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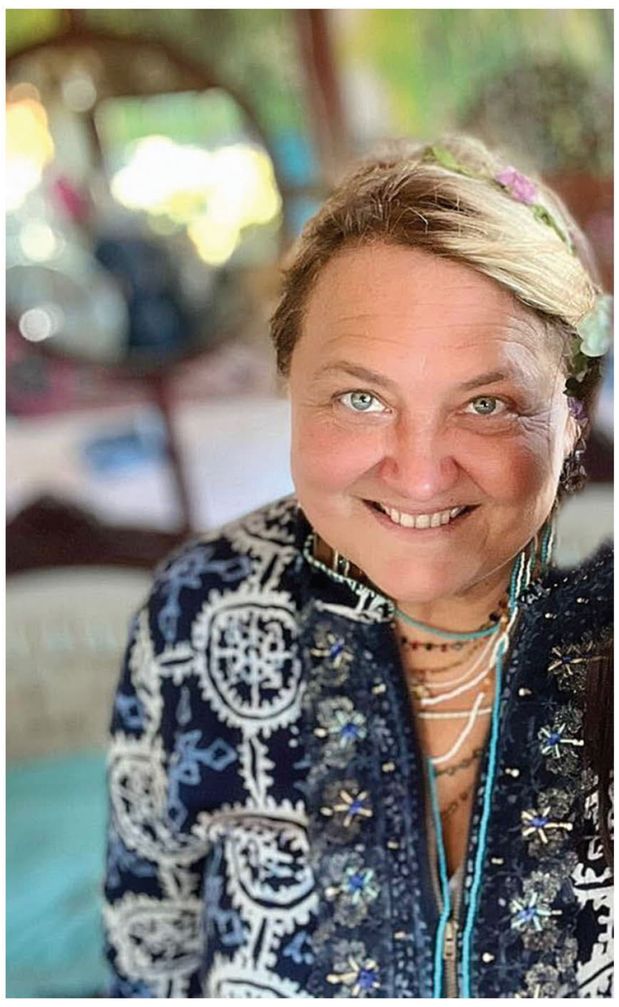
Through my eyes

Hello 2023! Hello Bugle Readers!



by Kasia Yoko

It's a new year illed with endless possibilities. Life as we know it has travelled full circle around the sun and we are all waking up to endless possibilities.

From my desk, the future looks uncertain. But nothing beats this view. Nothing compares to the warm South African hospitality and our perfect climate. We are indeed custodians of the 'paradise particle' and whatever happens out there, we, here on the ground in KZN, cannot overlook the humongous potential and super power of our heritage and our own determination.

This year is going to be different. It might not be easy financially. We might have to adjust and rearrange a few unwanted possessions. We might need to say goodbye to that diesel guzzling car and that mansion on the hill. They are just things. We know how to compromise; Covid gave us unparalleled life lessons on concession, which, fortunately we should put into practice to avoid failure.

Like you, I am counting my blessings and shedding what no longer serves me. I am not scared to be humble and accept kindness from my tribe. It's a vulnerability I know only too well having been a political refugee and an immigrant. There is no shame in a lifestyle down grade.

So here I am, 28 years later, and still writing this column. I am still touching the lives of the people in my community as I try to be the best version of myself. I have shed a lot of 'stuff' and gained a few pounds but I have acknowledged the fundamentals – it will not get easier and it will never get back to normal.

So, I am scribing this first column of 2023 from the overheated sky shack, my new home, which my neighbour told me looks like it belongs in Soweto.

I am listening to the soothing drums and soft chimes coming from the YouTube channel powered by a generous friend's inverter - thank you my kind and sweet Mireille. I am mapping my future.

I know that I cannot do it on my own, I need my village to do it with me, I know that if I put my entire heart and soul into this new reality, I will not fail.

2023 holds many challenges for all of us around the world. The great reset will try and rob us of our voice and will try to dim our precious shine but if we just believe in the power of universal love, our light will continue to shine and elevate others to shine with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who have stood by me and never faltered. You are the rock that keeps me waking up and yearning to venture out and create beautiful tales to inspire and motivate. Your support is humbling and so enormously appreciated.

With all this gratitude in my heart I would like to invite you to join us for a morning of transformation as we prepare for the best year ever. Join Christo and Tracey as they show you how to navigate the rough seas of life. Come and learn how to create an environment of love and abundance. Come and transform your reality. Join us at Fiamma Grill on the 1 March at 10am. Cost R180pp. We are coming to rock your life.

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Dear Ed,

Re: Life is complicated

Some are like this and some are like that
Some are really thick others just fat
Oh ain't it nice to point the finger
Ain't it nice to inflict pain on someone else

We only have one life, let's live it
Perhaps not by building bombs and guns
Let's keep Mother Nature happy
Perhaps not by satellite rays but Sun

We can't do things this way because our system doesn't support it,
we have to reset
So we fall into a lie that gives us hope

Plant your own food if you can
Or start feeding your kids worms
Whilst the upper class eats butter
Haven't we been here before?

No one dares ask questions
Ignorance is bliss
Just look at your #%^%#-1% news and learn how not to speak

I'm tired of walking but not getting ahead
Sometimes feel like a hamster in a wheel instead
Good intentions get pushed down your throat
Dare speak some sense and you're an outcast, not woke?

Am I the only one feeling this trap?

Kind regards
Wendy Houtenberg

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"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organised conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe." Frederick Douglass

LIFE TRANSFORMATION

With Transformational Facilitator: **Christo Barnard**
and Enneagram System Life Coach: **Tracey Fowler**

Meet the Facilitators:

De-opinionated

South African attorney and conveyancing expert, Christo Barnard sheds light on individual transformation and personal growth. Teaching how, by effectively taking control of the breath, we can take control of the mind. Christo encourages people to practice the simple art of conscious breathing, allowing the sound of the breath to connect to their pure feeling. He stresses that our present lifestyles, where we are living our lives on the outsides, and allowing that to shape our lives, is not sustainable and leads to unrealistic life expectations. He believes that by practicing conscious breathing we are naturally drawn to our inner sense of calm and peace. And the more persistent and dedicated we are to the practice of conscious breathing, the greater the results will be.

By Transformational Facilitator Christo Barnard
The other day I was listening to a talk, and the presenter said something that caught my attention and triggered the need to contemplate. To become present and look at the idea or thought from all angles, to sit with it , walk with it, let it mull and allow it to become clear and the essence to be revealed .

The presenter said that most of us are so full of opinions and that it weighs us down as the load is heavy and sometimes too much to bear. I immediately took a pause, a deep breath and realized that I am holding a truck load of opinions inside myself about people, situations and myself that is irrelevant and unnecessary. Looking closer was even more of an eye opener, most of it was very far removed from the truth!

As I am passionate about the awakening of awareness and using the breath as a tool to bring us to a place of stillness and peace, I started consciously observing my thoughts relating to opinions and letting go of them before they become comfortable in their discomfort and lodge themselves permanently in my mind. I breathe them out, I let them go! Because the moment you start feeding them, they multiply at a rapid speed and if you dare to share it with others that are on the same page as you in the soap opera, you sit with full-blown drama. And drama and the addiction thereof is a reality and real threat to a healthy peaceful existence, and all because of opinions.

