

# FRIDAY WRAP

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'A Glimpse of Humour'

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Nothing better.

## Wrap

- ~ Rap -- to talk., **conversation**.
- ~ a piece of thin, flat bread **that can contain anything** eaten as a sandwich.
- ~ Signaling **the end (ie of a week)**
- ~ **Under wraps** – **secret**.

*on people to donate 67 minutes of their time to help those in need.*

*In honour of the day, IOL staff has put together 67 reasons to love South Africa. Here they are, in more or less alphabetical order, and in our own, idiomatic words:*

- . Afrikaans - no way your swear words would have the same impact if they were said in English!
- . Apartheid Museum
- . Barefoot kids playing rugby as if they were already Springboks
- . Being able to see the Big 7 – the usual plus great whites and whales - within a few hours of each other in the Eastern Cape
- . Biltong

## Only South Africa

### 67 reasons why we love SA

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REUTERS

*On July 18, 2011 it was Nelson Mandela's 93rd birthday.*

*Mandela Day - launched in 2009 - to remember Mandela's contribution to the creation of a democratic South Africa calls*



Only One of the Big Five

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- . Stormers - What a team man! Okay, okay and the rest of the rugby teams!
  - . Braais
  - . Camping at Christmas ... or camping in general
  - . Cape Town International jazz festival
  - . Cheap steak and great red wine
  - . Cocktails on Clifton Beach
  - . Curry bunnies
  - . Durban Poison: world famous
  - . Each and every wonderful beach in the Eastern Cape.
  - . Fordsburg and a growing number of China Mall's - you can get anything "cheap, cheap"
  - . Fresh produce:...at Bangladesh market in Chatsworth you can buy a live chicken - and watch them slaughter it...ewwww!
  - . Gautrain!
  - . Getting a seat on a crowded Metrorail train
  - . Giraffes – just because they're so cool
  - . Horse-drawn carts
  - . Johannesburg's purple sunsets (probably because of the pollution)
  - . Jozi's leafy suburbs... Did you know that Joburg is the city with the most trees in the world?
  - . Kennetjie - the kids' game
  - . Kirstenbosch concerts
  - . Koeksisters and coffee on a Sunday morning
  - . Light on the mountains in Cape Town.



The Fabulous Drakensberg from the Brandwag Camp in Golden Gate

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- . Missing front teeth and all the jokes about them
  - . Mopani worms
  - . Mrs Balls Chutney
  - . Namaqualand's flower carpet
  - . Nandos
  - . Nelson Mandela
  - . Ouma rusks and Koffiehuis coffee
  - . Our cultural diversity
  - . Our diehard faith in the various national sporting teams
  - . Our eleven official languages
  - . Our good-looking guys!
  - . Our one-of-a-kind national flag
  - . Our pragmatism as a people
  - . Partying in Melville rocks and the pizza at 6am at Catz Pyjamas is the perfect way to end the evening
  - . Pretoria's Jacarandas
  - . Reading the Sunday papers and smelling the neighbourhood braais
  - . Red rocks in the Golden Gate national park at sunset
  - . Riding along the Garden Route
  - . Rollers and overalls in shopping centres.
  - . Shad season: was featured on the Discovery Channel...how awesome is that!?
  - . Shaka Zulu: need we say more?
  - . Shosholoza - the one song almost every South African manages to sing with immense pride... but completely wrong.
  - . Simpiwe Tsabalala's goal in the World Cup opener - forever and ever amen the best moment in SA sports history.
  - . Singing the national anthem before the games... \*proud much?
  - . Slap chips and chip rolls
  - . Spur restaurants



The Protea - South Africa's national flower

- Stepping off a plane in Pee-Eee and hearing somebody say "yoh! yoh! yoh!"
- Summer on the Highveld - just perfect!
- Sunshine!
- Taxis...you'll hear the bass coming - and chaotic taxi ranks, but somehow you get where you need to be
- The fact that no matter how politically far apart South Africans may be, when the music starts there are always some who'll start dancing
- The fact that our fuel stations are not self service and that the attendants are always so cheerful
- The false dusk caused by a looming storm and the smell of the first big drops of rain hitting the pavement
- The smell of roasting mielies when you walk down the Joburg CBD's streets
- The view from Northcliff hill - the city looks gorgeous
- The way we murder our vowels
- Those tiny flowers in the Karoo that you don't see until you really look for them

- Walking along Sea Point promenade
- Watching the sun set on Chapman's Peak
- WIMPY! - oooooo lekker breakfast
- Winter in Durban: board shorts and flip flops... jealous much?
- Please use our comment form below to add your own reasons to love South Africa.



South Africa boasts some of the **best surfing spots** in the world!



