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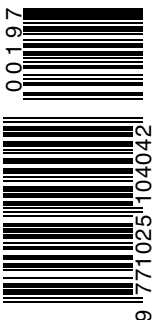
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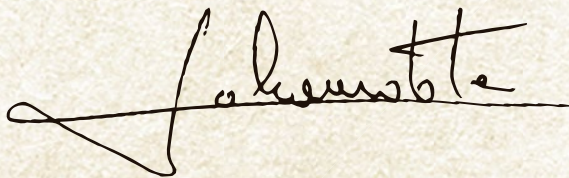
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# Letters

## Noseweek's back on the money

I AM QUITE SURE THAT THE LATE MANFRED Shevel of Newlands would be grinning from ear to ear were he able to have read the February edition of *Noseweek*. I agree with Shevel's letter (Letters, *nose196*), published posthumously, that *Noseweek* had lost a bit of focus in the last few publications with too much emphasis on Corporate, Government and Banking shenanigans and that *Noseweek* aficionados would rather read about the "Doings of the Ewings" as opposed to the heavier complicated Corporate stuff.

Well Manfred, wherever on the other side you might be, I'm pleased to report that *Noseweek* has bounced back to its original form and is back on the money! The February edition was chocablock full of juicy *skandaal* about people we all know as well as some new rogues on the block to keep a beady eye on.

Accolades to a fearless Editor who sails into the wind in search of the truth!

**Colin Bosman**  
Newlands, Cape Town



*"It's up to you now, Willoughby. The only thing that can save us is an accounting breakthrough."*

## Same name, shared regrets

I'M SO GLAD YOU PUBLISHED THAT EXTRACT from the book, *Letters of Stone* (The Photograph, *nose196*). It is a story that needs telling constantly. My biggest shock came when reading the name "Robins" because that was my "pseudo" maiden name.

My father came out from England at the start of the war and set up a life. His brothers were all in the war and changed their name to Robins because "an English name" was preferable to a German-sounding one.

His brothers and parents eventually came out to South Africa – with their changed name. My father tried to get his changed too, but apparently the magistrate said "there is nothing wrong with the name of Rubinstein and you should keep it". Thus we all had a surname that we only used for officialdom.

Even today when asked, my maiden name is Robins.

I haven't thought of all of this in a very long time so thanks for letting me remember. I also have a photograph and names... of my mother's family. And I, too, regret not getting more historical info from my folks.

**Name withheld**  
By email

## Pocket for profits

FOLLOWERS OF THE FRONEMAN/SIBANYE saga in *Noseweek* ("Scamming for gold" *nose196*) might like to note the following quote from an article published in the *Rustenburg Herald* on 29 January 2016: "Neal Froneman made it clear that the foundation of sustainable business is profit! At the same time the Sibanye executive is confident that it can prolong the 'Life of Mine Plan' of Rustenburg Platinum Mines (RPM(R)) with up to 25 years!"

And this one: "Deon Farmer, Chairperson of the Rustenburg Chamber of Commerce, responded by pledging on behalf of the RCC to support Sibanye's application with the Competition Commission of SA

to approve the acquisition of RPM(R)."

Note that in the accompanying photograph of Mr Froneman, CEO of Sibanye Gold, he is the only one with his hands in his pockets! How much is he holding on to this time?

**Marinda Valentin**

Pretoria

*Maybe he's just got his fingers crossed.*  
– Ed.

## Cameron's 'values' are privileged

LEN ASHTON'S REVIEW OF THE ASHCROFT/Oakeshott biography of British Prime Minister David Cameron appears to me to be rather positively biased. I am sure Cameron is motivated by old-fashioned family values but evidence suggests that they are his privileged (Tory) family values ("promote people 'like us' and keep the serfs working for low pay") and not those of the majority of ordinary citizens of the UK.

He is also a master of cliché, such as the one quoted: "It's the right thing to do". Others include "I've a passionate belief in equality for all; Britain is a moral nation; We will fulfil our moral responsibilities; Britain should be proud of its Christian values... we honour these values through helping those in need at home and around the world;" and "People who have worked hard all their lives should have security in their old age".

All good stirring stuff, yet there are 40,000 British pensioners in South Africa who have had their state pensions frozen from the day they left the UK! Had they retired to a government-preferred country such as Israel, Turkey or Philippines they would have received the annual pension inflation increase like other British pensioners, but retiring to South Africa (and other Commonwealth countries) introduces the unjust, discriminatory system which is contrary to the UN Social Protocol and the Commonwealth Charter signed by the British Government.

Around the world, half-a-million British pensioners are so treated, yet many of them fought in WW2 and then returned to help rebuild a shattered





**Uppity...** Cameron's 'values' are privileged

Britain, paying into the contributory pension scheme all their working lives. Ultimately, the pensions they should receive are denied to the South African economy – which loses around R2 billion a year (at present currency rates) as a result of this scandalous policy, and Mr Cameron and his government do nothing about it.

So much for “doing the right thing”!

**Brian Brown**  
Cape Town

### **Bliksems funny, Strachan**

I CAN'T ALLOW ANOTHER DAY TO PASS without saying thank you to Harold Strachan. I laugh until I cry when I read his *Last Word*. Bliksems funny is the word. I do hope all his stories are heading into a book. If so, I will be standing in the queue to buy the first copy!

**Mo McCann**  
By email

### **Sigh... not another one**

WE ACT ON BEHALF OF ST ALBANS College that wishes to deny some factual inaccuracies in your report, “School of scandal” and “Attempt to hush up shock resignation of well-connected teacher” (nose195).

(1) Contrary to your report, the identity of the teacher was shared with the relevant staff, parents and governors from the outset, and (2) Mr David Brown has not served on the College Council since 2013.

Our client has, moreover, given its full support to the investigative and judicial process underway.

Our client is considering possible action against you for defamation of its character and reputation, and for any ancillary damages that it might suffer as a result of your factually inaccurate publication, and reserves the right to do so at a later stage.

**Latham Dixon**

Macintosh Cross & Farquharson Attorneys  
Pretoria

*We are satisfied that the school and in particular its headmaster went to considerable lengths to keep secret from the*

*outside world, including parents, the identity of the teacher concerned.*

*On 2 December, at our request to the headmaster's office, a media release dated 25 November 2015 was emailed to our writer. Signed by Tom Hamilton, headmaster, this stated that allegations of inappropriate behaviour by one of its staff members had been reported to the police, and no further comment would be offered as this might jeopardise the investigation. The staff member had resigned. The teacher was not identified.*

*Our inquiries revealed that the teacher's identity had also not been revealed in a communication to parents from the headmaster. We were told that in this communication Mr Hamilton requested parents not to discuss the matter.*

*In two conversations on December 2 the Bishop of Pretoria, the Right Rev. Jo Seoka, Chairman of the College Foundation, initially told us: “All I know is that the boy reported the incident to the head of school, and the police then were brought in and the teacher was asked to leave.”*

*We asked the Bishop if it was correct that the headmaster had sent a circular to parents asking them not to talk about this. His reply: “Well, he just cautioned that the matter is under investigation, it's in the hands of the police and therefore we should refrain from talking carelessly about it.”*

*We asked if he knew the teacher's name. His reply: “No, his name has not been revealed.”*

*We said: “Has he got a well-known father? Bishop: “Well, that's what was said actually. And for that reason I avoided it. Tom (headmaster Tom Hamilton) said he's a well-known person.”*

*Keith Viljoen, housemaster of Mac-Robert House, was courteous but evasive. He would not confirm that the suspended teacher was one of his tutors, and indeed challenged our information. “How do you know the teacher was in my house?” he demanded.*

*Could he tell us the teacher's identity? “No, I can't. I'm sorry I'm not allowed to.”*

*It proved very difficult to speak to the headmaster. Finally we told his*

### **Caveat**

*When ageing brains deteriorate and memories get short*

*it's difficult to separate within an addled head*

*those lovely things that one has thought from those that one has read.*

**by Gus Ferguson**

*(From: Carapace 104)*

*office on December 2 that we wished to speak to him about two matters: the suspended teacher and a still ongoing Noseweek investigation into an allegation that [name withheld] had been awarded two years' salary after being dismissed for having an affair with a senior member of staff [name withheld].*

*When Mr Hamilton phoned back that afternoon he said his PA had told him we wanted comment on “another issue”. He said there was definitely no truth in this story and asked who our source might be. We declined to tell him.*

*On the subject of the suspended teacher, Mr Hamilton was reluctant to discuss the matter at all, saying: “When something's been reported to the police we really cannot risk compromising anything by offering additional comment.”*

*Our conclusion was that the school's administrators, in particular the headmaster, were most anxious to conceal the identity of its suspended teacher, not only to outsiders and the media, but also to parents. Our conversations with the Bishop suggested that the fact that the teacher's father was well-known was a factor in the headmaster's preoccupation with secrecy over the teacher's identity.*

*The school's promotional literature on the internet still includes David Brown's name among members of the College Council. If this is incorrect, perhaps the school could update its public literature. – Ed.*

## Small business gets short straw

DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY the SARS is sitting on from small businesses waiting on VAT refunds?

Our small exporting business regularly has to wait months for SARS refunds. Currently we are waiting on about R4 million from November and December. The stock answer to our query is “it takes 30 working days”, but goalposts keep shifting.

How many other businesses are in the same boat? How much money is sitting at SARS that should be in small businesses?

**Sean Walker**  
Bantry Bay

## Is MTN untouchable?

MTN BELIEVE THEY ARE UNTOUCHABLE and are not bothered when delivering poor customer service to the consumer. This is their culture and ethos.

I noted that in November the Freedom Front Plus called on all those having issues with MTN to send complaints to them so that they could address them to Parliament. Hello Peter is drowning in complaints, but they seem to drop into an abyss. MTN simply does not bother to respond.

This happens when business is monopolised by just two major players, MTN and Vodacom. Once they have your money, they couldn't care less about the poor consumer, who becomes the victim with no choice or options.

In addition it does not seem that the Consumer Protection Act or the Complaints Commission is actually acting on or protecting the consumers from MTN's blatant disregard for good business practice. Try to get hold of someone within this organisation to assist or help you, especially when you have been defrauded either through fraudulent upgrades, data theft, an unexplained increase in billings!

If you call their Head Office number, 011 912 3000, it is never answered; if you phone their local regional offices you are rerouted and calls and emails (if you are lucky enough to get an email address) are not returned. Meanwhile you have to pay to avoid a poor credit rating – if you are fortunate enough to have the means to pay.

When you query with their Customer Services they either pretend not to be able to hear your call and drop it,

or you are told that you are in a queue and that their Fraud Division is inundated and back-logged – no surprise, if true. No timeline is given. Be sure, here too your complaint will fall into the abyss. They do not even care that you – in your time and at your expense – have had to initiate a SAPS case to prove you are not the one that somehow facilitated the fraud (which they are quick to suggest).

When you go into the MTN branch (at your cost) begging for someone to help, you are told to “phone Head Office”. When you play them the continuous ringing and show them you cannot get any help there, they are not phased and simply leave you standing there. Ask to see the manager and you'll be told he is in a meeting and cannot be disturbed. In any event it is not his job to sort out consumer problems.

There are hundreds of people with immeasurable frustration, logging the same complaints with Hello Peter, but that too is simply ignored as just another dead-end queue.

Perhaps *Noseweek* can awaken them in this complacent abyss from which they operate?

Five weeks on and I'm still burning!  
**Jeanette Charlton**  
Pinetown, KZN

## An unfair dose of SARS flak

I PROTEST AT THE ONE-SIDED REFERENCE to myself in your article, “SARS Spies, damned spies and more lies” in *nose191*. There *Noseweek* reported that I, Kenneth Fitoyi, had confessed to acts of misconduct while in the employ of SARS.

Had you asked for my comment, you would have learnt that the confession was extracted from me under duress. And that the sanction imposed was a final written warning, but that Ivan Pillay overruled the then commissioner, Oupa Magashule, and ordered my dismissal.

I did not personally raise the disputed tax assessment. A colleague, Churchill Masindi (still in the employ of SARS) inadvertently submitted incorrect information about my travel claims. Churchill owned up to his mistake and correctly pointed out I did not receive any financial gain from his mistake. Ivan Pillay decided to ignore Churchill's pleas.

My manager at the time, Nathaniel Mabetwa, expressly instructed the investigating officer to treat the case as a tax matter, which it always has been. The Income Tax Act directs that a revised assessment should have been raised when an anomaly was identified. Mabetwa's instruction was overturned by Ivan Pillay.

Had you asked me, I would have told you that my fall-out with Ivan Pillay started when I relayed to then SARS Commissioner, Pravin Gordhan, intelligence regarding a diesel rebate scam operated by Afgri, in collusion with identified individuals at Sasol. Gordhan relayed the information to Pillay, who curtly told me to back off from the case.

The case, sensitive and of national importance as it was, was never followed up to its logical conclusion. Your guess is as good as mine regarding the reasons why SARS chose to ignore such a case.

You would also have learnt from me that SARS at the time was grossly selective in administering their disciplinary code. For example, a branch manager at Durban, who happens to be of Indian origin, was reinstated by Ivan Pillay, without any process followed, after she had pleaded guilty to awarding a huge tender to her brother.

Another glaring example involves a Roodepoort branch manager who engaged in a scheme of creating false VAT accounts and fraudulently claiming refunds. That individual was found guilty, but a SARS senior manager, Frank Stark, persuaded Ivan Pillay not to fire her as she once saved SARS from a robbery.

Having said all that, I still maintain my innocence and claim that the charges levelled against me were prejudicially and mischievously handled by individuals who had their own narrow self-interests to serve.

I call on you to remove your reference to Kenneth Fitoyi from the said article.

**Kenneth K. Fitoyi**  
By email

*The fact is: you signed a confession and were dismissed. That remains relevant to our story. We are happy to record your qualifying comments and note with interest the additional information you have tendered. We also look forward to receiving SARS's response. – Ed.*



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## Editorial

# Making it past the post

**T**HE DYSFUNCTIONAL SOUTH AFRICAN postal service has badly affected everyone in the publishing business – as *Noseweek* subscribers hardly need reminding. The years of wildcat strikes may be over, but the damage they wreaked remains: those Post Office clients that had the option, have left in droves, never to return.

As its cash flows have dried up, so has the PO's ability to sustain itself, let alone innovate and adapt. Those extraordinary high-speed machines that sorted hundreds of thousands of items a day are all broken beyond repair. If you can believe it, staff are back to hand-sorting into pigeonhole racks set up among the wreckage. Post, once collected twice a day, is now collected only twice a week, because most of the post office trucks have been repossessed by the rental companies that are owed months of rent. Which explains why it takes 10 days to deliver a letter in the same city. If it's delivered at all.

Now Media24 (owned by Naspers) has cited this as the main reason why it is shutting down Leisure Books/Leserskring, the country's largest book club.