There is nothing wrong with opinions per se and sometimes it is required, but best to stay in awareness and use it with discernment.

A friend of mine gifted me with the word de-opinionated, I know it does not exist, but it sits so comfortably and captures that what is needed at this time of our lives and more specifically at the beginning of a new year.

Everybody is contemplating diet and lifestyle changes, how about adding de-opinionated to the mix and specifically all the negative thoughts and opinions that we hold about ourselves...

Getting on the right track

with Tracey Fowler

Tracey Fowler was born in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and moved to Johannesburg at 13 years old. She is a proud mother of two wonderful grown-up children, and a beautiful daughter-in-law and will soon become a grandmother to her first grandchild. Her enthusiasm and passion for people have afforded her the opportunity to change many lives, equipping all with the tools they require to be the best version of themselves.

Being human is hard. And a hard truth to accept is that we will never graduate from the human experience. More so than often, Tracey found herself seeking an endpoint - a destination of some kind that tells her that she's "made it". The discovery of reaching a place where she has finally figured out how not to be a person debilitated with flaws, aches and blind spots - call it a transcendence of the human experience.

Still, after all these years, Tracey has found that most of life's turmoil comes from fighting the reality that we are all human and whether we like it or not, life is full of ups and downs and in-betweens. Tracey has found a way to navigate and articulate a path to self through a cue in the Enneagram System - a life-altering and tool that helps us fast-track our process to self-discovery.

The Enneagram System is a map of the human psyche that guides us to come face-to-face with our blind spots - the areas of our personality that show up over again - often without our full awareness. All human beings have blind spots. No one is beyond having behaviours that we are not one hundred percent aware of. This process can feel vulnerable and challenging and can be uncomfortable to admit to ourselves and especially, others. What would usually take decades to learn - can be seen, acknowledged, understood and addressed with the Enneagram.

The Enneagram System has enabled Tracey to expand her offering to include positive coaching and inducement for children, teenagers and families over and above individuals and teams in the business world.

Tracey has incorporated a plethora of experience as a CEO in the corporate world, her comprehensive understanding and trust for the Enneagram system and her passion for people into the work she does.

She passionately believes that there is freedom on the other side of knowing our unconscious behavioural patterns that can increase our ability to relate to the world from a brutally honest and whole state of mind. This is one of the key steps to full acceptance, integrated confidence, and self-trust. If you are aware of your blind spots and are proactive in holding a space for them, this can't be "found out", because you already know.

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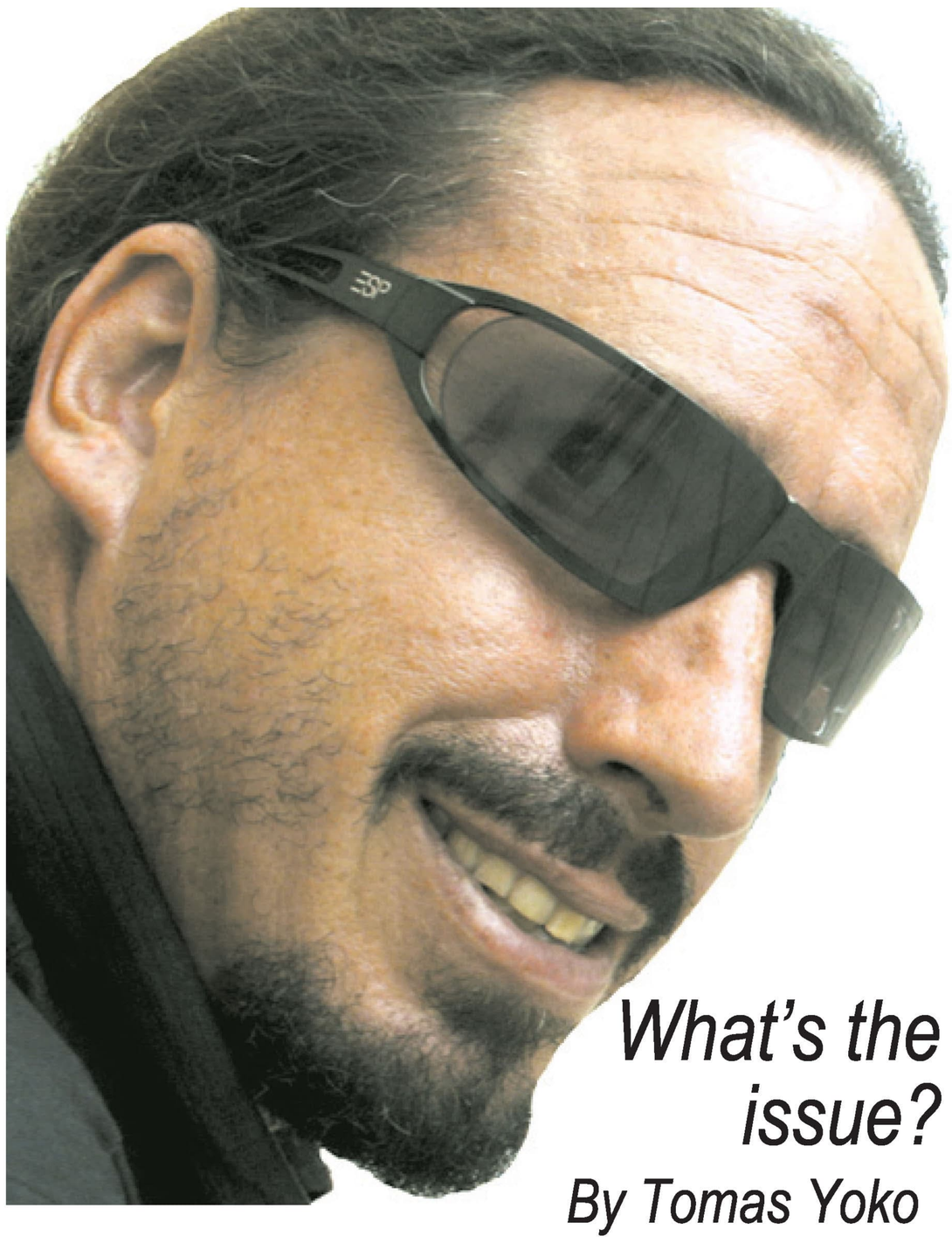

What's the issue?

By Tomas Yoko

The biggest money laundering exercise in the history of humanity is going on right now in the Ukraine. Poland must have been captured by one powerful demon to be the country sending tanks to Ukraine in what is now a blatant assault on the world by the one organization that claims to be "protecting us". NATO has blood on its hand and now its feet as well.

Naledi Pandor showed some presence of mind when she met with the indomitable Sergei Lavrov and called Russia our friend. Now I know the soap boxes are out and indignation is flying everywhere, but before you press send, read what you have written and check the spelling. Don't be that blond bimbo excuse for a reporter, coining phrases like Putin's War and Russian aggression. The cat is out of the bag people, just look past your cell phone screen. If you want further clarity then watch Russell Brands comments on the Ukraine war. He lays it out so eloquently.

