

End piece

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Outa Lappies Schoeman is famous for recycling everything and creating art out of discarded tins, bits of glass and fabric. He receives letters from the likes of British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his work is in collections all over the world – he has even been called South Africa's Vincent van Gogh. At one stage he lived in a tree on a farm, and then set off, for years pulling his belongings along in an ox-cart over thousands of kilometres. He now lives in a disused Railway house at Prince Albert Road off the N1 in the Karoo. His papers state that he was born in 1927, but he thinks it was 1924. Now he is worn out by the pressures fame has brought him, and he says he is going to retire – people will just have to wait a bit longer for his work.