Hermanus – Whale watching capital of the world



Cage Diving in Gansbaai



Kruger National Park

- . Half a loaf of fresh hollowed bread filled with a blindingly hot curry ~ The Bunny Chow !!! –
- . The Cradle of Human Kind ... (Yes, Human Kind started in South Africa)
- . The Worlds Largest Ultra Marathon ~ The Comrades Marathon. (The REAL Comrades Marathon ~ watching the guys help each other across the line in the dying minutes of the race) –
- . NO earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, tsunami's, avalanches –
- . The moment at the end of 1995 Rugby World Cup, when Francois Pienaar told the world ... "We didn't have 62,000 fans behind us, we had 43 million South Africans behind us!" - We ARE the Rainbow Nation

## **10 SA things I wish the USA had**

*Sometimes it takes an outsider to remind us why our country rocks.*

### **1. Woolies stores**

My love for this store knows no bounds. Of course, by South African standards it is not cheap, but a favourable exchange rate means I can continue my cooking strike and live on their pre-packaged and unbelievably fresh Greek salads for weeks at a time.

### **2. Savanna Dry & Savanna Light**

Drinking hard cider in the U.S. is not ok. First of all it's usually sickeningly sweet, and second of all it's just not cool. I'd like to think that if Savanna made its way over to us this would change.

### **3. South African Wine**

We are slowly starting to see more and more South African wines imported to the U.S., but it is not fast enough for me.



Jozi – City of Gold

People still give me weird looks when I say I've been to the wine country in South Africa; they have no idea it exists.

#### **4. Guava Everything**

In the U.S. Guava is a rare, tropical, and expensive fruit. Here you can get fresh guava, guava juice, guava yogurt, dried guava, and the list goes on. As a guava lover, I am quite envious of South Africa in this regard.

#### **5. Not Having to Pump Your Own Gas**

I'm originally from New Jersey one of only two states in U.S. where you don't pump your own gas, so I definitely think South Africa is on to something here. Call me lazy, but I hate pumping gas!

#### **6. African Time**

I love how laid back South Africa is. As someone who is chronically late, African time is right up my alley. Sure it can be annoying to wait for people when you are

the one that gets there on time.... although frankly, I wouldn't know.

#### **7. The Night Sky**

There are some great places for stargazing in the U.S., but nothing even comes close to what I've seen in Africa.

#### **8. Hot Water Bottles**

Ok, so we have them in the U.S., but nobody uses them. I'd like to see that change...actually I don't care if anyone else starts using them, but I'm going to.

#### **9. Kilometres & Kilograms**

This is admittedly silly, but I feel much more accomplished after running 5k on the treadmill than I do 3.1 miles. Seeing a much smaller number on the scale is kind of nice too.

#### **10. Springbok, Kudu, Ostrich, etc.**

Meat choices in the U.S. are usually chicken, beef, turkey, pork, and if you're lucky lamb. Pretty boring



South African Sunsets – Amongst the most beautiful in the world

### **YOU ARE PROUDLY SAFRICAN WHEN:**

You call a bathing suit a "swimming costume".

You call a traffic light a "robot".

You call an elevator a "lift"

You call a hood a "bonnet"

You call a trunk a "boot"

You call a pickup truck a "bakkie"

You call a Barbeque a "Braai"

The employees dance in front of the building to show how unhappy they are.

The SABC advertises and shows highlights of the programme you just finished watching.

You get cold easily. Anything below 16 degrees Celsius is Arctic weather.

You know what Rooibos Tea is, even if you've never had any.

You can sing your national anthem in four languages, and you have no idea what it means in any of them.

You know someone who knows someone who has met Nelson Mandela.

You go to braais regularly, where you eat boerewors and swim, sometimes simultaneously.

You know that there's nothing to do in the Free State.

You produce a R100 note instead of your driver's licence when stopped by a traffic officer.

You can do your monthly shopping on the pavement.

You have to hire a security guard whenever you park your car.

When you are a victim of crime and say: "At least I'm still alive".



#### Our Most Famous Citizen

You know a taxi can transport twice its certified number of people in one trip.

You travel 100's of kilometres to see snow.

You know the rules of Rugby better than any referee

To get free electricity you have to pay a "connection fee" of R750.

More people vote in a local reality TV show than in a local election.

People have the most wonderful names: Christmas, Goodwill, Pretty, Wednesday, Blessing, Brilliant, Gift, Precious, Given, Patience, Portion and Coronation.

"Now now" or "just now" can mean anything from a minute to a month.

You continue to wait after a traffic light has turned to green to make way for taxis travelling in the opposite direction.

Travelling at 120 km/h you're the slowest

vehicle on the highway/freeway.

You're genuinely and pleasantly surprised whenever you find your car parked where you left it.

A bullet train is being introduced, but we can't fix potholes.

The last time you visited the coast you paid more in speeding fines and toll fees than you did for the entire holiday.

You paint your car's registration on the roof.

You have to take your own linen with you if you are admitted to a government hospital..

Prisoners go on strike.

You don't stop at a red traffic light, in case somebody hijacks your car.

You consider a high crime rate as normal.

You know the meaning of 'Whela!'