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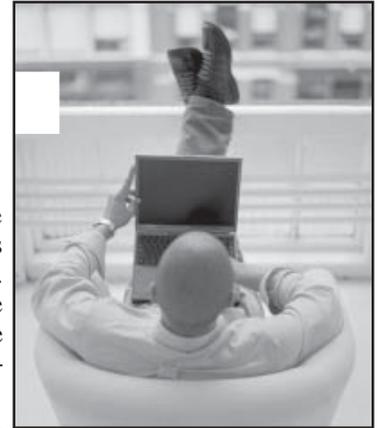
## Online Shopping Makes Life A Breeze

Pick 'n Pay Goes Above and Beyond  
by Sharon Bond

*Hail the age of technology!* But let's not forget the companies that put their money where their mouths are, or perhaps that should be where their *mouses* are. Online shopping in South Africa is fast becoming the latest breakthrough in technology as the "Age of the Internet" takes our lives and the even simple convenience of shopping, into a whole new realm.

Case in point: The staff at the Pick 'n Pay online shopping network recently rose above the call of duty when the decision was made to purchase some groceries online for a very dear friend who had fallen on some hard times... And so, after just one befuddled and somewhat desperate attempt to pursue this neat concept, a call to the Cape Town office was made as this was now an emergency, and there was no time to waste. Leon DeLange promised to help get everything straightened out, right over the phone. But, as we all know, 11am in Florida is 5pm in South Africa, so Leon made a

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on the basis of  
our *similarties...*

We grow  
together on the  
basis of our  
*differences.*

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## We've Come a Long Way...

Hi Everyone,

It's always a thrill for me to see you all at the braai's and to those of you who always support the gatherings, thank you. Our very first braai took place at the beginning of May 1995, which means that nine years later, we're still going strong!

When you take a minute to reminisce and take into account all that has happened in our lives these past nine years, it sure brings back some mixed memories. I remember well, when we girls started getting together and learning to know each other. This was before we really got the Coffee Evenings going. We used to arrange to meet at restaurants, usually about five or six of us. Most of us had not been here very long and we were all still very aware of how much everything was costing... in Rands. Do you remember, before you take a bite of whatever, you had figured out how much you were paying for it and comparing it to what you would pay in South Africa. "Oh man, this hamburger is costing blah, blah in South Africa and my goodness, can you believe that I am paying this much for a hamburger?" Well, nine years later, the answer is yes the hamburger costs much more than that now in South Africa.



Anyway one night five of us arranged to meet at Chili's in Palm Harbor. We were all sitting around the table each one with a menu, and each of us saying that we were not really hungry and only wanted water to drink. Well, we ended up ordering one dessert, asking for five spoons and drinking water, but not just plain water, no sir, this was 'water with lemon'. We sat at the table, laughing until our stomachs hurt, and we laughed at the silliness of not only ourselves but of the situation that we found ourselves in. We would have a wonderful time complaining about many things that only made sense to us. We would double over with laughter while telling our stories of questions we were asked about AFRICA, not South Africa, because for some reason or another people simply did not hear the south before the Africa.

As for myself, I've shed some tears during these past nine years and I'm quite sure that many of you have too. It has been an adventure living here in the States, and I am very thankful that I have been blessed with this exciting and most enjoyable journey called America.

## a reminder

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## Do we have SPIFFS Potential?

by Sharon Bond

Well, yes... I would say of course we do... and wouldn't it be so nice to have South Africa represented at the next St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society (SPIFFS) event. I can just see it now... a few of us serving up Boerie Rolls, Biltong, Melktert and Koeksusters, while sharing our culture, tastes and history (and definitely not politics) against a backdrop of South African knicks and knacks. I think it's time for us to have representation in this great big 'Melting Pot' of a country, and on a more local level, Pinellas County. *What a picture!*

This year's event was held at the Pinellas Expo Center on U.S.19 from March 19 through 21. Many groups of people were there representing their countries of origin, with Scotland, Spain, Egypt, Italy, Iran, Israel, Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Ireland, Peru, China, to name but a few. While delicious food, folk dancing, bands and entertainment were the order of the day, approximately 40 nations displayed memorabilia, artifacts, information and educational material at their booths.

Founded in 1975, SPIFFS plays an important role in reflecting Pinellas County's cultural diversity, drawing as many as 40,000 people to that 3-day weekend event.

So what say... fellow South Africans. Would anyone like to join me in forming a group, so that this time next year, we can have some representation at SPIFFS?

Please bear in mind that there are meetings and other events throughout the year. So it will take a committed committee (*now we know where that word came from*) to put South Africa on the map, right here in our own backyard.

