

## ●● Read of the Week

**White Man's Numbers**  
**Sunil Shah**  
 Ciaran Blackwell Publishing  
 Review: Brian Joss

If you thought that the money men of this world – analysts, bankers and chartered accountants – always wore grey suits and led boring, grey lives, then Sunil Shah's thriller set in the world of fund management will quickly disabuse you of that notion. Ravi Dharma, an Indian who grew up in Kenya, is a financial analyst who works for Pluto Asset Management (PAM) in Cheapside, London, and is sent to Cape Town to open an office, "because it is the gateway to the corporate world in South Africa".

Sent with him are his boss, Christopher, star analyst Margaret, a femme fatale; and Jacob Khumalo, an Oxford graduate whose father Themba is well connected to the South African government.

In Cape Town, Ravi seems to have the Midas touch, as everything he deals in turns to gold. Well almost. He discovers companies with undervalued properties,

dotcom entrepreneurs and e-wallets that will transform banking as we know it.

Ravi is riding the crest of a wave and to make his life even more blissful, he's in love with human rights lawyer Anjali who has forsaken her Indian roots and traditions to follow him to the Mother City.

However, things are not what they seem. Behind the glittering facade of PAM's office there is back-stabbing, corruption, treachery and the liberal use of lines of cocaine, all conspiring to bring Ravi down with a crash. The scene-setter in which Ravi finds himself in jail gives no clue to the machinations that follow in this gripping financial thriller nor any hint of the unexpected and explosive climax.

All the characters are well fleshed out from the unemotional Christopher, who can distance himself from the markets, to Margaret, who uses her feminine wiles to seduce clients into playing the money game. Then there's Scarface, a member of the notorious 28s, who saves Ravi's life in jail.

The book is as South African as pap on words and readers will recognise the many



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Cape Town landmarks. Shah, who lives in Tamboerskloof, has shown us the ugly side of the financial industry where the men who control and manage our money are not always as respectable and honest as they appear. It's a brilliant debut and I can't wait for the next one.

## Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter

*André the Hilarious Hypnotist* is on at GrandWest's Roxy Revue Bar from Wednesday to Saturday, from Friday April 12 to Saturday May 4.

Over the past 21 years André has become a household name in entertainment. He began his career as a magician before he saw the late, legendary hypnotist Max Collie and changed careers. After studying hypnosis, practising on willing volunteers during his days in the Defence Force's entertainment unit, André has gone on to do TV shows and tour the country.

If the thought of watching family and friends act like a washing machine or a soap dispenser appeals to you, then *André the Hilarious Hypnotist* is the show to see. Doors open at 8pm and the curtain rises at 8.30pm. Tickets cost R78 each through Computicket.

● Five Tabletalk readers can win double tickets for the show on Thursday April 25. SMS TTAndre and your name to 34445. Each SMS costs R1.50. Lines close Sunday at 10pm. Winners will be notified by telephone.



■ André will entertain audiences at the Roxy Revue Bar in GrandWest.

## Metallica to rock Bellville Velodrome

Big Concerts announced last week that Metallica's performance, scheduled for later this month, has been moved to the Bellville Velodrome.

Metallica, who were to perform at the Cape Town Stadium on Wednesday April 24, will now be performing two shows at the Bellville Velodrome on Wednesday and Thursday April 24 and 25.

The Johannesburg performance date and venue will not be affected. Fans who have already bought tickets for the Cape Town Stadium concert will have to exchange their tickets as follows:

● All golden circle standing and seated ticket holders who bought tickets from Computicket for the Cape Town Stadium performance must present and exchange their tickets at any Computicket outlet for a new ticket to either one of the performances at the Bellville Velodrome.

● General admission tickets bought from Computicket are valid for the performance on Wednesday April 24 and no exchange is required.

● All ticket holders who bought their tickets through the Big Concerts website will receive an email with specific instructions on how to exchange their tickets.

## Donate to disabled children

The Milnerton branch of the Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities needs donations of tinned and dry food and other day-to-day items for its daycare centres for physically disabled children of all ages in various areas. Call Rita Scott on 021 555 2881.



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■ Metallica are Lars Ulrich, Kirk Hammett, Robert Trujillo and James Hetfield.

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## Music competition

Aspiring young musicians can enter the SAMRO Hubert van der Spuy National Music Competition. The closing date for the competition is Friday April 19. Auditions will be held in June. Candidates will compete in four categories: piano, strings, woodwind and

brass instruments, and other instruments. Candidates must still be 13 years old or younger (14 for developmental groups) at the time of the competition. For more details and entry forms go to [www.samrohubertvander-spuy.wordpress.com](http://www.samrohubertvander-spuy.wordpress.com) or call Kathleen du Plessi at 021 939 9105.

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 THE HILARIOUS

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 Wednesday to Saturday at 20h30 • Tickets R78pp  
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If the thought of watching people impersonate a chicken or speak a moon language is your evening of fun and laughter, Andre The Hypnotist is the show to see. Once reviewed as a guaranteed laugh a minute, this wacky and wild show is not to be missed!

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