



**A PATIENT
HERO**

The statue irony

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The irony.
Years after the #MahattmaGandhiStatueMustFall saga. A hero, behind the brand name Patience Namadingo, is found raising money for an underprivileged lip cancer patient, on the same statue. You see, one of the arguments behind the Anti-Mahatma Gandhi statue protests was that he was a racist.

Another? Well, most argued, “We have a lot of Malawian heroes, why not build a statue for them

instead?” And boy, does the argument make sense more than ever.

A hero, doing a heroic initiative by standing on a not-finished-statue that was meant to honour a man Malawians do not believe was a hero.

Indeed, we need to start looking into honouring Malawian heroes, before we look to adopt foreigners’.

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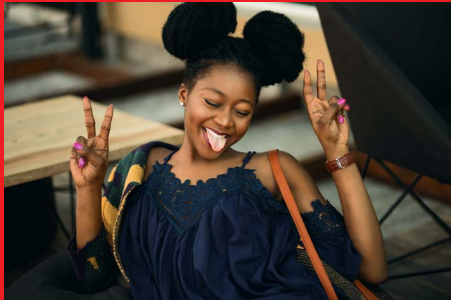


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5 easy ways to make your girl happy



1. **Stop and listen.** All you've got to do is ask her about her day or something more specific and sit and listen to her reply.
2. **Splurge a little.** This isn't about giving her a present every day; that gets old fast. If you overdo it, the meaning gets lost in the craziness of life.
3. **Try to connect with her buddies.**
4. **Get interested in her interests.**
5. **Make more effort to look good.**

Top 5 2020 Series (so far)

I hate making these lists 'coz everyone thinks their opinion stands lol. But the team thinks it's a good idea, so, here we go... a list of what I think everyone should watch right now, in that order (according to what I've watched anyway)...

5



Gangs of London

4



Dark

3



The Last Dance

2



Umbrella Academy

1



Blood & water

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16 MILLION KWACHA MALAWIAN ARTISTS' FUN

BY Bridgitta Flao



Artists in the country can now afford a smile after receiving a donation from Dr. Micheal Usi through the Malawian Artists Welfare Fund (MAWF).

The development has happened after Gospel musician Patience Namadingo was trying to raise funds for Wiliam Kachigamba who has been diagnosed with Cancer. Speaking at the handover ceremony of the dummy cheque at Bingu International Conference Center today, minister of tourism Dr. Micheal Usi said that artists have not been given the recognition and help they deserve.

“For a long time, artists have not been given the recognition and help they deserve, that will change.” He said.

He further added that there is need for discipline among artists if they are to be taken seriously. He has since promised artists that he will engage the corporate world and other stakeholders to help in supplementing the fund.

Film Association of Malawi Secretary Flora Suya expressed her excitement and gratitude for the donation saying that this has always been their wish.

“It has always been our wish as artists to be recognized and appreciated for what we do.” said Suya.

Suya pointed out that they have lost good artists because they could not afford to medical care. She said that this is the change that the artists in the country needed.

“We have been suffering but now we have been given the assistance we had only been dreaming about.” she said.

Suya has since assured artists that the funds will be used for the intended purpose.

“The funds will be used will be to help artists in times of sickness and death”

Posting a picture on his status, Tannah Mr Broken English commended Dr. Usi for the donation.

Creative of the week



Name: **Themba Nyirenda**

Creative Industry: **Rapper**

What's the message behind your latest Album, Bars on Bars?

"Bars on Bars brings a message of hope to the kids and adults that don't believe in their potential, a message to strive for more in a world where "below average" is the new normal. I believe if I inspire one kid he/she will be unstoppable and inspire others not just in words but in their actions. I don't want to bring pride or hate in the youth but love and acceptance in one another regardless of race/ class or anything that may bring divide. Ultimately I want kids to get that God is the greatest and all doors open through prayer and faith."

What inspired the album?

