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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Privé knows its readers are passionate about winning. Sun International is passionate about being ever more creative in delivering the best products for its clients... and Hollywood Slots is their latest offering. All that is required of you is to practice winning, with passion. Read how to play to win in the Hollywood Slots feature on page 36. At the same time meet our lovely Miss South Africa and her two princesses who enjoyed a girls' night out at Carnival City (see page 30). As usual, this edition of Privé contains Elna Bensch's Gaming Oracle, a true favourite for all gambling pure breeds. After reading her article on page 84, I am certainly going to try my luck on the gaming floor of one of Sun International's 14 properties. Wishing you find your lucky star...

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COVER STAR

Our cover star for this edition is the stunning Nokuthula (Thuli) Sithole, Miss South Africa 2006. Thuli is 21 years old and lives in Midrand, Gauteng. She is currently studying a BSc (TRP) at the University of Witwatersrand. Her ambition is to complete her degree, then further her tertiary education in Civil Engineering with a plan to start her own construction company. Thuli is a talented artist and loves to paint and draw. She also enjoys modelling part-time. Thuli has no specific role model, but admires people who succeed in the face of adversity.

Thuli is blessed with a gorgeous figure and doesn't have to worry about dieting. Her favourite culinary delights include spare ribs, olives and chocolate mousse.

As Miss SA, Thuli wants to empower the youth of the nation by organising gender workshops in less developed regions, thereby educating these communities in social development and, more specifically, emotional, physical and substance abuse.

When we asked the gorgeous Thuli for her message to the public, she replied: "The past gives us experience and memories, the present give us challenges and opportunities, the future gives us vision and hope" (anon). Cultivate the little you have because a seed today, is a tree tomorrow. Never give up and always believe in yourself and those around you." Our cover picture was taken at Carnival City Casino and Entertainment World. Come play!





The HUMMER



Want to test drive the Hummer in style? Next time you're in Vegas take a ride in the Hummer Limo... it offers enough room for an extra big party inside!

Now available locally, the Hummer 2 offers chunky road muscle and luxury looks that announce 'you've arrived' - which explains its popularity with Hollywood celeb's. But this MPV is not just for Arnie look-alikes and rap stars, upcoming model Jasmine Jagger got mom Belinda to test drive it... now all the ladies want one.

Designed for rugged terrain and off-road durability, the Hummer is the direct descendant of the US military High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV, pronounced Hum-vee), used for the first time in the Gulf War.

When Arnold Schwarzenegger got to drive one as part of his role in Terminator, he liked it so much he asked the manufacturers to customise it for use on civilian roads. Not too long after that, there was a Hummer club and anyone who was anyone (heavy-weight and famous that is) had one.

The Hummer H2 Sport Utility truck (SUT) in its latest form is far removed from its military ancestor, boasting all the modern comforts one would expect from a high end luxury 4x4. Retaining a rugged lineage it provides a tough, dependable, go-anywhere vehicle



HUMMER 2

steeped in capability. But it seems the Hummer is developing a reputation not just as a capable 4x4 in the bush, it is equally at home parked outside the trendiest nightclubs where entry is by guest list only, shrouding it in just a bit of upmarket mystique.

Close behind the footsteps of Hollywood's rich and famous, South Africa's very own cash-flush entrepreneurs are snapping the Hummer up. With 15 imported models sold to date, says Grant Anderson of Investment Cars: "The Hummer makes a serious statement about who you are. It's definitely an extrovert vehicle for entrepreneurs and a super 4x4 – something you can use everyday and literally drive forever. We are getting a lot of interest from affluent buyers."

Converted to right hand drive for the South African market and approved by the SABS,

the Hummer H2 retails at around R1.5-million. At this point it is useful to know that insurance premiums are low – its taken for granted that no hijacker is going to attempt to lift this baby. And adds Grant: "It is an ideal vehicle for those who want both the aspirational look AND a low accident rate." It would seem road ragers are more respectful around the intimidating bulk of the Hummer, which is one perfectly good reason to let the fairer sex rule behind its awesome power. Its roomy leather interior and seating for five make for a perfect 'mom's taxi', sure to turn heads at the lift club, and when it's time to carry cargo, the H2 goes into action. With the mid-gate down, the H2 SUT can transport 52.7 cubic feet of stuff, and we mean stuff, like bikes, 4x8 sheets of plywood, and all the camping gear Arnie could ever carry.

Wide in the girth at 81.2 inches, with an

overall height of 78.5 inches, new owners may need to look at a garage conversion too.

Under the hood is the 6.0-litre Vortec 6000 V-8 that delivers 316 horsepower at 5 200 rpm and 360 lb-ft of torque at 4 000 rpm. The 6.0-litre is mated to a heavy-duty Hydra-Matic 4L65E 4-speed automatic transmission. It also features the unmatched four-wheel-drive system that includes five operational modes and a two-speed planetary gearset to offer the ultimate in off-road capability.

Built by General Motors, the Hummer H2 is one of the most aggressive and capable multi-purpose vehicles on the planet. It is both easy to drive and luxuriously comfortable. What's more, the Hummer comes with a guaranteed rush of adrenaline that satisfies the needs of those who want to feel the earth move.