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SECONDARY
SCHOOL
STUDENTS
RECEIVE
PROTECTION?**



**KNQR
UNCONQUERED**

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So, the elephant in the room. Significance behind our cover?

Well, a mask covering a banana. Mmm, where to begin?

You see, a mask has turned into a protective gear in 2020. So, think “protection.”

A banana has always been used, when it's best suited, to represent a male sexual organ. So, I guess that explains our cover. The question is: should secondary school students receive contraceptive methods?

Well, one would think nah, “it's going to encourage the sexual

activities.”

Nonetheless, an opposing view to this would be, “well, most of these young stars are already having sex anyway, might as well protect them.”

Shu, quite a controversial topic. This week, Peer Chat, a Times Television program engages youth on the topic as views are validated and challenged. Join the discussion and share your views with us, FYI, on our different social media platforms!

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HOW TO NICELY SAY NO TO A DATE

By Precious Hemah



Getting asked out on a date can be flattering, but sometimes you're just not interested in spending time with the person who asked. If you're definitely not into him or her, finding the right words to say can be tricky.

1. Tell Them You're Not Interested.
"Sorry, not interested." Easy, right?

2. Accept the fact that You're going to hurt them

3. Just simply say "No."

"No, thank you."

You don't need to explain yourself. You don't need to defend yourself.

4. Remember that, if they push further, they're acting rude: You Aren't.

5. Be as clear as possible

5 YOUTHS BAG 1.5 MILL FROM UNICEF

5 Young people emerged winners out of 6,000 Malawian youths who joined a challenge by Unicef called Covid-19 Youth Innovation Challenge. The 5 are listed below, in a descending order:

5



Mtheto Sinjani, 23

4



John Maneya, 29

3



Brenald Dzonzi, 24

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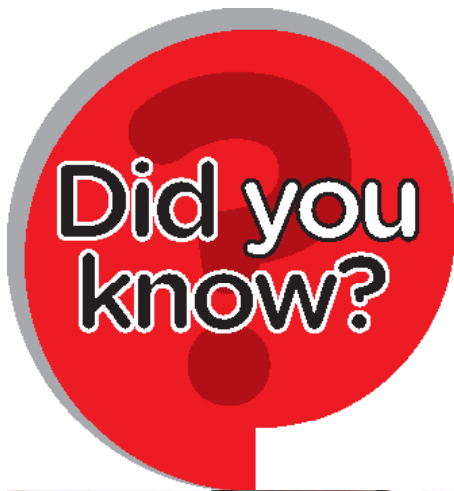
Maryam Latif, 14

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Sam Masikini, 23

The 5 came up with individual innovative ideas and UNICEF has since awarded them with \$2,000 (an equivalent of MK1, 500, 000.00). The money awarded to these bright youngins is to help them bring to life their Covid-19 related innovative ideas.



What's Tay Grin's real age? The rapper was reportedly born on June 15, 1984 (36 years old).

Brief Gossip

KNQR UNCONQUERED

So, this week, Twitter was nothing less of drama on drama when users realized that there is an Australian brand similar to the KNQR brand owned by Malawian rapper Hayze Engolah.

One troll after the other made the once-Home Grown African artist to hit back at allegations that he copied his KNQR merchandise from the Australian brand that holds the same name.



KANYE PEES ON A GRAMMY...

Rapper and music producer Kanye West shared a video this week of him urinating on a Grammy Award following a series of tweets that criticised music labels over their ownership of rights to artists' music.

"Trust me... I WON'T STOP," the 43-year-old captioned the video.



The allegations were sparked by a Twitter post that questioned the originality of KNQR, following a Twitter account from South Australia bearing the "KNQRnow" username.

Hayze, who rose to fame in 2014 through Home Grown Africa with Classick, has said that it is possible for two people to have the same idea.

"I guarantee you that the brands are completely different and come from

different inspirations. The people who were around when this concept was birthed can testify to that. I came up with the concept. I had this idea and I implemented it," he said.

KNQR is a merchandise brand that the rapper has been pushing for the past few years. Through the brand, Hayze aims to inspire Malawians to "conquer" different situations around them.

