and he expressed having feelings for Jada. Well, to Jada, you ask? It was simply an entanglement. If you ask

me however, nothing wrong with Jada using the word cause hey, you’ll find it in the bible as well (2timothy 2:4). At the same time, FYI, I am not trying to condemn or judge Jada but just trying to give a foundation on how Jada used her euphemism to convey what was supposed to be a waiting decision; she chose someone else while on their separation, but from the Red Table interview the two had, you can tell Will is hurt even though he said, “Am going to get you back... bad marriage for life.”

When you fall in love with someone, you cannot just accept a fraction of what you once had. It was predatory and self-serving to August Alsina because he had a lot going on and Jada took advantage by introducing him to the love and romantic vibes that

she could not sustain. All this shows is, when getting into serious relationships, we need to check ourselves and deal with our own issues before trying to help others.

I also noted female privilege taking into account as far as the Jada-August situation is concerned. Jada was 41 while August was 22. Imagine the backlash the Fresh Prince would have had if he dated a 22 year-old girl?

As far as I can tell, this has nothing to do with being in an entanglement; it’s just pure embarrassment; which is a situation most Malawian couples find themselves in. I’ve also seen memes that asserted that in Malawi we just call each other “bestie” while we’re getting other benefits. But again, an entanglement is nothing but embarrassment.

Small Ntha doing big tingz

BY Gary Samati



The old and odd adage, “age is just a number,” makes a lot of sense when you hear of young Ntha. An almost 2000 baby (born in 1999), having so much going on already. One of her many roles, you ask? A Project Manager for the up and coming Malawi Hip-Hop Awards, being implemented by Gwamba.

In a nutshell, Nthangwanika Kondowe is a finance student, an artist manager, brand ambassador, creative director, an entrepreneur, and events coordinator for By Ntha Media (it just so happens, well, that she works with a different Ntha – but we will get to that later).

We met up with the multi-tasked creative, who produced her first documentary at the age of 19 – and just started artist management this year, on how she’s handling all that business (and more) at a young age:

Q: What challenges do you face the most and what’s your favourite thing about being a young artist manager?

“I’d say the most difficult thing about being a young artist manager for me is that I have to prove myself twice as

much just to get a foot in the door and then continue to prove myself after that in order to get a seat at the table. I was bummed out at first but now I’m just up to the challenge. Alternatively, I love the fact that I’m young, it makes me more willing to try new things, almost like I have nothing to lose.”

Q: How well is the artist management industry represented in Malawi?

“I think the artist management industry in Malawi is still under construction. Artists are still trying to understand how to use their managers (if they have any). Managers are vital members of any organization and I feel we all still have a lot of trust-building to do. We need to get rid of all the superfluous rules. Ask ourselves why do we do this and why do we do it like this.”

Q: How do artist managers benefit in Malawi?

“I’d say the bigger fish definitely have monetary benefits but all my artists are still growing and thus any money made is reinvested into the artist. Media passes is one benefit too! Lol.

But generally – as your artist grows so does your bag.”

Q: How has working with Miss Nthanda Manduwi nurtured you?

“My personal Beyoncé! I owe her so much. It’s crazy how much I’ve learnt in the short amount of time that I’ve known and worked with her and yet I know I still have so much more to learn. I’m truly inspired by her, and it’s really helped to have her guidance. They say experience is the best teacher but I’d say listening to Ntha trumps experience for me. The way I see it, you can either learn from your mistakes or you can listen more, and learn from those who came before you.”

Q: So, having so much going on already, what’s next for you?

“Whatever life throws at me I guess. I’m working on so many projects already. I would like to go back to school and get that degree at some point but for now I’m super content where I am. I have purpose, and I don’t need anything more than that.”

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Eli Njuchi
[pronunciation]

Two questions, have you ever watched The Book of Eli? How would you pronounce the word Elli?

Point is, Eli Njuchi is pronounced "Eh - lie" Njuchi.

URBAN LANGUAGE MISTAKE

Wrong: I look forward to meet you.

Right: I look forward to meeting you.

ASK SIBWENI



"Dear Sibweni, I am a young man struggling with motivation. It seems the more ambitious I get, the more I fail to achieve anything. Worse still, the coronavirus (with schools being closed) hasn't helped in any way - I feel really unproductive. What's the best way to deal with losing motivation?"