Let me know... (727) 502-0867.

In the meantime, you can check out their website at [www.spiffs.org](http://www.spiffs.org).

## Trivia

**Did you know that Teresa Heinz Kerry was born in Mozambique?**

So... what that means, is that if Senator John Kerry becomes President of the United States, Mrs. Teresa Heinz Kerry will become the first naturalized U.S. Citizen to become First Lady.

When she left Mozambique, her passport was stamped "second class citizen" which at the time, was standard practice for second-generation-born white Africans. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1971.

She was married to Sen. John Heinz (of the ketchup fame) who died in a plane crash in 1991. She then married Sen. John Kerry in 1995.

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## Love Is In The Air

Adrienne nee Grover and Brian Gatian met on American Singles.com on July 11th, 2003, and in person for the first time on July 19, 2003 at Bricktown 54, a popular nightclub in Palm Harbor.



Our Hearty Congratulations go out to **Philip Naude** and **Susan Shoemaker** who got engaged on March 7, 2004 (also Susan's birthday)

Philip says "Its funny that so much of my life involves computers – it seems serendipitous that we met thanks to the Internet and Match.com."

They corresponded for the first time on June 7, 2003 and arranged to meet in person a week later at a Barnes & Noble. These lovebirds have been inseparable ever since.

The big day is set for December 19, 2004.

Way to go guys... Lots of luck and love to you both on behalf of the South African community of Tampa Bay.

**Congratulations Kenny and Dawn Grover** on the birth of their new grandson in South Africa, **JOSHUA**, born December 21st, 2003



Here's to the  
Land we Love,  
and the  
Love we Land!  
*A traditional Welsh toast*

He asked her to marry him on July 22nd, 2003 and she thought he was kidding but, as it turns out, he was dead serious. So, off they went and bought their rings in September, and they tied the knot on November 22, 2003.

You guys sure don't waste any time... Way to go! Lots of luck and love to you both on behalf of the South African community of Tampa Bay.

### Condolences

Our deepest condolences go out to the Janse Van Rensburg family ...Sally suffered the loss of her husband, Bertie on January 8, '04. Bertie was father to Werner and father-in-law to Mardi and Oupa to Ivanna.

Condolences to Martin Cilliers and his wife Mari Cilliers. Martin lost his dad in South Africa. Mr. Cilliers Snr. had lived to the ripe old age of 97.

# Braai

## Sunday 25th April, 2004

from 10:00am till...

WE'VE GOT A LOT GOING ON...

- Kids ..... Treasure Hunt
- Adults ..... Hula Hoop
- Everyone ..... Dessert Table
- Kids ..... Pinata
- Everyone ..... Draw
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- Adults ..... Sack Race
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### SACK RACE...

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**THANKS MARI** for your help with the kids games and treasure hunts.

**THANKS STEPH** for your initiative and help with the 50/50

**THANKS BRANDO AND PIETER** for for volunteering with the games for the adults, and the prize donations too.

Each and every one of you who come to the braais, have helped make it the success that it is today.  
Thank you one and all!

## Hula Hoop contest for the Guys and Dolls



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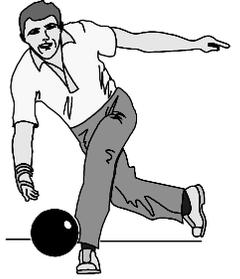
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Dessert Table**



## Guys Get Together

Robin Hirschberg (*aka Midnight*) has taken the initiative! An evening of pool for all the guys is currently being planned with a tentative date set for Thursday, June 24th, 2004. (*Same night as the ladies coffee evening.*) If you'd like



to receive an email reminder, (*and you dont have to stay home and babysit*) please leave your phone number and email address at the front gate, or call Robin, (H) 727-733-6543. The reminder will be sent out at the beginning of June.

**Remember to put the name of your hometown on your name tag when you get to the Braai!**

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow, what a ride!"

*Go fast and the wrinkles won't show!*

### Sarasota Braai

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Following complaints made to the International Rugby Board about the All Blacks being allowed to motivate themselves by performing the 'Haka' before their games, other nations have now been allowed to introduce pre-match rituals of their own.

The IRB Rugby World Cup 2003 Organising Committee has agreed to the following pre-match displays:

1. The England team will chat about the weather, wave hankies in the air and attach bells to their ankles before moaning about how they invented the game and gave it to the world, and how it's not fair that everyone still thinks New Zealand are the best team.

2. The Scotland team will turn up pissed, chanting "Yea looking' at me, Jimmy?" before smashing an Iron Bru bottle over their opponents' heads and picking random fights with members of the crowd.