Wherever you look you can see people behaving badly. What happened to those New Year's Resolutions? None of them seem to have kicked in yet.

We have politicians who are promising miracles, single ministers who can repair a dozen power stations in one fell swoop. Magic.

The issue of SADS is now heating up, Sudden Adult Death Syndrome is a reality. The numbers are climbing and so is the concern. Big Pharma looks more like the dreaded lurgi with each passing FDA lawsuit. Rumours that Airlines, like the ones flying important politicians to DAVOS, are seeking vaccine free pilots and aircraft crew in the shadow of increases in heart attacks going up in some report to over 400% since 2020.

Are blood banks going to separate vaccinated blood from unvaccinated blood? How did we get into this mess. Was it by trusting fickle men as leaders? Did we do that again? Are we going to repeat the pattern?

There is a band of conflict across the world, from Haiti through Northern Africa to the Ethiopian crisis to Yemen and the Israeli Palestinian debacle, Iran is a hotbed, Afghanistan was supposed to cool down but it just keeps simmering, Myanmar is in the mix and the South China sea is boiling with potential conflict, to say nothing of Ukraine of course. The Little Rocket Man wont stop testing and the dumb humans keep voting the industrial military complex into power.

But don't despair, there's a movement in the air, people always overcome, always at a price, but if Russell Brand is correct and the elite few are toying with us, killing our children, women and brothers for the greedy profit that is war, then it is up to the people to reverse that trend.

Now where did I put that TV remote?

> *"In times of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act."*
>
> *George Orwell*

Sudoku

Last week's solution

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The stunningly beautiful Ballito designer, Verushka Pather

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Established in March 2019 by the Exec Director, Mrs Verushka Pather – South Africa. Sharing expertise in Custom designing, Tailoring, Pattern making and Fabric sourcing. Khanya Designs are Registered with KZN fashion council and "who made my clothes" - Non-profit global org.

Our focus is protecting and promoting eShweshwe, it is the original heritage weave of our country, telling tales of our culture, history, land, and the soul of our people.

"Khanya Designs was born from deep passion and commitment to the clothing industry and our South African Heritage. Verushka tells The Bugle, "We are proud of our achievements combining the rich Indian culture with the African influence emulating social cohesion - the coming together of the two powerful nations."

Khanya Designs has created the first African Sari with the vision to bring about diversified collaboration using the personalized Indo-African creations as medium to experience social cohesion.

eShweshwe is the original heritage weave of South Africa, telling tales of our land, our history, culture and the soul of our people. Along with exclusive African beading and the finest of Indian Silk and Cotton.

Khanya Designs is a competitive global brand taking Africa to the world. Wearing a Khanya garment gives one a sense of pride, belonging, the sharing of history and you make a statement that you have arrived without saying a word.

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Hello Umhlali!

Tip Top Bakes & Patisserie, the stuff memories are made of

By: Kasia Yoko

Meet the Tip Top family; Seen above, Milly Gianna, Erik Sterk, Cherise and Jessica

Tip Top Bakery was a constant for our family when we lived in the Vaal Triangle. They were the closest things we had to feelings of home. Their recent arrival of Tip Top Baker, situated in Umhlali, is something of a happy reunion for us. Tip Top Umhlali is run by vivacious and passionate Milly Gianna with her son Alex and his fiancé Cherise. Tip Top is all about authenticity and passion and is a tribute to bakers around the world.

Tip Top's origins stems from Dutch generational bakers. Master Baker, Eric Sterk came to South Africa with his parents in the late sixties. And in 1975, they bought the bakery in Vereeniging.

Erik's father was a hard working man, he taught Eric the value of never compromising on quality, "It all started with my dad," Erik told The Bugle, "He always taught me never to compromise on the quality of my product, he used to say "As soon as your quality drops, your customer will stop trusting you." Most of Erik's recipes are original recipes brought from Holland.

Years of experience, passion, unwavering determination and the best ingredients money can buy, ensures that Tip Top delicacies are always fresh, fragrant and sublime. Also Tip Top uses only stone ground flour from farmers who practice crop rotation, real butter and fresh cream in all their patisseries.

The Bugle spoke to Milly and asked her to share her vision with us. Having been in marketing and hospitality for many years Milly is a perfect spokesperson for the brand, however she insists that it is their Master Baker Eric, who is the man that creates the magic behind the scenes.

"Tip Top bakeries are the stuff memories are made of." Milly tells me, "Happy triggers are the tastes that bring you peace and joy, memories that take you back to your roots – nostalgic tastes, smells, moments that make you smile and moments that inspire gratitude."

Tip Top Bakery has been creating memories since 1968 and not much has changed since those early days when Eric Sterk took the helm of the ovens in Vereeniging. And now we can experience the genuine art of Dutch and Italian patisseries right on our doorstep.

"So often we cannot put memories into words, but we know the memory goes beyond the doughnut, cream puff or pastry bite, it is a long ago memory whether with a place or a person."

"Our senses are not the only elements at play when recalling childhood memories," said Milly, "reminiscing about celebrations, occasions and people who took part in the events. So often it is not necessarily the doughnut but the memory or moment of togetherness, the memory of being a family and the company and the emotions involved."

Milly continued, "So often the memories are so precious and so vivid that one can taste the flavour through our memory, our customers remind us how important we are and what joy our baking brings into their lives. We invite you to came and make new memories with us in KZN."

With so much emphasis on health, diet and lifestyle, lets not forget how to live and share and love, because life should always include a good loaf of bread and maybe a cream puff. Tip Top Bakery is situated Sugar Village, Old Main Road, Umhlali and also offer deliciously different catering for executive events or private functions. Contact them on 087 820 7777 for more information.

Come on indulge yourself, your family and friends a little.

Tip Top Bakery Boutique & Patisserie, a South African based company, specialising in luxury Dutch confections, true butter pastries, croquette and so much more – our entire staff is united in the concept of, a taste of joy baked with passion, and needless to say, a commitment to excellence.

Window Onto Nature's

A Window Onto Nature's World Solutions To Shade, Heat & Carbon Reduction - Time To Change Course!

By Environmentalist and Green Campaigner Jill Theunissen

With Festive celebration we have welcomed the New Year for 2023 with dynamic opportunities ahead, after the prolonged gloom of COVID -19 with its dire legacies. The season of Capricorn has turned on heat wave conditions in many regions, at a time when we are suffering daily from Eskom's relentless Load-Shedding, often without air-cooling and refrigeration. Due to the on-going variations of "Climate Change" our Southern hemisphere is recording soaring temperatures, rising Sea levels, increasing incidents of Flood Damage, intermittent drought with sporadic fires and increase in pests, fungi and new diseases evident in agriculture. 2023 heralds the time to change course and face challenges ahead to achieve shade, heat reduction also for carbon levels.