Motivation, just like entrepreneurship, is a tricky topic!! We have examples of people who built empires from nothing.. aaaand we also have some people who couldn't build anything though they had Ka young capital with them. Just because you're struggling doesn't mean you're failing... you're learning by doing - The lessons alone are your Wins.. Asking Asibweni this question is a Win because you refuse to give up! Now, break your ambitions into long-term and short-term goals (you may even break the short-term goals into lil workloads too...) One brick at a time raises the height of the wall.. you'd find that some bricks break and are not used in the process BUT some broken pieces tend to be perfect fits pa angle inayake - take the broken pieces as your lessons during the struggle..no? It's a stretch? Lol anyway, in life, find the courage to let go of what you can't change. When you stop worrying and complaining about what you can't control, you have more time to change the things you can control. It may not be the best way but that's one way to deal with your problem - let's get it!!!

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Beauty that shines - the Miss Albinism queen

BY Elita Soko



'The glass is half full' is the attitude Miss Albinism Malawi, Chikondi Kanjadza, radiates. Jovial, friendly—she is the kind of person one easily connects with. In a country where, she notes: "people have a negative attitude towards persons with albinism," Chikondi recognises and is constantly pushing for others too to recognise that persons with albinism shine through their talents, capabilities, beauty and the positive impact they have on society.

Thus the '*Kukongola Kowala*' social media awareness campaign was born. The 24-year-old Chancellor College student and her compatriot Bennet Phunyanya, the current Mr Albinism Malawi, inspired by this year's International Albinism awareness day theme, held the '*Kukongola Kowala*' campaign on various social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Whatsapp) for the whole month of June. Under the campaign, people would send pictures of a person with albinism they know, or if they are a person with albinism, a picture of themselves, with a caption on how they shine.

The coronavirus restricted the use of more physical platforms for the campaign, but Chikondi points out

that the initiative has had a positive impact, as they were able to reach about 15,000 people.

"We were also happy to see that the campaign also reached out to people who are not Malawians," says Kanjadza. "Some of the participants were from Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mali, and Tanzania, just to mention a few."

She too shines for plenty of reasons. A Social Sciences, Gender studies student, Chikondi is passionate about helping and empowering vulnerable groups. She recently became an ambassador, on volunteer basis, of Smile Action International, an organisation whose aim is to empower and promote people with disabilities, the less privileged and orphans.

Her being Miss Albinism Malawi is in itself another form of activism. Chikondi observes that a lot of people with albinism, particularly girls, have low self-esteem and a negative self-evaluation because of the stigma they face in society.

"The presence of Miss Albinism beauty pageant is for me a great deal because... it helps change people's perceptions [of] people with albinism because people start associating [them] with beauty."

Chikondi hoped to use the Miss Albinism beauty pageantry to help end discrimination against people with albinism and help empower young persons with albinism. She believes she is achieving this as she has helped change the mind-set of youngsters who looked down on themselves, and helped them build self-confidence.

There are still some miles to be walked however; having a Miss Malawi with albinism for one -- this has never happened before. Chikondi has considered entering the national pageant before, explaining she is confident she has what it takes. She however points out that she has never seen a person with albinism take part in the pageantry before, explaining she does not know why that is the case.

Nevertheless, with the awareness campaigns currently present, there is hope. Both for persons with albinism to have enough confidence, recognise their own beauty and join the pageant, and for organisers to ensure that there is inclusion in the national pageants.

Positive as always, Chikondi shares this optimism: "I hope the coming national beauty pageants will incorporate persons with albinism and that persons with albinism will be willing to take part in such".

Understanding drug repurposing in the fight against COVID-19

by Andrew G. Mtewa, Medicinal Chemist



The emergence of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) brought a lot of questions, anxiety and fear amongst many all over the world. One of the questions that everyone, including scientists and drug researchers are trying to address is to find a cure and/or a vaccine against the disease.

One word that has been all over is the attempt to use drugs that are used against other diseases to manage COVID-19. Hydroxychloroquine, an antimalarial drug, was once famous for the same. This is called drug repurposing. Drug repurposing is loosely the study of an already existing drug with an intention to have it used for different therapeutic purposes from the originally intended one(s).

Drug repurposing is not new, it hasn't been suggested during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has always been there for over 30 years now. Viagra is a common success story of drug repurposing, originally designed

to treat hypertension and angina, but during observational studies, it induced penile erection as a side effect. In the present day, it is on the market for other purposes.

Firstly, let me assure you that it is normal for drug discoverers to consider repurposing existing drugs particularly when the need is so pressing and indications are there that the drug may potentially work on the other disease. The normal process of developing a drug from initial stages is very long (about 10-17 years) and costly, with many early stages not sure of success. This already becomes clear that a drug intended to cure COVID-19 is less likely to come from this path as the disease demands urgent intervention now.

