

# ANC hide-out restored to life again

Hi-tech makeover allows visitors to experience the farm where Madiba once plotted apartheid's demise

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**A**nti-apartheid activist Denis Goldberg spent most of his last day of freedom for 22 years on Liliesleaf Farm, the 11ha piece of land north of Johannesburg where Nelson Mandela and others plotted apartheid's downfall.

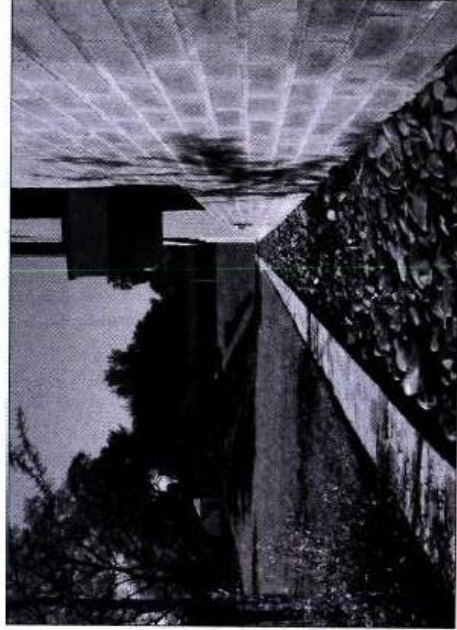
"We weren't supermen and women," 74-year-old Goldberg said as he surveyed the farm, recently opened as an interactive museum. "We were just ordinary people who had a commitment."

Liliesleaf has been restored to look, from the outside, just as Goldberg remembers. The inside of the buildings, though, have received a hi-tech makeover.

In one room, visitors can touch sensors on a table to access audio-accompanied newspaper clippings, black and white photographs, text, and videos of famous activists.

Centre director Nicholas Wolpe, whose father Harold Wolpe was among the men arrested at Liliesleaf in 1963, says the feature is the first of its kind in the world. "We don't want a static experience; we want people to experience this place as what it was," Wolpe said. "It was a hive of activity. It wasn't a still frame."

Tourists can see the veranda where Mandela held target practice, an outhouse once home to an underground printing press, and the hatched cottage where activists were eventually arrested as they discussed a military operation to be carried out by uMkhonto weSizwe, the military wing of the ANC.



□ The Liliesleaf farm has reopened as an interactive museum.

**'I have no regrets. What we did was right. We just should have done it better and not got caught.'**