The Golden Key rests with the Future of Forests and the conservation of our often precious nuclei of remaining Mature Woodlands. A local example is the amazing stand of mature Coastal Forest trees within the Townsend Park "Butterfly Forest" which provide shade, and offer heat and carbon reduction to the surrounding residential area and visitors. The hazards facing our Forests and Treed Landscape include lightening strikes, wild fires, and worst of all the human destruction by loggers, chainsaws and the expansion of mankind's often arrogant invasion. Since 1880 we've cut down more forest globally than there is forest in the United States. At the same time recognize the forest presents trees of all types and sizes but mainly the forest giants harbor the most carbon and ensure bio-diversity.

While we have grasped the importance of Tree Protection for those threatened or rare species we have yet to adopt the Principle of total forest and treed habitat protection without further delay. This is not merely to achieve compliance with the COP27 international standards, but at the same time achieve a broad spectrum restoration progam for the benefit of all our communities, which is vital for the future..

A Tree Restoration Program, already in progress in the United Kingdom was actively supported by Her Majesty the Late Queen Elizabeth II. In Australia new Tree Planting initiatives are already underway to reduce Heat units, provide shade and increase the up-take of carbon effluent.

Dr. Debra Roberts in Durban, introduced beneficial programs within areas of Natal some years ago. The time is here for us to broaden this vision, and its horizon, take up our spades and start planting saplings on a "Site Specific" basis. When healthy, a tree allows an open access to the leaf surface through the stomata to make food (carbohydrates) and stay cool, it naturally absorbs our excessive proliferation of carbon dioxide. It releases water through the pores. The working Flow pulls water from the roots to the canopy to complete the cycle.

A thorough and extensive tree planting program on a holistic basis is needed, to entertain and fulfill all levels of Landscape and include Avenue Trees, Evergreen species for Parks and Gardens, Schools and Institutions, Hospitals and Commercial Projects, Hotels, Eco Estates, Complexes and Townships, and last but not least the Private Home and Garden. Bring back the Indigenous ambience with Seasonal Flowering colour for butterflies, bees and insects, the abundance of fruits and seeds for birds and rural communities to gather. Where we have existing shade from our Indigenous Trees, Research has shown we achieve an 8% to 10% cooling effect, and at the same time a 10% increase in Real Estate Value to the Landowner(s). Where we embark on Tree Planting Programs the reduction in carbon levels alone will increase oxygen and provide improved quality of life.

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Keep Your Cool - Insulate With The Roof Rats

The heat had us in its clutches for a few days and part of the solution to the problem lies with RoofRats, the only company in the country that will vacuum your ceiling cavity for you.

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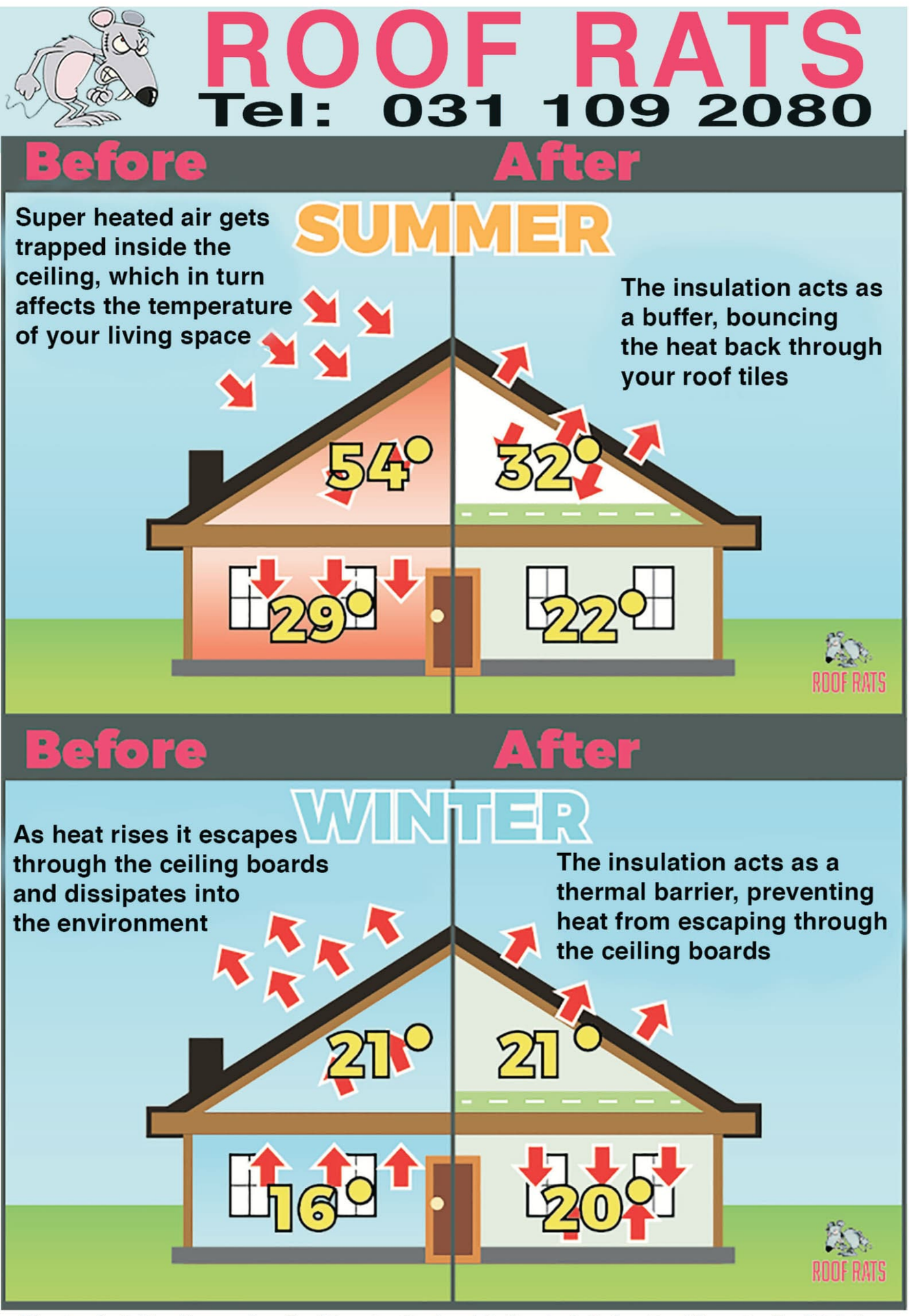

Tanzania Awaits You

with Charles Nkuba Masanja

By Kasia Yoko

Many moons ago, a very kind and generous KZN industrialist flew me to Zanzibar for one week to write about his latest acquisition. A beautiful beach resort nestled at the tips of the pristine blue Indian ocean. It was the journey of a lifetime and a dream come true for me. It was the first time I was going to travel without my family and it was the first time I travelled on a private plane.

Tanzanian Travel Authority Charles Nkuba Masanja

While my host enjoyed the pleasures of resort life, I was assigned to a guide who would quickly become a friend. Charles Nkuba Masanja was working at the resort, he spoke half decent English and was chosen to escort me around the island.