Leisure Books has for decades supplied its members with the latest books, CDs, DVDs and ebooks at significantly reduced prices because of the bulk orders it has been able to place in advance.

But this month it is running a sale of its stock before closing on March 31. And there is "informed speculation" that Media24's book distribution division, On the Dot, could be next in line for closure.

"I have it on good authority that the staff will shortly be presented with retrenchment proposals," said *Noseweek's* source, from an independent publishing house.

Small independent publishers are reeling from the news of the Leisure Books closure. Suspicion runs deep that the reason Naspers is disinvesting in its print media is to plough money into its increasing investments in digital media and enterprises in other countries such as China and Brazil, where it's been aggressively expanding.

"Our losses are going to be severe," one of these publishers told *Noseweek*. "The email sent to all Leisure Books' suppliers said they'd still pay for books for which purchase orders had already been issued, but they failed to mention that they wouldn't be paying for any of the books they commis-

sioned publishers to publish, but which have not yet been invoiced and delivered.

"Our print-runs for all the titles we completed last year and had printed at the beginning of this year, were based on commitments made by Leisure Books that will now simply not be honoured. And we are but one of many," the source said.

In addition, Leisure Books will be flooding the market with all their unsold stock. "They have given publishers the option to buy back stock, but we are simply not in a position to do so. They themselves have little to lose, so I guess they don't mind shutting down the whole book publishing industry in South Africa," the source said.

Leisure Books/Leserskring was established in 1980 by Koos Human, co-founder of Human & Rousseau Publishers, and over the years it has distributed almost 28 million books to its members by post. But non-delivery, late delivery and delivery to wrong addresses have increasingly undermined its functioning and profitability.

Communications head Anika Ebrahim told *Noseweek*: "The business model for book clubs is no longer sustainable in the South African market."

But there were no closure plans – yet – for On the Dot, Ebrahim said. "A distribution network will have to be maintained for as long as our printed products remain viable and our e-commerce division requires such services."

*Noseweek* is not planning to decamp to China or Brazil. An independent, critical press has an ever-more vital role to play in keeping hope alive in South Africa. But we, too, have been badly damaged by the Post Office. The large number of repeat mailings and special deliveries (at our expense), the cancellations because of non-delivery and the endless crisis management, have drained our limited resources that should be spent on innovation and rejuvenation.

We may soon have to raise our subscription rate to cover higher delivery costs, perhaps on a voluntary basis.

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**The Editor**



# Ostrich City citizens put their heads in the sand

**T**HE FIRST THAT OUDTSHOORN residents heard of a proposed shopping mall on their doorstep in the sought-after suburb of Wesbank, was from a story published in *Noseweek*: “Ostrich capital is a nest of political intrigue” in November 2014.

The planned 13,113m<sup>2</sup> shopping complex was, as far as could be established, only advertised in the local free ad-rag on 14 December 2011 – when many residents were already on holiday.

On learning about the rezoning and planning applications – submitted by Klein Karoo Beperk – the main concerns raised by residents were:

- the depreciation of the value of property in Wesbank;
- the danger that the rapid increase in traffic will have on the area;
- the negative impact on the existing central business district and adjacent areas; and
- in particular, the detrimental effect the complex would have on the school, its sports fields and in particular, pupils, as the site of this proposed development is only 45m from the gate of Wesbank Primary School.

Local guest-house owner Reynhardt Brittnell, an engineer, lodged an objection on 2 February 2012, which was acknowledged on 7 February by the municipal head of planning and development, Jaco Eastes, who assured Brittnell his objection would appear in the town planner’s report to the provincial authorities.

However, Brittnell was dismayed to discover he was the only objector. The reason, he says, is that “a few thousand residents are directly and indirectly financially dependent on Klein Karoo Beperk, so they are reluctant to oppose this development publicly”.

“The residents’ subsequent silence and the clandestine manner in which they contact me is not a favourable method of communication in a democratic society – rather, it is associated with South Africa’s apartheid history,” says Brittnell.

A local newspaper reported in December 2012 that the Oudtshoorn council had taken a decision on 6 December to consider legal action if the province approved the development. The municipality was responsible only for processing the application and making a

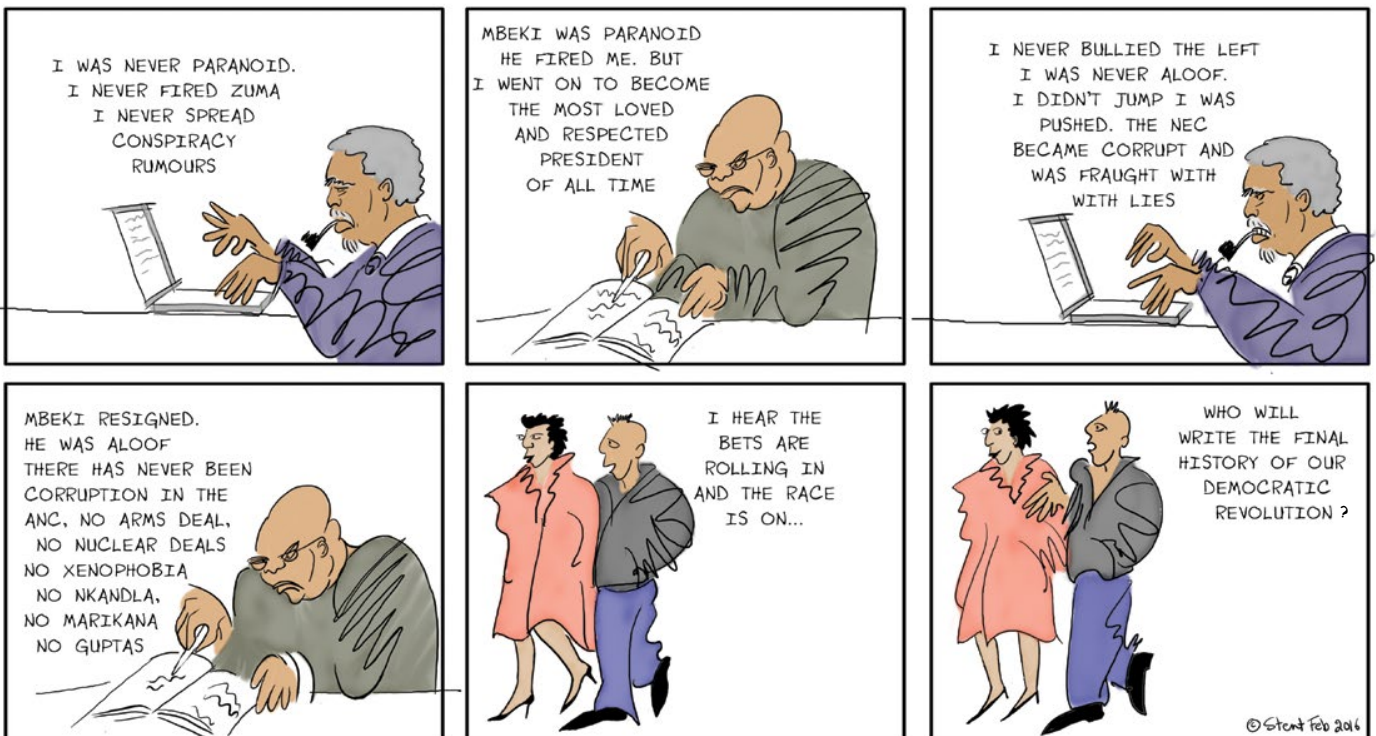
recommendation, which they did.

The final decision lay with Anton Bredell, Western Cape provincial government minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the (DA-controlled) Western Cape provincial legislature. He approved the application on 14 March 2013.

Brittnell says he sent a 100+-page request to AfriForum’s Oudtshoorn branch to assist the community in approaching the high court to take Bredell’s decision on review, as the minister cannot change his decision, once made. George Kersop, the local chairman, elevated this to AfriForum’s head office.

“I was informed – nine months of extreme bureaucracy later – that AfriForum had decided not to assist because of the absence of community support,” Brittnell told *Noseweek*.

The same request was sent to DA leader Mmusi Maimane in September last year. “His reaction was instantaneous and more positive. So we decided to follow his advice to approach the high court,” says Brittnell, adding that he will be creating a Facebook page shortly to keep the public informed. ■



**Stent**



# Dirty washing

Henry Wilkinson devised an unusual way of paying off his bad debts. By Jack Lundin

**T**HE MAN WHO INTRODUCED THE waterless carwash to South Africa lives in access-controlled luxury on the upmarket Fourways Gardens lifestyle estate in Sandton, with its parks, dam, jungle gyms and gazebos. His favoured wheels: a white top-of-the-range Mercedes-Benz S-Class. But how did Henry Wilkinson get there? And how solid is his revolutionary Eco Wash, when an estimated R25 million of its income has gone on paying creditors from his former failed money-lending enterprise?

Eco Wash, winner of the prestigious Enviropaedia Eco-Logic Award for Water Conservation in 2012, claims that top-end dealerships like Rolls-Royce, Aston Martin and BMW rent its environmentally-friendly wash units (use one litre of water instead of the usual 200 litres). They're also to be found at golf clubs, shopping malls and in hundreds of wash bays in Shell, Total and Caltex service stations across the land.

The business generates big instant cash for Randburg-based Eco Wash – just Wilkinson's cup of tea. They find a customer to rent one of their units for around R3,000/month, then “sell” the unit to Sunlyn, a subsidiary of finance house Sasfin. Sunlyn enters into a three-year rental agreement with the customer and Eco Wash receives the whole rental amount – more than R100,000 – upfront.

Some outlets take multi-units, massively boosting the Sasfin payouts. These “equipment rentals” as they're called are common in business and in the past five years JSE-listed Sasfin has poured around R50m into Eco Wash's coffers.

But with as much as R25m quietly exiting Eco Wash's bank account to pay off the boss's personal debts, this has

left Eco Wash reliant on finding new customers for its units in order to fulfil service contracts and meet overheads.

What makes CEO Henry Wilkinson's unique debt-restructuring initiative even more controversial is that his former 40% partner claims he never gave his consent for Eco Wash's income to be disbursed in this way.

An imposing if massively overweight figure, Wilkinson, 57, hails from Durban's north coast and has a colourful background. His early career is shrouded in mystery, but we can pick it up in the late 1990s, when, after a spat with Henry Mansell's Seapoint Racing over bounced cheques and a debt of R6m – with half a dozen or more bookmakers also paying for his blood – he elected for a change of scenery and departed for the United States. There he worked as president/CEO of Park Plus Inc, a New Jersey corporation marketing multi-stack car-parking solutions. He was joined at Park Plus by his old pal Nigel Keirby-Smith, a Durban attorney who was struck off the roll in 2000 at the age of 37 for “borrowing” R479,702 from the estate of a taxi boss client.

According to his own promotional material, Henry Wilkinson enjoyed a meteoric career in the US. In 2002 controversial Congressman Tom DeLay (indicted for money-laundering and conspiracy) appointed him chairman of something called the Business Advisory Council, where he worked tirelessly, simplifying the tax code and curbing wasteful government spending. He was named one of the 12 businessmen of the year in the USA.

That's as may be. Others ponder the great man's sojourn across the pond, which came to a halt in 2004. Park Plus's owner Gary Astrup declines to comment on his former CEO's alleged



Henry Wilkinson



glittering performance there.

Back on KwaZulu-Natal's north coast, Wilkinson's next venture was a short-term, high-interest money-lending venture called DPP Investments, whose loans carried a monthly interest rate of 8% to 10%. With the help of a R5m bond from Standard Bank he moved into an impressive property at Salt Rock, outside Ballito. His wheels back then was a Bentley Continental GT in metallic racing green.

A high-profile, extravagant lifestyle gave Henry Wilkinson the multi-millionaire reputation and friends and family members clustered to invest their nest eggs in DRR. Among them was well-known attorney Pierre Berrangé, head of the Pietermaritzburg commercial law firm Berrangé Inc (specialising in business rescue, insolvencies and liquidations). Berrangé, later to become chairman of the governors at prestigious St Anne's Diocesan College for Girls, pumped in R36m, on which he received monthly interest of 4% (a pleasing R1.4m). Rodney Love, a friend and neighbour, contributed R13m and got a more generous 5%.

But it was all show. As Wilkinson later confessed to creditors, DPP's first year of trading saw an accumulation of "an unacceptable amount of bad debts". "What made matters worse, was that I got into my old habit of gambling on the horses again," he wrote after DPP's collapse. "The sad part of it was that I had done this before, which almost ruined my family's lives. I was doing it again."

He suckered in smaller investors for "short-term commodity deals" in prawns, goats and television sets, diverting their contributions to meet Berrangé and Co's massive monthly interest payments. "It was at this time that I schemed the devious plan to defraud you," he later admitted.

Wilkinson had a R300,000 weekly credit facility with Interbet in Cape Town and by August 2008 he had staked an incredible R325m, producing a R20m loss on his accounts.

"Realistically you cannot reverse this (losing) trend, it is just not possible," Interbet's Gary Piha told him. "We are very uncomfortable standing by and saying nothing as you lose this type of money, no matter what your asset value may be."

Wilkinson instructed Piha to close both his betting accounts. "You are

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right, time to call it a day. No more thanks," he emailed.

"Think that a break is a good idea," replied Piha.

But Wilkinson didn't call it a day. He continued betting, using the Interbet account of Stellenbosch bookie Angie Jonker, who found herself R150,000 out of pocket when a promised bank transfer from Wilkinson failed to materialise. By now DPP's investors were agitated and screaming for their money. True to form, Wilkinson did a runner, abandoning his creditors, family and oceanside home and beating it over the border into Mozambique.

Enter Johan Jonker, 52, owner of a car valet centre in Stellenbosch and husband of bilked bookie Angie. In quest of Angie's R150,000, they eventually got Wilkinson to answer his phone. He told them he was destitute and living in the Mozambique bush. The kind-hearted Jonkers booked him into a hotel there and sent him R2,000. The fugitive CEO then phoned saying he'd been mugged on his way to the hotel and his Breitling watch stolen. They sent him another R5,000.

Finally, the Jonkers paid Wilkinson's air fare to Cape Town and for the next year put him up at their home in Stellenbosch, with free meals, transport and pocket money. It was during their discussions about his car valet centre that Jonker came up with the idea of

a waterless car wash. Wilkinson was quick to see the income potential.

The concept was developed in Australia and throughout 2009 Jonker, with input from the engineering department of Stellenbosch University, worked on a new design. He formed and financed a company, Almenta 130, to operate the Eco Wash business and gave Wilkinson 50% of its shares for nothing.

There remained, though, the matter of DPP Investments' deserted and angry creditors. A roll of them prepared by Henry Wilkinson listed 25 names. He owed them a total of R49,924,880. Top of the heap and due R19.7m was Pietermaritzburg attorney Pierre Berrangé. Rodney Love was short by R4.9m. Wilkinson's brother George was looking for R4.4m.

Among the rest, Henry's daughter Lana wanted her R130,000 and her husband Clyde Challenor, his R1.6m.

