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## RAFOC REMINISCENCES AND RAMBLINGS - WEEK 183

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### GREETINGS:

"Oktober maand - die mooiste, mooiste maand"... Another week in the land where "Nothing surprises us any more"... wind, fire and rain, and now another minor earthquake in Johannesburg - did you feel the earth move last night?... efforts to contain massive Richards Bay wood chip fire continue - 45 firefighters on ground plus Working on Fire helicopters in the air... Jeppestown railway pedestrian bridge collapses on tracks - trains to Germiston and East Rand cancelled... Veldfire conflagrations in the Free State cost millions in stock and infrastructure... More swingeing fuel price increases... Shocking revelations at Transnet as two executives have been fired over a R33.8 million contract for thousands of disposable straws - prices inflated from 28 cents to R29 per unit... "Minister of Electricity" continues trying to put lipstick on the Eskom pig... The Mad Hatter drops himself in the dwang over Ian Cameron Ethics Committee findings - yet again (does ANC have Ethics?)... "absolutely dishonest" liquidator Enver Motale makes questionable comeback... impeached Mkhwebana to get R8 million severance package??... Duduzane Zuma to start his own political party?... Senzo Meyiwa trial rumbles on – another postponement amid accusation and counter-accusation... Zuma seeks revenge by challenging Zondo appointment... ANCYL call for removal of Mngeni Mayor Chris Pappas (Well, they would, wouldn't they?)... Sean Summers makes a dramatic comeback to embattled Pick'n Pay... Stellenbosch University urinator Theuns du Toit is taking the institution to court... Collaboration, however well-intentioned, between the state and business is fraught with grave political implications... Community stonewalls attempt to move WRAB Building fire victims to Swartkoppies plots... 'The Lord put his foot on mine, and I kept going' – Tazz driver who chased and ran down Durban robber (You go, girl!!!)

America avoids a government shutdown (for now)... US House speaker Kevin McCarthy felled by his own side in a historic vote... both Democrats and Republicans are willing to sacrifice Ukraine to Russia... but President Joe Biden urges Republicans to approve Ukraine aid - "support cannot waver"... spectre of Hunter Biden and his transgressions paraded before Congress... 'Gobsmackingly bananas' September heat... UK "Vultures circling": Conservative factions threaten to wreck Sunak's conference... UK electric vehicle owners face soaring insurance costs... HS2 train runs out of track... Time to withhold benefits from "won't look for work"... UK retail bosses plead for staff protection as 'violent criminals empty stores'... Beijing's mixed messages: businesses

'questioning' investments in China... Chinese nuclear submarine sinks... DRC faces a future without the kind of military help it needs... Zim Miners remained trapped in an informal Terrorists detonate a bomb in Türkiye government heartland... Musk in spat with Germany about rescuing drowning migrants... Armenians continue to flee Azerbaijan... Pakistan orders 1,7million Afghani refugees to leave by November... RWC: New Zealand are under the radar – and dangerous... Boks not at their best in grabbing crucial five-pointer against Tonga... Unconvincing Wallabies battle past Portugal – Zombie Wallabies will get little fanfare for Portugal performance"... Europeans ace Ryder Cup... McIlroy becomes perfect Ryder Cup animal and turns anger into energy... Mozambicans really don't like Budweiser - they actually drink beer.

## RAF ODIHRAM BIG KIWI LIFT:



*Earlier this week, a Chinook from RAF Odiham, supported the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) with restoration of the chalk Kiwi carved into a hillside in Bulford, Wiltshire.*

A Chinook belonging to 18(B) Sqn from RAF Odiham used a training sortie to enable the restoration of the chalk Kiwi through a series of underslung loads. The historic site was created by New Zealand (NZ) soldiers, who were based in the UK in 1919. It was created to commemorate the NZ soldiers' achievements during the First World War. This part of the longer training sortie offered a different perspective for all involved. The Chinook was operated by two pilots and one of them was a NZ exchange Pilot, Flt Lt James Patrick, "JP" as he is known to his friends, who was delighted to be part of this sortie. JP has been in the UK for over two years and has already represented NZ as he was part of the formation fly-past for HMTQ Platinum Jubilee flying the Chinook. This task is an excellent opportunity for the Chinook Force to increase its expertise with novel underslung loads. A core skill, it is used regularly on worldwide operations as well as National Support tasks. The Chinook lift capability with its two Honeywell turbo shaft engines can deliver 55 Troops or 10 tons of freight, flying up to 160 Knots. So the chalk that was underslung for this task was given to the right aircraft. JP said: "It was a great honour to be at the controls, delivering to such a historic site and being part of something that is part of my history." The NZ High Commissioner and NZ Defence Force were also in attendance at the "Kiwi" alongside several DIO and Army units, including Joint Helicopter Support Squadron (JHSS), who prepared the chalk to be underslung and monitored the release at the site. "JP has been with the Squadron for 18 months now. A superb individual, he brings a wealth of instructional experience to the Chinook Force and has already deployed alongside NATO partners on operations." *Wing Commander T Carter, Officer Commanding 18(B) Sqn.*