For a week, we explored magical Stone Town together, we visited homes and spoke to locals. Charles never tired of answering my incessant questions and assisted in all my extraordinary requests. I was interested in local culture, the language, the customs, their foods and traditions and each day at 8am, Charles and I met at the entrance of the resort and we would plan our escape for the day.

While wondering around the island we spoke of our dreams and aspirations. We were both at the start of our careers, Charles in hospitality and I in publishing, however we both knew that we wanted to get to be the best at what we do.

After I left, Charles did not stay long at the Zanzibar Resort. He went on to live out his dreams, meeting a beautiful Dutch woman, he travelled to Holland where he completed courses and workshops and sharpened his trade. Charles gained enough confidence to return to Tanzania with his intention to open a tourism and hospitality company called "Rukaki Adventure Tours and Safaris". You will still find it appearing in Lonely Planet and Rough Guide to Tanzania books.

Over the years I followed Charles' success from a distance on Facebook. The feeling of pride still squeezes my chest when I think about the shy young Swahili man who protected me from hostile glares. Zanzibar is predominantly a Muslim country and the sight of my camera was not much welcomed there. Charles introduced me to street coffee vendors and the men who frequent them. He made me love the life path I have chosen.

Twenty one years later, the kind and generous KZN Industrialist is sadly no longer with us, but Charles Nkuba Masanja is climbing the ladder of success, he recently reopened his tourism business under a new name "Meremasa Royal Legacy Tours and Safaris Company". He has a strong voice in the Tanzanian Tourism Sector and is instrumental in rebuilding the Covid-19 savaged tourism industry in his country.

If you are reading this article and think, "Oh how marvelous it would be to travel to Tanzania?" Contact Charles, he organises excursion to all Tanzania national parks, cultural activities, historical sites and natural wonders of both Tanzania and Zanzibar. He does beach holidays, mountain climbing, walking safaris and guided tours. But what he does best is, he ensures that you have the best emotional connection with each place you visit.

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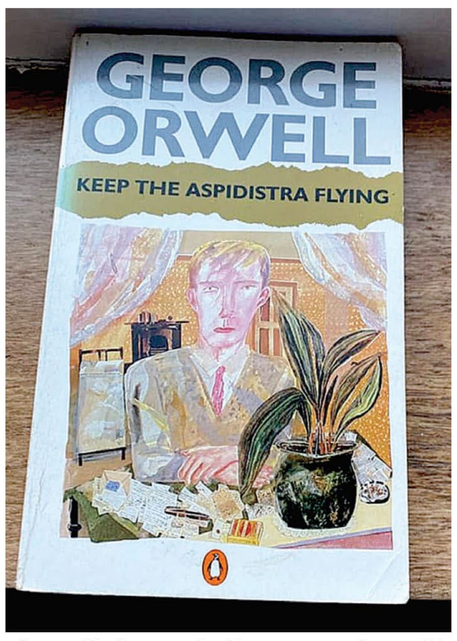

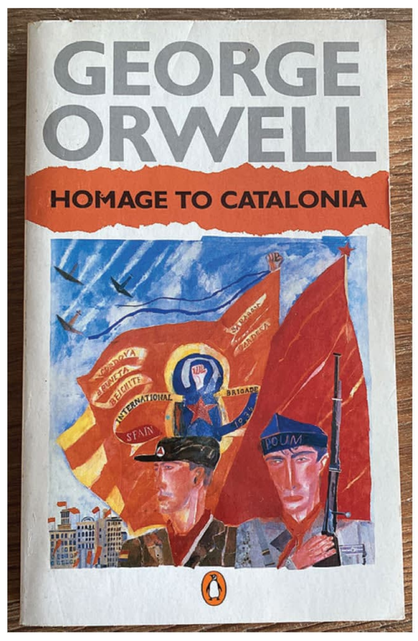

Penguin's clothbound classics *Orwell through the years. Orwell never ages*

Covers of the Mind

By Ikes Books and Collectables' Jo Rushby

"The best book covers possess a form of hidden eroticism, connecting with some undefended part of the personality in order to say "take me, I am yours"

Do not judge a book by its cover? We all deny it. We've all done it. Wandering into a bookshop, our eyes feasting on visual sensations, to land on covers carefully displayed on tables and shelves. The instant mind-pleasure vibrations tingle.

The history of book covers is a fascinating one. The introduction of dust jackets to protect them are part of booklore. In the 1920s and 30s, publishers scrambled to employ contemporary artists to design covers, whilst their readers treated them like gift wrap, ripping them off to get to the text. But covers refused their obituaries, mushrooming into cult-like status. Today, first editions in a pristine dust jacket are as valuable as a signed Madiba shirt.

In 1935, in the first year of the war, Penguin publishing company was born, and reflecting the sombre times, started to produce pared down, cheap, orange and white paperbacks, available to everyone. Like a Cornish pasty, they were initially scorned but the old UK Woolworths took them in and booklovers soon showed an insatiable appetite. Unlike expiry dates though, Penguins remain fresh. Forever.

During my teenage years, in-between mini-skirts and Doc Martens, I was first in the queue to buy newly released George Orwell Penguin editions, aspidistras bursting from the covers.

Fast forward. Penguin has come out with a range of clothbound classics. I heard about them and so wanted to see for myself. And then, as providence would have it, in November 2022, I was in a bookshop in Mumbai, a whole table of cloth lay resplendently in front of me. Colours and geometric designs mesmerised, as titles titillated. I hungered after them as one would a masala dosa.

Victor Hugo, Virginia Woolf, Homer's Odyssey, too many to choose from. My bags were already bursting. In the end, perhaps out of nostalgia, I chose Orwell for Orwellian times, 1984. If only that mini-skirt from 1984 would fit, life would be perfect. That is the problem with India. After the paneer, sweetmeats and masala chai, you need a whole new wardrobe. Thankfully, kurtas provide a perfect cover!

Simbithi Eco-Book Fair By Anivesh Singh

Hamish Kyd

Actor, author and impresario Hamish Kyd will headline the Simbithi Eco-Book Fair at the north coast estate on Saturday, 28 September starting at noon. The event is part of the build-up to the 2023 Durban International Book Fair which takes place in August at Suncoast's iconic Globe Theatre.

Heritage publisher Anivesh Singh welcomed the participation of Simbithi in the programme saying that Durban's accolade as a UNESCO City of Literature was enriched by local communities coming together to promote reading and literature. "The Durban Book Fair was set up as an NPO in 2018 to support the city, authors, poets and performing artists to use the UNESCO platform to reach a global stage, added Singh.

Kyd's books and radio plays have received national acclaim as "tapping the heartbeat of Durban's diverse cultures". He will speak about his work at 3pm following by a ticketed supper theatre programme featuring various well-known local singers. "Artists needed to go to where the people are so that we can all reduce our carbon footprint yet enjoy good literature and theatre on our doorsteps," added Kyd.

