The queen of rap has a date with Durban

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Nicki Minaj to rock Durban for one night only

American pop & hip hop sensation Nicki Minaj, is bringing her ‘Pinkprint’ tour to her South African fans, with three unforgettable shows scheduled for Johannesburg at the Ticketpro Dome on Thursday, March 17; Durban’s Moses Mabhida Stadium on Sunday, March 20; and Cape Town’s Grand Arena, Grand West on Tuesday, March 22.

Tickets are now on sale at www.ticketpro.co.za and selected Edgars retail stores nationally, with prices ranging from R490.

The Grammy Award-nominated superstar continues to break records and impact pop culture at large. Her critically lauded third full-length album, ‘The Pinkprint’ arrived at the top of the Billboard 200 and Billboard Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums charts, cementing her as rap’s reigning queen.

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Minaj stands at the top of the pop vanguard. To date, the global superstar has sold over 50 million singles and five million albums worldwide. Minaj has also been the recipient of a bevy of awards, including American Music Awards, MTV VMAs, Billboard Awards, People’s Choice Awards, BET Awards & many others.

A global touring phenomenon, Minaj has sold out iconic venues in- including London’s O2 Arena, Brooklyn’s Barclays Arena, The Staples Center in Los Angeles, and many more.

Outside of music, she has starred in films including ‘Ice Age: Continental Drift’ and ‘The Other Woman’ in addition to judging ‘American Idol’. She’ll also take the screen alongside Ice Cube and Cedric The Entertainer, starring in 2016’s ‘Barbershop 3’.

In South Africa the chart-top- ping, multi-award winning rapper and actress will be performing a number of her countless hits from her three albums including her latest offering.

With an astonishing 96 million fans on social media, Minaj will be pulling out all the stops for her South African tour.

The Nicki Minaj Pinkprint tour is presented by Arey Scott Entertainment, SFM, Metro FM, and Channel O.

WIN! We are offering 5 double tickets to the Durban concert on Sunday, March 20. To enter, Like The Next 48HOURS Durban on Facebook, and LIKE and SHARE the Nicki Minaj competition post. Good luck!

What is your speciality in the kitch- en?
I make the meanest and most delici- ous omelettes I know.

Describe your ideal night in, and out.
IN: Christmas bed laid out with home-made bangers and refreshing ginger beer. Fall asleep on the bed while watching a movie right after eating four burgers. I’ll hit the gym the next day to work off the calories. OUT: In the company of talkative friends and good wine. Five course dinner with the most beautiful (for Instagram) dishes and great laughter to carry the night through.

What makes life worth living?
Music. Music can alter your mood as it’s almost talking to you. It can make the world around you look beautiful or disastrous, depending on what you’re listening. It can make you fall in love or help you through heartbreak. It is the food of life.
Marc Lottering fixes his comedic gaze on social media “skinner”

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PETER TROMP caught up with one of South Africa’s favourite comedians on the eve of the show’s run.

Describe yourself in the Twitter format.
#Hot2Zandle

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When did you first become aware of your comedic “powers”? I think, for every comedian, it’s that memorable first moment when you’re holding a microphone and a full room of people is laughing along with you. And you’re fully dressed. That moment happened for me in 1998.

Your biggest inspiration in life… I’m constantly inspired by people who dream big, and who then have the guts to run with that dream. The most nervous you’ve ever been on stage… The first three minutes of most gigs.

“Last night a show changed my life.” Which show? The State of the Nation Address.

Drinks are on us. What are you having? Moët. Tequila Gold. Jameson. More Tequila. After which we can leave home and go somewhere fun.

Easiest way to your heart… A great curry.

Favourite place in the world… Any vibrant, worldly city where it’s bustling.

Book(s) and/or movie(s) you can read/watch over and over again. ‘Catcher in the Rye’ and ‘The Lion King’.

You’ve been reincarnated as a pizza… which toppings should we expect? Garlic. Chili. Feta. And a little more garlic.

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Says Marius, known for his ability to write across South Africa’s cultural divides in his bench-mark radio series, ‘Lollipop Lane’, and his multi-award winning stage shows, “The Fantastical Flea Circus”, ‘Bitch Stole My Doek’, and ‘Sweetie Darling’.