3. The Ireland team will split into two, with the Southern half performing a River dance, while the Northerners march the traditional route from their dressing room to the pitch, via their opponents' dressing room.

4. The Argentineans will unexpectedly invade a small part of opposition territory, claim it as their own "Las In-Goals-Areas" and then be forcibly removed by the match stewards.

5. Two members of the South African team will claim to be more important than the other 13 whom they will imprison between the posts whilst they claim the rest of the pitch for themselves.

6. The Americans will not arrive until almost full time. In future years they will amend the records to show that they were in fact the most important team in the tournament, won it single-handedly and Hollywood will make a film called 'Saving No.8 Lyle'.

7. Five of the Canadian team will sing *La Marseillaise* and hold the rest of the team to ransom.

8. The Italian team will arrive dressed in Armani gear, sexually harass the female stewards and then run away.

9. The Spanish will sneak into the other half of the pitch, mow it and then claim that it was all in line with European "grass quotas". They will then curl up under the posts and have a kip until half time, when their appeal for

compensation against the UK Government will be heard.

10. The Japanese will attempt to strengthen their team by offering better salaries to the key opposition players and then run around the pitch at high speed in a highly efficient manner before photographing the ground.

11. The French will declare they have new scientific evidence that the opposition are in fact all mad. They will then park lorries across the halfway line, let sheep loose in the opposition half and burn the officials.

12. The Australians will have a Barbie, sinking a few tinnies before whinging on about how crap England are before they move to England inviting all their mates to come and live with them in Shepherd's Bush.

13. The Samoans will line out behind the New Zealand team, as that's the side they all feel they really should be playing for...

14. The Tongans will plant a coconut tree on the halfway line and loll around under it listening to music and discussing women for the duration of the match.

15. Unfortunately, the Committee were unable to accept the Welsh suggestion, as the French have commandeered all the available sheep and there were serious objections from the Australian RSPCA.

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## Yes.. She Made It!

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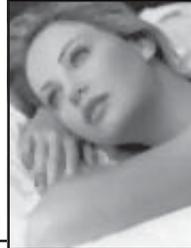
Charlize grew up on a farm outside Benoni, as an only child. She got an education as a ballet dancer and has danced both *The Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker Suite*. Since there wasn't much opportunity for her in South Africa, she traveled to Europe and then the States, where she got a job at the Joffrey Ballet Company in New York. She also worked as a photographic model. However, an injured knee put a halt to her dancing career.

At the age of 18 her mother helped her get to Los Angeles to try a career in the movie industry. She went to LA without knowing anyone in the city but after two weeks when she was stand-

ing in line on Hollywood Boulevard an agent gave her his card. After eight months in LA she got her first part. Since then she has taken acting lessons and her career has skyrocketed.

### Trivia

When she was 15, her father attacked her mother, and her mother shot her father in self-defense. Her father died, and her mother was not charged in the incident.



Appeared in the May 1999 issue of *Playboy Magazine*

Became a fashion model at age 14.

Named one of *People* magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People [2000]

Turned down the female lead in *Pearl Harbor* (2001) to star alongside Keanu Reeves in *Sweet November* (2001).

Auditioned for the female lead in *Showgirls* (1995).

Dated Stephan Jenkins, lead singer of the band Third Eye Blind. [January 1998 - July 2001]

Was ranked 4th of the 100 Sexiest Women by FHM Taiwan (2001).

Placed #1 on Beautiful People Internet

Poll, narrowly beating Cameron Diaz in #2 and Kate Beckinsale in #3. The photo featured on the site was the famous 'Diving Board' photo.

### We have a local claim to fame

Charlize is first cousin to the late JJ Naude's daughter-in-law who is married to Tersius, his oldest son. They live in South Africa. This also means that Nico, Philip and Chris (JJ and Noleen Naude's 3 other sons) have a sister-in-law who is cousin to Charlize.

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She is currently engaged to Stuart Townsend. (Sept. 2002)  
 Both her parents are Afrikaans, born and raised in South Africa. However her father is of French descent and her mother of German descent.

Voted the 12th Sexiest Female Movie Star in the Australian Empire Magazine September 2002.

Used hypnotherapy as an aid to quit smoking.

Was named after her father, whose name was Charles.

She gained 30 pounds to play Aileen Wuornos in *Monster* (2003)

On the show, *Sunday Morning Shootout*, it was revealed that her manager discovered her in a Hollywood bank after he witnessed her yelling at a bank teller for refusing to cash her check.

Along with actor Djimon Hounsou, she is the first African actor/actress to be nominated for an Academy award.

