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EDITORIAL

Did anyone else think that Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan looked, ummm a bit different yesterday at her press conference? New hair, new glasses? There was something different about Mrs Andrews, but so there should've been because she was announcing four new members of her front bench. A front bench that now includes former Rail, Train and Bus Union state secretary Luba Grigorovitch who is or was good friends with? John Sekta, remember him? When asked about her friendship with the former CFMEU boss Luba replied she doesn't walk away from her mates but hasn't spoken to Sekta for some time. Now that's all lovely but is Allan for real? With the state still unable to account for \$15 billion thanks to the big build programme Allan hands a front bench job to a union member? And one who is mates with Sekta? Unions are all well and good but now? Really? Allan may have had a haircut and got new glasses but it's the same old rubbish.

Down the road at the City of Melbourne his lord airness of Melbourne Nick Reece has said he will recuse himself when it comes to decisions involving a property development company that donated to his election campaign. The company owned by the family that promised a nice big fountain in Argyle Square near Lygon Street also own a parcel of land in North Melbourne that may be acquired by the council. But I suppose recusing yourself makes it all ok what ever it may be.

Apparently Harry and Meghan rocked into town yesterday and no matter what anyone actually says if you looked at the faces of the sick kids they met at the Royal Children's Hospital they did actually make their days. It appears the Royals in what ever capacity they arrive in can still pull a crowd down under.

Trump seems to have got his way over the Strait of Hormuz as numerous countries are about to organise a global coalition that will safeguard shipping in the Strait. It's clear that neither Iran or the US are involved but Australia is definitely part of the coalition.

And finally I was wrong about Coachella! On one of the many feeds from the mass music event I saw Moby perform one of his classics Natural Blues and it was epic! I may not agree with the antics of modern celebrities but there are now things at Coachella 26 I wish I could've seen live...maybe hoodies will be there to report live one day after all!

THE HEART OF WARNIE

My Dad died at the age of 62 from a massive heart attack. Two years before he died he'd had triple bypass surgery and was told no more drinking no more smoking. Unfortunately as his feet hit Bridge Road outside the Epworth he had a fag in his mouth and was searching for a glass of red. That's a bit of an exaggeration but he didn't heed the warnings of his cardiologist and paid the price. His heart exploded in his chest apparently and was dead before he hit the ground.

My Dad lived a life. The son of a Liverpool warfie who was at D Day, ran booze for Capone and moved to Australia after the Second World War. My Dad searched for some time to find his purpose but ultimately found it in the law. He went to night school for four years to become a Barrister and he loved it. He not only loved the law he loved the life. The days of a Barrister in the 80's and 90's were a far cry from what they are today. Smoking, drinking, long lunches, women, hard work, unpaid bills, Clerks fees, chambers rent that got paid when the work was in plentiful supply but went to the bottom of the pile when times were tough and the ever present Gold Amex card bill. Good times yes but often with catastrophic for families and relationships.

When the old man died it was unquestionably because of his lifestyle. His autopsy report basically said, we're surprised it didn't happen earlier! Jump forward to 2021 when Victoria was still in and out of lockdown I myself having had two Covid shots found myself about to pass out at a kids trampoline centre feeling heart palpitations and very light headed.

Ten years earlier I had had an incident of atrial fibrillation. I was in the midsts of a failing business and had been getting phone calls demanding money on a barely comprehensible level. The situation was largely my fault but not knowing really what to do I had worked myself into such a stressed state that when I got to hospital my resting heart rate was 190. A visit to the cardiologist saw it put down to stress, which it unquestionably was. But 2021 was not atrial fibrillation.

Not able to drive and not willing to go to hospital my wife demanded I go to the doctor which I did. I had every test known to man and all they turned up was a slight build up of plaque on an artery on the outside of my heart but it was far from life threatening. Seeing the cardiologist he said come back every couple of years and you'll be fine. To this day that feeling I had at the trampoline centre hasn't returned.

When I started writing about the injustices of Covid not via conspiracy theories but rather by mainly the Andrews government I was approached by numerous people offering their theories on Covid and the vaccine. I like most people did the right things during COVID, we thought, and got vaccinated, stayed at home and wore a mask. I had covid once and was pretty sick but was the fact that I'd have the vaccine the reason I didn't end up in ICU? We will never know, but was the reason I nearly passed out at a kids trampoline centre and feeling heart palpitations because of a reaction to the Covid vaccines? Again we will never know, well not in my life time anyway.

When the great Shane Warne died I like countless others was devastated. The man who could turn a game on its head literally was gone. Warnie was charisma personified. I never had the pleasure of meeting him but he's one of those people that you never hear a bad word about from those that did meet him. His antics were legendary and epic as they should've been given who he was, but did Warnie die from a heart attack of his own doing or was it because of a vaccine? Warne's son Jackson has been on a podcast recently where he directly blames the Covid vaccine for his father's death.

Warnie as we know loved a dart and a drink and had been having some heart issues but again were they self inflicted or were they brought on by vaccines? If you ask the conspiracy theorists they'll say it's all unquestionably the result of the Covid vaccines but ask epidemiologists or medical professionals and it's simply not.