“White Christmas” is, ironically, a black comedy about a South African family’s 350-year history in this country, and where they stand today. The play is the most personal one I have written to date, in that it turns a satirical spotlight on my own family. Certain elements have been tweaked for dramatic effect, but the bittersweet account is by-and-large a factual one.

Appraising the content of the piece after a single try-out performance two years ago, theatre critic Giselle Turner wrote: “White Christmas” is a monologue of remembrance. A family of four, parents and the classic pigeon pair of brother and sister, take their holiday in a caravan by the sea every year and splurge on the small luxuries their meagre income can afford them. Usually a time of relaxation and celebration, tragedy strikes and Christmas can never be the same again for

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Do you want fries with that enlargement?

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How do you know when your city is on route “down the bog”? For me, having travelled the lengths and breadths of the country on its many rocky roads – going to the end of the earth or being able to “see the end of the earth from where you are” – it usually equals the appalling state of the streets, of the buildings and the number of homeless people, trying their utmost to eke out an existence (a survival) in the city.

But, a clear pattern has emerged for me: you know you are firmly in a Third World city when practically every street electric pole offers a “R150 abortion” and “a penis enlargement” for about the same price. I am not sure if there is a “streetwise two” special… she goes for the abortion and he goes for the penis enlargement at a discount. With a mbble portion of chips, like the “up-size” option at take-out outlets. The ultimate anti-thesis: let’s make those pes-nies larger so that we can offer more backstreet abortions for under R200. Seems like a great business model!

It is February already. And there goes the year…gogling at a pace that has become quite alarming, is it me, or does it feel as though years are just flying by?

Before we know it, someone will be announcing how many shopping days are left for Christmas, and people will be booking end-of-year holiday vouchers or tickets, if they hadn’t done so already. And then there is the drinking and driving and the number of road accident deaths – will it de-crae this year? I wonder? Please.

While listening to the radio, I heard them talking about the drinking-and- driving phenomenon that has been in the news post the festive season. People call in as they usually do, adding their two cents.

To long and the short of it was that many people thought taxpayers’ money should be used to rent taxis or to have some sort of transport system for drunk-ards who need transport Seriously?

What happened to the raming-and- shaming of drivers who drive drunk campaign? Listeners thought that was a good idea.

I am still in two minds about that. I said this before – we all want the conve- niences of the First World, but too many of us have Third World mentality. The education that comes with the First World technology and law enforcement just isn’t there yet…

We need a mindset change… not sim- ply more enforcement of the law. People need to understand that what law is connected to…how their attitudes to that law need to change. It is similar to the way one would teach a child – not through punishment, but to explain why they need to stick to speed limits, and not drive under the influence and....

On another day they were talking about jaywalking. Again – it is more prevalent over holiday time, and in our undeveloped world.

More pedestrians. More people fran- tically taking to the streets – heaven help us! In the CBD, the jaywalking phe- nomenon is frightening.

Smith and West Street is packed with people too lazy to walk to either of the pedestrian crossings at the traffic lights and feeds lines on either side with safety. I swear, the only people that walk are the local shop keepers, the hawkers – which I call a poverty ploy – where the authorities have no choice but to allow the jaywalkers and the jaywalkers are allowed to leave the law unenforced.

One traffic officer can make enough money outside the Workshop until the City Hall all day issuing fines. I drive there often. Sometimes one wants to overtake, and as one is just about to, one has to stop in a hurry because the back-officer has just given a prescription! Where are the traffic cops? Fine these people…some make noise about it.

But then I remember that in South Africa – we have to wait until a few peo- ple are killed before we do something about it.

And that “something” will be to talk about it on radio, have an article in the paper, and that is it. We are too busy with stadiums and with changing the names of locations, location, location, we need education, education, education!
Comedy with Hart coming this way

Kevin Hart is bringing his What Now? Tour to Durban in March. The multi-star US actor and comedian will take to the ICC Arena stage on Saturday, March 26.

Hart is regarded as one of comedy’s biggest stars with a celebrated and award-winning career that has seen him return to the entertainment business by one of the world’s most important and influential voices.