"To be honest I remember freestyling in 2017 and a friend of mine just uttered Bars on Bars. At that moment the phrase stuck in my head and never left. So I thought of making an album that should set standard for music in general and not just rap. Music that has a conscious message and is enjoyable even to a 15 year old."

As an up & coming Malawain artist, what's the challenge you face the most?

"Challenges are many, we could talk all day about them and feel depressed. To start there it isn't a guarantee that you may earn a stable living even when you "blow up", artists spend so much to make good music and they don't feel appreciated in return, so artists ditch the craft for a 9-5 job to make ends meet. The industry feels analog to us new artists, music politics where certain influencers dictate who gets to "blow up" and who doesn't. But I've used these challenges as motivation to make my music so good that no obstacle should stop it from thriving."

What's the vision you have for your brand as an artist?

"My vision is for my music to compete on a global stage, create a platform for other artists and actually bring a positive change not only to youth but a community as a whole."

FASHION TIPS EVERY LADY SHOULD KNOW

by Mayamiko Chiwaya

Sometimes we know things but we don't just realise that we do until somebody mentions them out loud. This is the case with fashion too. That's why we validate expert advices to shed more light on the things that we know. Below are some of the essential expert advice's in regards to fashion for every lady who desires to be fashionable.

First and foremost, you should know your body type. Knowing your body type is the most basic thing you should know about yourself because everything else work around this. For a start ask yourself am I curvy, slim, tall short chubby etc and choose your attires wisely. Understanding your body structure helps in mapping your outfits

Secondly, don't mix too many colours or prints or both. Colour florals with plain skirts or bottoms dresses with plain accessories and shoes. In addition, let one colour pop up in your outfit. Don't wear more than three colours at once and when in doubt layer your outfits.

Stop impulsive shopping. This is one of the struggles ladies meet "me inclusive". Buying things we don't even need randomly and filling our wardrobes with all sorts of attires. Never buy something because it is cheap (you can say that again) I know its hard but we should discipline ourselves not only does it help us save but it also help in keeping our wardrobe in check. A sale shouldn't be a cue to buy something even thou you don't necessarily need it.

And Lastly be confident. Nothing I mean nothing works best as confidence does. This is the best outfit you can carry around. You can follow the above tips but if you ain't confident in yourself that you are beautiful and fashionable you won't be able to shine





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MEET PROSO NQ AN UPCOMING MZUZU ARTIST

BY Precious Hemah



Pauline “Proso NQ” Tembo, is a rap up and coming artist from Mzuzu, currently studying Bachelor of Business Administration at DMI ST John the Baptist University in Lilongwe. She got inspiration to sing while in secondary school when she used to listen to Nick Minaj then, she realized that she can sing and rap

“I became an artist in 2016, that’s when I started go to the studio and recording my songs.”

This year Proso NQ has released two songs Vili Makora and Smakie (fake smile) and another one Don’t Lie which will be released by the end of this month. She says she

will release a new album next year and promised her fans to expect good songs with collaborations with other upcoming artists and well-known artists.

Proso says she has faced a lot of challenges in the music industry but she kept on moving, advices her fellow upcoming artists that they should not let people bring them down.

“The journey has been tough for me, but still I thank my friend happy who has a studio he used to record my songs for free due to financial challenges, since that time my family didn’t like the idea of seeing me doing music so they decided not to support me

but I didn’t give up, when they realize that I love music and it’s my passion they started supporting me.”

“To my fellow upcoming, they should not give up they should always work the best they can do and not always listen to whatever people are saying because sometimes it may happen that those are the same people who don’t want you to become big so they should always listen to their hearts.”

Some of the previous songs that hit the local channels by the upcoming rap artist are Vili Makora, Zimuvuta and Smakie (Fake Smile) among others.

Not all heroes wear capes, they say

BY Bridgitta Flao



All the hero moments that I have experienced and imagined I would experience were in superhero movies among them the amazing Spiderman and Avengers. 2020 proved me and a lot of people wrong. I saw a real superhero on a real quest to save a life.