"I'm seriously pissed off with you," Berrangé had emailed Wilkinson. "I believe you are stringing me on with no real intention of paying back a substantial amount of money." The sum of R320,000 that Wilkinson said he had paid failed to arrive in the attorney's account. "You have promised R6m by month end and [yet] 320k cannot be paid."

It fell to another Wilkinson brother, Dennis, to mollify Berrangé, Rodney Love and George Wilkinson. On 6 February Dennis emailed the family: "Harold (a fourth brother) and I have managed to get the three major threats – Pierre, George, Rodney – to agree not to go to the police. I am prepared to pay for Henry's debt and to structure/help/manage to keep Henry from going to jail again."

What Dennis Wilkinson meant by this reference to his brother's previous incarceration is not clear. The matter is a taboo subject. And after an unfavourable mention on *Carte Blanche* over his Turrigane Lodge tourist development in Mozambique and the collapse of his own Regent Loans, Dennis has had his own problems.

Henry's daughter Lana took a stern line with her recalcitrant father. "Dad, you need to make a plan to pay these smaller guys back," she told him. "If Pierre and Rodney decide to do something, then face what is coming. You would probably do less time. You must remember, Dad, you have been through

this once before, so you need to understand where Mom is coming from. She is upset that you could put yourself in this situation again.”

Lana’s husband Clyde Challenor, technical director at Goldpack, his family’s packaging company in Durban, tells *Noseweek* that his wife used to work for Wilkinson. “We nearly got a divorce over that,” he says. “I hate that oke, I haven’t spoken to him in years. This brings up very old, horrible wounds.”

It was as a DPP creditor that Clyde Challenor applied for his father-in-law’s money-lending failure to be wound up.

“Henry represented himself to be an extremely successful, wealthy businessman of which DPP Investments was his primary business interest,” reads his 2009 affidavit. “His cars, boat, jet skis, quad bikes, custom motorcycles, Bentley motor car and generally lavish lifestyle certainly epitomised a successful businessman with millions of rands.”

It has emerged that, while winding up DPP Investments, its joint liquidator Graham Perry joined Wilkinson’s waterless carwash team, eventually closing his liquidator’s office in Kloof and becoming a full-time employee of Eco Wash, as well as a shareholder and director.

This is odd. Liquidators are supposed to be independent and are obliged to sign an Affidavit of Non-Interest before

being appointed by the Master.

A curiosity: Most of the creditors on Henry Wilkinson’s R49.9m list of creditors did not file claims with liquidator-turned-employee Perry, but came to a private arrangement with Wilkinson. *[Might these investors not want the taxman asking questions about where the money came from? – Ed.]* Only a handful filed formal claims totalling R6.2m – Standard Bank being the biggest at R4.7m. After realising the company’s meagre assets, the final distribution account filed by Perry in 2011 showed a deficiency of R2.6m.

But as DPP Investments sank, Eco Wash soared, the team being strengthened by the addition of Nigel Keirby-Smith, the struck-off attorney who had briefly been on the board of DPP and before that with Wilkinson in the US.

However, Johan Jonker, Wilkinson’s Good Samaritan and founder partner in Eco Wash, was not a happy chappie. Graham Perry (now a 20% shareholder) and Nigel Keirby-Smith (Business Development Director) told him there were no deals going forward; Eco Wash was insolvent and that Jonker’s (by then) 40% stake was worthless.

This bleak situation appeared to be supported by Nedbank’s statements for Eco Wash’s operating company Wilberry. At 14 June 2011 account No. 1001864115 contained just R7,324. It



was then that Graham Perry withdrew Jonker’s access to the account.

It emerged that despite this portrayal of imminent collapse, and unknown to Jonker, another account, No.1007407719, had been secretly opened for Wilberry and huge sums were passing in and out of it.

Within days of Jonker’s access to Wilberry’s regular account being barred, a huge payment of R3,934,383 rolled in from Sasfin. The following day there were four more Sasfin deposits totalling R810,489. But as Sasfin’s millions flowed in, they flowed out again. Over the last ten days of that June, Wilkinson got R770,000; Perry R600,000; and Nigel Keirby-Smith R450,000. There was also a stack of “loan repayments” to DPP creditors, including R200,000 to Rodney Love and R200,000 to Wilkinson’s brother George. As the account’s balance sank, it was replenished by R1.27m from Sasfin on June 23, plus another big payment at the end of the month. And so it went on.

The following year Wilkinson paid off Jonker with R1.85m for his 40% in Eco Wash’s operating companies. When Jonker complained about DPP creditors being paid with Eco Wash funds, Wilkinson’s response was that Jonker had given his consent to this at a shareholders’ meeting on 8 December 2010. Back home in Stellenbosch, it took months of demands before Jonker received an unsigned copy of the minutes.

They state that Henry said “it is common knowledge that he must pay his creditors soon. Johan [Jonker] asked



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Eco Wash in action

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how much must be paid and Henry said he must pay between R1.3m and R1.5m before end December".

"Henry said he will be paying whatever his loan account stands at, and that there is a significant shortfall. Johan and Graham [Perry] said Henry must take a loan from the company to pay the creditors, as agreed numerous times before..."

For *Noseweek*, Johan Jonker has signed an affidavit which states: "The the issue of loans from Wilberry to pay Henry's unidentified creditors never arose at this meeting and I had never given my consent to such action. These minutes are a fabrication."

DPP's joint liquidator/Eco Wash em-

ployee Graham Perry says he's still a shareholder in Eco Wash, but resigned as an employee about three years ago. He cannot recall "in detail" what happened in his winding up of Henry Wilkinson's DPP Investments.

Is he aware that some of DPP creditors have received part repayments from Eco Wash's bank account? "Yes," says 58-year-old Perry. "Henry Wilkinson, after the demise of DPP, said to his creditors: I'll start a new business and make good the debt you've lost."

As a shareholder, were you aware of these repayments from company funds? "Yes." Did you approve them? "Yes, from the beginning until I resigned as an employee."

Had all the R49.9m (on Henry Wilkinson's private creditors' list) been repaid by that time? "No. I'm guessing now, I would say almost half of it."

Henry Wilkinson confirms that some DPP creditors have received portions of their investments repaid with funds from Eco Wash. "That's correct, yes. Well, it's not Eco Wash's funds. I'm the owner of the company so it will come against my shareholder's drawing."

The portly CEO finds it "quite surprising" that this should be thought newsworthy. Told that *Noseweek* found it a fascinating story, Wilkinson comments "which could be very damaging to my current business."

Asked about his R49.9m creditors who never filed claims with liquidator Graham Perry, and whether he came to a private agreement with them, he simply answered "Correct."

Has all the money been repaid now? "You send me your questions and I will answer absolutely honestly to every one," is Wilkinson's response.

*Noseweek's* questions included: "Do you still enjoy a bet on the horses?" Sadly, no "absolutely honest" answers are forthcoming, just an email offering to pay for a flight to Joburg for an interview. He does say, though: "Payments to any creditors were from my loan account in Wilberry, which I am free and entitled to use. Documents will be available, including minutes of the shareholders' meeting authorising this."

Thanks, but *Noseweek* already has those dodgy minutes.

● *Johan Jonker has launched his own waterless car wash system, Ezy Wash, owned 100% by his family trust. 'I've learned my lesson,' he says. ■*

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# Major fraud probe suppressed

The board of Durban's TradePort will not hear, see or speak evil of President Zuma's favoured Nkandla contractor who *Noseweek* can show has defrauded TradePort of many millions. You can guess why

**I**N JUNE 2014, THE STAR NEWSPAPER revealed that a company involved in the Nkandla scandal and officials at Durban's Dube TradePort had fraudulently introduced token BEE partners into a construction contract, in order to inflate the cost of an office block there by several millions of rands.

The 3,000m<sup>2</sup>, two-storey office block was to be occupied by Air Chefs, SAA's in-house catering service.

*The Star* reporters appear not to have realised that the so-called "Air Chefs" contract was only one of several incidents of corruption identified by Paul O'Sullivan in a damning series of reports now seen by *Noseweek*.

There are also several earlier affidavits by TradePort employees testifying to their direct knowledge of the same or similar corrupt activities there. Those will be dealt with in future *Noseweek* issues. For now, the so-called "Air Chefs" contract deserves a revisit.

Noteworthy, in hindsight, are the references and hints scattered through the reports and affidavits by witnesses, to "pressure from above", "political influence" and the continued refusal of the chairman and board of TradePort, the responsible company executives, provincial politicians and law enforcement agencies to acknowledge the seriousness of the evidence presented – and to take action. The phrase "royal game" springs to mind.

Over it all, inevitably, lies the haunting shadow of President Jacob Zuma's private residence, Nkandla.

The primary function of the Dube TradePort Corporation (DTPC) is to manage airfreight and provide air services. It is based in a Special Economic

Zone adjacent to Durban's King Shaka International Airport. Planned as an African showpiece, the TradePort has instead become a centre of political intrigue, fraud and corruption.

The DTPC tender that was the subject of *The Star's* report was irregularly awarded to a joint venture of Construction ID cc and R&G Consultants (better-known for its involvement in the vast overspend on Nkandla).

*The Star* report was based on a detailed investigation conducted a year earlier by well-known forensic investigators Paul O'Sullivan and Associates. The O'Sullivan report concluded that the hiring of the three subcontractors, whose directors were allegedly a fireman, a gardener and a housewife, amounted to fronting. It noted that the tender escalated by R7.3 million in the space of 10 weeks before any construction had even taken place.

The three BEE "contractors" were conveniently introduced as a "post-

tender" requirement by Owen Mungwe, TradePort executive for infrastructure. They played no role in the project other than that each signed a document, and they had neither seen nor heard from the main contractor since.

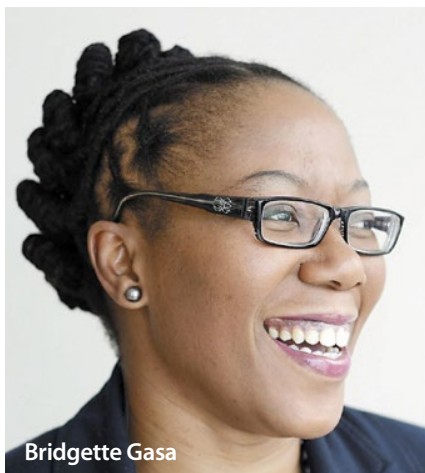
*The Star* quoted both Paul O'Sullivan and (then) TradePort CEO Saxen van Coller confirming that the report had been referred to the Public Protector. TradePort Chairperson Bridgette Gasas was quoted dismissing the allegations as "not newsworthy, unsubstantiated and sensational".

While there were earlier rumblings and affidavits alleging fraud and corruption at TradePort, it was a series of personally derogatory and insulting emails circulated by an anonymous staff member in mid-2013, that brought matters to a head – and investigator Paul O'Sullivan on to the scene.

The first email, sent on 22 May 2013 from "Truebelieve44" with the subject line "State of affairs at Dube", was sent to DubeTP senior manager Corné van Reenen and was copied to another six Dube executives, including CEO, Saxen van Coller.

It began: "In a matter of a few short years DTPC has turned from an instrument of change in Africa into one woman's obsession to attain more power than she could possibly handle." After a personal tirade against Van Reenen and her alleged ill-treatment of female employees, the email ends with "Try taking a bath more than once a week. It does wonders."

The next day Van Coller summoned the senior manager: operations and security, Petko Atanassov, and ordered him to immediately launch a confidential investigation to establish the



Bridgette Gasas



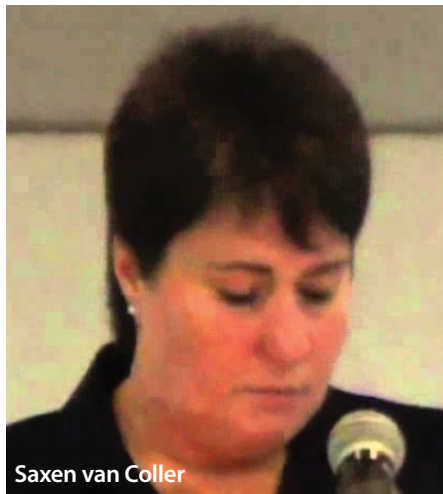
identity of the email's author.

Atanassov consulted board secretary Ann Easton, who happily endorsed his suggestion that they appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers to do the job, as they were Dube TradePort's internal auditors. "Easton was elated that we should use them [and] explained that she was previously employed at PwC and had an extremely good relationship with Trevor White there," he later recorded in a sworn statement.

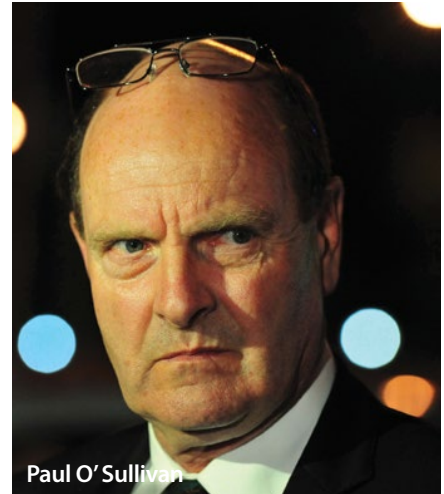
Five days later, PricewaterhouseCoopers accepted the brief. But they appear to have shown little enthusiasm for the task. Atanassov reported: "The conduct of the investigator assigned to us [by PwC] was appallingly unprofessional, bordering on negligent. It was obvious to me that he was not putting any effort into conducting a proper investigation." His suspicions were reinforced when PwC senior manager of Forensic Investigations Junaid Amra told him in conversation: "Your investigations are making many people nervous... big people. We even had to explain to ACSA [Airports Company of SA] executives that the investigation is not affecting them, as they are one of our clients."

Informed of this, Van Coller raged about how "useless" PwC were and instructed Atanassov to find a private investigator who could produce speedy results. In the meantime two more anonymous emails had been received.

Atanassov declares in a subsequent sworn statement: "At this time I contacted Paul O'Sullivan, who I knew from working at ACSA and asked him if he could assist with the



Saxen van Coller



Paul O'Sullivan

identification of the emails."

Saxen van Coller called O'Sullivan herself and briefed him to take over the investigation. She instructed Atanassov not to share any information about O'Sullivan's appointment with anyone, and in particular not with CFO Ayesha Swalah, property leasing and management head Mark Beckett, senior executive in engineering services Owen Mungwe, Hamish Erskine (then a property executive) and board secretary Ann Easton. Van Coller said she "strongly believed that all of them were involved in corrupt activities and were orchestrating the [email] campaign in order to remove her from her position as CEO".

"At this meeting Van Coller [also] explained to me that she did not feel safe in her office with all these 'fraudsters' around her and requested an improvement of her office security, including

changing the lock and having it swept for eavesdropping devices."

O'Sullivan's investigations were conducted between September and October 2013. They would reveal that her suspicions about corrupt activities were not far wrong.

