



Briewe - Letters

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Country in state of despair

The Editor:

I see a very bleak pictured South Africa 2010, because as you will look around you: firstly our corrupt presidency and government, so how will a country run smoothly if our leaders are corrupted and weak? Rates and taxes are being stolen and used for lavish items, eg cars, holidays, tenders etc - everything you need done, it gets done with a bribe only.

Secondly we have one of the worst crime statistics in the world, you get killed, robbed and raped by these thugs in our country... thugs not scared of the "weak law". You feel scared everywhere, you are not safe anywhere. Even our police are corrupted. Why are no new laws passed to combat crime?

Thirdly, just look at our highways, roads, signage, potholes, lighting, piping etc - it is all broken, tarnished, unorganised, leaking. There is absolutely no system at all. Just look at all the potholes, nothing ever gets fixed or sorted out. What about the Aids problem in our country?

Politics is now a full-time business and why don't political parties promote business like candidates to stand for councillors.

Fourthly, the amount of drugs and drinking that is going on is ridiculous, then we want to know why there are so many accidents, and the children of South Africa are suffering because of this drugs influx.

How are we going to be able to carry on living in a country that is so corrupted and messed up? Think about it

realistically, how are we as a country going to host the 2010 World Cup and have foreigners and players of high calibre come to our country where they will be robbed and highjacked. Is that our South Africa? What about after the World Cup?

Who is going to do something about this and who is going to take action for this country to be safe for all to live happily, like a first world country, and a crime free South Africa - a dream. All our taxes are going for commissions and salaries for no good useless counsellors.

Are we going to make a difference from justice to police to politicians and stand together as one and sort it out before it gets worse. Just think about it - South Africa is in a crisis believe it or not. Don't act like everything is going well, when nothing is going right.

Concerned and disappointed resident.

Viewpoint

Is Malema the right man?

In his widely read book "Boetman is die bliksem in" published in the early 1990s, former journalist and respected author, Chris Louw, accused the late dr Willem de Klerk and his generation (the fathers of the generation born in the late fifties to the early seventies) of being the only ones never to have been involved in any war whatsoever. "No, you've chosen to send your sons to fight your wars for you", if I can still remember correctly. Well, little did he know that pretty much the same situation is continuing today, albeit on the other side of the political spectrum.

Today, a man who was merely a boy when apartheid was brought to an end and when the country finally took a turn for the better, Julius Malema, is not only "fighting the wars" of his fathers, but apparently, also running the country.

Of the many accusations often heard against President Jacob Zuma in recent times, perhaps the most prominent is the fact that Malema is allowed to say what he wants, to do what he wants and furthermore, to challenge whom he wants. And ironically, the very first and only person to date who has dared to reprimand Malema in public for his hate speech and blatant hate towards all and everybody who is white, is no other than Fekile Mbalula - the former President of the ANC Youth League.

But back to Julius Malema. What does this man know about apartheid, or Sharpeville Day in 1960? Sharpeville was an issue on which Malema commented lavishly at political rallies over the weekend. He even went as far as telling the country "the truth" about Sharpeville Day with regard to the rift between the ANC and the PAC on who were the real leaders and the organisers of the Pass Books rally in March 1960. How would he know? How old was Malema in 1960? Who told him that it was not the PAC, but indeed the ANC who were behind the Pass Books rally and eventually, the Sharpeville massacre? (From

what we've heard, Malema is not a man of wide reading...)

Can Julius Malema today with all honesty and fairness tell South Africa and the world that he is in favour of Mandela's Rainbow Nation? Can he really say that he is working towards the well-being of this country and all its people, that as a prospective leader (no, currently he is not a leader, a mercenary perhaps...) he respects and honours the role and contribution of all South African communities towards the formation of one country with one goal?

Can Malema (or anyone else within the ANC for that matter) demonstrate that he/she is living in accordance to the standards set out in our Constitution? Can Malema convince the world, South Africa and those with more vision that we were led to believe during recent months that he is a special leader with special qualities, that he is the man who could once again lead this country to peace, unity and prosperity? The answer is obvious...

During the last few months leading up to the threshold of the long-awaited 2010 Fifa World Cup Soccer Tournament, Malema has chosen to present South Africa and the international media with the ugly face of racism, racial intolerance, accusations of corruption, of lawlessness, of ill discipline and someone who is unwilling to abide by the rules and to lead by example.

No, the image Malema chose to create of himself, is that of a man who is not afraid nor unwilling to offend all and sundry, to disrespect all that seems fair and reasonable, to insult those who oppose him, to abuse and confront "foreign" communities and to lead a lavish lifestyle marked by speculation and accusations of corruption, greed and an insatiable hunger for power.

If this is all we ever learn, we must know that Africa is what it is today as a result of dictatorships. At its very, very best, this is all Malema will ever be...

(Viewpoint by Waldie Volschenk, 13 Coetzer Street, Rustenburg.)

Jy kan hulle vertrou

Die Redakteur:

Baie dankie aan ARS se personeel, veral Jaco en Robbert, vir al hul moeite om my te help om my bakkie wat gesteel was, terug te vind.

Niks was vir hulle te veel nie en hulle het uit hul pad gegaan om my te help en by te staan. Hulle het

my bakkie in Koster opgespoor en het verder alle reëlins getref.

Dit is 'n riem onder die hart om te weet dat daar nog sulke mense is op wie jy kan vertrou. Hou so aan met die wonderlike diens wat julle aan ons, die publiek, verskaf.

Anton Horn.