On the other hand, repurposing a drug takes a shorter duration (about 3-12 years), which can even be made much shorter (risks and all other things equal) to allow for rapid research and associated administrative processes to the market. But why should repurposing

be an option? I will mention only two for now. Drugs that have been in use are already known of their properties, behaviour and safety issues over the years. For the fact that they were approved for use, there is a high chance that they have been de-risked and may require much fewer checks to fit in for the other purpose. At this stage, the drug's safety profile is well known and poses a very low likelihood of failure in most aspects of drug properties.

As most of the early drug discovery steps aren't necessary, the developers save huge amounts of money by choosing the repurposing option. Currently, there are tens of drugs being studied for possible repurposing in the search for a cure against COVID-19. Obviously, not all of them will make it successfully as a drug due to several other details that aren't the scope of this column. One sure thing is, someday, we shall have a breakthrough.

WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

Here is a recap of 4 things that happened this week:

1. President Lazarus Chakwera, a former evangelical preacher, invoked God in Covid-19, encouraging Malawian citizens to join him in a three day prayer and fasting programme. Did you join in?
2. Norman Chisale, APM's aide, was apprehended for fraud charges, and money laundering allegations. Well, first Mtopwa 1, now Chisale, who is next?
3. Dorothy 'Cash-Madame' Shonga was put on blast by MRA, raiding her residence to verify details of her Range Rover and ML Formatic cars.
4. Corona Virus cases, as of 16 July 2020 (10hrs15), are at 2,614 with 1,005 recoveries and 43 deaths.

Inkosi Kachindamoto VII

BY Gary Samati



I think of her, I think of David. The bible tells us about how a young David rose from being the last born in his family to defeating a giant Goliath while originally delivering food to his brothers at the battlefield; before being named king.

This is the story of senior paramount chief of Dedza district. Born in 1959 as the youngest of 12 kids; 7 boys and 5 girls. Theresa Kachindamoto (her birth name) was born to a father who was the paramount Chief of Dedza until the time of his death when his first born son took the title before being succeeded by the second born of the family after his demise. At the time, Theresa was an administrator at Zomba Theological College after she had been one of the students at the college. 27 years later, the youngest daughter of the deceased paramount chief of Dedza was chosen by a delegation of her tribal royal family. Her second brother, her predecessor, had passed away and the Elders Council had chosen her – the youngest of the family – to be the paramount chief. Recap: a classic David-Bible story.

The traditions in our country,

the sick traditions, then became something she wanted to bring to an end. A lot of Malawian traditions promote sexual abuse. A study done by UN Children's Fund, UNICEF, once revealed that one in five Malawian girls is a victim of sexual violence, as is one in seven boys.

In a district deeply rooted with traditions, Inkosi Theresa faced a lot of challenges but, filled with all the determination she needed, she started by breaking off a marriage of a 12 year old girl. She then gathered 50 sub-chiefs, who paid her lip-service and did not follow her instructions at first, as she asked them to use their powers to annul the existing marriages and put an end to the practices. The sub-chiefs who kept resisting were eventually fired; as in her last name, "don't play with fire" (Kachindamoto). And so, as the fierce queen she is, she went on going against one marriage after the other, in a door-to-door campaign until a lot of marriages were broken off. With her efforts, the parliament passed a law in 2015 forbidding girls to get married before the age of 18.



Hazel & Nathantune's couple affair competition

An affair competition or just a coincidence? Well, a recap, music artist Hazel Mak and Dj Nathantunes were, for a while, in a heavily publicized relationship. All of a sudden, next thing we know, both are dating new significant others, with Hazel talking about, "I will one day share my story [of why I broke up with the Dj]." Well, reportedly, the artist's label stopped her from tweeting about it.

Nonetheless, it looks like the two are in a "who's happier competition," cause hey, right after Hazel Mak posted a picture with new hubby, smiling, our favourite dj went to the studio with new bae, and posted "happy" pictures.

Efforts to reach both Dj Nathantunes and Hazel Mak for a comment proved futile.



