

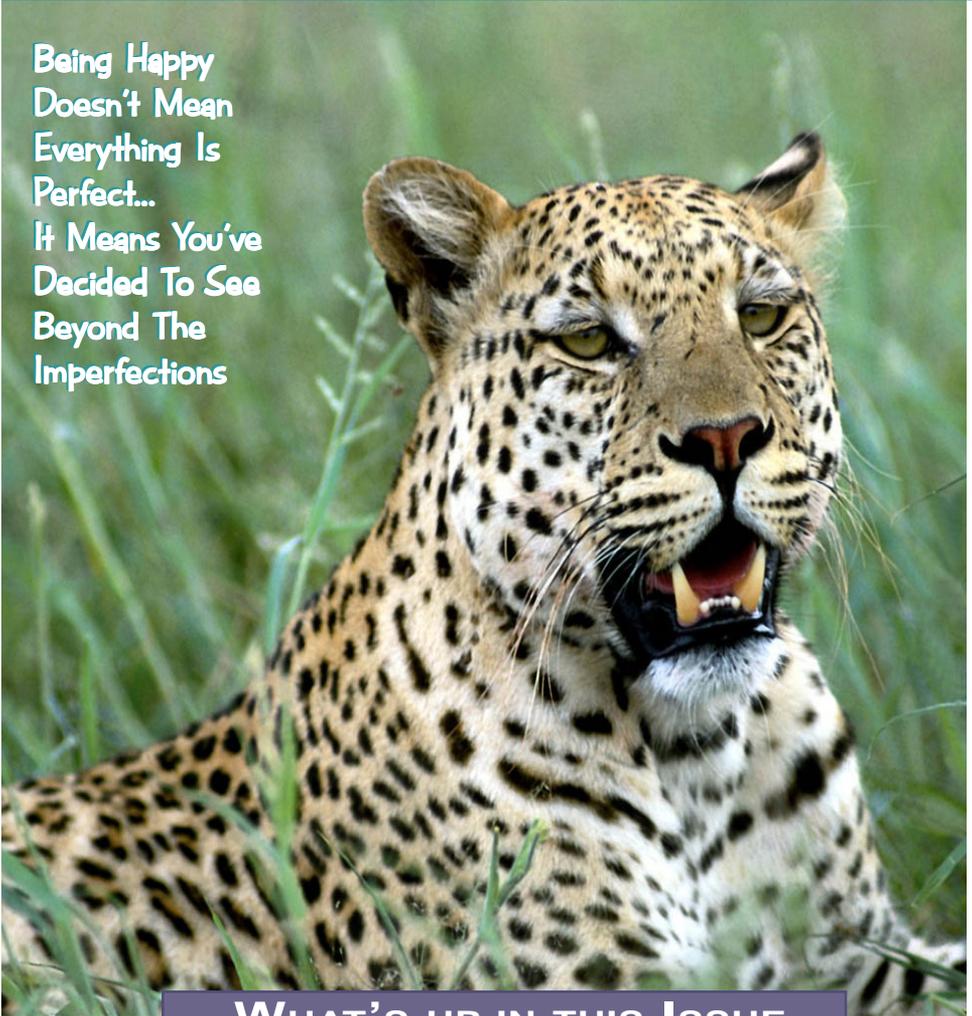
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Being Happy
Doesn't Mean
Everything Is
Perfect...
It Means You've
Decided To See
Beyond The
Imperfections



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Who Would Have Ever Thought...

Springbok Radio is *Back!!!*



As of July 1st, 2008, Springbok Radio has returned to the airwaves, thanks to modern technology.

Tune in to www.springbokradio.com for a dose of nostalgia and listen to all your favorite jingles and programs such as Taxi, Lux Radio Theatre, Afrikaans Goud, Playhouse 90, Springbok Documentary (The best of archived documentaries from the Springbok Radio Preservation Society Archive), Hoe Ry Die Boere (Vir die

beste in Boeremusiek), Listener's Choice/Luisteraar's Keuse. And what would Springbok Radio be without Squad Cars or the Creaking Door, or The Pip Freedman Show?