Won the Best Actress Oscar for her performance as Aileen Wuornos on what would have been Aileen's 48th birthday. (29 February 2004)

After winning her Oscar she returned to great celebrations in South Africa, and she met Nelson Mandela. When he praised her for putting their country on the map and gave her a hug Charlize broke into tears (she was guest of honor at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg on March 11th 2004).



Although Brian and Eunice Rocklin brought their collection of Native South African art to America in 1993, they soon realized that they did not have one of Table Mountain. So, when their daughters gave Brian a gift for Father's Day, it was a course of art lessons at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Brian jumped in with both feet, and had tons of fun getting back into his long-lost hobby of painting. Pictured above: A scene of Table Mountain from Blouberg Strand with Fynbos in the foreground. This well known landmark, was painted on canvas with acrylics, and is currently on display at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Be sure to check it out.

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# A Big Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who help me put this braai together every six months.

Firstly may I say how very much I appreciate Sharon Bond's contribution towards putting it all together. She does an outstanding job of the *Braai News*. It has grown into a wonderful little newspaper full of news, interesting facts and a whole bunch of nonsense, which we all look forward to reading. She is an inspiration to me. She has not only overcome some enormous hurdles in her life here in the States, but has come out the other side a *winner*. Thank you Sharon for all your contributions, materially and emotionally.

To my boys and family, thank you for all your help and support. As always, you have been there for me when I needed you. I am honored and have been greatly blessed by having you all in my life.

To Vance and Wynne for being willing to give not only of their time but also their contribution of gifts, piñata and fun things that they give so that the children have a great time at the braai's too.

To Brando and Pieter who this time are organizing games for everyone. Thank you so very much for taking the initiative and doing it. We have been hoping for someone to organize games at the braai's and thank you for being willing to be the ones. They are also providing prizes for the winners.

And to Chris and Steph for always being willing to do the 50/50 for us. The winners somehow never object to going home with more money in their pockets than what they came with.

Thank you both very much.

And to everyone for making this a joyful time for us all, THANK YOU.

*Noleen  
Organizer*

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*Swami Rama*

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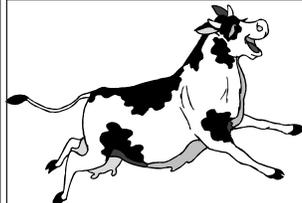
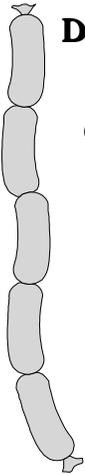
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**RS: Morny. Ruin sorbees.**

G: Sorry, I thought I dialled room-service.

**RS: Rye... Ruin sorbees, morny! Djewish to odour sunteen?**

G: Uh... yes... Id like some bacon and eggs.

**RS: Ow July den?**

G: What?

**RS: Ow July den? Pry, boy, pooch?**

G: Oh, the eggs! How do I like them? Sorry, scrambled please.

**RS: How July dee bayhcem, crease?**

G: Crisp will be fine.

**RS: Hokay. An San tos?**

G: What?

**RS: San Tos. July San tos?**

G: I dont think so.

**RS: No? Judo one toes?**

G: I feel really bad about this, but I dont know what Judo one toes means.

**RS: Toes! Toes! Why djew Don Juan toes? Ow bow singlish mopping we bother?**

G: English muffin! Ive got it! You were saying Toast. Fine. Yes, an English muffin will be fine.

**RS: We bother?**

G: No, just put the bother on the side.

**RS: Wad?**

G: I mean butter... just put it on the side.

**RS: Copy?**

G: Sorry?

**RS: Copy... tea... mill?**

G: Yes, Coffee please and thats all.

**RS: One Minnie. Ass ruin torino fee, strangle ache, crease baychem, tossy singlish mopping we bother honey sigh, and copy... rye?**

G: Whatever you say.

**RS: Tendjewberrymud.**

G: You're welcome.



Painting The Pool



## List Of Medical Terms in the New South Africa:

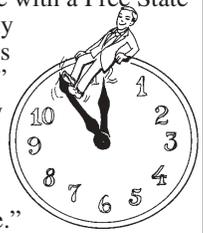
- Artery ..... The study of paintings
- Bacteria ..... Back door of the cafeteria
- Barium ..... What u do with dead patients
- Bowels ..... A E I O U
- Caesarean Section ..... A suburb in Rome
- Catscan ..... A search for kitty
- D & C ..... Where Washington is
- Dilate ..... To live longer
- Enema ..... Not your friend
- Fester ..... Quicker
- Genital ..... Not a Jew
- Impotent ..... Distinguished and well known
- Labour Pain ..... Getting hurt at work
- Medical Staff ..... Doctor's walking stick
- Morbid ..... Higher offer
- Nitrates ..... Cheaper than day rates
- Out Patient ..... A person who's fainted
- Pelvis ..... A friend of Elvis
- Post Operative ..... A letter courier
- Seizure ..... The roman Emperor
- Terminal Illness ..... when u get sick at the airport
- Tumour ..... Another couple
- Urine ..... The opposite of "you're out"



*Picture the scene...* A newspaper vendor is standing in a busy intersection in the main street of Cape Town selling the afternoon paper, *The Argus*.