In 2016, Hart will star in ‘Ride Along 2’, the highly anticipated sequel to the $150 million international grossing blockbuster original.

Famed for his six-time Grammy nod, four Teen Choice Awards, and four People’s Choice Awards, Hart is also the recipient of the NAACP Image Award for best male actor in a television series, the 2015 Essence Award for entertainer of the year, and the 2015 Woodie of the Year Award.


In addition to sold-out tours, Kevin’s DVD, ‘Seriously...Funny...’, not only became one of the fastest selling DVDs of all time, but went triple platinum.

That special, along with his comedy shows, ‘Laugh At My Pain’ and ‘I’m a Grown Little Man’, have been just as popular on Netflix.


Mariah Carey

Mariah Carey’s Sweet Sweet Fantasy
Tour coming to Durban

Mariah Carey will be touring South Africa during April and May. The diva has date with Durban on Tuesday, April 26, at the Moses Mabhida Stadium. Tickets are now on sale at Computicket.

Throughout her career, Carey has sold more than 200 million records worldwide, making her one of the best selling music artists of all time. Famed for her five-octave vocal range, Carey rose to prominence after releasing her self-titled debut studio album ‘Mariah Carey’ in 1990.


Carey returned to the top of the charts with ‘The Emancipation of Mimi’ (2005) and its second single ‘We Belong Together’ was named song of the decade by Billboard.

With the release of ‘Touch My Body’ (2008), Carey gained her 18th number-one single in the United States, more than any other solo artist.

Throughout her career Carey has won five Grammy Awards, 11 American Music Awards. This is the first time that she will perform in South Africa.

* The concert is scheduled to start at 8pm.
**Décor, design and lifestyle inspiration all under one roof**

The latest home improvement trends will be on show

KwaZulu-Natal’s leading décor, design and lifestyle exhibition once again promises to be the destination of choice for those committed on turning their home into home. Decorex Durban 2016 – a comprehensive showcase of the latest décor and design trends, products and services – kicks off on March 18 and will run for four days, until March 21, at the Durban Exhibition Centre.

In keeping with its new theme, ‘Take it Home, Make it Home’, the Durban exhibition promises visitors infinite ideas and inspiration for their interior and exterior spaces. Covering every aspect of your home and offering the “ultimate shopping experience”, this year’s theme taps into the very latest global design and décor trends, among these, a fresh focus on the quality, detail, layering and timelessness of the “Considered Home”.

A pop-up market, hosted by 1Heart Market, promises to delight the senses of shoppers, running from 10am to 6pm on the Saturday only. Foodies, too, will get their fill of the fun with numerous culinary experiences and endless dining options, from casual cafés and full-service restaurants to the perennially popular gourmet market. It promises to be a great family day out.

*Decorex Durban will be open from 10am to 6pm from March 18 to 21; and 10am to 6pm on March 21. Ticket prices are R5 for adults, R5 for trade, pensioners and students and R20 for children. For more information, send an email to decorcexsa@thebew.com or visit www.decorex.co.za.*

**KZN Philharmonic**

Featuring international soloists, South Africa Artists and a mix of some of the best composers. This event is part of a 6 week season. This particular show will feature Selleres and Ross.

**International Jazz Extravaganza**

A Jazz spectacle for the connoisseurs of Jazz music. The Festival is themed as “Spyra Gyra” and “Lee Ritenour”

**International Jazz Extravaganza**

12 Mar @ 7pm

Tina Turner, George Ezra, An- ford and Sons, The Animals, Eagle-Eye Cherry and many more.

**Heritage Market**

Tuck into delicious breads, tarts and cheeses while enjoying the tourism, fun and education.

**Moses Mabhida Stadium**

**Swat laser tag and paintball**

Swat laser tag and paintball entertainment venue that is set up at Wave House. Ride artifical waves or ride a Super Tube. There is also a 4000 square metre skate park to play in, designed by 10 time world champion skater – Tony Hawk.

**Waves House Extreme**

In the spotlight – Music for the Soul

Feature artists like the “Blind” and “NCS Challenge” offer families and tour groups hours of exploration, fun and education. Music is a real hit for people.

