



A scene from *The Last Chance*

The Greatest Ever: Motorcycles, Discovery, 10pm: A fast-paced, head-spinning, informative and irreverent approach to the marvels of modern technology. Watch the top 10 count-down to the best motorcycles ever.

The Last Chance, Hallmark, 6.15pm: With the passing of cowboy and rancher Charlie Bankston, the future of his Dry Creek Ranch is uncertain. Charlie left the ranch to his granddaughter, Jake (Jennie Garth), who fled the homestead long ago, as she hated all that it represented. Jake's father, Will (Lance Henrikson), a man whom she blames for her mother's untimely death kept the ranch afloat. Now Jake has returned to claim what is rightfully hers.

Jules Sylvester's Wild Adventures: South Africa, Travel Channel, 11pm: Animal trainer and reptile expert Jules Sylvester introduces us to some of the world's most amazing creatures. Jules and his guide Tanya track a herd of wild African elephants through the dense SA bush, also coming across lions, tigers, rhinoceri, leopards, hippos, cheetahs, impalas and the deadliest snake in Africa, the Black Mamba.

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6 am	6.00 Morning Edition 8.00 African Languages News 9.00 Backstage 9.30 Scandal 10.00 The Showbiz Report 10.30 OVERNIGHT DELIVERY 12.30 WorldNOW 1.00 Judge Judy 1.30 Ricki Lake Show 2.30 Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawings 2.35 Cool Catz 3.00 RoboRoach 3.30 Frenzy 4.00 100 Deeds of Eddie McDowd 4.40 Passions 5.30 The Young and the Restless: Phyllis confesses that Jack offered the CEO position to Victoria	6.00 Land 6.30 Yo Biz 7.00 Shift 8.00 Bold and the Beautiful 8.30 Generations 9.00 Isidingo 9.30 Zone 14 10.00 Learning Channel 12.00 MTN Soccer Zone 1.00 Shift 2.00 Rootz 2.30 Street Journal 3.00 Yo Biz 3.30 Ozone 4.00 Kids: News and current affairs 4.30 Wild Room 5.28 Izwi Labantu 5.30 News: SiSwati/Ndebele	6.00 Morning Live 8.00 180 Degrees 9.00 Just Chill 10.00 Babar 10.30 Franklin 11.00 Muvhango 11.30 7de Laan 12.00 Dr Phil 1.00 Innovations: Repeat 1.30 Bush Radar 1.45 Women's Talk Show 2.00 Parliament 3.01 Thabang Thabong 3.30 World of Winners 4.00 Cramp Twins 4.30 Triple M: Magazine programme 5.00 Cyborg 009 5.30 News: Venda/Tsonga	5.00 BBC World 6.30 AM Shopping 8.30 3 Talk 9.20 At the Movies 9.30 Cricket: South Africa v Australia – 3rd Test, Day 5 (Live) 12.30 News 1.00 Cricket: South Africa v Australia – 3rd Test, Day 5 continued (Live) 5.30 3 Talk	6.00 SuperSport Variety 9.00 infomercials 10.00 House: Repeat 11.00 THE MATRIX RELOADED 1.20 infomercials 2.00 Chalkzone 2.30 Catdog 3.00 Kenan and Kel 3.30 Spongebob Squarepants 4.00 Astro Boy 4.30 Delilah and Julius 5.00 Alie Barber 5.30 Complete Savages: Repeat
6 pm	6.15 News Early Edition 6.30 Backstage: Shaka and Lerato realise that they are going to break Sgolwane's heart. Zinzi orders Mike to stay away from the bar 7.00 News Prime Time 7.30 Scandal: Tamia is devastated when Malik announces he's leaving and that they will never see each other again. Samantha and Andrew lash out at everyone	6.00 The Bold and the Beautiful: Bridget confesses to Nick that she is having a hard time dealing with her feelings for Ridge 6.30 Mojo 7.00 L'Attitude: Magazine programme 7.30 News: Xhosa	6.00 Z'n M: Environmental programme 6.30 7de Laan: Sonja is delighted that Karien wants nothing to do with George. An intoxicated George lands up on the pavement 7.00 News: Afrikaans 7.30 Seventh Heaven: When Lucy shows off her baby, Annie becomes concerned, believing Lucy doesn't understand the health risks	6.30 Isidingo: Sister Isaacs shows Lee some photographs of Anthea with a young girl. Thandeka gets some good footage of life inside of prison 7.00 News 7.30 Amazing Race (Part 1/2): The teams receive a clue telling them to travel from their pit stop in England to Kingston, Jamaica and then take a taxi to the Frenchman's Cove in Port Antonio	6.00 Egoli: Drama series 6.30 Still Standing: Bill and Judy give up drinking for a month – until their annual Super Bowl party 7.00 Eve: Shelly puts "falsies" in her bra and men start giving her extra attention 7.30 Alias: Sydney is kidnapped and put in a hypnotic state in order to retrieve information
8 pm	8.00 3rd Degree 8.30 Soccer: Uefa Games – Lyon vs AC Milan	8.00 Generations: Local drama series 8.30 Nomzamo: Nomzamo is dating a guy from Michelle's past 9.00 All You Need Is Love: The programme provides a platform for people to voice highly emotional messages to the special people in their lives	8.30 News: Sotho, Tswana, Sepedi 9.00 Muvhango: Qavile is surprised when Doobsie shows him the summons 9.30 Citizen King: Documentary dealing with the last five years of Martin Luther King's life	8.30 News in 60 seconds 8.31 Law and Order: Drama series where the police investigate a crime in the first half and the prosecutors work the resulting trial in the second 9.30 Special Assignment	8.30 Prison Break: Quinn terrorises Veronica, Nick and L.J. Michael builds a device that helps him figure out how much time his group will have to make an escape 9.30 Nip/Tuck: Furious that Quentin is dating Julia, Sean resolves to do whatever it takes to force Quentin out of the practice. Sean fears that Matt may be linked to a series of hate crimes against former plastic surgery patients
10 pm	10.50 Cheaters: Reality show 12.00 infomercials 12.30 FATAL EXPRESSIONS: Adult drama. Starring Palmer Todd, Liesl Lombardo (1996) 2.10 THE CHALLENGE: Drama. An Italian and an Englishman who were former rivals, team up to climb the unconquerable Matterhorn. Starring Robert Douglas, Joan Gardner (1938) 3.30 Ricki Lake Show: Repeat	10.00 Home Affairs: In spite of being a runner-up at the Young Blood Games, Vuyo is selected to receive a scholarship to study Sports Science at Wits. Cherise gives birth to her baby in a state of despair 11.00 The Handler: Agents go undercover to investigate the murder of a college intern who was romantically linked to a US congressman 12.00 S'gubhu	10.30 Rugga Zone Extra: Match of the Week 12.00 Dr Phil: Repeat 1.00 SABC Africa	10.00 News 10.30 Sorted: Repeat 11.00 Las Vegas: Repeat 11.45 Snitch: Repeat 12.30 George Lopez: Repeat 1.00 Two and a Half Men: Repeat 1.30 Jake in Progress: Repeat 2.00 BBC World	10.30 Fat Actress: Comedy series about a successful actress whose weight gain has become the bane of her existence as she tries to find work and true love in an unforgiving Hollywood 11.00 IMAGINING ARGENTINA: Romantic thriller. Starring Antonio Banderas, Emma Thompson, Irene Escolar (2003) 12.45 The Jerry Springer Show