Paul David and others recent book The Indian Africans is also on the programme at 2pm accompanied by an exhibition of historical images. While several writers are already listed on the programme, the organisers invite more authors and poets especially from the north coast to participate and market their books at the fair. Entrance to the book fair and participation in the programme is free.

Authors working on environmental, flora and fauna themes are especially urged to come forward. The organisers may be reached on 0837781991 or director@durbanbookfair.co.za.

So you think you know the law?

Ballito Conveyancing specialist Mireille Barnard

"Done! We've put an offer in on our dream home" you say excitedly. Have you read the Offer to Purchase(OTP)? Or did you merely enter an amount and sign on the dotted line? Although it is always wise to read any contract prior to signing it, it too can be overwhelming. Many clauses in an OTP is standardised, whilst others are not, here is the starting point to which clauses you should pay extra attention to.

1. The price and timeframe for payment or bond approval. This is very important because it tells you exactly how long after acceptance of the OTP you have to secure the purchase price.

2. Traditionally, property was sold Voetstoots (as it is) but recent legal development have changed this. A property can now only be purchased Voetstoots when it is first purchased from a developer. If anyone else has ever owned or lived in the house a significant amount of time then a detailed patent (faults you can see) and latent (faults you will only notice after living in a house for a significant amount of time) list must accompany the OTP. If anything needs to be fixed in order for an electrical certificate or a pest control certificate (if mandated in you province) to be issued then the Seller will have to pay for its repairs, everything else you are accepting responsibility for once you own the house. Also pay attention to the Fixtures and Fittings clause, you might love the chandelier in the Master Bedroom but the Seller might have stated that it will not form part of the sale.

3. The breach of contract clause it also very important as it lays out your financial liability should you break the contract. It is always important to check whether there is a Continue to Market clause. This clause allows any agencies which have a mandate to keep advertising the property until such a time that the purchase price has been secured. So you might think you have another three weeks to get bond approval only to receive a letter that you now only have 72 hours or you risk losing the property.

4. Lastly make sure that there are approved municipal plans for all structures on the property. Think of the OTP as a negotiation between you and the Seller and know that you can strike out any clause (that legally does not need to be there) or strike and change time frames as long as both Seller and purchaser agree to the conditions.

Although the above is a rough guide to the important parts of an OTP it is always a good idea to read the whole contract. If you find it too boring and technical send it to us, we will gladly assist, email us at info@cbainc.co.za

Home preparation tips to present your home in showroom condition

Property Talk

By: Andreas Wassenaar

The first quarter of each year is typically a seasonal peak in home buying as people act on their decisions considered and debated over the December break. As a seller, the success you have in the market is directly related to how you prepare and present your home. It astounds us as professional realtors how few people grasp this fact and thinks it is OK to present their home in a way that becomes an instant turnoff for astute and qualified buyers.

There are some time-proven techniques and strategies to use to ensure that any home in any suburb attracts a premium price. Here are seven home preparation tips that will assist you to present your home in showroom condition and ensure a sale at the highest price in the market and in the shortest available time.

1. Cleanliness is considered the no.1 priority. In particular, certain areas of the home are more important than others. Bathrooms, Kitchens and Dining areas are essential and will be scrutinized by buyers. Any hint of oil, grease or grime should be removed. Ovens and Hobs with their extractor fans should be spotless. Pools should be sparkling and inviting.

2. De-clutter. Start by throwing out everything you have not used in the last two years. Remove most of the clutter hiding in your garage.

3. Re-paint. Painting in a light, white to off-white tone will be the quickest and most cost-effective way to immediately elevate a property and present it as a clean, crisp white box – allowing the purchaser to consider it as a blank canvas to put their stamp on. Keep ceilings white. Change dark doors and skirtings to white. Keep ceilings white. Signature walls in a darker colour can work but get some independent professionals to advise first. As a general rule spaces that appear light and bright are going to be more desirable to the overall buying public.

4. Sense of Arrival is important and something to be carefully considered. Remove trellidors (in most markets we serve they detract value rather than add value) and unsightly security barriers. If required replace security barriers with designer versions that provide both form and function. The way the signage is done for the home number close to the front door, the colour of the door and the display wall at the approach to a front door all require some intelligent thought. Manicured gardens, lawns, pot plants and general landscaping can add significant value. It is uncanny how many people make their decision to purchase a property within 10 seconds of entering the home. First impressions count and these are formed immediately on arrival.

5. Create distinctive elements that capture the imagination of the buyer. These can range from a beautiful glass tile splashback in the kitchen to striking light fittings to inviting benches in the garden.

6. Upgrade and throw out. If carpets are old and dirty rip them out and replace them with a professionally chosen floor covering. Wide light oak wooden floors can transform a space. Over-sized tiles can immediately add a dimension of quality. Does it warrant spending the money in preparation for a sale? In most cases, it is an easy Yes.

7. Inspire through Décor and Design. Elevate the experience of a home to present it as a dream home for somebody. Rugs, scatter cushions, décor items and artwork can make the home "pop" and lead the prospective buyer to make you an offer you cannot refuse.

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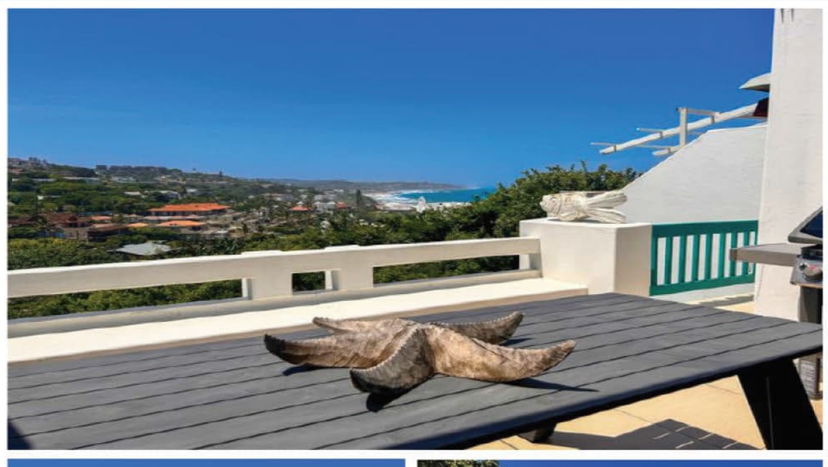

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What Criteria Is Used To Change A Maintanace Order

by Fawzia Khan

Legal Talk

Fawzia Khan

A man who was ordered by the court to pay maintenance to his wife in 2019, brought an application to the high court towards the latter part of 2022 to vary the 2019 high court order, saying that his wife worked as an escort where she made anywhere between R88 000 and R153 000 per month and that she was thus no longer in need of maintenance.

In support of his claim the man "VW" hired a private investigator on his wife's lifestyle. He used the private investigator's report together with a set of Internet advertisements for the woman's services to demonstrate to the court that she was in not need of maintenance from him.

Whilst the woman did not deny that she indeed earned an income as an escort, she argued that the amount of money she made as an escort was insufficient to meet her lifestyle. She said that her income from being an escort exceeded only a few thousand Rand a month and denied that was any basis for the maintenance order to be varied.