"A'gus, A'gus," he calls incessantly. A 4x4 bakkie with a Free State registration pulls up at the robot. The burly, deeply tanned farmer leans out of the cab window and calls to the paper vendor, "Hey midnight, bring 'n koerant."

The vendor sidles over and they exchange money and newspaper. The vendor steps back, looks the driver straight in the eye and says, "Djy roep my midnight. Djy's nie so ver van quarter-to-twelve djousef nie."



My grandmother lives in Hermanus. Recently, a friend of hers, a woman about 65 years old, was out shopping. When she returned to her car, there were 4 black men sitting in it. Being the kind of feisty woman who packs a gun for emergencies, she whipped out her piece and yelled, "I know how to use it, and I'm quite prepared to. So get out!" The men were scared witless, and bailed. The woman then got into the car, and in her confusion, the key wouldn't fit in the ignition.

Wrong car! Not hers... Ooops!



Realising her little faux pas, she thought she'd better report her mistake at the Hermanus Police Station. When she told the officer on duty the story, he nearly wet himself laughing. Once he could speak again, he pointed at the four visibly shaken black men sitting at the other end of the room... they had just reported being hijacked by an elderly white lady!

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I decide to wash my car.  
As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table.  
I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.  
I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table, and notice that the trash can is full.  
So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first.  
But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.  
I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left  
My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.  
I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.  
I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.  
As I head toward the kitchen with the coke a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye—they need to be watered.  
I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.  
I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.  
I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.  
I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor.  
So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.  
Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.  
At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one check in my checkbook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.  
Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.  
I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.  
Do me a favor, will you? Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent.  
Don't laugh — if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!  
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## Remember This?

Before the Internet or the Apple Mac...Before semi-automatics and crack cocaine...Before SEGA or Cartoon Network...Before Play station and MTV... Way back.

I'm talking about the time of Hide and Seek in the park...or the dark. The cafe down the road, Hopscotch, Donkey, skipping and handstands, backyard cricket with a tomato box, Dandy & Beano annuals, French skipping, charms and "arlies", jumping the river, living on the beach, building a swing from a piece of rope tied to a tree, tennis on the street or swing ball in the backyard.

The smell of suntan lotion, hot tar and Oros. Wicks bubble gum for a cent. An ice cream cone from the kombi that plays a tune. Wait, can you still remember... When around the corner seemed far away and going into town seemed like going somewhere, and your ma made you "dress up" for the trip.

A million mozzie bites and peeling skin in summer. Sticky fingers and sand in and on everything. Cops and Robbers, Rounders, Stingers, Foefie slides & climbing trees.

Walking or riding your bike to school - no matter what the weather. Running till you were out of breath. Laughing so hard that your stomach hurt. Jumping on the bed..... Pillow fights. Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down. Being tired from playing... Remember that?

The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team. Paper water bombs and clay "lats" were the ultimate weapon. A piece of card in the spokes held by a clothes peg transformed any bicycle into a motorcycle.

I'm not finished just yet... Can you still taste and smell... Eating jelly powder from the box, ice lollies made from cold drink in Tupperware holders in the freezer. Making sherbet from sugar and ENOS and boiling tins of condensed milk to make caramel - took hours! Marshmallow fish and mice.

Remember when... There were two types of takkies - Tommies and the canvas ones, and the only time you wore them at school, was for "PT". It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.

Nobody owned a pedigree dog. 25 cents was decent pocket money. When you'd reach into a muddy gutter for 5 cents and feel lucky. When nearly everyone's mom was at home when the kids got there. Remember when it was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb, or make 10 cents appear from behind your ear.

When it was considered a great privilege and very unusual to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant or in a proper hotel. Or when on the rare occasion Dad stopped at the Cuban Hat roadhouse or "Dairy Den".

Remember when any parent could discipline any kid, or feed him or use him to carry groceries and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it.

When being sent to the head master's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home. Basically, we were in fear for our lives but it wasn't because of muggings, drugs, gangs, etc.

Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat....and some of us are still afraid of them!!!

Didn't that feel good... just to go back and say, Yeah, I remember that!

Remember when... Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."

Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "Nix!" "A race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest. Money was handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly" The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was germs. Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a BIC pen pea-shooter or a "catty". Taking drugs meant orange-flavoured chewable vitamin C or Milk of Magnesia. Ice cream was considered a basic food group. Skills and courage were discovered because of a "dare". Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors.

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!! And so here's to the next 50 years!

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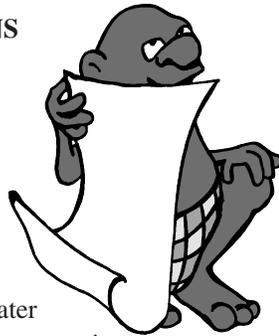
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2. No = Yes
3. Maybe = No
4. We need... = I want.
5. I am sorry = you'll be sorry
6. We need to talk = I need to complain
7. Sure, go ahead = I don't want you to
8. Do what you want = You'll pay for this later
9. I am not upset = Of course I am upset, you moron!
10. Are you listening to me?? = Too late, you're dead
11. You have to learn to communicate = Just agree with me
12. Be romantic, turn out the lights = I have flabby thighs
13. You're so manly = You need a shave and you sweat a lot
14. Do you love me? = I am going to ask for something expensive
15. It's your decision = The correct decision should be obvious by now
16. You're certainly attentive tonight = Is sex all you ever think about?
17. I'll be ready in a minute = Kick off your shoes and find a good game on TV
18. How much do you love me? = I did something today that you're really not going to like.



MEN'S ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS

1. I am hungry = I am hungry
2. I am sleepy = I am sleepy
3. I am tired = I am tired
4. Nice dress = Nice cleavage!
5. I love you = Let's have sex now
6. I am bored = Do you want to have sex?
7. What's wrong? = I guess sex is out of the question
8. May I have this dance? = I'd like to have sex with you
9. Can I call you sometime? = I'd like to have sex with you
10. Do you want to go to a movie? = I'd like to have sex with you
11. Can I take you out to dinner? = I'd like to have sex with you
12. Will you marry me? = I want to make it illegal for other men to have sex with you
13. You look tense, let me give you a massage = I want to have sex with you within the next 3 minutes.
14. Let's talk = I am trying to impress you by showing that I am a deep person and then I'd like to have sex with you.
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## What is Linux?

by Philip Naudé.

A young student in the mid-eighties (Linus Torvalds) at the University of Finland wrote the kernel for what is now the foundation for the Linux operating system. He, along with several others wrote the kernel mostly for their own use based on parts of the Unix Operating System. A kernel is the core of an Operating System. It's the part of the OS that loads first and remains in main memory (RAM). Typically the kernel manages the memory, running processes, task management as well as disk management.

In the 1990's Linux (Linus+Unix) started to catch on as a stable OS among the open source community and as a result, started to spread. Unix was originally developed by Bell Labs (AT&T) in the early '70s as a multi user, multitasking operating system. An operating system is the main control program on a computer that handles input from the keyboard and mouse, manages and organizes the files on the hard drive, schedules tasks and communicates with peripheral devices like sound cards, video cards, CD-ROMs and floppy drives.

Linux is important today because it has an open source code (<http://www.opensource.org/docs/definition.php>), whereas the dominant Operating System (Microsoft Windows) has a closed source code. Think of it as the difference between a vehicle that has the hood welded shut and can only be modified by the original manufacturer (closed source - Microsoft) and a vehicle that has an easily accessible and modifiable engine (open source - Linux). On the vehicle that has no restrictions to its engine you can add all the modifications to the engine to suit it to your needs, if you have



the necessary know-how.

Linux was written based on the GNU General Public License, which essentially states that Linux can be freely distributed as long as the source code is included. That does not mean it is free, people or companies that write applications for Linux have a right to be compensated for their work. It means that the source code itself is free and can be modified by anyone. That being said, many free versions of Linux can be downloaded at no charge, as long as you have the bandwidth to download it. <http://www.linux.org>

Linux as a whole is used primarily in servers because it is faster and more stable. It can run for months and even years without needing to reboot. Linux is favored by network administrators for file servers, mail servers and http (web page) servers. That is however not its exclusive domain. Recently Linux has started to make inroads to the desktop operating system market, giving Microsoft's Operating System (Windows) a run for its money. Two of the most successful distributions are Red Hat (<http://www.redhat.com/>) and Xandros (<http://www.xandros.com/>). So far, Xandros has proved itself a true rival for Windows in its ease of use, similar graphical user interface and ease of installation.