**Decorex Durban**

Food is ‘Tex-Mex’ themed so get prepared to enjoy the food. There will be an Salsa on the Saturday only. Foodies, too, will get their fill of the fun with numerous culinary experiences and endless dining options, from casual cafés and full-service restaurants to the perennially popular gourmet market. It promises to be a great family day out.
**Room**

CAST: BRIE LARSON, JACOB TREMBLAY, JOAN ALLEN, SEAN BRIDGES, WILLIAM H. MACY
DIRECTOR: LENNY ABRAHAMSON
OPEN: FEBRUARY 26

T his Oscar nominated film is based on the best-selling novel of the same name by author Emma Donoghue, and explores the boundless love between a mother and her child.

‘Room’ tells the extraordinary story of Jack (Jacob Tremblay), a spirited 5-year-old who is looked after by his loving and devoted Ma (Brie Larson). Like any good mother, Ma dedicates herself to keeping Jack happy and safe, nurturing him with warmth and love and doing typical things like playing games and telling stories. Their life, however, is anything but typical - they are trapped - confined to a windowless, 10-by-10-foot space, which Ma has euphemistically named “Room.” Ma has created a whole universe for Jack within Room, and she will stop at nothing to ensure that, even in this treacherous environment, Jack is able to live a complete and fulfilling life. But as Jack’s curiosity about their situation grows, and Ma’s resilience reaches its breaking point, they enact a risky plan to escape, ultimately bringing them face-to-face with what may turn out to be the scariest thing yet: the real world.

Having built her novel so meticulously, Emma Donoghue was perhaps the best candidate on earth to remodel ‘Room’ into a visceral, visual experience that would embrace the book but also reach out to audiences completely unfamiliar with it. Yet, it’s rare for authors to adapt their own bestsellers for the screen; and Donoghue had no screen credits to her name when it was published. So Donoghue decided, even as she was writing the novel, that she would pre-emptively start her own adaptation, bringing her unique vision to it.

“I always felt ‘Room’ might be a film because the storyline had so much natural momentum, though I realized it would be a very smart filmmaker to work out exactly how to bring it to life,” Donoghue says. “As soon as I’d written the novel, before it was even published, I started working on the screenplay. I thought, ‘Now is the perfect time to write the film with no interference’ - to kind of seize the power. Since I had no track record as a screenwriter, I also thought it might put me in a stronger position to have a draft ready to show as soon as the book came up. Writers are often beleaguered by uncertainties, but from the beginning with ‘Room’, I always had clear, strong instincts.”

The metaphorical underpinnings of ‘Room’ were swirling and vast - at every turn the story seemed to reflect on the mysteries of life itself: the wondrous, haunting privativities of childhood; on the primal, protective drives of parenthood; on the urge to create meaning out of wherever and whatever we are. As Donoghue puts it: “It was a way of taking the most extreme parent-child situation to explore the everyday experiences of parents and children - to explore the full span of emotions that come into play in this essential, somewhat crazy drama of our lives.”

The book’s darkness was offset by an undeniably of love - messy, flawed, burdened, never-ending love - that runs throughout. Says Donoghue: “One of the ideas behind ‘Room’ is that children have this natural tendency to thrive. So long as they’re getting love and affection, even if it’s in dark or incomprehensible circumstances, they’re so adaptable, they’ll find a way to be OK and to grow up.”

“Room” is nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actress for Brie Larson.

**Grimsby**

CAST: MARK STRONG, SACHA BARON COHEN, PENÉLOPE CRÚZ, ISLA FISHER, REBEL WILSON
DIRECTOR: LOUIS LETERRIER
OPEN: FEBRUARY 26

MI6’s top assassin (Mark Strong) has a brother. Unfortunately for him, he’s an English football supporter (Sacha Baron Cohen) from the town of Grimsby. Nobby has everything a town of Grimsby could want – nine brothers. Nobby has everything a brother. Unfortunately for him, he’s an English football supporter (Sacha Baron Cohen) from the town of Grimsby. Nobby has everything a

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**Pride and Prejudice and Zombies**

CAST: LILY JAMES, SAM RILEY, JACk BIES
DIRECTOR: BURR STEERS
OPEN: MARCH 4

FILM: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND ZOMBIES

Written and directed by Burr Steers (‘Igty Goes Down’, ‘Charlie St Cloud’), and based on the best-selling novel by Seth Grahame-Smith, ‘Pride and Prejudice and Zombies’ is a fresh twist on Jane Austen’s classic novel ‘Pride and Prejudice’.