## BATTLESPACE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS HOST SYMPOSIUM:

*Battlespace Management Operations, part of RAF Global Enablement, have hosted a Tactical Air Command and Control (C2) Symposium with 8 NATO Allies and Partners this week at RAF Boulmer. Personnel and units from across NATO and Partners brought a range of perspectives and experiences in deployable Air C2 and Agile Combat Employment.*

Battlespace Management Operations personnel have recently returned from Estonia where they had been conducting Op Azotize; weapons controllers and data link operators worked closely alongside host nation and NATO personnel to ensure the integrity and protection of NATO's Eastern Border. They did this alongside our ongoing mission to ensure the integrity of UK Airspace, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, where Air Battle Managers from Battlespace Management Operations regularly control missions to intercept and shadow Russian military aircraft which approach UK airspace.



QRA Typhoon



Air Cdre Jamie Thompson

This is the largest deployable air C2 conference that RAF Boulmer and UK Battlespace Management Operations have held. Participants were briefed on lessons learned on the importance of agile air C2 from ongoing conflicts, which led into working group discussions on how we can better operate with Partners together during conflict. Battlespace Management Operations consists of 19 Squadron, 20 Squadron and 78 Squadron operators who are supported by the cyberspace professionals of the Engineering Wing. Battlespace Management Operations conduct 24/7 air surveillance of the UK, assigned NATO airspace and other locations overseas and direct military air systems to protect the UK and our NATO Allies. 90 Signals Unit are a key enabler in how the RAF exercises C2, through ensuring a robust communication network, such as secure chat facilities with other Force Elements. This was recently tested during Exercise Agile Pirate, during which Battlespace Management Operations personnel deployed to Remote Radar Heads located around the UK to control Quick Reaction Alert Typhoons; the first time this has been practiced in over 10 years. Air Commodore Jamie Thompson, Commander Global Enablement, closed the symposium with a keynote speech, during which he highlighted the current geo-political situation and how Tactical Air C2 will provide the battle-winning advantage in a future conflict: "The RAF is constantly developing our Agile Combat Employment, and C2 is a key component of that. This event has allowed NATO nations to share lessons learned and develop future tactics on how we work in a contested environment, from remote locations and with limited support. We will continue to develop these tactics as a C2 community to counter the ever-changing threat."



## CHINESE SUB SINKS:



*The plot surrounding the alleged sinking of a Chinese nuclear submarine is thickening, with the latest United Kingdom publication contending that the platform went down after getting stuck in the trap laid out for the US submarines. The purported incident, denied vehemently by China, underscores nuclear submarines' risks.*