She thus insisted that the man continue to pay her the maintenance in terms of the 2019 court order. The court suspended the 2019 court order and asked the woman to produce her financial disclosure documents to support her claim that she earned only a few thousand Rand, which she did.

Once all the affidavits were filed and exchanged on both sides, the matter was heard in December 2022. In arriving at a decision, the court said it was not convinced that woman made the amount of money which was alleged by her husband. The court said that the man's claim was speculative and drawn from inferences which were drawn from the private investigator's report.

As the private investigator did not give evidence under oath, the court felt that that was "unsteady ground on which to make a finding". Judge Wilson said he was "reluctant to make an order that would result in undue financial hardship for Mrs. VW, especially as that hardship could only harm the prospect of her being able to strengthen her relationship with their minor child". The court said the financial disclosures did not provide an indication that the woman earned a regular or substantial income from being an escort, or from any source other than the man's maintenance payments.

In rebutting the woman's denial, the man said that she was being dishonest about her income and that she was hiding additional bank accounts and sources of income from the court. However the man was unable to produce direct evidence to this effect. Because of this, the court said his claims remained speculative if it was unsupported by any direct evidence which were placed under oath.

In order to succeed in being finally relieved of his maintenance obligations, the court said the man had to allege and prove, on a balance of probabilities, a material change in the woman's circumstances in the form of a substantially increased income, which he failed to do. It held that there was insufficient evidentiary foundation with which to support a claim to vary the maintenance order.

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Riding The New Renault Duster

By: Tomas Yoko

Test driving the new Renault Duster 4X4 gave me the gap to head north to my favourite 4X4 testing grounds, the World Heritage Site of Isimangaliso Wetland Park.

The long open road there gave me the chance to take in the new Duster's road manners. The slight hesitancy that you feel in some 4X4 models was completely gone. Smooth acceleration mirrored the smooth operation of everything else. The gear shifts, the safety belt, the power steering, even the ease of use in the digital interface, everything was smooth.

Once we were there, the deep soft white sand was waiting for us. Long tracks of rutted sand road with a tall middlemannetjie, hot dry and fluffy, the Duster was at home. We flitted over the sands like a bearded dragon. Soon we were drenched in a river crossing and all the time I was thinking, "How smooth, how smooth is this Duster."

Go to your nearest Renault dealer, ask to test drive the new Duster, tell them I sent you. You will be happy you did.

On the way home, staring into the sunset as the N2 South blurred past, speedocruise engaged, all the bells and whistles and driver assists active, I began to think of practical issue, like fuel consumption of 4,8 litres per hundred, and the 5-year or 150 000km mechanical warranty, plus a 6-year anti-corrosion warranty with a standard 3-year or 45000km service plan.

I didn't want to give this one back.

The New Renault Duster displays the same characteristic strong DNA but with enhanced genetics to increase its inherent appeal

BAIC Umhlanga have two amazing offers on at the moment with the BEIGING X55 and the B40 PLUS, check the front page for details

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With Two Amazing Offers

BAIC Umhlanga have burst onto the motoring scene in Umhlanga Ridge, with two fantastic models from the Beijing Automotive Industry Corporation. Backed by Alpine Motors, a well known automotive brand with eleven branches in KZN, offering seven different brands and employing over 500 people. Vice President of Sales and Marketing at BAIC South Africa, Mr Hugo HU says, "We're bringing the best of breed in innovation, supported by Daimler's technology who have been our main partner in China for years, operating Mercedes-Benz factories in Beijing through joint venture Beijing Benz Automotive."

The first offering is the BEIJING X55, a compact SUV with avant-garde styling, excellent power, advanced technology and the latest generation of the BAIC Group's BMFA (Beijing modular functional architecture) platform chassis, which will underpin future vehicle models and plug-in hybrid vehicle models.

Excellent power is represented by a 1.5 turbo engine with a seven speed dual-clutch transmission (DCT), and 130KW – 305NM. Acceleration is a breeze at 7.8 second from 0-100km/h, and the X55 also offers multiple driving modes: eco, comfort, sports and smart. Fuel consumption per 100km is reported at 7,2 litres per 100km. The BEIJING X55 is available in three model variants, namely the Dynamic, Elite and Premium.

The second star offering from BAIC Umhlanga is the life changing B40 PLUS. The design of the B40 PLUS is bold and imposing. The styling echoes the confidence of the driver, with aggressive bumpers and wheel arches. The vehicle commands presence whether it's on city streets or showcasing its prowess off-road.

The B40 PLUS is available in 2.0 litre Petrol Turbo or 2.0 litre Turbo Diesel. The petrol engine kicks out 160kW @ 5500 r/min while the diesel pushes out 110kW @ 4000 r/min and 350Nm of torque at 1800-2800 r/min. There are five model derivatives, the B40 2.0D PLUS in manual and automatic, B40 2.0D PLUS City Hunter, B40 2.0T PLUS A/T, B40 2.0T PLUS A/T City Hunter and the B40 2.0T PLUS Champion A/T.

All B40 PLUS models are sold with a 5-year/120,000km warranty. Competitive service plan options are available. Service intervals are 15,000km/12 months for both the Petrol and Diesel models.

For the chance to test drive these amazing new models from BAIC Umhlanga call them on 087 007 1111 or visit www.baic-umhlanga.co.za

The Suzuki Swift remains, consistently, a cult-classic in its class. It's no wonder that the Swift is a South African favourite

The Spirited Suzuki Swift

The light and compact Suzuki Swift with its 1.2? petrol engine offers high output and exceptional fuel consumption at as little as 4.9? / 100km. Every detail of the third-generation Swift has been cleverly designed to make you feel at one with your new car.

The Swift's floating roof design, solid shoulder lines, and rich side body sculpting unite to give you a driving experience that thrills. Its low, short, wide stance has a presence that can't be ignored, making you stand out wherever you go. Designed to give you all the right feels, the new Suzuki Swift is a bold statement in design and style.

The cockpit has been designed around the driver. Interior design innovation tilts the operational components towards the driver, maximising the level of control the driver enjoys. The new Swift is compact on the outside so you can move around with ease, but roomy on the inside so you can bring all your friends. Extra allowance in the cabin and luggage compartments lets you expand on your plans, your hobbies and your guest list.

A 7-inch touchscreen display in the GLX, enables intuitive operation of multimedia features including audio, hands free phone and smartphone integration.

The Suzuki Swift comes standard with a 2 year / 30 000 km Service Plan and a 5 year / 200 000 km Promotional Warranty. For the best Suzuki experience, your Suzuki Swift must be serviced once every twelve months or every 15 000 km, whichever comes first.

Contact CMH Suzuki Ballito on 031 001 9965 or email nathim@cmh.co.za to arrange for a test drive in this pocket rocket.

IN THE STARS

Aries March 21 - April 19

February awakens in Aries the ability to empathise with others, which creates a strong friendship with very interesting people. With some, you pass on your experiences to each other, which will move you a bit further in life, and maybe you will connect at work.