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Colleges in Malawi, except the Malawi College of Accountancy (MCA), are ready to re-open.

This is in line with an inspection done by the Ministry of Education between 2 September and 11 September.

However, the principal of MCA, Agrippa Phiri, has asserted that the college didn't intend to reopen anyway.

"What we are doing now is that we are preparing for our students to write their examinations. After that we will be preparing for the reopening in the ministry's sense where students will be physically on campus. We have been in talks with their people and when time comes for us to reopen, we will meet all the Covid-19 prevention measures," Agrippa said.

One other college that isn't ready to re-open is Zomba Theological College but unlike MCA, the institution just needs to work on a few things then they'll be ready; we have gathered.

Regardless, the inspection done by the Ministry of Education has revealed that schools like University of Malawi's The Polytechnic, College of Medicine, Chancellor College and Kamuzu College of Nursing have been certified ready for reopening.

DRESSING UP 4 THE 1ST DATE

BY Mayamiko Chiwaya

What to wear on a first date? This is a dilemma that almost everyone has been through.

When it comes to this, a lot of us want to dress to impress but unfortunately, sometimes we overdo it and end up ruining things. Below are some tips to help you figure out an outfit for your first date.

1. You have to give yourself plenty of time to plan what you are going to wear. This will give you time to sought through your wardrobe to find out the most appropriate dress.

2. Choose a colour or outfit that earns you most compliments. This will help you feel good about yourself and if you feel good, it will show on your face and therefore you will earn some points!

3. Wear something that make you feel like the best version of yourself. Embrace your style, don't force yourself into something which is not your style. Don't show up in a formal outfit if you are usually a casual person and vice versa.

4. Don't show too much skin. Avoid extremes like overly trendy outfits and heavy makeup, too! Makeup has to enhance your looks not alter them so be mindful of the makeup you wear, you certainly don't want your date to confuse you with someone else. Remember; natural or minimal is always the best for the first date.

5. Lastly, live every day as a date day. That way you won't have to be surprised and go through all that pressure we usually go through when it comes to choosing our outfits.





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WORD OF THE WEEK

Library

Not the Library you're used to. No, not the typical library you know.

“Library” is used as a phrase for borrowing clothes, especially in secondary schools (boarding).

“Mwatchena man ngakhale zili za library.”

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Think of Sibweni as the uncle you wish you could get advice from. Send us the uncomfortable questions you have through our social media inbox @FYIonline^{mw} or WhatsApp **0881 885 512**.

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CARDI & OFFSET DIVORCE ON

Cardi B is apparently over her marriage to Offset – she just filed for divorce. The rapper filed court docs indicating she’s seeking a dissolution of marriage.

Cardi is listed as the plaintiff and Offset is listed as the defendant. She filed the paperwork on Tuesday.

There’s also this ... according to the court docs, Cardi is seeking primary physical custody as well as legal custody of their 2-year-old daughter, Kulture.

She also wants Offset to pay child support -- unclear how much though at this point.

No word on spousal support either, for now at least. - TMZ

MEET SNOWZY, MULTITALENTED ARTIST

BY Precious Hemah



Snowzy is a young rap up and coming artist in Blantyre who’s a videographer, graphic designer, and a sketcher.

He was enticed into the music world when he was a little boy; through his exposure to icons like Chris Brown.

This year, Snowzy has released two songs entitled Perked Up and My Way. He says he will release an EP next year and promised his fans to expect nothing but great music in the EP.

He says the journey hasn’t

been good for him as an up and coming artist, ‘coz of the different challenges he’s faced over the years.

“As up and coming artists, we lack exposure to the well-known potential collaborations with famous artists. Some ask us to pay for a feature, but we lack finances as well.”

He was inspired into sketching when he was a little boy ‘coz he used to watch cartoons a lot.

CELIBACY OR ASEXUALITY?

BY Zindzitswa Mvula

Celibacy and asexuality are not the same, though they are related. Not all asexual people are celibate, and not all celibate people are asexual.