A report by UK intelligence quoted by the Daily Mail said the Chinese submarine hit a “chain and anchor” trap intended to snare Western vessels lurking off China’s Shandong province. The Sun reported that the crew reportedly suffocated after a “catastrophic failure” of the 107m sub’s oxygen system. It is unclear whether the trap mangled the oxygen system or if the crew had suffocated before the sub sank and became stuck. Earlier in 2021, a US nuclear attack submarine collided with an object in the South China Sea. Nuclear submarines, one of the deadliest weapon platforms in the world, are vulnerable in the event of an underwater accident causing a nuclear leak, regardless of whether they are nuclear-powered submarines (SSN) or nuclear-powered ballistic submarines (SSBN). In the 200 years (from 1774-1985) of submarine operations, there have been over 1,750 accidents. While 1,448 submarines were lost due to enemy action, 302 were lost due to some mishap. A number of these accidents have involved nuclear submarines. The reasons behind the accidents involving nuclear-powered submarines vary, but nearly half were related to nuclear reactors. Of the total of 41 accidents recorded in 36 nuclear submarines, 12 were related to nuclear reactors, resulting in the release of radioactivity within the vessel as well as in the sea, radiation poisoning, and the death of the crew in some cases. Other accidents involved non-nuclear explosions, fires, flooding, and running aground. Over 650 crew members have died in these accidents. In many cases, the entire crew sank with the submarines. “If the incident (sinking of Chinese SSN) has occurred, the global silence is perplexing. A nuclear submarine sinking should lead to global attention because a nuclear reactor leak due to damage can have serious consequences, including water contamination,” an Indian submarine expert told the EurAsian Times. Structural failure with the submarine reactors could cause “a release of highly radioactive fission products” and lead to “a significant risk to life to those nearby and a public safety hazard to people in the big radius. Besides the damage to the submarine and loss of life on board, the possibility of damage to the reactor is the most alarming. It could lead to the leak of radioactive material, which could contaminate the waters and the undersea environment,” an Indian Navy Commodore who wished to stay anonymous told the EurAsian Times. “Also, if it carries nuclear weapons (as in SSBNs), that is an added hazard. Salvaging a sunken nuclear submarine can also be hazardous for the same reasons,” he added. Wherever there is nuclear fission, there is a potential for harm to people and the environment. A core meltdown is the most severe accident in a nuclear submarine. A meltdown poses numerous dangers to people and the environment. This includes exposure to

direct gamma radiation from the vessel or a drifting cloud or plume of radioactivity and material deposited on the ground. Fission products can also escape to seawater, poisoning marine life and seawater. There is both empirical and theoretical cause to be concerned about nuclear submarine accidents. Nuclear submarines are complex technical platforms operating under challenging conditions. Nuclear weapons-related systems, because of their structural characteristics, can pose unavoidable risks of accidents. (*Times*)

## EXERCISE COBRA WARRIOR 23-2:



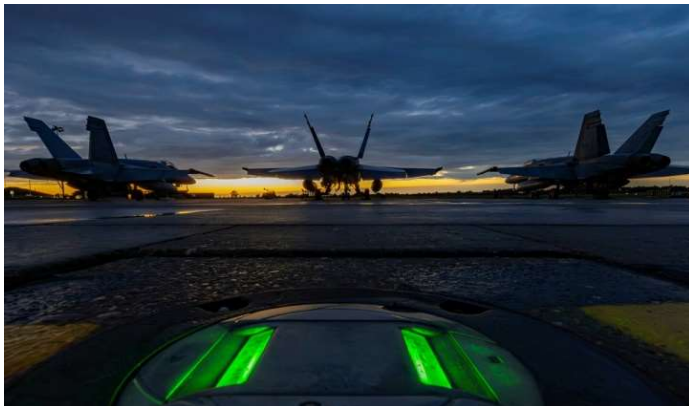
*Typhoon*



*AWACS*

*A Royal Air Force-led exercise has doubled the number of missions and trained night and day to simulate operating against a peer adversary.*

Exercise Cobra Warrior 23-2 involved more than 50 aircraft from 6 allied countries – Canada, USA, Italy, Norway, Australia and the UK, along with a NATO aircraft – working together to support a fictional country in conflict to regain sovereign territory. The Exercise was coordinated by the ASWC and took place across the UK and over multiple domains: air, sea, land, space and cyber. The RAF's F-35B Lightning, a fifth-generation fighter jet, took part from HMS Queen Elizabeth, with F-35s from the USA and Norway also involved. An A400M Atlas, the RAF's newest transport aircraft, delivered a 25-tonne Multiple Launch Rocket System to a Temporary Landing Zone to test its targeting, before loading it back on and leaving the remote location within minutes. Gunners from 51 Squadron RAF Regiment were given air support from US Air Force Pave Hawk helicopters from the 56th Rescue Squadron to secure a simulated crash site and rescue injured crew, and later received air cover from British Army Apache and Wildcat helicopters to intercept and capture an enemy commander.



RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire became a temporary home for F18 Hornet fighter jets from the Royal Canadian Air Force with equipment and personnel delivered by a C17 Globemaster. They were supported by air-to-air refuelling from their CC-150 Polaris aircraft staying at RAF Lossiemouth in north Scotland. Waddington also welcomed a NATO E-3A Airborne Warning & Control System

(AWACS) to manage large areas of battlespace and provide surveillance and communications. A senior officer from the RAF's Air and Space Warfare Centre (ASWC) said: "The intent of Exercise Cobra Warrior was to bring allied forces together in order to enhance our ability to work collaboratively on demanding missions, in dynamic threat environments, by day and night. The Exercise met all of its objectives and I am pleased to say was a resounding success."