In the meantime, PwC lived up to Atanassov and Van Coller's worst expectations: on 25 July 2013 Ann Easton's friend, Trevor White, director: forensic services at PwC, reported: "Based on the analysis of electronic devices examined, we were unable to find any link to the truebelieve44@gmail.com account."

(Within a day, Atanassov had himself identified the author, simply by calling up the metadata "hidden" behind the document attached to the anonymous email – where the author is named.)

What PwC did discover in passing was that two employees were using their office computers to access pornographic websites. PwC charged R300,000 for their services.

O'Sullivan made several damning findings in his first report, which appears to have been *The Star's* source. As *The Star* reported, it implicates a senior executive in engineering services, Owen Mungwe, and a consultant involved in the Nkandlagate saga, Dumisani Gqwaru (Dumi) in that fraudulent BEE construction contract.

O'Sullivan's report said Dumi had admitted to loading the contract with a further R750,000 "mentoring" fee – a number he later revealed was a thumb-suck. (Since none of the three proposed BEE partners had ever been involved in construction,

**R&G Consultants** led by **Dumisani Gqwaru** was the beneficiary of R13,794,957.70 for consultancy work at Nkandla.

The Public Protector's "Secure in Comfort" report says they were "appointed by the owner" – namely President Zuma in 2008. In 2009, the report said, R&G Consultants prepared a detailed cost estimation document in respect of the Nkandla Project, according to which the cost would amount to R47,323,102.

Over the next 24 months, Gqwaru issued another six such "cost estimates" that saw the price rise from

R46m to R197m and his consultancy fee escalate in tandem.

**Saxen van Coller** (who changed her name by deed poll from Yvette Coetzee) was fired from Dube TradePort last year after it was found the MBA and doctorate claimed on her CV were all fake. She'd had a ten-year illustrious career as CEO of several well-known companies. Her only genuine documented achievement was that she could dead-lift 152kg and squat 140kg, as detailed in records of the 2009 Gauteng Powerlifting competition.

they would need to be mentored.)

Dumi also introduced the three letters, supposedly written by the soon-to-be appointed contractors, requesting “mentoring” from R&G Consulting. The letters were written by the same person, had been back-dated, and the names of the newly appointed contractors, incorrectly spelled.

Weeks after the contract was signed, the cost – even before ground was broken – had escalated by 25% to R36m.

O’Sullivan was blunt in his analysis: “There was a deliberate intention to proceed with a project that was not viable. It can be hypothesised that this recklessness is directly related to the intention of pushing R10m of the value to front companies for either Dumi, Mungwe or both.”

O’Sullivan said they had already jointly decided that the faked BEE “contractors” would get 30% of the contract value, equating to a R10m spend.

The report stated there was a prior “undisclosed” relationship between Dumi and Mungwe and “evidence of collusion”, but that Dumi had lied to cover up Mungwe’s involvement.

The leasing agreement signed between DTPC and Air Chefs proved equally problematic: Air Chefs were to take up little more than a third of the floor space; the three-year deal would have given DTPC a yield of just 2%, defying all market-related norms.

O’Sullivan’s recommendations were clear-cut: cancel the building contract “as a result of the fraud that has [*been taking*] place and launch a probe “to establish the degree of culpability by DTPC employees in the above crisis”.

At Van Coller’s request, O’Sullivan flew to Port Elizabeth on February 19, 2014 to meet Gasa. Van Coller had al-

ready sent his investigation report, by registered courier, to Gasa.

“I was shocked at the meeting to hear Gasa saying that, as far as she was concerned, no investigations had taken place and she did not know of my existence. Gasa was not interested in hearing anything about Mungwe. I subsequently emailed all the Mungwe reports to her, so she could no longer deny she had an executive working for DTPC who lacked probity,” O’Sullivan later told the Public Protector.

The final forensic report into the contract was never tabled before the DTPC board – on the instruction of chairperson Gasa. Instead, she launched an investigation into how the services of O’Sullivan were procured.

O’Sullivan hints at the reason in his affidavit submitted to the Public Protector in May 2014: “It had come to my attention during the investigations that Mungwe was on friendly speaking terms with the relevant MEC (Mike Mabuyakhulu) and that R&G Consulting were the personal advisors to the President of the Republic, Jacob Zuma.

“I expected Mungwe to be dismissed and criminal charges to be brought against both him and Gqwaru. To my total amazement, instead I found Van Coller came under attack from Gasa for hiring my firm. I can only put this down to political lobbying”.

In confidential minutes from a Dube TradePort board meeting in March 2014, it is recorded that, despite a recommendation by the Audit and Risk Committee that the board members view the investigation into Mungwe before condemning the hiring of O’Sullivan and PwC as irregular expenditure, “it was noted that the Chairperson has subsequently

requested the findings were not circulated to the Board members”.

It also said it was “noted that [*there*] was no evidence that any employee of DTPC had benefited inappropriately from the Air Chefs contract” and instead recommended a “formal disciplinary process” be taken against Atanassov. They also wanted the cost of the investigation to be borne by Atanassov.

How a responsible board could have come to these conclusions without having read the reports is baffling; they ignore the fact that a major fraud on the TradePort was planned and, if a TradePort employee did not benefit, a mystery third party certainly did.

By mid-2014, Atanassov was cleared of all charges and DTPC was forced to terminate the Air Chef tender. Mungwe nonetheless still holds the post of Executive: Development Planning and Infrastructure. The only explanation: he is “politically untouchable”.

In the DTPC’s 2014/15 annual report, the now acting CEO Hamish Erskine said construction had begun on four new developments, one being a facility for Air Chefs; Construction ID lists it as a “project in progress”.

As for Dumi, business is booming; his clients range from Standard Bank to a host of provincial and local government authorities, business park developments and the Methodist Church.

Gasa declined to comment when *Noseweek* asked why she had suppressed the crucial investigation.

Atanassov, said only that he’d moved on with his life. No response was received from R&G.

O’Sullivan said he was bound by a contract of confidentiality and asked, “Where did you get the documents? It affects my credibility.” ■

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# SA medical students turn messianic in Havana

Hugely expensive training of young would-be doctors in Cuba is crumbling. By Elisabeth Hamilton

**A** DIPLOMATIC ROW IS BOILING OVER between South Africa and the communist state of Cuba where South African medical students are taking to the streets of Havana and proclaiming the Gospel.

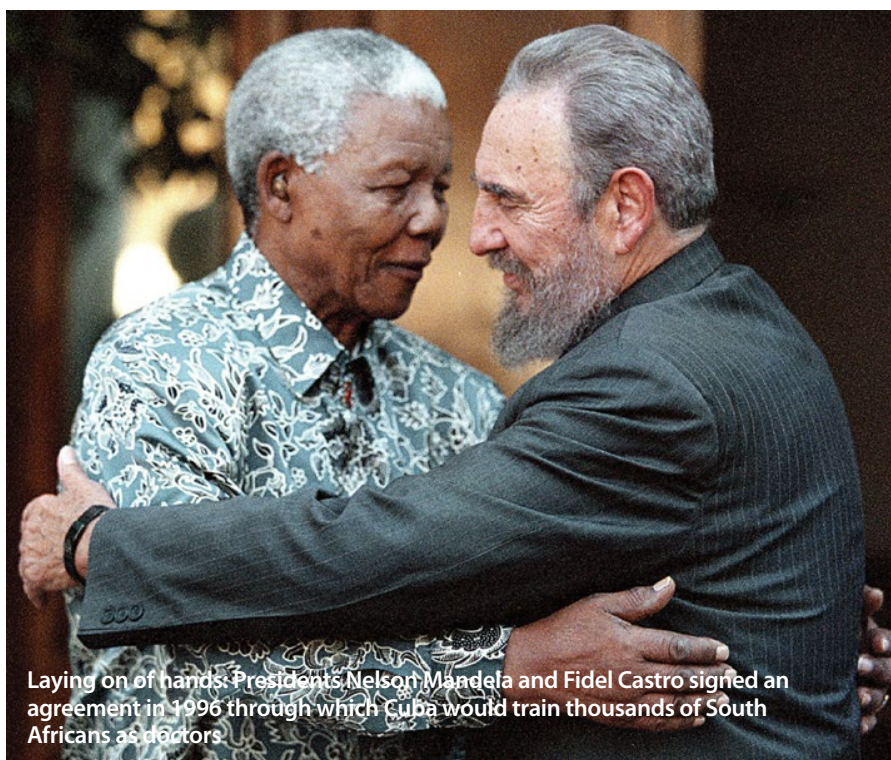
It may all seem a bit archaic, but in Cuba, where permission was given in 2014 to build the first new church since the 1959 Cuban Revolution, it is a touchy subject.

And the same students who are spreading the word are apparently illegally exporting Cuban cigars to make some cash on the side while earning themselves a reputation for heavy drinking and brawling.

Signs that something was amiss first emerged in September last year when the SABC reported that the Cuban Embassy in South Africa had expressed “concern to the government in Pretoria” that South Africans studying medicine in Havana had “resorted to faith to cure ailments”.

The haste with which KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, was dispatched to the island for just over a week in January – on the instruction of the South African Embassy Health Attaché in Cuba – gives a clear indication that their Cuban counterparts are not happy.

The RSA/Cuba medical programme, now dubbed the Nelson Mandela/Fidel Castro Medical Collaboration, began as a bilateral agreement signed by the two elderly leaders in 1996. It was never meant to continue for nearly 20 years, but since the government decided on pursuing the interests of the National Health Insurance (NHI) plan – ultimately integrating both private and government hospitals into a sin-



Laying on of hands: Presidents Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro signed an agreement in 1996 through which Cuba would train thousands of South Africans as doctors.

gle seamless system while pumping up manpower in rural areas – the need for more doctors has never been greater.

If the South African government wants to meet its ambitious target of 1,000 doctors entering the medical system from 2018 onwards, without some help from the Cubans, the bill is likely to run into billions of rands.

While there have long been signs that the Cuban programme is not achieving the optimistic results once anticipated, a little-known church in Pietermaritzburg has recently found itself bearing the brunt of blame for

what experts say is, in any event, an unsustainable programme.

In an unusual statement issued two days before Dhlomo jettied off to Cuba to save the students from saving souls, he accused Apostle Siphon Maduna of Threshing Floors Bible Church of brainwashing the med students in Havana: “MEC Dhlomo is responding to an urgent call by the South African Health Attaché in Havana who has raised concern that one of our medical students seems to be mentally disturbed after attending sermons by a KZN Pastor who sneaked into

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Cuba as a tourist," it read. The department said the students were spending seven hours a day practising their faith and blamed the church for the fact that 26 students had failed and another 22 were excluded for missing more than 20% of classes – all of whom were from KZN.

Dhlomo, who was adamant that the pastor, Maduna, should have had a work permit to spread the gospel, said that those whom Maduna had "anointed" as "pastors, prophets and evangelists" were now leaving campuses and "preaching on street corners, trying to convert Cubans".

He added that the medical students were from poor backgrounds and owed it to their families to perform. "We just cannot allow [*the programme*] to be wrecked by an opportunist and cunning 'pastor' who preys on young and poor students," said Dhlomo.

Maduna could not be reached for comment as he was said to be spending a month in prayer and solitude. The church's PRO, Ntokozo Biyela, said they disputed "any and all adverse allegations" arising from the pastor's two-day visit to Cuba in September 2015, claiming they are being scapegoated.

Biyela said it was a "documented fact" that the students had been "experiencing personal and lifestyle problems relating to "excessive indulgence in alcohol, chaotic partying, chaotic behaviour and fights in some bars and in the Cuban streets". They had also been "engaging in sexual immorality, pregnancies, poor performance... and extremist religious practices by some".

In August 2015 *Timeslive* reported that Dhlomo had conceded that there had been 26 failures last year. No mention of the church. What he did do was urge the group returning to Cuba to "party less".

In December a student from the Free State, Mbuti Twala, was killed after a drunken bar brawl. News24 reported that Twala and two fellow students had tried to seek refuge in a pub but that the security guards stopped them, saying, "South Africans are always involved in fights".

Professor Yosuf "Joe" Veriava, who sits on the national Department of Health Ministerial Review Committee and is a professor in rural health at Wits University, said the Cuban pro-

gramme is necessary to reach South Africa's primary health goals.

"This is an interim measure, a stop-gap. We should have between 800 and 1,000 new doctors who studied in Cuba working in South Africa by 2018. The issue is, we are short on doctors and in order for the NHI plan to work, we need more doctors," said Veriava.

There is little doubt that the six-year programme – in which the students return home only twice – is hard, including having all their lectures in Spanish, tough living conditions far away from family support.

"I am sure the department of health will play a positive role in sorting out the problems. Any university has student problems. These students just happen to be far away," said Veriava.

The *South African Medical Journal* said in 2013 that the programme aimed to produce 1,000 undergraduates annually into local medical campuses from 2018. The students will be required to undertake a conversion year in South Africa on return.

The journal said the eight medical schools in South Africa produce 1,300 doctors a year but that their output of GPs would have to double over the next 15 years just to maintain the current ratio of GPs to population. It said Cuba has 25 medical schools from which 11,000 doctors graduate annually,

Each province and health district finances their students, so estimating the total cost is difficult. But the KZN health department said last year that it spends R70,200 a year per student. There are currently 813 students from South Africa on the Cuba programme.

In 2013, *The Witness* reported that fewer than half of the South Africans sent to Cuba to train as doctors had completed the course. Between 1997 and 2009, 624 medical students were sent to Cuba. Parliamentary records show that in October 2011 Health Director-General Malebona Precious Matsoso revealed that by that date only 257 had qualified as doctors.

In January that year the department revealed that six students had given up their scholarships and returned home after a dispute over stipends that the government pays them over and above their living expenses. They were members of a group of 187



students who went on strike, complaining about the pocket money and the food. They wanted the stipend increased from R1,600 a month to more than R6,300 at the time.

Dr Mark Sonderup, Vice Chairperson of the South African Medical Association, (SAMA) conceded that the Cuban programme was problematic. "There are both pros and cons but then there is also no alternative. The programme however is not sustainable and it would make more sense to train in this country. But we haven't built a new medical school in four decades. The capacity of existing institutions is being stretched and there has been a 10% cut in our health training grant from the state, yet we are expected to train more people.

"We are being pushed and we are now needing to find innovative ways to teach. It is not fair on a patient to be surrounded by 30 students and we must also balance quality of education. Studying medicine is not cheap so the students are entitled to quality education."

He added: "I don't know why we

haven't bought capacity in the SADC region. Training in Zimbabwe and Botswana is perfectly adequate and mirrors our burden of disease," said Sonderup.

A senior health department source,

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who asked not be named, said: "While the state will not disclose this publicly, authorities are resigned to the fact that the project is a failure and they will in all likelihood start winding it down.

"The department will never admit that there are issues [*but*] they might even bring back students [*from Cuba*] prematurely. There are two main problems. First, it is language. The medical language is complicated. Second is that the profile of patients is completely different from that of South Africans.