Yes folks, you've got that right. The Springbok Radio Preservation Society of S.A., The South African Broadcasting Corporation & Hantam Radio have come together in a combined effort to bring some special memories. These moments are certain to release even the most dormant of endorphins back into your brain. So, tune in, dial a smile and put on a happy face!



A Taste of Good Hope

An evening of jazz, art and wine is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 25th from 6:30-11pm at The Hospice of Florida Suncoast, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater.

This event will benefit hospice patients and their families living in Sub-Saharan Africa. Cost is \$75 per person. For further information call (727) 542-4432 or email louiseclarey@thehospice.org

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Happenings in Sarasota Skaap Braai

The next Skaap Braai in Sarasota is scheduled for November 1st (Saturday) at Greg and Mauritz Beck's home in North Port. It starts at 3 in the afternoon and goes until dawn. Bring chairs, beverages, a dessert to share, and a friend. Cost is \$15 per adult, and children eat free.

If you would like to attend, please contact the organizers, Colin or Zelda as soon as possible, as this event is catered.

Zelda can be reached at (941) 922 8855 and Colin's number is (941) 921 9359.

Christmas Party

The Sarasota Group is planning a Christmas Party for Saturday December 6th from 3pm until late with a dinner buffet starting at 6pm. The venue is SUN-N-FUN located just East of 75 on Fruitville Road. For anyone wanting to spend the weekend you could arrive Friday afternoon and stay until Sunday. No driving! The rate is \$180-2 full bedrooms (includes Friday and Saturday night) and \$200-1 bedroom – these are chalet/mobile homes, and Colin was extremely impressed with the cleanliness and feel of the houses. For those who would like to hear more about it please call or email him at (941) 921 9359 or rsabraai@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT CHANGE:

We will be in Shelter #9

Unfortunately due to a mix up in the County computer system we've been bumped from our regular #2 Shelter. For those who are able, please bring a couple of chairs as this new shelter is smaller than our usual one.

WIN SOME COOL CASH

Rosemary and Peter won a fistful of dollars at the last braai. Congratulations guys!



Look out for
STEPH
...she is the
50/50
LADY

OUR NEXT BRAAI IS ON Sunday, 26th October '08

from 10:00am till...

As always, Brando, Joanne and Pieter will host the Boere Sports, featuring a

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EGG & SPOON RACE, ETC.

Congratulations Lindsay...

For making it through 7 weeks of intense radiation treatments for cancer. Heck woman, you don't even look a day over 40!
Way to go girl!



Join in the fun.

They can always do with a little help. Please call Brando if you'd like to lend a hand.
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New Year's Eve Bash

at Chris & Steph's shop located at 4410 North Lois Ave. Tampa 33614
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Just a few more weeks, and I am off to London for the first time.

I'm off to see a very dear friend that I learnt to know when I lived in East London, South Africa. I moved to Johannesburg when I was transferred by Johnson and Johnson to their Johannesburg branch, and she moved up to Johannesburg a few years later. She got married and had four children and I got married and also had children. When we moved here to the States she and her family moved to England. She has been here to visit on several occasions, but this will be my first going there.

She lives in Sussex, East Grinstead and tells me that there are several South Africans living in the same area. As it turns out, I hap-

pen to know a few of them too! So this is

going to be an interesting and exciting time. I'm told by her daughter that she has a list of things she wants to show me and take me too. I'm looking forward to going on the 'Eye of London' and seeing the Cullinan diamond or Star of Africa in the Crown. Other than that, who knows? Looking forward to the adventure.

This will be the first time since the start of the Braai's that I will not be attending. Hope you all have a great time at the Braai and enjoy each others company and all the geseling.

Love,

Noleen

'Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.'



Coming to America

Written and compiled by Sharon Bond

There are moments when she wants to pick up her 7-year old daughter and flee back to her homeland. Life in America is proving harder than she had expected. She needs a job that will pay her rent – not easy for a 48-year old single mother with little savings and even less local experience. Then there are the number of smaller challenges that when put on the table together, can seem insurmountable for someone who has never previously lived away from their home country... where to find daycare, how to decipher utility bills, how to deal with Immigration, what to do about her car that's been towed away, and even communicating in American English is a new experience. Just the thought of more logistics is daunting. "I am exhausted" she says, her voice quivering. "All these papers. My head hurts." So sometimes she dreams of going back to her country, where she understands how things work, where she has friends and family. She longs for something

familiar. But then she calls home, and her sister sets her straight. "Don't come back she says. You've made the right decision. Think about your daughter's future. It has to get easier with time." She knows that she is incredibly lucky to have made it this far at all.¹