## **A WEEKEND TOGETHER, LIVES APART — MALAN AND BUTHELEZI:**

Greg Mills last week wrote a piece for the Daily Maverick commemorating 2 famous South Africans "Over the past weekend, I attended two very different commemorations. Both subjects were South Africans who shaped the country's destiny, both walked a strongly independent line and both have been inadequately understood. One was a soldier, political activist and farmer; the other was a politician and traditional leader. Group Captain Adolph Gysbert "Sailor" Malan, DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar, Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre (France), Croix de Guerre (Belgium); the other Prince Mangosuthu Gatsha "Shenge" Buthelezi. Two people with seemingly little in common: one born into a poor farming household in the Cape in 1910; the other born into a royal Zulu home in 1928. One had an education, of a harsh sort, as a cadet at the General Botha Naval Academy aged just 14; the other had a life of relative affluence, a university education and political occupation. One forged a career as an outsider, of mixed Afrikaner-English stock, a colonial "Johnny" leading a British establishment, a renegade political leader going against the prevailing apartheid grain in the country of his birth; the other a racial and tribal insider who turned into an outsider, temporarily an insider once more after 1994, and then increasingly an outsider as the political wheel again turned. But there are parallels beyond this weekend, when one was buried in a ceremony with perhaps as many as 45,000 people, mostly Zulus, watching on amid pomp and ceremony in the presence of the great and the good; the other, where a handful of mostly white South Africans turned up to commemorate his death in Kimberley 60 years ago.

Read the full article at: <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2023-09-21-a-weekend-together-lives-apart-sailor-malan-and-shenge-buthelezi/>

## **POLISH FLAG FLIES IN OUDTSHOORN:**



In the opening scenes of the British Pathe/African Mirror newsreel on the Polish Children of Oudtshoorn, the narrator states: "and today the Polish flag flies over the sun drenched South African Karoo in Oudtshoorn." See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZp-3DL6MhM> From Saturday 23 September 2023, the Polish flag now flies permanently in Oudtshoorn in the grounds of the CP Nel Museum. Here our gratitude must go to the manager of the CP Nel Museum, Moses Mthethwa, who expressed his willingness to have the Polish flag fly again in Oudtshoorn in the grounds of the CP Nel Museum very close to the memorial. So: "today the Polish flag flies over the sun drenched South African Karoo in Oudtshoorn."



## SCA RESERVES JUDGMENT ON ZUMA'S CHALLENGE:



- *Jacob Zuma's application for leave to appeal his private prosecution was dismissed by three judges.*
- *The court previously dismissed Zuma's private prosecution, saying it was an abuse of process.*
- *Zuma was ordered to pay the costs of the appeal judgment.*

Former president Jacob Zuma's attempt to privately prosecute News24 specialist legal journalist Karyn Maughan and senior State advocate Billy Downer has come to an end. Zuma's application to appeal an adverse finding of his private prosecution was heard in the KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court in Pietermaritzburg on Monday. In July, Judges Gregory Kruger, Jacqui Henriques and Mokgere Masipa deemed Zuma's private prosecution against Maughan and Downer an abuse of power. In delivering judgment on Monday, after just 10 minutes of deliberation, Kruger said: "We arrived that there are no merits in any of the arguments raised by Mr Zuma." Zuma was ordered to pay the legal costs of the appeal. Previously, the three judges agreed that Zuma's private prosecution of Maughan had all the elements of a Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP) suit, which is a legal strategy often employed by big corporations or individuals, who bring defamation actions for huge amounts against individuals who criticise them. The arguments: Advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, for Maughan, submitted to the court that Zuma's lawyer, advocate Dali Mpofu, and his counsel "do not address the findings at all and make no attempt to explain what is wrong with the [previous private prosecution] judgment." "When we talk about abuse [of court processes], you [judges] have dealt with this extensively. There is no basis and no attempt to engage with actual findings to be overturned on appeal." He went on to admonish the appeal of the private prosecution judgment. "The reason why it is a scandalous appeal in relation to the findings is not just that they fail to engage with findings, but the facts [in the original judgment] are so blatant and have common cause." He said it was pointless for the high court to ask the Supreme Court of Appeal to "examine the question of fact." "There are no grounds to argue that there is some other compelling reason to appeal." He said granting a leave to appeal could also counter the judges' findings in the private prosecution. "Given your findings around the abuse, if you allow leave to appeal, you compound the abuse. That is demonstrated by today's proceedings. Very little is said about Ms Maughan and little is being said in heads of argument either. "Then you ask why she is still a subject of these proceedings. It is a deliberately oppressive litigation. As a matter of law, it is vexatious." For Downer, advocate Geoff Budlender SC said there were no reasonable prospects of success for Zuma to appeal. He said Zuma clearly implemented a Stalingrad strategy in his private prosecution and other court matters. "Mr Zuma has never distanced himself from it. He has repeatedly raised