"In Cuba HIV/Aids is highly regulated but in South Africa it accounts for 80-90% of cases in the public health system. Whereas Cuba works on a more preventative model, the graduates need more focus on clinical and therapy.

"There is discussion that we might approach the Chinese to set up a joint venture and build regional centres here in South Africa. A lot of money has been spent on the Cuba programme but the outcomes are relatively small," said the source. ■

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# Kafka in Africa – Part 2

## Distinguished German academic knotted in still more SA red tape

**N**OSEWEEK REECENTLY REPORTED on the seemingly endless bureaucratic nightmare faced by Professor Ulrich van der Heyden of Humboldt University in Berlin after his arrival in South Africa as an official guest of the University of South Africa (Unisa) in Pretoria.

As a professor in the theology faculty of his home university – with a particular interest in the history of the German missionary societies in 19th Century South Africa – he had been delighted to receive an invitation from Unisa’s department of Biblical and Ancient Studies to join them for 14 months as a paid visiting researcher. But Unisa’s research management department failed to advise him of all the red tape awaiting him before he could be received by his hosts.

The result was that when he arrived, there was not an office, a desk or even a chair he was allowed to use, nor could he gain access to the library. And to add insult to injury, Unisa refused to pay him his promised salary because he was not permitted to open a bank account, which the university insisted was prerequisite for any such payment. Worse still, said Van der Heyden, Unisa admin officials were unmoved by his predicament. And the scant advice they did reluctantly give him from time to time was invariably wrong.

The treatment he received at the Department of Home Affairs was no better. After several weeks the consensus among his friends was that he should return to Germany and – if he still had the stomach for it – start the process all over again at the South African Embassy in Berlin.

He did just that and handed over all the required documents for a work permit – in accordance with the embassy’s list on the internet. Waving



Professor Ulrich van der Heyden

copies of Van der Heyden’s PhD degrees and medical reports (the originals had been kept by Unisa) that had been certified by the post office there, “the not-very-friendly consular officer sarcastically inquired whether it was possible to have documents certified by a postmaster in Germany”.

“Possibly not,” I replied, “but in your homeland I was alerted to this service by the post office. As you can see, the responsible postmaster also had a special stamp for this purpose.”

“The consular officer threw the documents at me – as far as the glass panel allowed – saying: “Bring the correct documents next time!”

That was where *Noseweek’s* last instalment ended. But the sorry saga was not nearly over.

Van der Heyden sent Unisa an email from Berlin asking them to please send him his original documents. But he got no reply, so he decided to write off the cost and obtained a new medical and radiological report from his doctor in Berlin.

With copies certified by a responsible German institution, he returned to the same consular official – who, Van der Heyden has since learned, is notorious for his condescending attitude to members of the public. “After glancing over my documents he looked up triumphantly and snarled that the form for an application for a temporary working permit has to be filled in with black ink, not blue. I was absolutely sure I had used a pen containing black ink, but the tune of German singer and composer Reinhard Mey’s song about the omnipotence of bureaucracy sprang to mind and I knew that objection would be pointless.

“The consular official was not done: he said the new set of documents I had just obtained and had certified at considerable expense were in any event no longer needed for my application; they were irrelevant for a temporary work permit or a temporary research permit. Once again I was sent on my way, unsuccessful and frustrated.

“Keep in mind that all I wanted was



a visa that would permit me to accept an invitation from Unisa to work there for 14 months as a visiting professor – a scheme officially promoted by the South African Government.

“Four weeks later I was back at the embassy with forms filled in with very black ink. This time I was told I would be liable to prosecution if I was submitting my documents at the same time that Unisa was perchance doing the same thing in Pretoria. And I had indeed, as far as possible, submitted the required documents to Unisa’s research administration department and left a signed visa application form with them.”

What next? The reluctant consular official now suggested that the prof first obtain a declaration from Unisa indicating that they had not submitted his application for a work permit to the Department of Home Affairs, so that he would not be arrested and sent back to Germany on arrival at OR Tambo Airport.

“So I wrote an email to Unisa, knowing full well that over Christmas and New Year’s Day not much would be happening there. And I was not wrong. I received no such declaration from Unisa. I had no option but to take the risk and submitted the documents for an application for a work permit to the Berlin Embassy.

“On this, my fourth visit to submit my documents for a visa, I met a young female consular officer who gave me a critical bit of information that I should have been given at my very first attempt: I needed a written declaration by my host employers that they would bear the costs of my repatriation by the state should I overstay my welcome in South Africa; alternatively I would have to pay a €900 (R15,800 today) deposit with my application.

Van der Heyden says he found the hostility and demands outrageous, “especially considering I was responding to an invitation to temporarily put my knowledge at the disposal of my hosts in South Africa”.

Next, he tried to get Unisa to send such a declaration to him in Berlin.

“But, no surprise, I had no luck with that either. Clearly nobody at Unisa was interested in my repeated calls for help. So, under protest, I paid the €900 into the embassy’s account and

presented myself once more at the consulate with a deposit slip and the required documents.

“Now the ever-so-observant official noted that the document for the foreign health insurance had not been signed with a pen but had only a standard phrase saying that the policy was valid – without a signature. Moreover it said in the contractual text that the insurance was valid “worldwide”. Legally binding, surely – but the South Africans had explicitly asked for a document referring directly to South Africa. So that issue had to be resolved with a (somewhat bemused) insurance company. Yet another week went by before the redrafted document came to hand.

When Van der Heyden’s documents were finally accepted at the consulate, he was warned that the processing time was usually six to eight weeks. Imagine his surprise when he found his passport, with visa, in his postbox only five weeks later. He noted that the visa had a stamp saying “visitor’s visa”, not specifically “temporary work permit”, which was what he had applied for, but he was past caring.

Since the consulate warns on its website against booking flights before receiving a visa, he could only then start booking a flight.

Ten days later he arrived in South Africa and headed straight for the

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bank. “Four months earlier they had said that I would need a temporary work permit to open an account. I was hoping that I was now able to open an account at the bank by means of my visitor’s visa, since that is what the Berlin consulate had seen fit to provide me with in order to be able to take up my job at Unisa.

“If I had a bank account in South Africa into which my employer could pay my salary, everything else would fall into place. That is to say, after opening an account I would be provided with a staff number, an ID card permitting access to the canteen and the library, and an office including a desk and a computer. Heaven!

“I went into the bank manager’s office euphoric and one-and-a-half hours of debate and argument later, left in despair.

“While my passport included notes on my employer and the nature and duration of my contract, it did not contain the words ‘temporary working permit’. Without this, the banker was not allowed to open an account for a foreigner. Even a telephone call to ‘my’ department confirming all of my data and the urgency of the matter did not help. So, too, the presentation of my contract.

“But later, when I told a friend in Pretoria about my problem, he demanded to see the document in question. ‘Where’s the problem?’ he asked on seeing it. The entry stamp the immigration officer put in my passport at the airport bore the letters ‘TRP’ ‘temporary research permit’. Visitors’ visas have a circular stamp, temporary working permits can be recognised by their angular shape. The one in my passport was angular.

“In the end it is a question of staff education to get these barriers out of the way. But are South Africa’s universities and banks able to rise to the challenge?

“Whatever, decoding the abbreviation did not instantly solve the bank problem. It took another week for an account to be opened. Up to that moment I had still received no help from the administrators of Unisa.”

For what happened after that, see the next *Noseweek*. Meantime, weep your eyes out, Franz Kafka. You could not have done better than this! ■

# Guptas dig mining power

## When does coal become a dirty business? Barry Sergeant

**M**UCH OF THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA howled like banshees after news emerged in January that Cosatu and SACP leaders had raised concerns about “Zupta” during a lekgotla meeting of the ANC executive committee. “Zupta” refers, of course, to links between the Johannesburg-based Gupta families and that of President Jacob Zuma.

The key stimulus – this time – was the sale in December of the Optimum Coal complex in South Africa, by Swiss-based Glencore, to little-known Tegeta Exploration & Resources, an entity owned by the Gupta family. It had emerged that Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane had attended meetings during December with Glencore CEO Ivan Glasenberg.

The minister and various members of the Gupta family also flew to Switzerland for the meetings. The minister’s explanation was that his role was to save jobs. *Noseweek* (noses183,185&191) has examined the issues around Optimum in some detail – not least the position of Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa as its biggest BEE shareholder – and heavy-duty claims by Eskom of contractual violations by Optimum, which had always vigorously denied the allegations.

An alien, landed on earth and told the Optimum story, would probably swear blind that Eskom had been instructed to invoke obscure contractual issues to force Optimum into bankruptcy. Least strange, perhaps, is that, happily for the Guptas, Tegeta bought Optimum for, essentially, nothing. The sale from Glencore to Tegeta was agreed at US\$136m. However, it was made clear that not only would proceeds from the sale “be used to pay Optimum’s R2.55bn (US\$160m) debt”, but that Glencore was expected to eliminate the balance of Optimum’s debt.

Glencore bought its controlling stake

in Optimum in three main chunks: 31% in 2011 for US\$382m, 32% in 2012 for US\$401m, and another 5% in subsequent small deals. At the current exchange rate of about R15.50-to-the-dollar, this means that Glencore paid more than R12 billion for its majority stake in Optimum, plus about R3bn to give it away to Tegeta.

The extent of Ramaphosa’s involvement remains as clear as mud, especially considering that his assets were apparently placed in a blind trust when he returned to politics.

A sum of R15bn-or-so may be relatively small beer for a transnational mining and commodity trader such as Glencore, but the message sent to the international investing community is loud and clear. Who believes Eskom’s claim that it will still enforce upon Tegeta the astronomical “penalties” it was demanding from Glencore?

And while the mainstream media went near-insane about the political involvement in Tegeta’s acquisition of Optimum, there is nothing new in the Guptas’ using blatant force in their business dealings. As Indian nationals, it is possible that the Gupta interest in coal was inspired by the omnipresence in Indian life of Coal of India, a giant corporation, the world’s biggest coal miner.

Either way, the Guptas have long relished becoming a force in South African coal. Back in 2010, Vryheid Revival Mines (VRM), a coal group based in KwaZulu-Natal, objected to a potential Gupta takeover on the basis that the Guptas do not qualify for BEE status.

During a meeting with VRM in February 2010, the following potential BEE suitors pitched up in Vryheid: Atul and Tony Gupta, Ravindra Nath (finance director of Sahara, a Gupta entity), Duduzane Zuma (President Jacob Zuma’s son), various bodyguards, half a rugby team of police officers, the head of the Vryheid Police Station, and the mining



ministry’s regional manager: mineral regulation, for KZN, Nqobile Njoko.

VRM continued to resist the Gupta would-be invasion and also raised alarm bells over large numbers of Indian nationals arriving in Vryheid, an area with high unemployment rates.

In reaction, the ministry suspended VRM’s mining licence, in a move foreshadowing – no matter how vaguely – the kind of treatment that Glencore would be given in respect of Optimum.

Back on 5 May, 2010, VRM met in Durban with mining ministry officials, regarding the suspension of VRM’s mining rights. Rebone Nkambula, acting chief director: mineral regulations, was shipped in from the ministry’s head office in Pretoria. And, of course, Tegeta was invited to the meeting and attended.

Somehow, VRM endured, or the Guptas lost interest, or both. Either way, VRM could have served, in effect, as a dry run for the acquisition of Optimum. ■



# Animal Frankenscience

Apart from being cruel, experiments on living creatures are a pretty crude research tool. **By Alexandra Dodd**

REGULARLY TUNE IN TO RADIO STATIONS around the world via my laptop – mostly for jazz, and news when I’m feeling strong. On the morning of Monday, 8 February, I found myself listening to BBC Radio 4’s current affairs programme and quickly began to feel like I’d entered the dystopian fallout endured by Winston Smith in George Orwell’s *1984*.

The horror began with an announcement by science and environment editor Tom Feilden, that the next insert would be exploring the field of “human/animal hybrids”. He sounded chipper, as if he were announcing the presence of a new gastropub in Wales. For a half an instant, the term “human/animal hybrids” captured my imagination. Have we entered the fantastical terrain of super heroes like Spiderman and Batman? Mix a bit of cat with a bit of boy and what do we get? Cat Boy! But oh no, it’s not half as symmetrical as that...

Feilden reported that the UK government is currently “considering new regulations for controversial experiments that combine cells from humans and animals”. (In fact, not so much a “combination” as a violent grafting.) He then introduced British geneticist Professor Martin Bobrow.

Nausea ensued as they went on to speak about a burgeoning field of medical practice that involves introducing human cells into the living bodies of animals. Neither prof nor reporter seemed to exhibit even the mildest ethical compunction when speaking about the prospect of growing human organs in animal bodies (human ears or lungs or who-knows-what in pigs) or the already standard practice of introducing human brain matter into animal brains.

Seriously, challenge yourself to put yourself in that chimpanzee or pig’s position for more than a few seconds. It’s common knowledge that chimps share 98.8% of their DNA with humans. For

Goodall’s sake! They’re our cousins. And if you want to see how clever pigs are, watch the YouTube video of Moritz the pig doing some behavioural tricks. They feel it all!

The kinds of experiments this professor was talking about echo the sadistic “research” practices of SS physician Josef Mengele at Auschwitz during the Holocaust – utterly depraved and dark beyond imagining.

Listening to the glib His Master’s Voice reporting style, it struck me that the BBC was guilty of normalising this kind of dark science. No objections raised, no contradictory viewpoints presented – no ethical question whatsoever in relation to the lives of the animal victims.

This report was so vile, I decided to write an email to PETA, (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) in the UK.

“I am writing, firstly, to request that PETA objects to this shockingly unbalanced report. The tone of the report was deeply offensive to anyone who believes that animals should have autonomy

over their own bodies and beings,” I wrote. “Secondly, to inquire about PETA’s plans to stand up for animals during the public proceedings of this Home Committee. I am hoping that PETA is mobilising to block this diabolical field of experimentation... and that animal protection agencies around the world are standing up against this advanced level of technological sadism being enacted on animals.”

PETA’s science policy advisor Dr Julia Baines responded: “To create animals containing human material, animal mothers undergo invasive procedures to harvest their eggs and implant embryos. These animals have exactly the same capacity to feel pain and to suffer as any other animal, including humans.”

And it could well be unnecessary. She added: “To understand more about human development and human diseases, the world’s most forward-thinking scientists are developing and using methods that supersede the crude use of animals and are actually relevant to human health. These modern methods include sophisticated tests using human cells and tissues and innovative biotechnology such as organs-on-a-chip which replicate human physiology, diseases and drug responses more accurately than experiments on animals do,” she wrote.

“With more investment and use of humane, cutting-edge technology, we’ll have much better science than the monstrous ‘Frankenscience’ of creating human-animal hybrids.”

Let’s just hope the UK Home Committee doesn’t pave the way for this “Frankenscience” in the meantime.