Asexuality means that a person does not experience sexual attraction and does not feel a desire to have sex. Celibacy, on the other hand, refers to the abstinence of sex for a specific period or forever.

Celibacy can be either a choice or the product of circumstance, while asexuality is not a choice. Asexuality is a sexual orientation, and it exists on a continuum. Some people who are asexual do not desire sex at all, while others occasionally experience some desire.

Some individuals only want to have sex when they are in a loving and safe relationship, which is known as being demisexual. Some asexual people experience romantic feelings and a desire for a romantic relationship, while others do not.

Experts refer to those who do not have this wish as being aromantic.

Some asexual people choose to have sex. They may make this decision to

please a partner, to conform to societal norms, or because they fear that their identity is not valid. There is no evidence that trauma or other mental health issues cause asexuality.

Asexuality is a legitimate sexual orientation that does not require a “cure,” and people should never pressure another person to have sex.

There is no correct amount of sex to have, and the ideal frequency will vary from person to person. Not having sex for a long time should not have negative side effects. There is no right or wrong way to express sexual feelings as long as all parties consent.

Likewise, no person should feel obligated to have a specific frequency of sex. Avoiding sex will not harm a person’s health, and it may even be healthy. People who feel concerned about low sexual desire or the effects of infrequent sex on their relationship can talk about their concerns with a therapist. In the next article, I will be explaining the benefits of celibacy & asexuality in a relationship.

WEEKLY NEWS RECAP!

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

1. AN all-out war on who succeeds former president Peter Mutharika has broken out in opposition Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) with VicePresident for the South Kondwani Nankhumwa, who is considered a top contender, being called for a disciplinary hearing today for what the party considers breach of discipline.
2. Former President APM's security aide, Norman Chisale, is hospitalized at a private clinic in Lilongwe.
3. Principle Resident Magistrate Viva Nyimba denied bail to former Minister of Information Henry Mussa and former Director of Information Gideon Munthali. The two were arrested in connection with the theft of 10 desktop computers and three generators at the ministry worth K11.5 million.
4. MEC chairperson, Chifundo Kachale, announced that the commission saved K1.5 billion in administering the court ordered June 23 presidential elections.
5. High Court Judge Kenyatta Nyirenda ordered Lilongwe City Council and Malawi Housing Corporation to pay damages and costs for "their action" that led to residents of Area 18 consuming contaminated water. 1,300 people are demanding K4 million each (K5.2 billion total) for compensation.

Poly needy students looking for fees assistance

BY Gary Samati



Students of The Polytechnic, a constituent college of the University of Malawi, have written a letter to the Minister of Education, Minister of Finance and the Higher Education Students Loans and Grant's Board, asking for assistance for 1,069 students who have outstanding fees balance. They risk being barred from proceeding to the next academic year commencing on 16 November, 2020. According to President of the college's students union, Kunozga Mlowoka, administration of the school fears its operations could be crippled if the balances are not sorted by 25 September 2020. Mlowoka says that the amount owed to the college by students with varying balances, is accumulating to MK250,594,788.64.



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A Malawian gaining fame off a meme-remake

A Malawian girl, Tsanzo, on Twitter has gained fame off a meme remake on the social media platform.

Her post, through her account @lordtsanzo, has earned 315+ thousand likes with 40+ thousand retweets; with a lot of engagement from overseas and verified accounts on the platform.



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Unsung Hero - Mary Waya

BY James Zizwa

Mary Waya (short haired in the picture) was part of the most successful Malawi Netball Team at a world cup ever.

Finishing 5th in the 2007 Netball World Cup (her second world cup after playing in the 1995 cup as well), she is the epitome of Malawi netball genius & yet at the same time, she is an example of the plight of a Malawi netball player.

In 2009, she talked to a New Zealand publication while playing in Christchurch; saying she makes time for her 2 kids while working as an electrical engineer but still finds time to train.

Mary's career spanned over an incredible 25+ years.

She, 52 now, was working a full time job while playing netball at the time.

The baller started playing international-level-netball at 14, playing in at least 200 representative matches for Malawi.