A mysterious plague has fallen upon 19th century England. The land is overrun with the undead, upending genteel Victorian mores and turning the bucolic English countryside into a war zone. No one is safe and friends can instantly turn into ravenous and vengeful foes. Enter feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet (Lily James), a master of martial arts and weaponry, independent, clear-eyed and strong-willed. The deadly circumstances of the day force her into an alliance with Mr. Darcy (Sam Riley), a handsome but arrogant gentleman whom she dislikes intensely, but has grudging respect for his prodigious skills as a zombie killer.

The target audience is adult moviegoers with a taste for more art-minded and unusual fare.

A scene from ‘Pride and Prejudice and Zombies’

**Anomalisa**

CAST: DAVID THEWLIS, JENNIFER JASON LEIGH, TOM NOONAN
DIRECTOR: CHARLIE KAUFMAN, DUKE JOHNSON
OPEN: MARCH 4

Michael Stone, an author who specializes in customer service, is a man who is unable to interact deeply with other people. His low sensitivity to other people’s emotions makes him a man with a repetitive life on his own perspective.

on his own perspective. But, when he went on a business trip, he met a stranger - an extraordinary stranger, which slowly became a cure for his negative view on life that possibly will change his mundane life.

This stop-motion animated film is strictly not for kids, with its slow pace, adult themes, constant language, and strong sexual content. The target audience is adult moviegoers with a taste for more art-minded and unusual fare.

A scene from ‘Anomalisa’
In the mammal city of Zootopia, Nick Wilde (voice of Jason Bateman), a fast-talking con artist fox and top cop rabbit, Judy Hops (Ginnifer Goodwin), realise even natural enemies can become buddies. In order to solve the mystery of a missing otter, Judy is forced to team up with an on-the-run Nick, where they become implicated in a conspiracy.

In its 92-year history, Walt Disney Animation Studios has created a long and storied legacy of talking-animal films - from Mickey Mouse’s debut short ‘Steamboat Willie’ to ‘Bambi’, ‘Dumbo’, ‘The Jungle Book’, ‘Robin Hood’ and ‘The Lion King’. WDAS returns to the wild with the feature film ‘Zootopia’. “We all grew up watching the great Disney animal films – we were immersed in those worlds,” says director Byron Howard. “My favorite childhood film was ‘Robin Hood,’ and we wanted to honour that legacy, but in a new and different way that dives even deeper. We started by asking, ‘What would a mammal metropolis look like if it were designed by animals?’ The idea was incredibly exciting to us.”

Comprised of neighbourhoods that celebrate different cultures, Zootopia is a city like no other. There’s sly Sahara Square for desert animals, Tundratown for the polar bear and moose, the hot and humid Rain Forest District, Little Rodentia for the tiniest mammals, and Bunny-burrows for the millions and millions of bunnies. The downtown area, Savannah Central, is a melting pot where a wide array of mammals from every environment come together.

Zootopia is a place where no matter what you are – from the biggest elephant to the smallest shrew - you can be anything. But when rookie officer Judy Hops arrives, she discovers that being the first bunny on a police force of big, tough animals isn’t so easy. Determined to prove herself, she jumps at the opportunity to crack a case, even if it means partnering with Nick Wilde – a fast-talking, scam-artist fox – to solve a mystery. “At its core, ‘Zootopia’ is a buddy movie,” says co-director Rich Moore. “Judy and Nick – a rabbit and a fox - are natural enemies by definition. So these characters don’t exactly get along at first. They come to the relationship with ideas about each other - beliefs that aren’t informed or accurate.”

According to Howard, the fact that the buddies don’t get along fuels the film’s comedy. “Judy is the eternal optimist who believes anyone can be anything – it’s the city’s motto, after all,” he says. “Nick is the complete opposite. He’s a cynic. We believe he is what we are. So we put this country bumpkin who’s full of fun and vigor in the middle of the big city alongside Nick – the realist – and he gets to have a lot of fun messing with her. But she has a few tricks up her sleeve.”

