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So, the ANC's Dali, ummm, daily is due to hit the streets in January, as fish 'n chips shops no doubt already know.

Whatever triumphalism you anticipate on the front page, brace yourself for encyclopedic coverage of the latest on savoir faire, lounge attire and silky pyjama sensations. Yup, fashion designer Dali Tambo is on the editorial committee. How so? Well, silly, he asked...

DIP's Pallo Jordan will be on-hand to add a modicum of respectability to a venture that's already netted more than R20-million from Times Media and mining multinational Lonrho. Presumably, Doonesbury cartoons will be banned. Stay tuned.

LOW BLOW

When the going gets weird ... you get ripped off, as a slew of struggle-type outfits are realising nowadays.

A sample. A hapless old hand at one of Joeys' oldest NGOs gets the chop for regularly deploying the organisation's credit card on travelling masseurs. Ooh, what a week, yeah just a bit lower, jissus, you won't believe the tension, yup yup right there, in the office, sjoe', you take Diner's Club don't you?

Or there's the whizz at another NGO who masters several signatures, not his own, and now whips about in a zippy new car called — what else? — a Sting ...

Doubtless there's something in the air. Here at Left Behind we were still nursing our wounded sense of trust in comrades when we ran across this report:

DP branch launch called off

Last night's planned launching of a DP office in the East Rand township of Reiger Park was called off because the branch chairman was arrested.

DP spokesman Shelly Loe said it appeared Sidney van Wyk was arrested in connection with fraud.

TRUE

The revolution advances like a bus, with its difficulties. When it changes speed, there are some who fall off. That's natural ... So we say that the petty bourgeoisie is always pulled between two interests. It has two books. On the one hand Karl Marx's 'Capital', on the other a cheque book. It hesitates: Che Guevara or Onassis? It is necessary to choose.

Burkina Faso's Thomas Sankara in a 1985 interview. This past October marked the sixth anniversary of Sankara's assassination.

GREAT WHITE EGOS

On Peace Day, did you hold hands and fight back the tears? Well, in that case count yourself lucky. If you'd been working at a certain esteemed and ultra-PC NGO you'd have been

fighting back the urge to repeatedly knee a couple of your colleagues in the groin.

Heady with goodwill, the staff of this outfit were about to give peace a chance on the Braamfontein streets when they were assembled by one of the office supremos for a heart-to-heart.

Whereupon the (white, male, city-dwelling) overlord proceeded to lecture the (black, female, township-dwelling) staff on the meaning of political violence, its insidious character and its many, many forms and how Peace Day could make a difference and on and on ... To the brave comrades who remained peaceful in the face of such dastardly provocation, we salute you.

WATER OFF A DUCK'S BACK

Unless of course you're looking for local soccer results, and assuming you can make it past the editorials without being floored by a cardiac arrest, *Business Day's* not a bad read. Especially the letters' page, after another silly outburst of free marketeerism ...

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Dear Sir,
IF THE implication of Leslie Boyd's reported comments about low wages is that we need low wages for economic success, then surely Haiti would be the industrial capital of the world?

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SEPARATED AT BIRTH?

A recent visit to our country by Brazilian trade unionist Jair Meneguella left a lot of people wondering whether he had a brother in the South African economics business — namely ANC economics chief Trevor Manuel .



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: Trevor Manuel (left) and Jair Meneguella