- To support the global struggle for the ethical treatment of animals, join PETA: [www.PETA.org.uk](http://www.PETA.org.uk).

- In South Africa, Beauty Without Cruelty is a tireless advocate for animal justice. ■

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# Travelling conman talks the walk

Faith pilgrimage turns out to be ruse for free ride **By Warren Blunt**

**O**RINARY PEOPLE WONDER WHAT motivates adventurers to attempt feats that are extraordinary. In the case of Jurie Pieters, his two-year “*Geloof Loop*” (Faith Walk) turned out to be a ruse for the proverbial free ride.

Pieters invented an elaborate, heart-breaking story that he touted as his motive for embarking on the pilgrimage – including a pact with God. For two years he was able to rely on a weathered look and his bulky 40kg backpack to tap into the goodwill and gullibility of friendly South Africans from North to South, East to West.

During his years on the road spinning his tale of woe, he got to visit some interesting little towns, bedded down in some choice guest houses, hotels and game lodges and even spent some time on a boathouse on the Vaal.

The story Pieters peddled was that he’d made a pact with God to prove his doctor wrong after being diagnosed with brain cancer in June 2013. He had started on his odyssey in September 2013 with the objective of returning to the doctor after five years for an all-clear diagnosis.

In addition, Pieters claimed he had lost his wife and twin daughters in a car accident on the N1 near Beaufort West in 2009. This had caused him to lose his faith in God. Shortly afterwards

he’d sold his restaurant in Franschoek (where no-one can remember a restaurateur by that name) and spent several years travelling in America and Europe to overcome his grief. He said he was virtually broke when he returned to South Africa and then, while withdrawing money from an ATM in Cape Town he’d been stabbed in the lower abdomen and spent two weeks recovering in hospital. He did show off a nasty scar just below the belt in support of his tale. He would tell people he had nobody to fear on the road except for God.

Judging by his success, it seems it’s a good story to spin if you want to travel the land, with free board and lodging, a hearty meal each day thrown in. Pieters relied on the goodwill of the kind-hearted citizens he met along the way to keep him supplied with everything he needed, including airtime.

Pieters even opened a Facebook account last year and posted photos of his time on the road. None of his benefactors seemed to realise they were being taken for a ride about as often as he was happily taking a ride. He definitely wasn’t walking when he didn’t have to.

However, his “faith walk” came to an abrupt halt in Pretoria in September last year, after a suspicious hotel owner smelled a rat and decided to check out his story. A quick search on Google and Facebook by Angel’s Place Boutique



Hotel owner Rosemarie van Staden revealed that Pieters was taking the public for a ride. She decided to call the police to remove him from her upmarket establishment after he ended there “due to problems with his previous accommodation arrangements”.

Confronted by the police and Van Staden, Pieters confessed that his whole story was made up. He admitted not having cancer of the brain and that there was never a wife or twin daughters.

By the time the big lie was exposed, Pieters had misled countless well-wishers, benefactors and even journalists.

No charges were laid at the Garsfontein Police Station as the SAPS had been called only to remove Pieters – no charge was laid by Van Staden.

Garsfontein Police Communications Officer, Warrant Officer Miller remembered the incident involving Pieters, in mid-September. He confirmed that no charges were laid against him and has no idea what became of him.

Van Staden said she had been a victim of dishonest patrons before so had not been easily fooled by Piet-





Have map will travel: Jurie Pieters

ers' "Crocodile Dundee" style hat and weather-beaten appearance.

While he was being evicted from Angel's Place, Pieters had quipped cheekily: "Where am I going to sleep tonight?"

In response, Van Staden had pointed to the tent attached to his backpack

**After being confronted, Pieters confessed that his whole story was concocted to seek attention**

and Pieters had shot back: "it is dangerous to pitch a tent in the city".

By the time Pieters was rumbled, there had been several articles about his faith walk, published in community and national newspapers. After his encounter with the Garsfontein Police, he was interviewed by journalists from *Rapport* and the *Eastern Record*; since then he has disappeared from the radar. But shortly afterwards he apologised on his Facebook page for misleading everybody and said he was only seeking attention.

Shortly before his odyssey ended, Pieters claimed he had walked a total of 21,800km. His well-marked map shows a number of routes travelled over the two-year period, but how far he actually walked is anyone's guess. It would have been impossible to walk the entire distance marked on his map in two years, particularly taking into account his often lengthy stop-overs.

Among those duped by Pieters were bikers attending a weekend motorbike rally at Soetdorings Country Lodge on the outskirts of Polokwane. The friendly bikers even clubbed together for his

accommodation for the Sunday evening. He was interviewed by the local press the following day and said he had walked just over 20,500km at the time. He said he could walk an average of 40-to-50km a day depending on the terrain.

On his way back from Polokwane to Gauteng in July, the unsuspecting folk at Mookghopong (formerly Naboomspruit) offered him a week of free accommodation at a game lodge in return for a series of motivational talks. Thereafter, upon arrival in Gauteng, the general manager of the Premier Hotel, OR Tambo, Sefton Cramer, upon hearing his tale of woe, invited him to stay free of charge in the VIP suite at the hotel. Cramer had met Pieters outside the hotel on a bitterly cold Friday evening at the end of July. After hearing Pieters's tale, Cramer offered him free accommodation, dinner and breakfast in the morning.

From the East Rand, Pieters claimed he had hiked to Vanderbijlpark where he spent the week as a guest at a lodge on the Vaal River. He supposedly trekked on to Potchefstroom before returning to Johannesburg and on to Pretoria, where he arrived in mid-August.

Shortly before disappearing into thin air, Pieters spent two weeks as a guest at various homes of people in the eastern suburbs of Pretoria. On 29 August, in Olympus, Pretoria, a lavish braai was arranged for him by well-wishers and he gave a motivational talk to the local Harley Davidson Club the next day. Nobody was any the wiser that they were being taken for a ride by the likable shyster.

The last time I had contact with him was on 15 September while investigating his story. Pieters told me he was waiting for somebody at Atterbury Value Mart to pick him up as he had nowhere to sleep for the night as his previous arrangements had fallen through. In all likelihood he was then offered accommodation at Angel's Place Boutique Hotel.

Who knows where the "faith walker" finds himself in 2016. But guest house and hotel owners be forewarned: there could be a "Crocodile Dundee" lookalike conman with a sad story headed for your town.

But maybe you would enjoy his story enough to offer him a bed and a meal anyway. ■

# How Rhodes paved the way to apartheid

**The De Beers founder wasn't simply a man of his time, argues Peter Lewis, but a self-serving lone wolf who used his power to violate the human rights of South Africans and tear away at the rule of law**

**I**N DECEMBER, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE Oxford Union debate on the Rhodes Must Fall controversy, public intellectual Will Hutton wrote a letter to *The Guardian* in which he commented on the call for the removal of the Rhodes statue from the façade of Rhodes's alma mater and philanthropic beneficiary, Oxford's Oriel College.

In his letter, Hutton approves of the fact that college authorities had instituted a six-month inquiry into the matter, but he points out that they cannot expunge Rhodes from the history of the college, or from history in general. He acknowledges Rhodes's "flawed" liberal imperialism and racism, but against this balances his philanthropy, and the "values" which he bequeathed to South Africa and the world. These, he asserts, are "checked and balanced government, freedom of the press, presumption of innocence and the rule of law". Hutton goes on to add "courts, and freedom of association and expression" to the list of benign "legacy institutions of Empire", which he says are the only things that now stand between South Africa and "wholly unaccountable despotism".

Hutton wags an admonitory finger at the new student movement under way in South Africa – which kicked off with the #Rhodesmustfall campaign in Cape Town – asking them to believe that they owe their right of expression and protest to The British Empire. Hutton informs us that Mandela himself would have acknowledged that Rhodes would have had as much a role as President Jacob Zuma in laying the foundations

for the ultimate success of democratic South Africa. Hutton concludes by saying "Symbols are important, but the real targets matter more".

Agreed, but what are the real targets of Rhodes Must Fall, and does Hutton's list of "more diversity in the UK's higher education system and political leadership" exhaust them?

After the Oxford Union debate, with the black and African students' representatives squaring up to a high-powered team of dons, including our very own Southern African Marxist historian William Beinart, leader of the African Studies Centre at Oxford, who said he would support putting the statue at the centre of a permanent exhibition on British Imperialism at the Ashmolean Museum, to tumultuous applause.

When it was over, the Oxford Union went into division and voted the statue down by a considerable majority. Despite this, Oriel management announced that the statue would stay where it is, implausibly denying the rumour that its removal would cost the college £100 million, as the statue and the endowments to the college were both mandated in Rhodes's will.

So, in effect, Hutton's argument won the day, and both the black students, and the whole of the Oxford Union have been snubbed.

Is Hutton's Rhodes a real historical character? First of all, Hutton asserts that Rhodes was not a lone wolf, and that racism and white supremacism were widespread among liberal imperialists of his time. Hutton's Rhodes is

rather an "appalling imperial supremacist and diamond racketeer", and "there should be atonement, where it is necessary, even when the complexities and truths of history are acknowledged". Atonement, note, but not proportionate reparation.

Individual culpability for any crimes against humanity that might have been committed under the name of Empire thus appears to perplex Hutton. Do the Nuremberg trials, or the International Criminal Court eventually arising from them have the same effect on him?

Perhaps he would say that is an unfair question, because these things did not exist in Rhodes's liberal imperialist era, and that Rhodes was above all a "man of his time". For a man of his time, however, Rhodes did not ultimately fare well in the British Empire. Indeed, it severely punished him in his lifetime for the Jameson Raid by forcing him out of overt political control in the Cape Colonial Executive Authority, and into much more covert forms of political influence in the Foreign and Colonial Ministries in London, and the British Cabinet.

Henceforth, he had to act solely through intermediaries. The man who had met Queen Victoria in 1891 in furtherance of his various schemes was now confined to the shadows. In that sense he was a lone wolf, even in Liberal Imperial terms. For the remaining short years he had left, and henceforth to date, Rhodes's vast covert political influence was limited to the leverage that he exerted by





Rhodes Must Fall protest at Oriel College, Oxford

means of his various wills and codicils.

His incredibly powerful and unscrupulous executors deployed his stupendous personal fortune to his determination that the entire world should be incorporated into the British Empire. His monstrous fortune was unburdened by familial inheritance claims and, so far, by claims on the Rhodes Trust for proportionate reparation.

Hutton is wrong. There was something very special about Rhodes: his major contribution to the destruction of the human rights of workers across the entire sub-continent of Africa for considerably more than a century. The steps by which this was achieved in the Kimberley Diamond Field, and Rhodes's particular contribution, are interesting. In the 1880s, Rhodes's main

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projects were to achieve total control, through his De Beers fiefdom, of the entire Griqualand diamond field on one hand, and on the other, the complete control of its labour force to cheapen the costs of production to the minimum possible. The first objective, the monopolisation of a free market in which diggers had been initially limited by law to two claims, was achieved in an astonishingly short ten years, in a process that can only be described as "capitalism, red in tooth and claw", and which need not detain us here.

Pursuing the second objective, he got himself elected to the Cape Colonial Parliament in 1881, and secretly bought a controlling share in the *Cape Argus*, to use as a mouthpiece for his parliamentary speeches. By 1894/5 he



personally controlled all newspapers in the Cape Colony. There goes the “free press”!

In 1882, he chaired the Parliamentary Committee on Illicit Diamond Buying (IDB), which steered the Diamond Trade Act through to law. Its provisions of interest were that suspects were presumed guilty until proven innocent (whoops!), to be tried in special courts without juries of their peers (oh dear!), draconian prison sentences of up to 15 years (Rhodes wanted flogging but failed to get it included), and police powers to entrap offenders using *agents provocateurs* (gosh, how very modern!).

At the same time, the mine owners, including Rhodes, gained permission from the Cape political executive to institute powers of search against both black and white workers in Kimberley. As a result, white workers went on strike in 1883, cutting off the bail-out pumps (which had helped to build Rhodes’s fortune) and thus stopping all production. The mine owners capitulated to them on “searching” within a week. Six weeks later, white workers were again ordered to submit to finger searches of the mouth and boots, causing a second strike and shutdown of production. Police shot dead six of the white leaders of the strike.

Rhodes, speaking in that famously jerky, piping style of his, persuaded Parliament that it should forsake ideas of an inquiry into this incident. His reasoning was that the strike was neither a conflict between capital and labour, nor between whites, but that the white strikers were acting as agents of black workers who were trying to destroy whites. He then forced this message down the throats of anyone in the Cape that could read English in the pages of the *Argus*. Parliament quietly let the matter drop. It had, in one of Rhodes’s favourite aphorisms, been “squared”.

Then Rhodes moved on to more significant matters. He had read and noted a theory by a Cornish tin mine engineer, one Kitto, that the reason why Brazilian mining was three times more productive than Griqualand diamond mining was that in Brazil workers were locked up in compounds for the duration of their contracts. In 1882, Rhodes put this forward in an amalgamation plan for De Beers, using the issue of IDB and the need for “searching” as his rationale.



A panopticon tower overlooks a miners’ compound in Kimberley

In 1884, he concluded an agreement with the Cape government for the use of prison labour (unpaid) to be supplied to De Beers’s purpose-built “convict station”, for a payment to the prisons of 3 pence per man per day. By 1886 there were also 1,500 Mozambicans thus employed in forced labour. Remember that

**Brazilian mining was three times more productive than Griqualand diamond mining because in Brazil workers were locked up in compounds**

opposition to slavery was by this time a core rationale of Liberal Empire.

By 1888, Rhodes had gained complete control over all diamond mining in the Griqualand field, and extended his previously mooted compound system to its entire black labour force, using the panopticon convict station [*circular prison around a central well*] as his model. He wanted to include white workers, but they had some political power and he failed in this objective, but no-one should glibly accuse him of racism or white supremacism when it came to controlling his workers, whom he believed should be sweated whatever the colour of their skin, or their nation of origin.

Facing a labour shortage at the time, Rhodes was initially obliged to apply some flexibility in the panopticon, but the screw was gradually turned until barracks were built inside the compounds, and 10,000 black mineworkers – the entire Southern African black workforce in the Kimberley field – were incarcerated by armed guards for the duration of their “contracts”. This was not slavery, nor, in the immortal words of Karl Marx, wage slavery, but the first masquerading as the second, a completely new concept.

Rhodes was special, and did not run with the Imperial pack, because he re-





## Rhodes's legacy is his provision of the blueprint for the super-exploitation of Southern African people and their nations in South African mines

branded slavery to make it politically acceptable in London and in the Cape Colonial Administration and its inheritors in the Union of South Africa, and finally in the apartheid Republic from 1961. It remained so in South Africa until the dawn of democracy in 1994.

Rhodes's only important, society-wide extant legacy is therefore his provision of the blueprint for the super-exploitation of Southern African people and their nations in South African mines and the consequent retardation of economic and social development in those nations for more than a century, spun by his legal heirs and executors again and again until the world believed that the South African mining industry was a model migrant labour system for all to admire.