SA born director Gavin Hood directing Helen Mirren in ‘Eye In The Sky’

On March 11, the South African international thriller set in the shadowy world of remotely piloted drone warfare. After tracking a British citizen-turned-terrorist for six years, Colonel Katherine Powell (Emmy Award winner Helen Mirren) finally corners her target in Kenya with the help of high-tech American drone surveillance. But as Special Forces troops close in, the discovery of plans for a pair of imminent suicide bombings turns an intended capture into a mission to kill. But just as the Las Vegas-based drone pilot (Emmy Award winner Aaron Paul) prepares to launch a powerful Hellfire missile at the safe house, a nine-year-old girl is spotted in the kill zone, sparking an international debate at the highest levels of government about whether saving one child’s life is worth the almost certain death of hundreds of others. Meanwhile, a local operative (Academy Award nominee Barkhad Abdi) risks everything to try and get the girl to safety.

‘Safe Bet’ lead characters Doc played by Lithuli Dlamini, Khaya played by Godfrey Thobejane and Frank played by Wandile Molebatsi

Fearing the actions of a god-like Super Hero left unchecked, Gotham City’s own formidable, forceful vigilante takes on Metropolis’s most revered, modern-day saviour, while the world wrestles with what sort of hero it really needs.

And with Batman and Superman at war with one another, a new threat quickly arises, putting man in greater danger than it’s ever known before.

One of the most successful animated franchises in the world returns with its biggest comedy-adventure yet, ‘Kung Fu Panda 3’. When Po’s long-lost panda father suddenly reappears, the reunited duo travels to a secret panda paradise to meet scores of hilarious new panda characters.

But when the supernatural villain Kai begins to sweep across China defeating all the kung fu masters, Po must do the impossible - learn to train a village full of his fun-loving, clumsy kungfurfriends to become the ultimate band of Kung Fu Pandas.

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Nothing makes my heart smile more than watching a small, passionate producer grow into a national brand, and that's what I've seen with the Pesto Princess do - from a small table at food shows to a range of pesto pastes sold in superstores around the country. The Pesto Princess has become the Queen of Pesto.

From the success of their range of pesto sauces, Pesto Princess has spread her wings and created a second range of spice pastes and relishes for foodies who like it spicy. Initially these were released only at food fairs and markets to gauge popularity. After keeping these lines under wraps for five years, HRH Kathleen decided that 2015 was the year to launch them into mainstream retail.

The wet spice pastes hail from North Africa and have exotic sounding names: Harissa (Ha-reesah) and Chermoula (Chermou-lah).

The third product in this new range is called Chimichurri Sauce, inspired by traditional recipes from Argentina. The people of Argentina love to braai almost as much as Safari watching, and Chimichurri (Chimmy-chory) is the go-to braai sauce served at an Asado, or traditional barbecue.

As you can see, all Flavours Moroccan and North Africa Harissa paste is made from a blend of Chilli and assorted spices. The orangy-red colour is credit to the base of red peppers and sundried tomatoes. Generous amounts of cumin, coriander, caraway and mint give the paste its wonderful spice and flavour. It has a really aromatic taste. Harissa is fiery because of the chillies, but the heat calms down as it blends with the other ingredients in your dish and adds a depth of flavour. It is rather nice stirred into mayonnaise and spread onto a chicken or beef sandwich, and of course it is a must in most Moroccan tagines.

Another delicious Moroccan marinade is Chermoula, which loves to be in the company of fish and of course chicken. I have wonderful and fond memories of sitting on the wharf in the little harbour in Essaouira watching the little blue fishing boats come in with their catch of the day, choosing the fish and seafood we wanted cooked for our lunch and then sitting there watching for it to arrive while we sipped large glasses of freshly squeezed orange and ruby grapefruit juice. When the fish arrived it was perfectly cooked and the turmeric in the Chermoula had turned the flesh of the fish a lovely delicate golden colour. Roasted cumin, turmeric, fresh herbs, garlic and lemon juice just give it extra zing.