interlocutory cases in many instances. When those are rejected, he makes attempts to appeal challenges and then starts interlocutory challenges." Zuma arguments by Advocate Dali Mpofu, for Zuma, argued that there were "glaring myths" in the enforcement judgment. One of those was the Stalingrad strategy, something he said was nothing more than media hype. "No court has ever accepted it. This court rejected it twice. There is no delay theory, even though there is objective information to prove otherwise." He said 20 years should be revised to two to three years, because there were a number of court actions that were out of Zuma's control. Mpofu added that the "indispensability" of Downer to prosecute Zuma in his arms deal case was a compelling reason for the appeal of the enforcement order.

## **CHEERS FOR NOW:**

It's a strange, strange world we live in, Master Jack... and where "Nothing surprises us any more"... almost as if we are watching a "Gottterdammerung" in slow motion as "racialism threatens the constitutional dream" and South Africa's infrastructure crumbles around us. Not least, Durban has sadly gone from one of the "top ten" ports in the world to bottom of the log, and other SA ports are following... and the once mighty SAR&H (South African Railways and Harbours) is but a pale shadow of its former self.

This Friday is our October lunch and RAFOC "Friendship Day". Call a friend and come along for a chin wag over food and wine in convivial company. We will be upstairs at Wanderers, so please mind the steps! Book at [bookings@rafoc.org](mailto:bookings@rafoc.org) and pay your R250 into our account. No cash at door, please: Nedbank Account: 19 66 278 063 RAFOC. Thank you for booking and paying in advance! Although we will not have a speaker (due to airline rostering, but he will speak at a future lunch), we do have a presentation on the Junkers JU52 from the SAA historical flight and we expect we will have somebody on the microphone (an Airline Captain, also from the SAA Historical Flight – guess who? - try to keep him away...) who flew the aircraft and has some stories about this majestic old lady who used to grace our skies in days gone by...

Enjoy this issue, and the helpful hints on financial management from Magnus Heystek, and other helpful hints on workshop tools, in the Tailpiece below.

## **TAILPIECE:**

### **How's your Latin?**

Patres conscriptae  
Took a boat and went to Phillippae  
Stormum crinjebat  
Boatum overturnebat  
Omnes drownerunt  
Exceptium swim away  
Quae potuerant!

### **Beer Talk...**

The doctor says: "I think it's the beer. I suggest you don't drink anything for two weeks and we'll see if it gets better." The Air Force patient replies: "Or I just drink more and we'll see if it gets worse."

### **William Nicol Drive Renamed.**

Ironically, William Nicol was a former Pastor, and later Administrator of the Transvaal. He was totally opposed to the Bantustan Education system, and strived for every learner to be educated their



mother languages, with English as a second language for communication purposes. He led a team that translated the Bible into Afrikaans and Zulu. He was Minister at the Dutch Reformed Church in Parkhurst for many years. So maybe the ANC clowns should also have done their homework properly, before removing his name!

### **Why Teachers Drink:**

The following questions were set in last year's GCSE examination. These are genuine answers from 16 year olds:

Q. Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs... *(Shoot yourself now, there is little hope)*

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery. *(So true)*

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A. Premature death.

Q. What is artificial insemination?

A. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow. *(Simple, but brilliant)*

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g. the abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity.

The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, U

Q. What is the fibula?

A. A small lie.

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A. Nearby.