Does this sound familiar to you? I'm pretty sure that many of those memories remain... perhaps a little faded, but never gone. The steady stream of new arrivals that once graced our shores, has now dwindled to less than a handful. But let us not forget that difficult transition that we all went through. Many arrived thinking that they had all the right paperwork in place, yet they still ended up spending tens of thousands of dollars in pursuit of this American Dream. Then there were (and still are) a few "fortunate" ones who arrived with an actual Green Card in hand. Even so, it's still a struggle to adapt, and we *need* to be here for those who are still able to get into the States. Those days of "arrive on a visitors visa and overstay your welcome" are over. No longer is it possible to fly under the radar and bide your time. At the end of the day, immigrating to a foreign land is traumatic... it just varies by degree. And not everyone makes it. Hence I used to say that it's the tigers who make it. Thanks Noleen for reminding us about that. Perhaps it's time now, for us to pat each other on the back and say Congratulations! Well done! We've made it... You've made it. Let's celebrate this accomplishment at the next braai. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again on the 26th of October. ¹*Adapted from Time Magazine 2/4/08*



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 The Three Little Pigs: *Goodness, Gift & Precious*

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Liewe Heksie: *Lovely Felicia*

The Smurfs: *The Freedom Fighters*

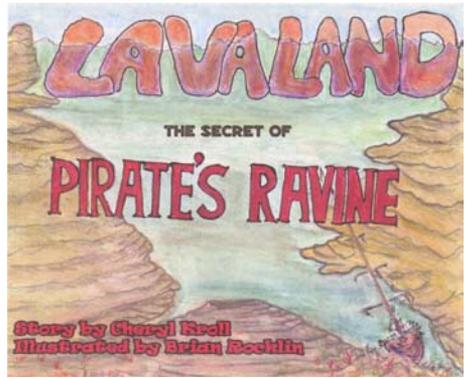
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 Thandi*

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Goldilocks: *Dreadlocks*

Barbie: *Modjadjj*



From Palm Harbor to Hollywood

A chance conversation led to Palm Harbor artist and ex-Capetonian Brian Rocklin, doing the illustrations for a children's book.

Brian's daughter Deborah, who works with Sony pictures in Hollywood, was talking to her friend Cheryl Kroll who is with MGM. Cheryl was just starting the story and was looking for an illustrator. So Deborah gave her Brian's email address.

Scores of emails, phone calls and a year later the drawings were finished for *Lavaland* — *The Secret of Pirates Ravine*.

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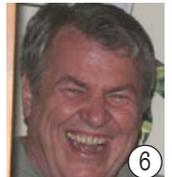
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Tony Tanner



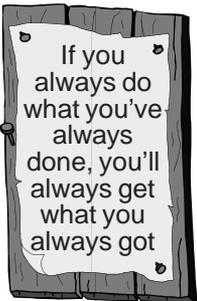
Anton DeWet



Merry Naude

Here are the answers to the quiz that we ran in the last issue of *Braai News*. Only 2 people got them all of them correct. Congratulations to Henza and Renee, who each won an awesome cooler bag.

- 1) I sailed from San Francisco to London, via the Panama Canal, aboard a freight ship that had only 12 passengers. It took a month to get there.
- 2) I got married on the Island of Cabbage Key where all 50 wedding guests arrived by boat (no road access) and the only hotel and cabins on the island were full with our wedding party.
- 3) I am an undiscovered Poet & Artist, waiting to be discovered.
- 4) I have been in the same job since I was 19 years old.
- 5) I was an occasional assistant train driver with my dad. on a steam train called Griet that used to pull the Trans Karoo out of Jo'burg on Fridays
- 6) I worked for the *Daily Dispatch* as a reporter. Donald Woods recruited me and interviewed me for the job!
- 7) I was a hooker. (Now, I know, that this one stumped a few people, mostly the non-rugby types. But tell me, just what were you thinking about the Reverend???)
- 8) I raised a male deer until he was over a year old. It was just like having a baby. I had a bed for him next to mine and fed him goats milk every 2 hours. I also had a cat at the time, and they got along famously. They would both get up in my bed during the day and sleep together. It was a great experience.



