

A twist in the tail ...

please sir can I have some more

Labour Minister Membathisi Mdladlana is no stranger to workers protesting and demonstrating outside his offices, in the streets or other workplaces. But what about when it happens inside his own workplace and by his own staff? Who do you call to assist – overburdened CCMA commissioners or do you go private? The Minister and his department might have to make these decisions if a small matter of bonuses is not resolved. Redeye learnt that the Minister did not receive such a warm welcome recently when he visited staff in the Eastern Cape. They and staff in other regions are unhappy with bonuses received. It would appear that the department has an agreement with staff to provide a bonus in excess of what the department for public service and administration recommends. In order to pay out these bonuses, a request has to be signed off by the Minister for additional funding. For whatever reason this did not occur and as a result staff did not receive the expected pay-outs. The matter does not end here as senior managers in the department have yet to receive any bonus at all. Some trade unionists, who are more concerned about the lower paid workers, might not be too worried about this. But they might get slightly concerned when they find that the department is unable to ensure labour laws are implemented without experienced and skills managers. The department already faces problems in retaining skills staff and attracting people to fill a number of senior positions which remain vacant. Let's hope that sound labour relations prevail!

LABOUR PAINS LEADS TO GROWTH

Staying on labour. Redeye was remiss in

congratulating SA Clothing and Textile Workers Union (Sactwu) general secretary Ebrahim Patel for the new addition to the labour movement. The same wishes go to Fedusa general secretary Chez Milani who also had a baby recently. Let's hope that the

oh so generous family responsibility leave they managed to negotiate is being put to good use so that they can both help out their partners in a labour of love. And that is not a mandate to make more babies but getting back to basics!

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COMMIE SEX

For some light relief but not for the faint hearted. This email did the rounds recently:

Hello fellow worker!
 'Greetings stout comrade!
 'And how was your evening away from our place of employment?'
 'Ah, quite fine, thank you! Indeed, my comrade wife and I engaged in consensual coitus!
 'Tell me more, if it is not an invasion of your privacy!
 'To the contrary! We are all of the same glorious class – what is there not to share?'
 'An excellent observation!
 'Thank you! Well, let me just say that my comrade wife was very much in the mood to express her physical solidarity, and certainly I am not one to reject any revolutionary advance!
 'Of course!
 'Her facial orifice, unmarred by decadent capitalist decoration, glistened with anticipatory delight, and I pressed my facial orifice against hers in progressive compliance!
 'All power to the pressed facial orifices!
 'Yes! After several moments of this

inspired and correct activity, my erectile extension expanded much the like the consciousness of the workers themselves!
 'Another victory for the proletariat!
 'Once I gained her consent, which arrived on the heels of a healthy and non-sexist discussion about what was to be done, my comrade wife removed her denim work pants, laid back upon our plywood bed and exposed to me her glorious opening, into which I soon entered, much like Comrade Fidel victoriously entered Havana, liberating the masses!
 'Workers of the world -- be like you!
 'Then, after two to three minutes of steady consensual pelvic movement, during which we discussed new methods of raising the global awareness of the next stage of human development, I expended my energy deep within her, and we rose from the bed as one and shared a healthy meal of cabbage and rice, washed down with adequate portions of celery juice!
 'Truly an inspired evening for us all!
 'Now, comrade, let us return to our noble labour, lest our minds drift into sexist and counterrevolutionary areas!
 'My agreement could not be more affirmative!