Q. What is the most common form of birth control?

A. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium. *(That would work)*

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section'

A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit)

Q. What is a terminal illness?

A. When you are sick at the airport. (*Irrefutable*)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight. (*Brilliant*)

Q. What is a turbine?

A. Something an Arab or Shreik wears on his head. Once an Arab boy reaches puberty, he removes his diaper and wraps it around his head.

**MATT**



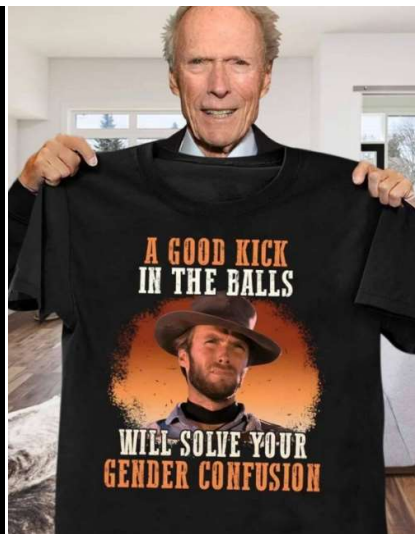
*'If we could stop Tories taking up infrastructure projects, they wouldn't have to quit them later on'*

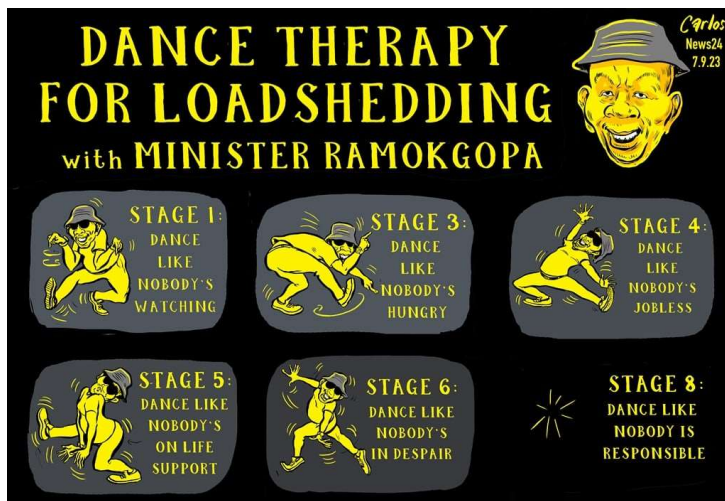
**MATT**



*'I started to invent the wheel, but it got too expensive to finish'*

**This has got to be the photo of the year.**





#### LESSON IN IRONY

The social grant system, administered by the SA Department of Social Development and paid for by fewer than 6 million taxpayers, is once again proud to be assisting 16 million unemployed and other people in need of help!

Meanwhile SAN Parks, administered by the SA Department of Environmental Affairs, asks us to: "Please Do Not Feed the Animals."

Their stated reason for the policy is because: "The animals will grow dependent on hand-outs and will not learn to take care of themselves."

Thus ends today's lesson in irony

#### RADIO AD PULLED: DANGEROUS TO DRIVERS:

A South African radio ad has been ordered to be taken off the air by the Advertising Regulatory Board (ARB), as it was found to be dangerous and distracting to drivers. The advert, created by Standard Bank, begins with a voice saying "In 600 metres, turn right," in much the same way that a GPS or navigation app such as Wayze or Google Maps would do, after which a woman says "I can't believe it. I am driving my first car." This is followed by another voice clip similar to that of a