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Kids revel in magic of 3D animation

BY CHARLES DE OLIM

For a man who breaks out in a cold sweat at the mere thought of baby-sitting his two toddler nephews, you could call it something of a metamorphosis.

In the space

of a week, I have written two articles on "children's" programmes. Admittedly, the first was one of those "the PR foxed me and that's my lot for this year" type stories.

But this, I am happy to say, is far more worthy. I can also assure readers

that I am neither entering a broody phase (are males entitled to claim that they succumb to such bizarre pangs?) nor have any intentions of strengthening SA's gene pool in the foreseeable future.

Which means that *Magic Cellar*, Africa's first 3D animated series, is indeed

deserving of praise.

The fact is as men, we like to think we can deal with anything. But nothing freaks us out more, and exposes our vulnerabilities, than dealing with out-of-control children. Therefore, we marvel at anything (mothers, wives, girlfriends, toys) which can subdue these blighters with their boundless Duracell bunny-like energy from causing general mayhem wherever they go.

Magic Cellar managed to keep my nephews out of mischief this past Saturday (SABC 2, 2.15pm), so mesmerised were they by the storyline. As they sat transfixed in front of the TV it even afforded me the opportunity to slip out to the pub for a quick beer with my mates and catch the second half of the Super 14 game. (Note: For those alarmed by my gross negligence – no children were harmed in the making of this story).

A combined SA and Canadian production, *Magic Cellar* is

the brainchild of Mfundi Vundla of *Generations* fame and Canadian director Firdaus Kharras and the show features music composed by Musa Manzini.

Regardless of the fact that it is the first locally produced 3D animated show, the quality of the graphics will be the critical factor. And quality animation there is aplenty. Even I found myself caught up in the story.

The racial characterisation may be somewhat contrived (the multicultural cast features a coloured boy, a black girl, an Asian girl, a white boy and an Indian girl), but what makes this a standout animation project is the fact that African scenery as well as African folklore are used to give it a truly local feel. As is the territory of children's stories, there is also the stipulated lesson to be learnt from each episode.

Saturday afternoons will never have to be a nerve-wrecking affair ever again – oh, yeah, and sis, I was only kidding about the going to the pub thing.



Scandal! LEFT IN THE LURCH
Tamia is devastated when Malik announces that he plans to leave her forever.

Tuesday at 7.30pm