Items dringend benodig

Die redakteur,

"Rustenburg Child Support Services" is 'n nie-winsgewende organisasie en het dringend enige baba-benodigdhede, klerasie en alles wat met "new born" en babas te doen het, nodig.

Daar is 'n 19-jarige meisie wat binnekort geboorte gaan skenk aan 'n tweeling en die kind het feitlik niks, as u kan help kan u vir Wilma

by 072 295 1467 skakel of u kan enige baba-items wat u kan skenk, by Dawesstraat 45, Oos-Einde afgee.

Help ons asseblief om ander in nood te help.

Sonder u is ons niks - enige items is welkom, al lyk dit vir hoe gering, dit sal help.

Ek dank u by voorbaat.

Wilma du Plessis.

Wat het van diens geword?

Die Redakteur:

Ek rig hierdie skrywe aan al die winkelbestuurders, besigheids-eienaars en diensverskaffers in Rustenburg.

Ek wonder hoekom dienslewering in Rustenburg so swak is? Nêrens kry mens meer spanleiers en persone wat toegewyd is in hul werk nie. Dis die hoeveelste maal wat ek na promosie-verkope gaan en dan word ek teleurgestel omdat die produkte nooit beskikbaar is nie; of die geskenk lyk nie soos wat geadverteer word nie. Hoe beplan die bestuur so swak?

Dan is daar ook al die persone wat adverteer van hul diens en gratis kwotasies, en flink en beste in die geweste, en sommiges met hul 10 jaar waarborge. Ek voel hul naverkoopdiens is swak.

Ek wag al twee maande vir ander

kwotasies en herstelwerk by ons huis, en nie een van die persone het goeie diens gelewer nie, intendeel, van hulle het skade aan ons eiendom gerig en net spoorloos verdwyn.

En wat van winkels wat veronderstel is om daagliks oop te wees, wat sommer net besluit om vroeg huis toe te gaan en kom jy daar, staan jy voor dooie mansdeur. By 'n ander besigheid het ek skeef gedrukte nummerplate gekry (twee stelle), maar nie geprotesteer nie. Ek ry maar so met hulle, dit is seker hul idee dat mens darem iets moet hê om oor te glimlag as jy by 'n verkeerslig sit en wag en die skewe goed so bekyk.

Ek hoop u kan my brief plaas sodat hierdie mense kan sien hoe verstommend swak hulle nou eintlik is.

Mev Grobler.

Dankie aan die hardwerkendes

Die redakteur,

Wil graag dankie sê aan almal wat besig is om Rustenburg skoon te maak, dié wat grassny en die wat vuilgoed optel.

As elkeen net sy deeltjie doen, kan ons dalk weer in 'n pragtige mooi skoon stad woon.

Sal dit darem nie te lekker wees om te sien hoe mooi skoon die strate en sypaadjies is nie?

Kom ons probeer om Rustenburg weer in 'n spogstad te verander.

Dankbare inwoner.

Puik dienslewering

Die Redakteur:

Wat 'n plesier was dit nie toe die Pensioendepartement na die WA van Zylsaal gekom het om ons senior burgers te bedien nie! Dankie aan Oupa, Lukas, Violet en Rebecca vir jul vriendelike diens. Ons waardeer

dit opreg. Dankie ook aan Martie se kleindogter wat ons gehelp het met al die fotostate. Dit doen ons harte goed om te weet dat daar nog mense is wat omsien na ons oumensies. Wat jy saai sal jy maai. Agape.

Mamaruti.

Kan iemand dalk help?

Die redakteur,

Kan iemand my dalk help met die regte inligting?

Die bane by die Waterfall Mall/BP Vulstasie - is dit nou so dat daar twee bane is waarin 'n mens kan regs draai of nie? Die pyle op die padoppervlak is baie verwarrend en mens weet nie mooi of jy in die

tweede baan ook mag regs draai of net reguit aanry nie.

Verf asseblief die padtekens op die pad duidelik sodat dit sigbaar is en dan weet mens mos wat jy mag en wat jy nie mag nie.

Baie dankie, hoop om gou 'n antwoord te ontvang.

Padgebruiker.

BELANGRIK

Lesers word gevra om briewe kort en saaklik te hou. Skrywes wat lasterlik is, 'n party-politieke inhoud het of by implikasie 'n advertensie vir 'n besigheid bevat, kan ongelukkig nie gehuisves word nie.

Lesers word gevra om alle briewe te onderteken (al word 'n skuilnaam gebruik) EN HUL TELEFOONNOMMERS TE VOORSIEN.

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Jail-'n-Bail sê dankie

Die Redakteur:

Die organiseerders van die jaarlikse Jail-'n-Bail projek wat vanjaar weer in die Waterfall Mall plaasgevind het, wil graag almal bedank vir hul goeie samewerking. Sonder u ondersteuning sou die projek nie so 'n reuse sukses gewees het nie.

Die polisie en reserviste het ook hul deel gebring deur 37 mense te arresteer en selle toe te bring. Groot dank aan ieder en elk vir hul insette.

Aroline Strydom.

Bejammer hulle

Die redakteur

Ek het nog nooit sulke naiëwe mense van gelees as die beweging vir 'n 'wapen vrye Suid-Afrika'.

Mens kan hulle net jammer kry oor dié growwe dwaling. Nêrens in die westerse wêreld waar probeer is om dit toe te pas, het dit gefaal.

Kan hulle nie verder as as hul beperkte perspektief sien nie. Die feite spreek vanself: die strewe na, veral 'n SA sonder wapens is, 'n hersingskim.

In SA word wapens gesteel - duisende! Help 'n samelewing met sulke dumkoppe!

Help 'n bietjie daar...

Kroondal.