Taurus April 20 - May 20

This is time of work. Your motivation to work will multiply, and work will become your main life activity in this period. Thanks to a high dose of determination to work, you will make high financial incomes, which you will like.

Gemini May 21 - June 20

February will be a gloomy time for Gemini. You will work hard, and then you will not have time for your hobbies and friends. This can affect your mental health, and you will want to shut yourself off from other people.

Cancer June 21 - July 22

The life circumstances in February 2023 for representatives of the Cancer zodiac sign will mostly be developed favourably. In that way or another, in your life, some long-term situations will begin to form.

Leo July 23 - August 22

Leo, you will be thrown to the sidelines of life. At least, that's how it would seem to most of them. Lions are used to always and everywhere being person number one, if not officially, then doing it behind the scenes.

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

Virgo will act somewhat straightforwardly and only in the direction of the applied use of the results. The sequence of their decisions will be determined by this. Project started by the Virgos this month can be implemented successfully.

Libra Sept 23 - October 22

The thing is this: Libra will first have to make a fundamental decision about the project itself and the participation of a loved one in it, whether you agree with it or, on the contrary, are negatively disposed to the idea.

Scorpio October 23 - Nov 21

February 2023 will bring amazing clarity of perception. For you, the world will become as clear as glass. This will allow Scorpios to vary their behaviour in relation to the situation. Its your time to shine Scorpios.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

The time is now we can afford to let things take their course. If there will be any problems for your zodiac sign, then it will lie in another dimension. It is most likely that the celestial energies will block those projects.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

All of you, dear Capricorn, will be aimed at revealing the essence of things, and will become either applied or global in nature. Attention should be paid to both because some can simply make life easier.

Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18

You will find themselves participating in events that are not within the scope of their real interests. In one way or another, it will be too late in February to figure out how you got into this situation.

Pisces Feb 19 - March 20

Pisces zodiac sign may find themselves in an ambiguous position, all because some decisions will be made spontaneously, at the last moment. To avoid this, Pisces should move slowly, carefully considering all of the steps they are about to take before acting.

Rhumbelow Movie Club

Join the Rhumbelow Movie Club! With cinemas either closing or becoming really expensive, and Netflix becoming very stay-at-home-predictable, enjoy the notion of an old-fashioned movie night out with friends… with a drink in your hand (which is not an over-iced and over-priced coca-cola. In fact, it can be an adult beverage – at club prices) and affordable snacks (other than popcorn)…

Roland Stansell and the Rhumbelow team have curated a careful mix of classics, art-house titles, unusual finds, crowd-pleasers and pure nostalgia. Most have one screening

The Rhumbelow Theatre offers regular movies on their excellent big screen, run as a club. A once off subscription of R300 for January until June will allow you entrance to all their movies. (The very occasional special is extra). Book a table and bring friends, or come solo and meet fellow film buffs.

Check out what films are being screened at the Rhumbelow Big Screen for the rest of January. Friday, 20 January 2023: Film Club- Pillars of the Earth, Ep 5 & 6 Saturday, 21 January 2023: Film Club: The Odd Couple Wednesday, 25 January 2023: Film Club: Jane Eyre Friday, 27 January 2023: Film Club- Pillars of the Earth, Ep 7 & 8 Sunday, 29 January 2023: Classic Cinema – Royal Ballet, Like Water for Chocolate.

42 Cunningham Road, Umbilo. Food available at the venue.. Limited secure parking available. Booking is essential. Bar Available (no alcohol may be brought on to the premises) Cell 0824998636 email: roland@stansell.co.za

Hyundai on The Podium

The brand-new WRC season got underway at one of the most iconic venues on the calendar – Monte-Carlo – where the Hyundai team reaped the rewards of hard work to secure an important podium finish.

Even more positively, they completed the rally with all three of their i20 N Rally1 Hybrid cars, marking a big improvement in performance and reliability year-on-year.

Conditions on the legendary Monte stages were unusually dry requiring constant set-up refinements and adjustments in the pursuit of more pace. The Belgian crew Thierry and Martijn were on form from Friday's first complete day of action but showed stage-winning speed on Saturday afternoon. A clean run on the final morning, which saw two runs up the famous Col de Turini, cemented their podium.

"I gave everything I could this weekend," said Thierry. "While we would have preferred to be much more in the fight for victory, it is still a good start into a new season, especially compared to last year. In the end, it's great to be back on the podium in Monte-Carlo."

Our new Team Principal Cyril also found the positives from his first WRC event. "Third place is not a bad start, but we should not lose sight of the fact we have a bigger vision, fighting for wins and championship titles. We must not get complacent. There has been lots to digest for myself – and for the team."

The snow-covered roads of Rally Sweden feature next on the 2023 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) for round two of the 13-event season. Taking place February 9-12, Hyundai Motorsport will field three cars, with Thierry /Martijn, Esapekka /Janne and Craig /James at the helm.

Final Overall Classification – Rallye Monte-Carlo: 1st Place S. Ogier / V. Landais (Toyota GR Yaris Rally1 Hybrid) 2nd Place K. Rovanperä / J. Halttunen (Toyota GR Yaris Rally1 Hybrid) 3rd Place T. Neuville / M. Wydaeghe (Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid). 2023 FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers' Standings After round 1: 1st Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 51. 2nd Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 27 and 3rd M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 16. 2023 FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers' Standings. After round 1 are 1st Place S. Ogier 26, 2nd Place K. Rovanperä 23 and 3rd Place T. Neuville 17

Hyundai team Thierry Neuville and Martijn Wydaeghe celebrate having clinched a podium finish with their i20 N Rally Hybrid at the Rallye Monte Carlo, the start of the World Rally Championship 2023

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The KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence (KZNSB) was established in 1964, strives to be a leader in environmentally sensitive protection of bathers against sharks and capacity building in the maritime sector.

KZNSB safeguards 37 beaches on the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) coastline with shark safety gear owned and maintained by the KZNSB. The organisation positions itself as "The Only Organisation of Its Kind in the World. The organisation has achieved distinguished accomplishments in its existence, defining the organisations successes towards achieving its' mission.

KZNSB offers a dynamic audio -visual presentation. Although the 26 minutes presentation is designed to entertain, it is also educational, providing information on subjects such as the sensory biology of sharks and their role as top predators in the marine environment. The show is followed by a shark dissection where you can see the internal anatomy of one of the ocean's most feared predators. "SHARK"

SHOW TIMES Tuesday to Thursday: 09h00am and 14h00pm, First Sunday of the month: 14:00pm

BOAT TRIPS

There are also boat trips to venture out to sea to watch the shark safety gear off Durban's Golden Mile. Boat trips lasting for an estimated two hours, leave Wilson's Wharf at 06:30 and they include opportunistic viewing of marine life including seabirds and get to see the beautiful, magnificent Moses Mabhida Stadium.

SHARK MUSEUM They get a chance to view the large variety of life-like replicas of sharks, as well as other marine animals.

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