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30-34	\$1,335	\$2,359	\$1,174	\$2,199	\$912	\$1,638	\$808	\$1,451	\$661	\$1,190
35-39	\$1,460	\$2,595	\$1,298	\$2,368	\$1,003	\$1,813	\$888	\$1,603	\$724	\$1,285
40-44	\$1,633	\$2,125	\$1,443	\$1,898	\$1,116	\$1,472	\$990	\$1,308	\$805	\$1,044
45-49	\$1,843	\$2,227	\$1,641	\$2,010	\$1,270	\$1,561	\$1,125	\$1,382	\$917	\$1,064
50-54	\$2,240	\$2,417	\$2,013	\$2,197	\$1,564	\$1,715	\$1,424	\$1,557	\$1,165	\$1,271
55-59	\$2,800	\$2,755	\$2,600	\$2,527	\$2,000	\$1,974	\$1,786	\$1,791	\$1,503	\$1,463
60-64	\$3,960	\$3,733	\$3,662	\$3,435	\$3,066	\$2,839	\$2,798	\$2,588	\$2,321	\$2,053
65-69	\$8,180	\$7,134	\$7,882	\$6,835	\$7,287	\$6,237	\$5,666	\$4,715	\$4,915	\$4,150
70	\$9,645	\$8,339	\$9,343	\$8,046	\$8,739	\$7,443	\$6,891	\$5,594	\$5,977	\$4,835
71	\$10,097	\$8,738	\$9,795	\$8,438	\$9,192	\$7,834	\$7,257	\$5,898	\$6,295	\$5,098
72	\$10,484	\$9,070	\$10,185	\$8,771	\$9,588	\$8,174	\$7,573	\$6,160	\$6,569	\$5,324
73	\$10,882	\$9,404	\$10,586	\$9,108	\$9,994	\$8,517	\$7,900	\$6,421	\$6,853	\$5,550
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What Can We Expect from Immigration After Elections?

by Steven A. Culbreath Esq., Attorney At Law

Following the ongoing election coverage and Congress' failure last year to pass sweeping immigration reform, many are eagerly anticipating forthcoming changes and developments. Each presidential candidate's political platform includes recognizing the need for overhaul of this defunct system. Each candidate has pledged to work quickly, once in office, and while no one knows for certain what provisions the reform will contain, most are sure of what changes to expect, while reserving on details:

1. Changes will occur regarding the monitoring of goods and people traversing U.S. borders. Documentary requirements, border crossing procedures, information systems and human resources will be expanded, coordinated and streamlined, with more reliance on electronic/computerized systems.

2. Changes will be made to the current employment verification procedures to more adequately document workers' credentials, including stiffer sanctions and penalties for employers and workers.

3. Enhanced and increased cross-agency communication and information sharing. Individual state and federal agencies will continue an already ongoing trend to link their information systems.

4. Current temporary worker programs will be examined, streamlined and restructured, and where necessary new programs are likely to be created, with new eligibility requirements, documentary requirements and government filing fees. These programs will likely not offer a direct path to citizenship, but instead maintain a "non-immigrant" flavor.

5. Some aspects of the Family-Based Immigration laws have suffered many criticisms. Apparent gaps and flaws will need to be examined, addressed and improved, resulting in a more streamlined, logical application of "family unification".

6. Undocumented aliens, who are unlawfully present in the United States will be able to earn a legal status by complying with certain requirements and paying mandated fines and fees. There will likely be stiffer penalties and enforcement measures to deter would-be immigrants without inspection or overstaying the terms of their legal stay.

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Sharon

A class of Standard 3's were told to write an essay entitled **What is a crocodile?**

Here's what young Gerry submitted:

Name: Gerhard Janse van Vuuren

Date: 4/2/2007

Answer: The krokodil is a specially built so long because the flatter the better swimmer. At the front of the krokodil is the head. The head exists almost only of teeth. Behind the krokodil the tail grows. Between the head and the tail is the krokodil. A krokodil without a tail is called a rotwieler.