In general Linux is considered to be more stable and more secure than Microsoft's Windows. The biggest drawback however is that all of the applications written for Windows, will not run on Linux. Many applications have already been written for Linux that do the same thing as its Windows counterparts. Mozilla (<http://www.mozilla.org/>) includes a web browser, email client, instant messenger client, HTML editor, IRC chat and more. Open Office (<http://www.openoffice.org/>) offers a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation manager, and drawing program, most of which is compatible with Microsoft Office.

*Happy Computing!*

## GM vs Microsoft

*For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.*

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with the technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon".

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun,

was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive — but would run on only five percent of the roads.

6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.

7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.

8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine OFF!

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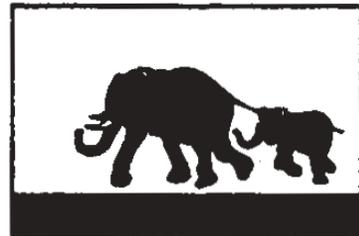
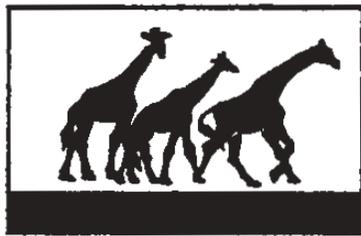
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- 250 grams stoned dates, diced • 1 cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon bicarb • 100 grams butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup castor sugar • 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups flour • pinch of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder • 1-1/4 cups chopped pecans

### Sauce

- 3/4 cup sugar • 3/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter • 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup brandy, sherry or orange juice

### To Make Tart

Sprinkle bicarbonate of soda over the dates. Pour the boiling water over the dates. Leave to cool. Cream the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl. (in winter first rinse the mixing bowl with hot water and dry) When the butter mixture is light and creamy, gradually beat in the egg. Sift the dry ingredients 2 or 3 times. Alternately fold the dry ingredients and the date mixture into the creamed mixture, using a metal spoon. Pour into a greased 25 cm pie dish or cake tin. Bake at 180 C (350 F) for 45 minutes until dark brown and done. Prepare the sauce and pour over the hot tart.

### To Make Sauce

Bring the sugar, water and butter to the boil. Remove from the heat and add the vanilla and brandy. Pour the warm sauce over the hot cake and leave to cool.

Cut the tart into equal portions. Pipe a large curl of whipped fresh cream onto each serving and add a sprinkling of chopped pecan nuts.

Family Favorites

## TOMATO BREDIE

- 1 kg beef/mutton shoulder
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 onions, chopped
- 6 ripe red tomatoes
- 1x70 gram can tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 teaspoon mixed herbs
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 3 potatoes, diced
- 1 tablespoon potato flour

Cube the meat. Heat the oil / butter mixture in a big, heavy-bottomed saucepan until the butter discolors. Add the meat in batches and stir-fry until brown. Remove each batch with a slotted spoon and keep aside. Season the browned meat with salt and pepper. Brown the onions in the remaining oil. When golden, soft and glazed, add the tomatoes, tomato paste, sugar, chili, paprika, garlic, herbs, water and stock cube. Bring to a slow simmering boil. Add the prepared meat. Simmer the bredie very slowly for 2 hours. Add the cubed potatoes and continue simmering for another 1/2 hour. Thicken the gravy with a little potato flour mixed with water. The bredie improves with keeping. Prepare a day in advance and leave to mature in the refrigerator. Reheat and serve with fluffy steamed rice to which a handful of chopped parsley has been added.





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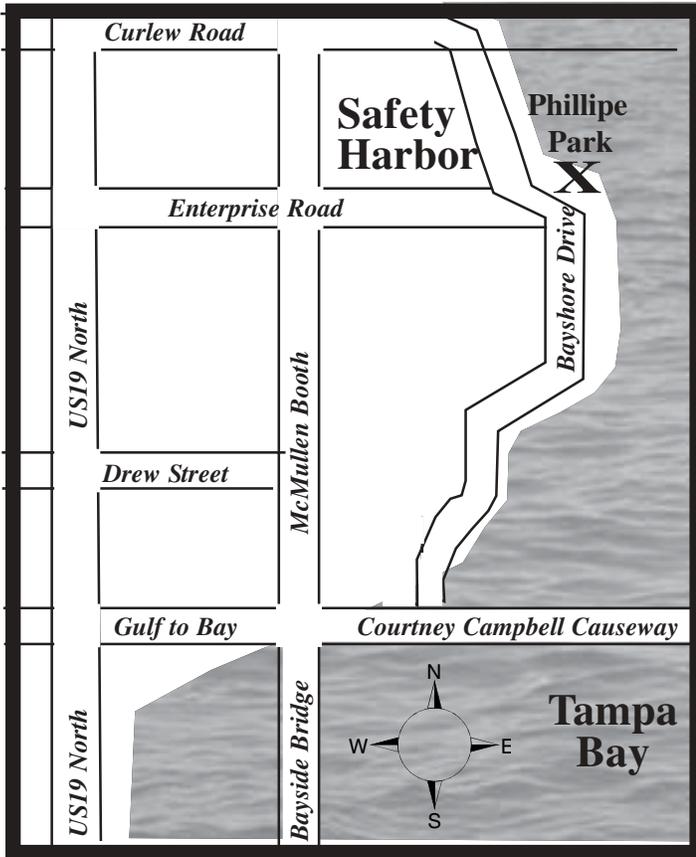
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Please remember to bring your own food, cozzies (bathing suits) and drinks – and remember the Florida Parks law is no alcohol allowed.