Hutton wants us to believe that it is the only legacy of Empire that stands between South Africa and wholly unaccountable despotism. On the contrary, it is the ongoing struggles of its people for democracy and egalitarianism that stand between us and unaccountable despotism.

Hutton should remember the African Mineworkers' Union in 1946, whose first-ever national strike against the Chamber of Mines, and the Union of South Africa itself, were brutally crushed by Smuts's Empire soldiers us-

ing live ammunition, in the very same year that the British Labour Government nationalised its coal mines, with a sizable dollop of workers' control. He should remember AMWU's successor, the National Union of Mineworkers, finally formed in 1983 after 37 more years of catastrophic repression of black mineworkers by both the mine owners and the apartheid regime. When the NUM led the second national strike against the Chamber of Mines in 1987, it was fought to a bloody stale-

mate, with all the dirty tricks that the mine managers and apartheid security forces acting together could muster. Coming up to date, Hutton should be told about the 17-year-old Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union and Marikana.

Confronted with a "common purpose" murder charge using an apartheid legal precedent, the membership of AMCU and their leaders showed great determination, organisation and discipline in the face of an implacably duplicitous and hostile ANC leadership, egged on by Lonmin UK. Lonmin is AKA Lonrho's mining arm, AKA London/Rhodesia. It was formed by British royalty in 1909, seven years after Rhodes's death, and 14 years after he masterminded the creation of Rhodesia by means deemed illegal by the Empire.

As it has turned out, Marikana was only a way station in the struggle against both the current ANC leadership and Lonmin. AMCU is currently preparing on the ground and in the courts for its national gold strike against the Chamber of Mines in the coming year or so, possibly drawing in the Platinum owners. In the process, it is likely to relieve the NUM of its position as the largest trade union in the mining industry, and to completely transform the industrial relations framework of the country. Perhaps Mr. Hutton should ask AMCU whether they agree that the legacy of empire is the only thing that stands between them and despotism, if he dares?

**To be continued. ■**

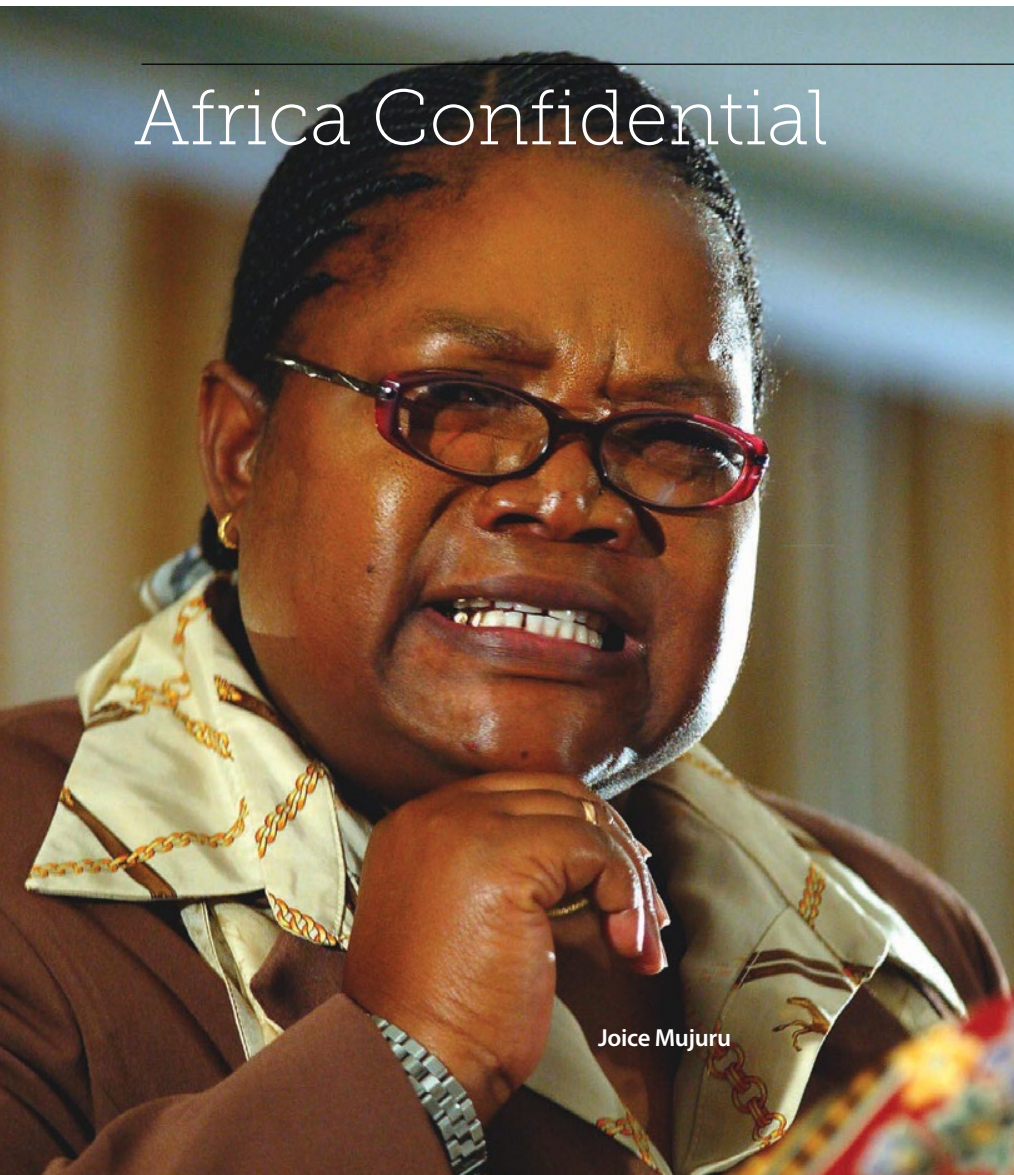
● Peter Lewis is an Alumnus of Balliol College, Oxford. He holds a master's degree from Warwick University in Industrial Relations, and a post-grad diploma in Labour Law and Social Security from the University of Cape Town. He was an expert witness in the case in which several dozen ex-mineworkers suffering from silicosis were claiming damages from Anglo, which was settled out of court after around ten years of litigation, by means of an undisclosed Anglo payment to the claimants in late 2015, with no admission of guilt, and no legal precedent value – the first ever direct compensation payment to silicotic mineworkers by any mining house in South Africa.

Some of the claimants died before the settlement, their families thus receiving nothing.

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His 1995 book *"The State We're In – why Britain is in crisis and how to overcome it"* is credited with crafting the ideological and political positions which led to Tony Blair's transformation of the Labour Party. He was appointed Principal of Hertford College at Oxford University in 2011. ■

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Joice Mujuru

## Alarm. AU lacks the tools

**A** STRONG GROUP WITHIN THE African Union, including AU Commission Chairwoman Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, backed the sending of an armed force to Burundi to confront President Pierre Nkurunziza's government. This followed a succession of alarming reports from AU and UN observers that another genocidal attack on Tutsis was imminent.

At its January summit, the AU debated the merits of armed intervention. It decided against it because of opposition from countries such as South Africa and Tanzania. South Africa and Tanzania led a successful intervention in the east of Congo-Kinshasa but taking on the Burundi army would have made matters still worse in the absence of a political agreement, they concluded.

In fact, the AU lacks the tools for the job, even if its leaders can agree on intervention. It is yet to agree on the organisation of a rapid response force and there is confusion about how the African Standby Force and the African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises will work together. Meanwhile, groups of countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda have organised regional forces to intervene in Somalia, and West African states have done the same in Mali.

## South Africa: When Gordhan goes

THE CONTRACT OF NEW FINANCE MINISTER Pravin Gordhan runs only until this year's local government elections, say

Treasury sources. The date for the elections has yet to be set, but they must be held before August.

Gordhan was forced on President Jacob Zuma after he dismissed Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene and appointed the relatively unknown, David "Des" van Rooyen. Zuma regards Gordhan as a "transitional" finance minister, senior ANC sources said, which explains the brevity of his contract. After a backlash from business and ANC leaders, Zuma reportedly offered to reappoint Nene, who declined. The President's allies, like Small Business Minister Lindiwe Zulu, say the market backlash was "engineered" by his enemies in business.

Much rides on the outcome of the local elections. If the ANC retains all or most of its seats, Zuma's hand will be strengthened for purging the Cabinet of rivals and pushing one of his own candidates to succeed him as South African President in 2019. Whom he will appoint then in place of Gordhan remains an object of much speculation.

## Zimbabwe: New party, same old faces

A NEW POLITICAL ERA BECKONS FOR Zimbabwe with the emergence of People First (PF). At least, that's the hope of its founder, former Vice-President Joice Mujuru. Another big name is Rugare Gumbo, a former Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front grandee and ex-cabinet minister. He is one of the architects of the project and its current spokesman.

The founders had completed crafting the political party's constitution, said Gumbo, and were now ready for a "grand launch". He confirmed Mujuru would be the party's interim leader until a congress which would be agreed after the launch this month. That congress is expected to endorse her as PF president and give momentum to a fierce tussle for power with Zanu-PF in the 2018 general elections.

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission, which is in charge of electoral and party procedures, has been officially notified about the existence of PF, said Gumbo. Political parties do not need to be registered in Zimbabwe but a notification to ZEC means the party receives all communication related to electoral issues and stakeholder consultations.



The new party currently consists of Zanu-PF heavyweights, the majority of whom fell in a purge instigated by President Robert Mugabe's wife, Grace Mugabe who accused Mujuru of plotting to topple her husband from power unconstitutionally. Many members were sacked from the ruling party for supposed loyalty to Mujuru, while many others were suspended for different terms for backing her, even though she is the widow of the former army commander, the late General Solomon Mujuru.

So far, Gumbo indicated, PF had set up structures in all provinces. He declined to give details until the public launch of the party. "We have all the people who matter," said one PF source, and more were expected to leave Zanu-PF as the elections approached.

The new party is expected to ride on growing public sympathy for Mujuru, whose dismissal from Zanu-PF was widely seen as crude and barbaric. She was expelled in April after being suspended following the party's elective congress in December 2014. The bigwigs sacked together with her appear to have kept the confidence of many Zanu-PF members and supporters, and in the coming months are likely to influence defections to PF.

Zanu-PF remains riven with factionalism, which is now pitting Grace Mugabe (née Marufu) against Emmer-son Mnangagwa. To wrest power for herself, Grace has a team campaigning for her, called Generation 40 (G-40). It includes her husband's nephew and Minister of Indigenisation, Patrick Zhuwao; Higher and Tertiary Education Minister, Jonathan Moyo; and Local Government Minister and Zanu-PF Political Commissar, Saviour Kasukuwere.

Mujuru's backers portray her as a helpless widow victimised because of the absence of her husband, whose death invoked extensive sympathy across the country and the political divide. This helped her to compare favourably with Mnangagwa, who became the party's and national Vice-President soon after she was sacked and has a reputation for brutality. She is also seen as the opposite of Grace, who is widely viewed as foul-mouthed, power-hungry and uncaring.

Mujuru inherited vast wealth from her husband, although the estate is subject to litigation. However, her al-

lies are wealthy and ready to bankroll the PF and make it a political force to reckon with. These include former Minister of State Sylvester Nguni, said to be campaigning for a parliamentary seat in Mashonaland West, President Mugabe's home province, and multi-millionaire Raymond Kaukonde, once a long-serving Zanu-PF Mashonaland West Province Chairman with business interests in many economic sectors, including some favoured by Mujuru's late husband. "She has not only been gifted with people who have deep pockets to sustain her party but they know too well how to fight for each other," confided an official in President Mugabe's office, suggesting that the threat from PF was being taken "seriously".

Other notable supporters include ex-Presidential Affairs Minister Didymus Mutasa; a former Labour and also State Security Minister, Nicholas Goche (once suspended for five years from Zanu-PF); ex-Indigenisation Minister Francis Nhema; former Energy Minister Dzikamai Mavhaire and his deputy, Munacho Mutezo; ex-Information Minister Webster Shamu (suspended); and a former Minister of State for Masvingo Province, Kudakwashe Bhasikiti.

Notables not in cabinet but dismissed from the party include Air Vice-Marshal (retired) Henry Muchena, once the party's chief administrator, and his deputy, former Central Intelligence Organisation Deputy Director Sydney Nyanhongo. The two have denied being sacked from Zanu-PF, although they admit being relieved of their party duties. James Makamba, an exiled businessman with interests in Telecel Zimbabwe, is seen as a potential PF funder. That was the main reason why government was trying to wrest the business from him and other "empowerment" partners, said sources.

Zanu-PF has also failed to dismantle Mujuru's network in the state enterprises, where she had deployed allies. Only Cuthbert Dube was forced out of the Public Service Medical Aid Society, and eventually from the Zimbabwe Football Association, where Philip Chi- yangwa, another G-40 member, took over as President.

The PF has ordered about 1,500 all-terrain vehicles for party activities to follow its launch, we hear. Many more would be purchased nearer to the 2018 elections. There is support from a West-

ern donor institution, said an uncorroborated source who declined to identify it, saying only: "They have previously funded Mavambo." Mavambo/Kusile/Dawn was Simbarashe Makoni's political party. Makoni's presidential bid in 2008, when he polled 8%, was widely seen as having deprived the Movement for Democratic Change of victory over Zanu-PF.

Dumiso Dabengwa could be roped in to bolster PF support in the Matebeleland provinces, including Bulawayo. Although his attempt to revive the Zimbabwe African People's Union failed to make an impact in Matebeleland, its traditional heartland, Dabengwa is still well respected in those provinces. He has already indicated that he is willing to work with Mujuru. He has previously spoken of receiving overtures from Kaukonde and Gumbo.

In any case, when Dabengwa and Makoni defected from Zanu-PF to start Mavambo/Kusile/Dawn, they initially had an understanding that several Zanu-PF bigwigs would later join them, including Solomon Mujuru. This suggests an existing understanding with Mujuru's team. Makoni is related to Mujuru since one of his nephews, Sebastian Makoni, married Mujuru's daughter Chipu Mujuru. Meanwhile, a former National Mobilisation Chairman for Mavambo, Kudzai Mbudzi, is already a key member of PF. He was once the Zanu-PF Information Secretary for Masvingo, where he is now busy mobilising for PF. Opposition sources suggest that Tendai Biti, said to have already held private talks with PF emissaries, was amenable to a working pact with Mujuru.

Morgan Tsvangirai who left the Government of National Unity after Zanu-PF's landslide victory in the 2013 polls, is said to be jittery about Mujuru, fearing she could supplant him as leader of the opposition. After a series of divisions and splits, his Movement for Democratic Change-Tsvangirai (MDC-T) is weaker than ever. A coalition with Mujuru is seen as a dim prospect, as neither would want to be subservient to the other.

Tsvangirai is often accused of resting on his laurels and not doing enough to retain talented politicians.