These pastes are easy enough to make yourself if you have the time, but I think it is easier for you to just twist the cap off a bottle of our little Princess's Chermoula and spread it onto and into everything, like creamy cheese; or over roast potatoes, fish and chicken and even into a fish soup - the jar won’t last that long.

HRH Kathleen is living proof that from a little acorn an oak tree grows. She serves as a reminder that great things may come from small beginnings. Well done Kathleen. You make us proud; you are an inspiration.

Let's cook!

In case you need the feel to make your own Harissa Paste, here is one recipe for you.

Harissa Paste

Ingredients:
• 5 tbsp coriander seeds
• 8 tsp cumin seeds
• 2 tsp red chili seeds
• 1 tsp caraway seeds
• 20 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
• 1 red onion, roughly chopped
• 20 red chilli, deseeded and roughly chopped
• 1 large red pepper, roughly chopped
• 1 tsp salt
• 2 tbls lemon juice
• 1 tsp sugar
• 1 tsp white vinegar

Method:
Place the coriander, cumin, caraway and red pepper seeds in a dry pan and toast until they give off a fragrance. Roughly chop the garlic and onion. Add the red pepper and grass to a blender, then add the salt, lemon juice, vinegar and mix until smooth.

Place into a sterilized jar, cover and let it cool slightly. Once cool, you can store it in the fridge.

Pesto Princess reveals her spicy side

‘Far Cry Primal Special Edition’

There is a new ‘Far Cry’ game on the way to South Africa and it’s available for Pre-Order right now. ‘Far Cry Primal Special Edition’ takes gamers back to the Stone Age, a time of extreme danger and limitless adventure with Mammoths and Saber-toothed tigers roaming the land. This time humanity is at the bottom of the food chain and the quest is to get back to the top. As the last survivor of your hunting group, you learn how to craft a deadly arsenal to fend off predators and outsmart other tribes.

‘The aim of the game is to become the ‘Apex Predator’. The special edition will include the ‘Legend of Mammoth’, which includes three extra missions in which you play as a mammoth to protect your herd from humans and other beasts. You also get the ‘Owl Pack’, which gives gamers extra resources that they can use in the game.

If you would like to pre-order ‘Far Cry Primal Special Edition’, get to your nearest BT-Games, Estimated Time of Arrival is March 2016 and will cost around R625 to pre-order the PC game.

Promotional image for ‘Far Cry Primal’

Gadget Buddies

By Inran Khan

Samsung Gear 360

The Samsung consumer technology machine has been cranking out some amazing pieces of kit recently. We have seen the latest Galaxy S5 series, the S6 and S6 Edge, and the latest Samsung Gear S2 watch. These are really cool gadgets to have, but the tech giant is not going to stop there. Their latest offering will be called the ‘Samsung Gear 360’

Easier gameplay with the Logitech Powershell Game Controller

360 degree videos and still images. In terms of resolution, you're looking at 3840x1920 for videos and by using both cameras onboard you can shoot images up to 30 Megapixels.

Despite the 360 degree capability, we were more impressed by the exceptional quality of video taken on the 180 degree wide angle mode. The fear with cameras is always low light conditions and this is especially true in conditions and this is especially true in low light conditions. This amazing camera has equipped the Gear 360 with ‘Bright Lens 2.0’ which optimizes the image quality in low light conditions.

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The onboard battery is 1500 mAH and plugs into your phone via the USB connection. The entire system is integrated so there are no untidy cables hanging around. What’s better is that you can change your phone and the controller simultaneously via micro USB.

The ‘Powershell Game Controller’ is available at mantality.co.za for around R895.

Promotional image for ‘Far Cry Primal’

Fooding around with Jenny Morris

@jennymorrischef

• 2 tbl tomato paste
• 1 tsp salt
• 2 tbl lemon juice
• Zest of 1 ripe lemon

Method:
Place the coriander, cumin, caraway and red pepper seeds in a dry pan and toast until fragrant. This takes a few minutes and be mindful not to burn the spices.

Remove from the pan immediately and let it cool slightly. Now blend to a fine powder.

Place the remaining ingredients in a frying pan and cook, stirring until the onions have softened. Again, do not burn.

Now place into a blender with the spices and blend to a paste.

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