There will be koeksusters, biltong, melktert, and of course Britans will be there with all kinds of South African goodies that you can stock up on.

A donation of \$5 per person over 18 years of age goes towards paying for this newsletter, the postcards, the stamps, the rent of the bakkie (for the coal, chairs, etc.) the charcoal, the tables, the paper, the telephone calls, the post box, the name tags, the pens, and so on.

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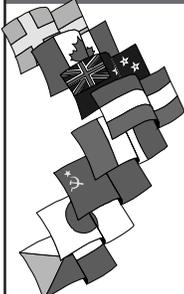
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**Online Shopping**

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note of everyone's details, and said that they would call us back first thing in the morning.

The next day, Amina, a very helpful young lady, at the Pick 'n Pay Jo'burg office made the Trans-Atlantic call to Florida, as promised. (not Florida, Gauteng, skattie). Now, they needed the last bit of Visa info for the transaction to be completed. *Voila!* The very next day, the entire grocery order was delivered right to her front door. But Amina had decided to go above the call of duty, and help make possible, the purchase of some air time [together with the groceries], so that my very dear friend could send an email, confirming receipt of the goods.

**Pick 'n Pay Home Shopping USA?**

Thanks to a homesick South African, Harry Pottas who worked in Thailand for six months and missed his South African groceries, *Pick 'n Pay Home Shopping* could very soon be a reality for those of us living abroad..

Each time that Harry returned to Thailand for business, he would take a suitcase full of SA groceries for his wife's family who live there. This led to the realization that there may just be a way to offer such a service to all South Africans overseas, so he approached *Pick 'n Pay Home Shopping* in South Africa who agreed that this could be possible.

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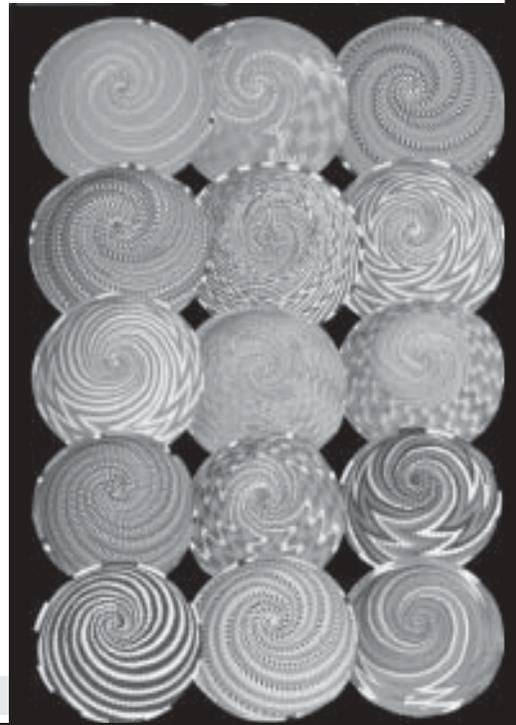


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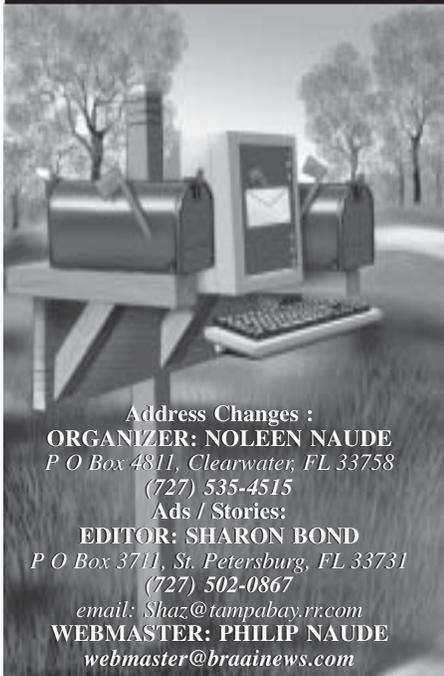
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