navigation app which says “You have arrived at your destination.” Shortly after airing, the advert received a complaint issued by a motorist who alleged that the radio cues sounded exactly like his GPS, according to My Broadband... The individual claimed that the electronic voice lines are confusing and distracting to motorists in much the same way that sounds imitating something like an emergency vehicle siren are, in that a driver can mistake them for the real thing. “It is the same as the ads on radio that contain sounds with sirens and horns. It is distracting and dangerous, hence why I cannot listen to the radio in my car,” he said. “But now these geniuses have upped their game and added sound effects that sound like GPS navigation instructions.” In response, Standard Bank’s legal representative, attorney Bouwers Inc., stated that the commercial is meant to depict a person driving their first car, and that it is not, nor is it meant to be, distracting to road users. “The Complainant was not in any manner confused and well-aware that he was listening to an advertisement and that the sounds that he was hearing were emanating from his radio and was not real-life traffic noise, nor did it emanate from his ‘GPS’,” said the firm. “There can be no doubt that in the context of the Advertisement the use of the phrase ‘In 600 metres, turn right’ will not create a ‘safety hazard’, especially, taking into consideration that no driver of a vehicle will blindly follow the ‘GPS instructions’.” To resolve the matter, the ARB compared the complainant’s argument in light of Clause 3.6 of Section II of the Code of Advertising Practice, which states that “Advertisements must not include sounds that are likely to create a safety hazard, for example, to those listening to the radio while driving.” The regulatory body took issue with the argument that “no driver of a vehicle will blindly follow GPS instructions,” stating that it was insufficient. It said that, while it is believable that a person would not do something like drive into a wall or oncoming traffic as a result of the commercial, the GPS-like voice lines could still mislead drivers. Firstly, the voice line plays at the beginning of the clip, meaning that motorists may not immediately realize that what they are hearing is an advertisement. This is combined with the fact that navigation apps, by design, interrupt other audio playback when connected to a car’s stereo in order to give instructions. “It would therefore not be unheard of to have your song interrupted by the GPS system saying ‘in 600m turn right’,” said the ARB. The ARB therefore upheld the complaint, and found Standard Bank’s advert to be in contravention of the South African Code of Advertising Practice. Consequently, the bank has been ordered to remove the radio commercial containing the GPS-like voice lines.

### **PROTECT YOUR MONEY FROM FAILING ANC GOVERNMENT:**

Brenthurst Wealth investment strategist Magnus Heystek has provided an easy-to-use checklist to protect your money against the failing South African state. He provided this information in response to a speech from Davis Ansara, CEO of the Free Market Foundation, in which he discussed the failing state. Although South Africa is not yet a “failed state”, he said the government is failing and has effectively run out of money. Instead of admitting failure, the state continues to expand its scope and authority, hampering business in the country. Ansara advised individuals, businesses, and communities to ‘state-proof’ themselves by becoming self-sufficient.’ As a first step, he said individuals and businesses should pay as little tax as possible by using legally acceptable methods. He also urged big businesses to stop supporting the government. Instead, people should support civil society organisations that are creating alternatives to the state. Heystek agreed with Ansara’s views but felt he could have gone further on some of his proposals to protect wealth. “All wealthy South Africans should offshore as much of their wealth as possible – a financial get-off-the-grid-strategy – to protect their lifestyle in South Africa,” he said. He believes the best way to state-proof yourself and your family is to create structures in a place such as Mauritius by setting up trusts, companies, or foundations. “The more you can break the hold the state has or could have over your

financial affairs, the better,” Heystek said. Heystek provided a strategy to protect your wealth and state-proof it against the ANC government. *The full version is available on Biznews.*

- Sell down your local property assets as much and as soon as you can, as South African property investments have become a dreadful investment and a capital trap.
- Consider renting rather than buying, especially when retiring. Renting is cheap, and the owner of the property is most probably subsidising your lifestyle.
- Move all your discretionary investment offshore while you still can. The weakening rand reduces the amount of foreign currency you can buy, and regulatory changes may make it more difficult.
- Consider moving your offshore assets and investment portfolio into a Mauritian trust to further put distance between your assets and the ANC in South Africa.
- If you have a business which can offshore some of its operations, do it. An easy way is to set up a holding company in Mauritius and run some of your operations from there.
- Open a bank account in Mauritius and link this account to your offshore investment portfolio. Any withdrawal from your portfolio can be done into this account.
- Invest in US dollars. It can reduce your taxes payable in South Africa as capital gains are only levied on your USD profits and not due to the rand weakening.

Heystek said this strategy will help protect your wealth and place you in a position to emigrate should South Africa become untenable and risky.

## **TOOLS EXPLAINED:**

### **DRILL PRESS:**

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

### **WIRE WHEEL:**

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh\*t'

### **ANGLE GRINDER:**

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

### **PLIERS:**

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

### **BELT SANDER:**

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

### **HACKSAW:**

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**MOLE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

### **OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH:**

Used almost entirely for setting on fire various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race...

**TABLE SAW:**

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:**

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:**

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminium sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:**

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:**

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:**

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR:**

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50p part.

**HOSE CUTTER:**

A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER:**

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**STANLEY KNIFE:**

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**ADJUSTABLE SPANNER:**

Aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted knuckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

**BASTARD TOOL:**

Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Bastard' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.