Men in their late 40's and 50's have always been victims of heart attacks and disease because that's simply when life catches up with us but there are numbers to suggest heart issues are on the rise. Stress? Yes. Poor diet? Yes. More sedentary lifestyle? Yes. All direct causes of heart disease, but Covid vaccines? It depends who you ask.

As someone that lost his dad to heart disease my heart breaks for Jackson Warne and his siblings but did Warnie die as a result of the Covid Vaccine? We may never know but it's worth thinking about vaccines and their effects if we ever see the likes of Covid again, but in the meantime go get your ticker checked.

Long live Warnie!

WHAT DID HAPPEN TO FOOTY?

I know as we get older we say it was different in my day! You should've seen it when I played! We never think we're going to sound like our parents or even our grandparents but we do. With that in mind I criticise Australian rules not wanting to sound like an old person but the game I grew up with is unquestionably different and sorry to say, worse.

The 1970's and 1980's were too much. The grounds were water logged quagmires, the players literally beat the shit out of each other and while only the toughest of the tough played footy there were definitely changes needed. The era did indeed produce some brilliant players and epic performances but when the 1990's came around it was probably the greatest era of footy.

By the 1990's you had a balance of raw talent, fairness, quality grounds, decent umpiring and a governing body that knew its limitations. It was an era of great players, the emergence of champions and the end of the old guard. Being a North Melbourne fan I saw footy at its best with Carey but also Ablett and the final years of the mighty Plugger.

As the 2000's rolled in the speed of the game went up a gear and it became of tactics and strategy, a far cry from the days of just kick it to Plugger or Wayne. With the new speed came new players, players who weren't mountains of men, but rather skinny middle distance runners with decent ball skills. Unfair play and head high tackles were met with suspensions and free kick counts went up by the game.

By the 2020's AFL has become a bit like soccer, it's up and back with minimal brutality and free kicks awarded if someone's feelings are hurt. Most recently one player was suspended for a homophobic slur and another for suggesting an umpire was on the take. Jump back to the 1970's, 80's or 90's and umpires would've laughed it off or even offered some kind of witty retort, not today. Today it's my feelings have been hurt and I want the big meanies to say sorry.

I watch the grand final each year and sometimes a game here and there but not like I used to. Players are today about haircuts, instagram followers and selfies and yes it's a different era but doesn't mean we have to like it. Like or loathe modern footy it's a lot more expensive than ever before and right now not at all in line with what people can afford.

The AFL have got themselves into this position of being a moral compass when no one asked them to be. People want to watch good old footy again, to not watch soccer on a different field and not to be told how to watch a game.

Local footy is now much more of a spectacle and draws massive crowds in. A beer on the side lines with a few locals is much more of a day out than anything the AFL currently has on offer. So yes I do sound like an old man, but when you've seen the likes of Ablett, Carey and Plugger play who can compare?

ARE ECONOMISTS THE NEW EPIDEMIOLOGISTS?

Remember during Covid we had epidemiologists on the Tele at every moment of the day? Offering their dire warnings of disaster with little or none of their delusions coming to the fore? Well guess what? Economists are the new epidemiologists!

How many opinion pieces are there now from economists? Some offering doom, some offering doom and gloom and some even offering doom, gloom and the end of the economic system as we know it!

Now we know that Trump has done his best in the west to help us not be able to afford fuel and while it is arguable that certain corporations make lots of money with the fluctuating oil price it's hard to see governments not bypassing Trump and going it alone. For a good portion of the world going it alone will mean we still have supply but it might take longer to get putting pressure on infrastructure, transport, farming and inflation.

What that means is yes things will get worse before they get better but it does not mean the end of shipping, it does not mean that oil will hit \$200 a barrel and it does not mean the world will cease to function. Instead governments despite their often moronic ideas can't allow their citizens to be without fuel so they will find ways to get it but in the world of the economist it's not going to happen. Governments won't maintain supply, the economy will come to a screaming halt and a bottle of water will be \$87.50.

Thanks for the input there economists but if you could just head over into the room with the sign that says, epidemiologists this way we'd be grateful.

ARE THE LIBS TRYING TO BE ONE NATION?

Angus, Angus, Angus...don't do it mate. Don't go down the path chasing One Nation votes!

We know migrants are a great way to get press and to rattle the cages but going down that path is also a free swing from Labor with the racism bat! The Libs don't need a One Nation approach to policy or rhetoric, what they need, as we've said is to remind people what they stand for! It's not rocket science!

Yes the Libs need new voters but they're not a populist party looking to pick up protest votes, they are still a main political party with a strong history. However if they can't unify, if they can't come up with a messaging and if they can't run their own messaging then they absolutely should pick up the phone to Pauline Hanson and say ok let's do a deal!

The Libs have in recent times been called Labor lite but right now they're not Labor lite instead they're One Nation Lite and they shouldn't be because right now is their last chance to be themselves.

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Lying

Imagine if you couldn't lie. Do I look fat in this? Do you think I drink too much? Should we buy this? What did you think of your boss's speech? Do you have a favourite child? I never had sexual relations with that woman...