Not in a million times would I have thought that I would see a statue dressed in real clothes breathing making demands for something important *Life*. I believe that we were all taken aback when Patience Namadingo decided to go and stand at the projected place where the Mahatma Ghandi statue will be built.

Namadingo has already been mesmerizing us with his music and has our undivided attention since he rebranded, surprised us with the mash Ups and the Cover challenges that saw even our Zambian counterparts jump

in. But this quest is sheer genius. After his effort to seek permission from Blantyre city council to raise funds for a fellow ailing musician William Kachigamba proved futile Namadingo did the unimaginable. The saying desperate measures call for desperate times came to life as he decided to camp as a living statue refusing to eat nor leave until the BCC gave him permission to fundraise.

In distraught he posted his concerns on his Facebook page. He made the move to beam live what he was doing while asking people to make donations that would be used by Kachigamba to receive medical attention in Zambia. The support that poured in shows just how much influence Namadingo has. How much the faith can move mountains were can materialize. What a powerful sermon he preached through this deed, so

powerful president Chakwera was moved.

If it was not for President Chakwera, Namadingo was determined to stay on till midnight. Such determination and grit, such power and influence to use your talent and position to help the less privileged is amazing. Commendable would be an understatement. If you should know, Namadingo has not only moved President Chakwera, he has also moved the minister of tourism Dr. Micheal Usi to donate 16 million kwacha to the Malawian artists welfare fund (MAWF).

Imagine such influence through social media alone. Namadingo is sheer genius we might have misused the word GOAT before but Namadingo deserves to be crowned GOAT of our time!!!

MALAWIAN URBAN DICTIONARY

WORD OF THE WEEK

Kudya juju

Completely flunking an exam.

This word is popular at Bunda.

URBAN LANGUAGE MISTAKE

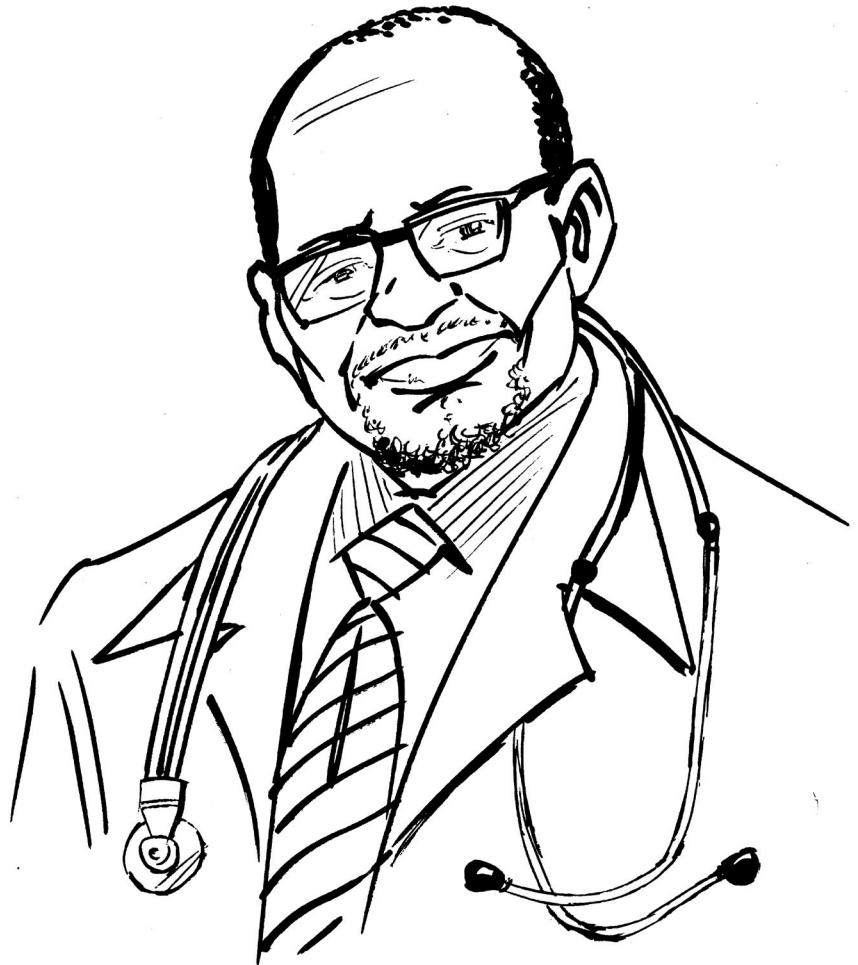
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You speak English good.

