

## ■ BACKCHAT

# We should heed call to bring back the death penalty

THE EFF AND unions have allegedly opened criminal cases after the death of three firemen. Opening of charges has become fashionable for political parties. Nothing comes of these cases as evidence beyond reasonable doubt is not available. The EFF must rather concentrate on proactive politics as opposed to making sensational vote-grabbing statements.

President Cyril Ramaphosa came to the Youth Centre in Chatsworth on Saturday. My grandson went to take a picture with him; the officials refused a 9-year-old. So about 15 family members will never vote ANC in 2019 bye bye.

The leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has called for the re-instatement of the death penalty. Those opposed to it say there is no scientific evidence it will serve to reduce crime. The Prince at 90 years has seen it all in his life experience. This country was among the safest in



the world when it adopted the death penalty, so is that not proof enough that it is a good deterrent to crime?  
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The State President needs to stop making declarations on land ownership. He needs to declare facts. How much land is owned by kings, traditional leaders, government and municipalities? How much land has Public Works loaned to parastatals like Transnet, who then rent it out at high prices with no upkeep or responsibility? How much of municipal land is offered to wealthy businessmen to put up hotels and malls, and municipalities then rent offices in these very same malls?

Smart governments would not allow recessions to repeat themselves nor to steal from itself.

I bet nothing will happen to those at the eThekweni Municipality who referred to Indians as “c....s” because they are well connected with ANC politicians, but it’s time for Indians to wake up and see who the real racists in this country are! Don’t be fooled by these ANC cronies.

Is there any tension between Springbok captain Siya Kolisi and Faf de Klerk? Just before the start of the game against Australia, while Siya was encouraging the team, Siya tried hard to ignore Faf. I hope I’m wrong.  
Linda

Cashier at a major grocery retailer scans item, but it doesn’t seem to work so scans it again. When I go home I see I was charged for the same item twice. I ignored it because going back would mean more stress. When it happened a second time at

another branch of the same store, I checked my receipt the same time and asked them to correct the double charge on the item. The cashier apologised. Check your receipt before you leave the store.

We have students in jail for burning down university buildings. We have Mr Pule and friends walking from North West, Cape to Pretoria hoping to have them released, but we must feed and accommodate these walkers. Who asked them to walk? What is this country coming to? Heaven help us. Irishman.

Want to reduce unemployment? If everyone stops buying inferior Chinese goods, many factories will reopen, thus providing thousands of jobs.

If a person goes and buys a taxi and drives it himself, could that make our whole country a safer and better place to drive in or am I dreaming? GCR.

Looking at the SA economy year on year can be misleading – in 2009 our GDP was \$296 billion US, rising to an all-time high of \$416bn in 2011. Thereafter, it declined to its lowest of \$295bn in 2016. Seems we are deep in a seven-year economic recession with politics ensuring an ever worsening situation.

Our Minister of Health has his offices in the building in Joburg which caught fire. Apparently this building is only 21% compliant. And this very minister wants to introduce NHI. The minister should first get all his hospitals 100% compliant. In other words, bring his hospitals to the level of private hospitals and sufficient doctors and nurses to service patients.

Since the youth do not have role models in their midst, perhaps ethics should be introduced as a subject from Grades 1 to 12, starting with the simple Ten Commandments and ending with conflicts of interest.