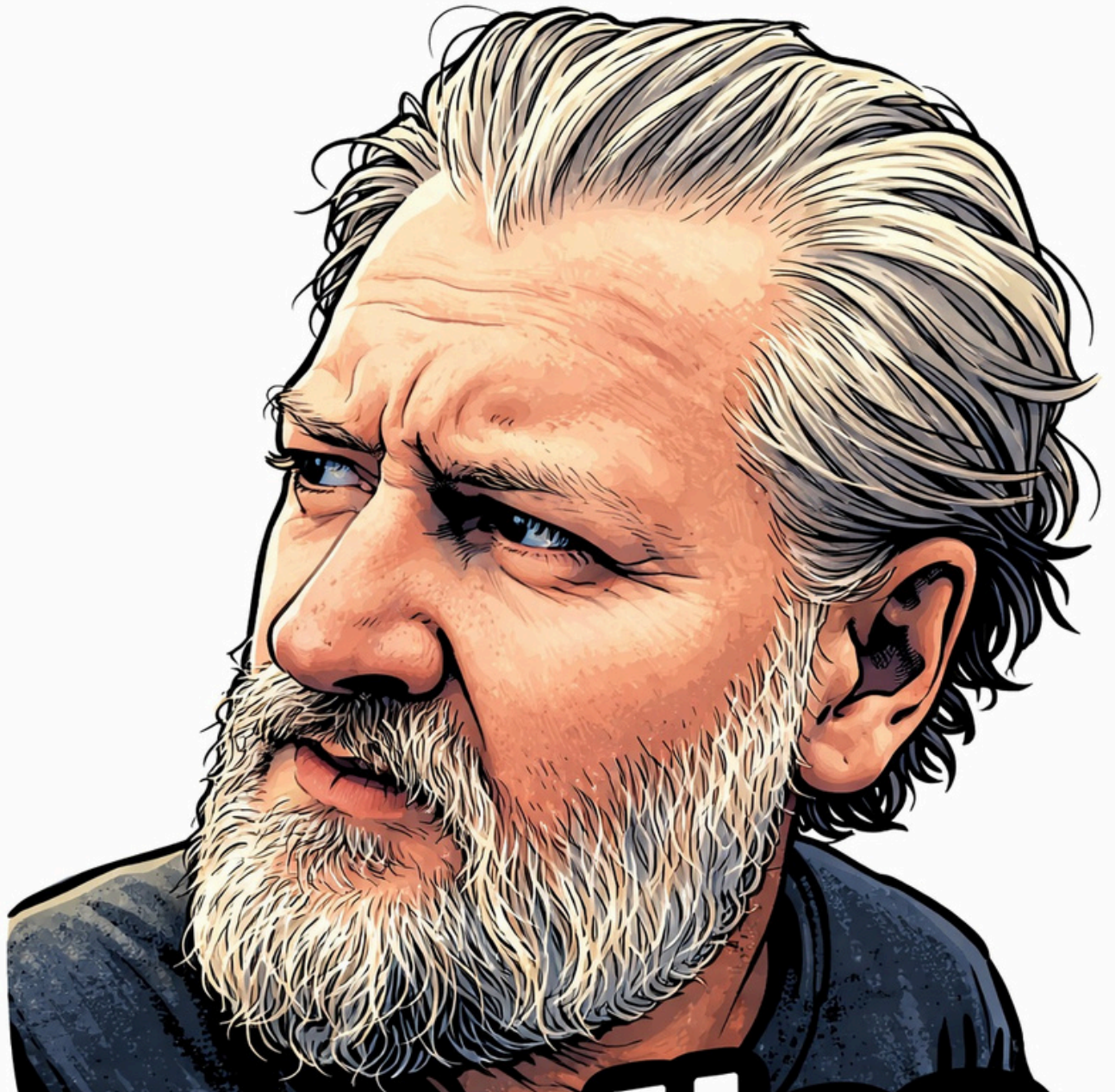
How different would the world be? But as much as we can do without lying in some cases we actually need it. But if we need it it's sort of ok, ok because a lie can be useful and while we're not lying to deliberately deceive we're lying for all manner of other reasons that justify the lie.

When we start lying about where we are to a spouse, that's a pathway that ends badly for everyone. When we lie about homework we ultimately end up failing whatever test we had on said homework, but if we lie as to not offend, if we lie to shield someone from hurt or upset then lie away I say.

The lying to yourself is always bad news lying to yourself is not on at all ever. As soon as you lie to yourself you're finished, because we need a clear pathway to be ourselves and that lying to ourselves blocks it every time!

The people who don't lie to themselves are usually the people who have a brutal grip on reality. People who don't suffer fools and don't have time for innuendo or anything outside of their main purpose. Lying might be used as a tool on other people but they don't have time or the inclination to lie to themselves about what they need to be doing and who they are.

Lying can be useful, it can be important and it can be ok but we shouldn't do is believe the lie because that only leads to lying to ourselves and that one is the end for anyone that does it.



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