A krokodil's body is covered with handbag material. He can throw his tail off if he gets a fright but it doesn't happen much because a krokodil is scared of nothing.

A krokodil stays under the water because if you were so ugly, you would also stay under the water. It is good that a krokodil stays under the water, because a person gets such a big fright if a krokodil catches you that he first has to rinse you off before he can eat you.

A krokodil isn't hardly as dangerous as people say he is, except if he catches you. The longer he bites you, the more it hurts.

Very old krokodils suck their people and buck that they catch dead. If you eat him, he is a krokosatie.

A krokodil did not learn to swim with his arms so he uses his tail. The little brother of the krokodil is a lizard. The slow sister of the krokodil is a chameleon. The gay brother of the krokodil is a daffodil. And the krokodil also has a dead brother the frikkidel.



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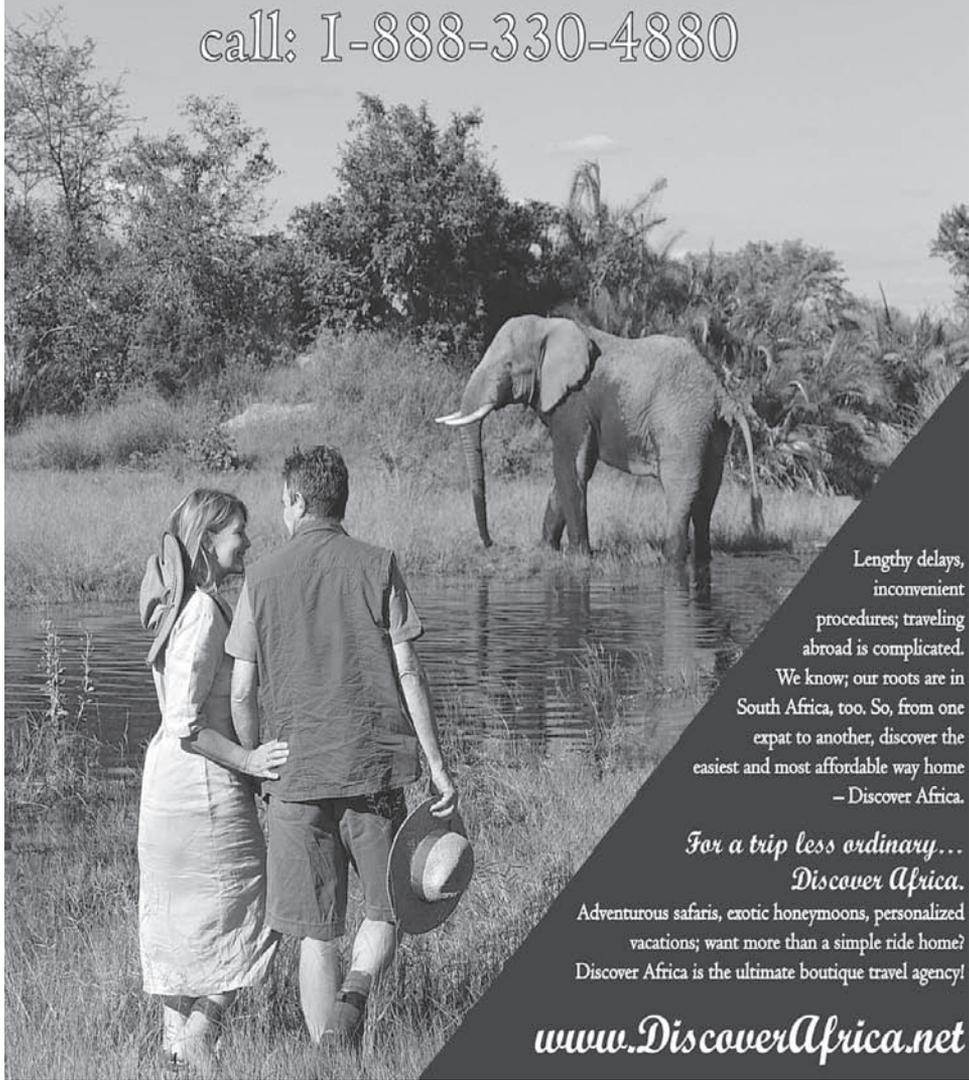
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