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Note:

Your question is published anonymously.

The Story of Nathaniel Julius

Nathaniel Julius, a 16-year-old with Down Syndrome, was shot and killed by a police officer.

It is alleged that Nathaniel Julius had left to try and find food for his family and while he was outside, he saw a police van with emergency lights on. According to reports, the teen became excited and police shot at him.

He was then taken to the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital where he died a short while later. Police are also accused of trying to cover up the boy's death.

When news of Julius' death broke, the community staged a protest, calling for the officers involved in the shooting to be fired.

Police are calling for calm and restraint as this matter has now been reported to the Independent Police Investigative Directorate for investigation.

Meanwhile, #JusticeForNathanielJulius is trending on Twitter, with people speaking out against police brutality in South Africa. -

The SWOT Show



The Swot Show is a talk show that will air for the first time in October.

The whole point of the show is to talk about various businesses in Malawi analysing their Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

This is an Original Digimax Show.

Digimax, in brief, is a digital agency based in Blantyre Malawi. They offer marketing and technology

solutions with more focus on digital content and solutions. The show's host, Andrew Mihawa, will invite various esteemed guests to the show to engage them on various subjects. The show will have an episode released every week.

The whole season will be available to download on Digimax official website after the season finale airs.

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Mental Health

Since Malawi recorded its first Covid-19 case in April, youth led organizations through collaborated efforts have been fighting against the pandemic. The Corona Virus pandemic Covid-19 has greatly disrupted lives of people across the world especially young people. Figures shown by the World Health organization indicate that the pandemic is mostly affecting young people aged 20-39 years with most deaths occurring in ages 40 and above with most of them being male.

According to the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) 60% of the population in country is made up of young people. Young people's lives have been affected greatly as schools are closed which has compromised education, social life no longer exists with the social distance procedures which have fueled violence. Due to limited access to Sexual reproductive health services, there has been an increase teenage pregnancies since the pandemic-started. Habiba Osman from the united Nations said that long period of idleness due to the corona virus restrictions have resulted in pregnancies and child marriages.

With funding from USAID through FHI 360, Youth Wave Malawi, a non-profit organization based in Lilongwe has engaged young people in trainings to tackle Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SHRH) issues surrounding

the Covid-19 pandemic. The young people dubbed "change makers" tackled emerging issues during the pandemic Covid-19, existing challenges, solutions as well as barriers through the "Osayidelera Covid-19 communication Campaign by the ministry of health through Health Communication for life (HC4L). The campaign has a drama "Sankhani Moyo" and has engaged 10 young musicians on the Osayidelera covid album.

The rise in pregnancies, limited access to e-learning as well as SHRH and myths surrounding the Covid-19 are among both emerging and existing issues. Reduction of data costs, use of mobile clinics, "Chipatala pa" phone as well as maximizing civic education could be effective solutions in tackling the challenges that young people are facing during these uncertain times. Being interconnected to digital technology, media and internet has aligned young people with resources and networking that can mitigate risks while enhancing community outreach that is vital for critical information sharing in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Going forward, there is need to meaningfully engage young people in consultation, encourage and strengthen them through capacity building, treat them as equal partners by coordinating with them and empowering to respond to issues surrounding Covid-19.

WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

Here is a recap of the 5 things that happened this week.

1. A Non-Profit Organization that apparently focuses on the boy child caused mixed reactions on Twitter this week. The organization, with Temwa (an artist) as one of the champions, dubbed "He Matters," sets out that the boychild is not forgotten as we purge forward in the fight to attain gender equality.
2. Time's Group's popular dance competition dubbed Ka Jive is returning next month with season 4.
3. Anti-Corruption Bureau Director General Reyneck Matemba confirmed that the bureau is receiving a lot of complaints of alleged malpractices since the change of government.
4. Job seekers who were interviewed by Ministry of Health in June this year in the controversial walk-in interviews, have expressed worry with the delay in releasing results.
5. Some of the 499 prisoners that were pardoned by State President Lazarus Chakwera have complained that they are stranded in various locations they were being held, due to lack of transport to take them back to their homes.

Activists doubt Govt. readiness in reopening schools

BY Gary Samati



A couple of activists doubt that the Malawi government is ready to open schools despite the announcement that schools are opening on 7 September, 2020.

Speaking to the media, Csce Executive Director, Benedicto Kondowe, said he doubts that the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology is well prepared for reopening of schools considering the short period that has been given to teachers and learners.

With coronavirus cases slowly declining in Malawi, the question is, will the reopening of schools worsen the pandemic in Malawi? One can only hope that all schools, students and teachers will be able to follow the necessary precautionary measures set aside by the Malawi government.

Minister of Education Agnes Nyalonje announced that schools, colleges, and universities will open on 7 September, 2020. She added that all schools will be disinfected and that all teachers will be oriented on Covid-19 preventive measures. Some of the preventative measures will include teachers and learners wearing masks.

Nyalonje further added that Standard 8, Form 4 and all students in their final year at Universities will report to school. However, the rest of the students in other classes will start three weeks after the set date.

WELL DONE @BFB_mw 🍌🍌🍌

Malawian Musician/Producer BFB takes images on 2 different cars on the same day 🍌🍌 If he had to sit on the cars like that it means he is friends with the owners of the cars 🍌🍌 Keep up 🍌🍌



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Malawi govt: Schools should re-open in September

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Sisters in football

BY The Daily Times

MALAWI women's national football team strikers Temwa and Tabitha Chawinga continue to hog the limelight in China where their sharpness in front of goal helped their respective teams to register big wins with five unanswered goals. Temwa netted a brace as she inspired her side Wuhan Jiangnan to a 5-0 victory over Hebei Tici in the Chinese Women's League on Wednesday. This was Temwa's second competitive match for Wuhan since moving to China in January from Sweden where she played for Kvarnsvedens. According to goal.com, Temwa made her debut as a second-half substitute in Wuhan's 2-1 win over Henan

Jiayue last Sunday. This time, the 21-year-old striker was handed a starting role following her impactful display against Henan when she earned a penalty to ensure her side secure a winning start to the season. Wang Shanshan opened the scoring for Wuhan to continue from where she left off in the opener after just nine minutes against Henan, who were smarting from a 3-2

Moments later, Wang Shuang brilliantly raced into the area before sending in a fine pass to Chawinga for the Malawian to lash in her first goal of the season and double the lead for Wuhan. Rampant Wuhan did not take their feet off the pedal as Shuang again teed up Chawinga who eventually bagged her second goal of the match and the fourth for the visitors. Having already bagged two assists in the game, Shuang once again continued her assist role as she provided her third assist of the match for Xiao Yuy to wrap up the victory for the visitors. The result saw Wuhan retain third spot on the log with six points from two games and they will hope to maintain the run against

Tabitha's Jiangsu Suning in their next fixture on Saturday. Goal.com also reported that Tabitha continued her impressive start to the season in Jiangsu Suning's 5-0 triumph over Henan Jiayue in a Chinese Women's Super League encounter in Kunming.