

Welcome

South Africa seems to be steaming full ahead towards Soccer World Cup 2010, and our Bafana achievements in the Confederations Cup have created further excitement. Thankfully, despite much fanfare over a year ago, our Greenpoint Stadium is looking to be ready early, and what a beauty it will be. While there will be games around the country, we do believe Cape Town will be the face of South Africa during this tournament, so if you've got tickets and wish to stay somewhere hip and boutique, best book early.



The Networking Hippo

The world of online social networking has evolved much over the last five years. We've skipped past MySpace to Facebook and now Twitter is the golden child. Well, for now it seems that way. It also seems Twitter has got its first Hippo. Yes, the Hippo Boutique Hotel is now on Twitter, where you can follow our updates, a mix of hotel industry news, Cape Town happenings and other thoughts. Follow us [here](#).



Upcoming Highlight

The **Encounters International Documentary Festival 2009** runs from 2 - 19 July with 40 films playing over that period. Head down to Nu Metro V&A Waterfront or visit www.encounters.co.za for festival details.



The Black Book.....where are we going to this month.

EAT

Hudsons is labelled "The Burger Joint," a pretty clear description. A small, cosy bistro with banquet seating down the wall, a small bar serving Jack Black on tap with a few seats where one can catch the game on TV, and a menu focused on great burgers. There are eight different burgers, and you can choose either a 150g or 250g patty. That they use a sourdough roll is praiseworthy too. Side orders like chicken wings or onion rings are worth sampling too. Best go hungry. 69a Kloof Street, Gardens. 021 426 5974.

SHOP

lim has occupied it's prime position on upper Kloof Steet for over a decade now. Selling contemporary furniture, lighting, accessories and more, their focus is on minimalist style goods, hence their name, an acronym for 'less is more.' A great spot to pop into when gift shopping, with everything from leather notebooks to vases to soap dishes in stock, it is perhaps their well-priced designer lamps though that will get you reaching for your wallet. 86a Kloof Street, Gardens. 021 423 1200.

DRINK

When it comes to neighbourhood restaurants, **Carlyle's** is from the classic mould. Filled with regulars, friendly staff and a sense of ease that pervades everything. While they have a more formal downstairs dining area, the upstairs bar and lounge offers comfortable sofas and chairs well suited to a gathering of friends fuelled by ample red wine. Wines are written up on a chalkboard, there's Stella on tap and if you get hungry, their pizzas always satisfy. 17 Derry Street, Vredehoek. 021 461 8787.

SEE

Obie Oberholzer is a legendary photographer in South Africa. For more than 20 years, his trademark, richly contrasted images, mostly taken through expeditions through Africa, have captivated people. He's shot for commercials, news media, academia and also published several coffee table books. 'Diesel & Dust' is a fitting name for a retrospective of his images currently on display at thePHOTOGRAPHERSgalleryza. 63 Shortmarket Street, CBD. 021 422 2762.