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## Party political kak. Learning from the US

**W**ELL, HERE IS MY LITTLE TAKE on the election fever that is among us, not only in the RSA but also in the USA, as all readers will know, my home away from home.

First, allow me to say I am very concerned about our Democratic Alliance (DA). Racism issues as per Sparrow are certainly not doing the party much good and the blabbermouth of Herman Mashaba, their mayoral candidate for Gauteng, is not helping. But we will get to that in a momento (Spanish for moment), hey I am an international kind of guy.

Let us begin, briefly, with the USA. Wow those country folk in Iowa certainly showed the Trump where to get off by choosing Senator Cruz of Texas. Wow again, choosing the son-of-Mexican-descent over the “blue blood” Trump – and these Iowa folks are true-blooded Americans, certainly not the racial and cultural mixture found in places like the Big Apple.

South Africa could learn a thing or two from these primaries that the Americans hold, individuals within the respective parties going against each other. What a pleasure. Now that is real democracy and surely not this party-dominated *kak* we have here.

Enough of the USA, back on the home front, as I said, I am concerned about the DA. Now the DA leadership puts Herman Mashaba, of Black Like Me fame – you know, the hair products that allow black women to straighten their hair like whitey’s. (No I am not being racist but realistic.)

Now, Mashaba is well known for his outspoken stance against affirmative action, BEE etc. and he has the audacity to spew those views on national news broadcasts. Now I ask you Nosey ones: if you are a party fighting hard to secure as much of the black vote as possible, why would you speak out against what has enabled the development of a black middle class. Whether you like these policies or not, they are there and are necessary to tackle the imbalance



Herman Mashaba

we faced under apartheid. And when I say “we”, I am talking about our country as a whole, not black or white. People, we really need to think about the greater good. And that is our country.

Back to the elections and Mr Mashaba’s mumbo jumbo. You see, I am one of those you could call a swing voter – undecided when it comes to local elections. In fact, I have never voted in the local elections because, as a 1000% ANC supporter, I refuse to vote for useless councillors. However, when it comes to the bigger picture, national elections, sorry, but I must keep the ANC in power, Nkandla or no Nkandla. As a black man – and more so, a South African – I feel the ANC’s policies are of personal interest to me. Hey, nations look out for national interests. So when a Mashaba threatens my personal interests, I won’t take it lying down.

So, DA, what your Mashaba has done is to persuade this swing voter, anti-councillors, to now vote in the local

elections with a big X for the ANC. Because it has become clear to me that at all costs I must contribute to keep this party in power, in all aspects, national and local, Nkandla or no Nkandla and despite showerhead and the Pres’s silly dancing and singing.

I shared these sentiments with a very good friend here in Barberton who is a prominent member of the DA. He laughed and said, “You’re the fifth black person who has called me about Mashaba to ask ‘what is my leadership thinking?’” I said, they are clearly not thinking.

What kills me is that the DA councillors in Barberton are the most accessible and very proactive in dealing with community problems. And they take on issues on a personal basis, while the ANC morons will say something like “I need to consult”. Consult what? All I want is, my meter has been stolen for the brass and as my ward councillor can’t you help? Oh go to the municipality they say, and I say I have already been there but they keep saying they will tend. In the meantime I am getting bills that are outrageous. How are they calculating my usage without a working meter? Yeah councillors!

In closing, listen to me, DA. You have people like this here educated and well informed journo that would love to see you gain more power and control, particularly on the local front, no ways am I voting for you to take over the country, what will you do with the likes of Mashaba, take away my Land Reform farm, no way!

Word to the wise my friends: choose your leaders carefully. And don’t worry about the Sparrow nonsense. Unfortunately we as human beings have ill feelings about one group or another. You cannot criminalise such feelings or control them in any fashion. Some of those feelings are actually racist – it is just that they are phrases and insults we have become accustomed to. But in today’s world, do not put them on so-called social media that I call social destruction. ■





## Whirlwind biography. Touching the Boyd?

**N**EVER MIND THE TITLE, THERE IS nothing saccharine about this whirlwind biography of a memorably life-affirming character, who seizes joy and stares death in the face. William Boyd is a cunning story-teller, and he spins the tale with theatrical panache.

The beguiling Amory Clay is a woman, notwithstanding her eccentric father's mischievous decision to publish her birth as the arrival of a "son". And *Sweet Caress* is a vivid evocation of this lively individual's plunge into the maelstrom of social and political change from World War I to Vietnam.

Much is told in an unsparingly personal diary form, often enlivened by photographs. The fact that the young Amory decides, daringly, to become a photographer at a time when nice young ladies didn't, eventually provides her with entrée on high and low.

It's a long way from snapping London weddings and simpering debutantes in the 1920s to ducking enemy fire with the troops at Da Nang. But if you're determined to run off into the wild blue yonder, it would be hard to find a better boon companion than adventurous Amory.

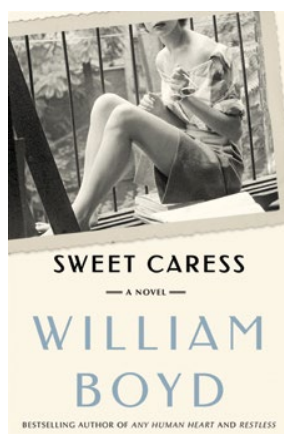
Soon after launching her professional self, she gets down to an earnest investigation of sexual matters, with some bizarre variations in the Berlin of Christopher Isherwood. Sadly, most of the photographic evidence went astray subsequently, which put paid to her notion of a book on the denizens of the night.

The exciting chronological tale of changing social mores and manners in the wake of two world wars is varied with flashbacks in tranquillity in the contemplative calm of a remote Scottish island.

The inquisitive mind and attractive personality of Ms Clay lead to the occasional photographic scoops – and the occasional affair. The joys and frustrations of her life are conveyed candidly, and often amusingly. She is seriously thrilled by passion – the real thing. Which means that promiscuity is simply not on.

At times risky adventures sound like *The Perils of Pauline*, but historic facts sustain

**SWEET CARESS**  
By William Boyd  
(Bloomsbury)



credibility. Famous names flit in and out of frame (Martha Gellhorn, Rebecca West, Marlene Dietrich) in post-war celebrations at the Ritz in Paris and a crumbling Scottish castle. Then it's back to memories on melancholy Barrandale island, with her dog Flim.

The interesting irony of Amory's compulsion to record the pain and drama of war is that her father lost his mind, to all intents and purposes, after an appalling experience as an officer in the dying days (in every sense) of World War 1. On being invalidated out of France, he very nearly succeeded in deliberately drowning the young Amory.

But perhaps the most intriguing aspect of *Sweet Caress* is: could the book be a disguised autobiography of William Boyd? Its confessions, its vivid evocations of lovers, friends and family, are extraordinarily intimate. The reader feels almost voyeuristic at times. But then, perhaps Boyd is simply skilled at conveying universal emotional truths. Either way, it's a compelling read. ■



William Boyd



## Danish pastry. Croc fat and ants, anyone?

COPENHAGEN CHEF RENE REDZEPI, reputedly the world's best – and whose Noma is four-time winner of the San Pellegrino best restaurant – has brought his Danish retinue of over 100 (staffers, spouses and children) to open a pop-up restaurant in Sydney. The result: degustation gone mad. Within four minutes, the 5,500 places, at \$485 a pop, were sold out, with a wait-list of 27,000.

Redzepi is a “forager” who started out wandering the outskirts of Copenhagen collecting bark, pine needles and weeds to take back to his kitchen. Among the distinctive Australian ingredients and items tested for the menu are a wattle seed porridge, marinated fresh fruit sprinkled with fresh ants (apparently the most tasty part is the abdomen) and he's used crocodile fat, Kakadu plum dust and magpie goose mince.

With (politically correct) thanks to the Aboriginal Australian owners of the land where his pop-up is cited, Redzepi, who has a partnership with the Yale Sustainable Food Program, says the Australian exercise is “a team building and staff retaining” opportunity. But one can only wonder how sustainable schlepping all these people and accoutrements across the world is – and whether the Gadigal people could ever have afforded his prices.

In other PC food-related news, at last count, almost 11,000 people had signed Maisie Beveridge's petition for a *Masterchef Aboriginal* week. The rationale: “First Nations People” are often negatively reported on in the mainstream media and an Aboriginal Week could not only teach people to find food in the bush and use more than 50,000 years of cooking skill and knowledge to cook beautiful foods using native ingredients, but would help reduce prejudice and provide a starting point for friendly conversations between Aussies and



Rene Redzepi

First Nations People.

Another online petition resulted in the removal from the iTunes App Store of a game requiring players/invaders to bludgeon or shoot to death Aboriginal Australians to gain points. *Survival Island 3: Australian Story 3D* tells white men to “beware of Aborigines”, and Race Discrimination Commissioner Tim Soutphommasane said it promoted violence and hatred. Petitioners described as “absolutely abhorrent”, “abominable” and “beyond racist”. The *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that Apple would only confirm that the app is not available in its App Store, while Google declined to comment.

Sydney is debating whether to introduce “managed alcohol” at its shelters for the chronically homeless – by serving drinks on the hour to those with alcohol dependency. The thinking is that it will reduce the incentive to binge-drink on deadline before hostels close their doors for the night and that, freed from the stress of having to search for a bed, the homeless will drink less.

One of the contenders for the Austral-

ian of the Year has criticised the choice of winner, retired Chief of Army Lieutenant-General David Morrison, as being “weak and conventional”. Transgender military officer, Group Captain Catherine McGregor, complained that Australia had not had the courage to go with an LGBT person. Previously, as Morrison's speech writer, she authored an infamous 2013 address in which Morrison told sexist soldiers to get out of the army after revelations of a sex scandal. McGregor has apologised.

In a landmark case, the high court has upheld Australia's right to detain asylum seekers in foreign countries. PM Malcolm Turnbull who has declared a “steadfast” resolve to prevent people smugglers “prevailing over our sovereignty”, now has the legal right to send to the Micronesian island of Nauru 267 people, including 37 babies born in Australia and dozens more children.

But does Turnbull have the moral right? The Nauru detention centre was declared not safe for children by a senate committee which recommended last year that the government speed up the removal of all asylum-seeker children already there, and called for a “full audit” of allegations of sexual abuse, child abuse and other criminal conduct.

The government continues to paint the matter as an issue about people smugglers and the loss of life at sea – in case refugees are incentivised by the belief that there's a safe haven at the other end. But now that both major political parties agree on the fundamentals, it's becoming clearer that their agenda is about keeping these desperate people out.

Meanwhile discussion around surf helmets has resurfaced after a Queensland coroner recommended their mandatory use for younger competitors in surf life-saving competitions following an inquiry into the death in 2012 of a teen surf lifesaver. ■





## Aria. The food of love

**M**Y GRANDNIECE-IN-LAW – I THINK that’s what she’d be, my sister’s grandson’s wife – she’s from Toronto, see, a real tidy place like New York built by the Swiss. She says you don’t get old fag-packets and empty coke bottles lying around in the street. This she observes as we happen to pass certain old fag-packets and empty coke bottles lying around in West Street, now renamed Something Revolutionary Street, which something I forget but never mind, it wasn’t until I was well into old age that I discovered West wasn’t a point of the compass at all but some important historical gent hereabouts name of Martin West of whom no single citizen I ever met has ever heard.

Anyway, we also happen to pass a heap of smelly old clothing lying in this street, with an empty beggar inside, who is either sleeping, unconscious or dead. Such heaps come and go, I explain to Gn-in-l. Some, I suppose, arise and stumble off to lie down elsewhere according to the weather, others, I dare say, get scooped up at night by some discreet squad with a big sort of scooping-up thing and unscooped in a hole somewhere because the cost of fuel for burning people is getting a bit much: it’s got to be either paraffin or no Christmas bonnellas for the City Councillors this year.

That’s dreadful, says Gn-in-l. That’s nothing, say I, you should have been here when Durbs was a pissy police-state dump trying to be like Zurich designed by the Swiss. Zurich full of Caucasians, that is. Comfortable Caucasian ladies buying swanky dresses and things at Stuttafords and Payne Bros, that is. Until 12.30 pee em on Saturday, when everything would shut down WHAM! until Monday. You could have landed a passenger jet down West Street without hazard ex-



cept from the pigeons which took over the city; in the CBD you could hear their gurgling all about in the otherwise cemetery quiet. I myself was under noisy house arrest with two kids and two dogs, I had to get permission from the Chief Magie for me very own mom to visit me very own home. That’s really dreadful, says Gn-in-l, what did you do with your life, says she, just sit and stare at the TV? Well actually, no, say I, we didn’t have TV in South Africa in those days, you should understand, because of communism and pornography creeping into the country. WHAT? she cries, that is truly dreadfully dreadful! How do you live without TV?

Well you wash nappies, cook family grub. You get a long copper cable and bolt one end on to the iron roof and bury the other end so you don’t all get fried if lightning strikes your house. All that handyman goeters, laaik. You apply the many skills you learned in boep, you know, polishing light switches with Brasso, polishing the floor with wax, polishing everything else with something else. Full-time living, I tell you. And plenty time for reading. Then there are those nice things that normal folks haven’t time for, like keeping fowls. I turned the old-time servant’s bog in the back yard into a hen-house, cemented over the hole in the floor and put in a ladder-perch and made a hole

in the door big enough for a hen but too small for a dog, got half a dozen big clucky Rhode Island Reds and a bloody great coq d’or, a gold-mantled rooster who would see all his ladies to bed at sunset and come indoors himself and perch on the piano and crap all down the French polish and when my missus came to practise her Mozart, would bust out in 100-decibel greet-the-dawn crowing. I think ol’ Wolfie would quite have liked it, said she, he’d have written a symphony to go with it, like Haydn with his clock symphony, chimes and ticks and tocks.

And one winter’s evening round about seven thirty the missus and kids are all toffed up and bustling about because they’re off to *Don Giovanni* in the Playhouse and Marisa Marchio of Cape Town is singing. Such a voice! Clear, limpid, precise. Such a presence! An Italian presence the likes of which other folks can’t quite get right, full, fruity. But I’m happy enough to climb into bed with a fine SF novel by Fred Hoyle called *The Black Cloud*, it’s a bloody cold night and I’m all tucked up nice and warm in my winter pyjamas. Everybody’s nagging at everybody else because it’s getting late and they must be off now! When suddenly there’s a ringing at the front gate and the family chorus cries Damn! But they open up anyway, and there unlawfully stands Marisa herself. She bounces in and sits on the end of my bed. All smiles. Hullo, say I, aren’t you going to be late? Hell, says she, one is entitled to be late in an emergency, I have come to sing to you because you can’t come to me. She parts her lips and knocks me flat, I tell you, I have never heard a sound so passionate come out of a human throat. *Voi che Sapete?*, she sings. What is this feeling? I think I want to cry, says Gn-in-l. Don’t be bloody silly, say I, this isn’t Toronto. It’s okay to talk thus roughly to your family, see. ■

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