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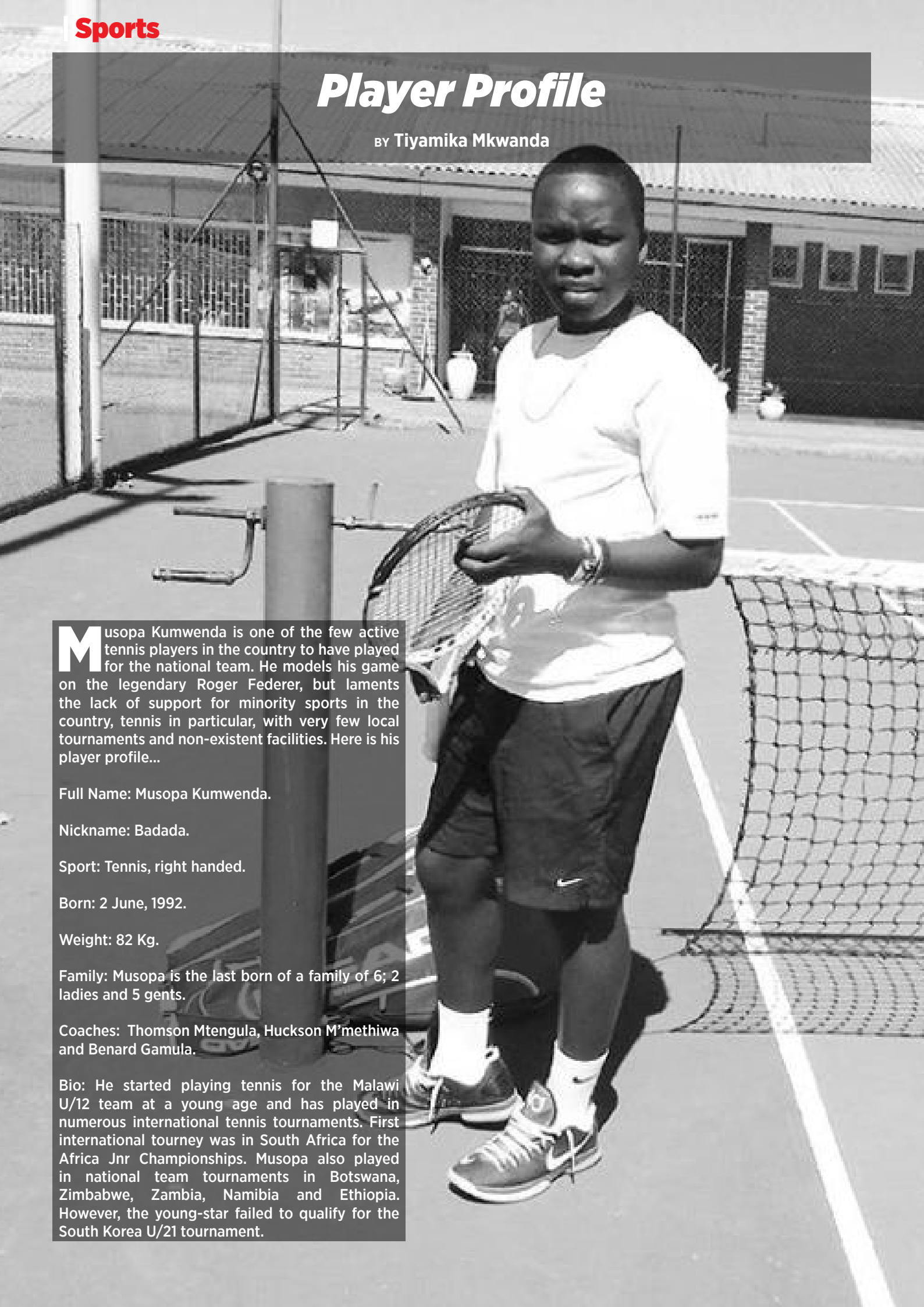
How a joke backfired on one Twitter user this week – who supposedly doesn't know the difference between gender and an ethnic group.

We've addressed this situation before, we believe. The slander thrown at tumbukas is, well, funny, yes. But. A bit too much.

Nonetheless, if you're going to make a tumbuka joke, make sure you pull it off. Better yet, check your English knowledge before the joke backfires. Thank us later.

Player Profile

BY Tiyamika Mkwanda



Musopa Kumwenda is one of the few active tennis players in the country to have played for the national team. He models his game on the legendary Roger Federer, but laments the lack of support for minority sports in the country, tennis in particular, with very few local tournaments and non-existent facilities. Here is his player profile...

Full Name: Musopa Kumwenda.

Nickname: Badada.

Sport: Tennis, right handed.

Born: 2 June, 1992.

Weight: 82 Kg.

Family: Musopa is the last born of a family of 6; 2 ladies and 5 gents.

Coaches: Thomson Mtengula, Huckson M'methiwa and Benard Gamula.

Bio: He started playing tennis for the Malawi U/12 team at a young age and has played in numerous international tennis tournaments. First international tourney was in South Africa for the Africa Jnr Championships. Musopa also played in national team tournaments in Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia and Ethiopia. However, the young-star failed to qualify for the South Korea U/21 tournament.