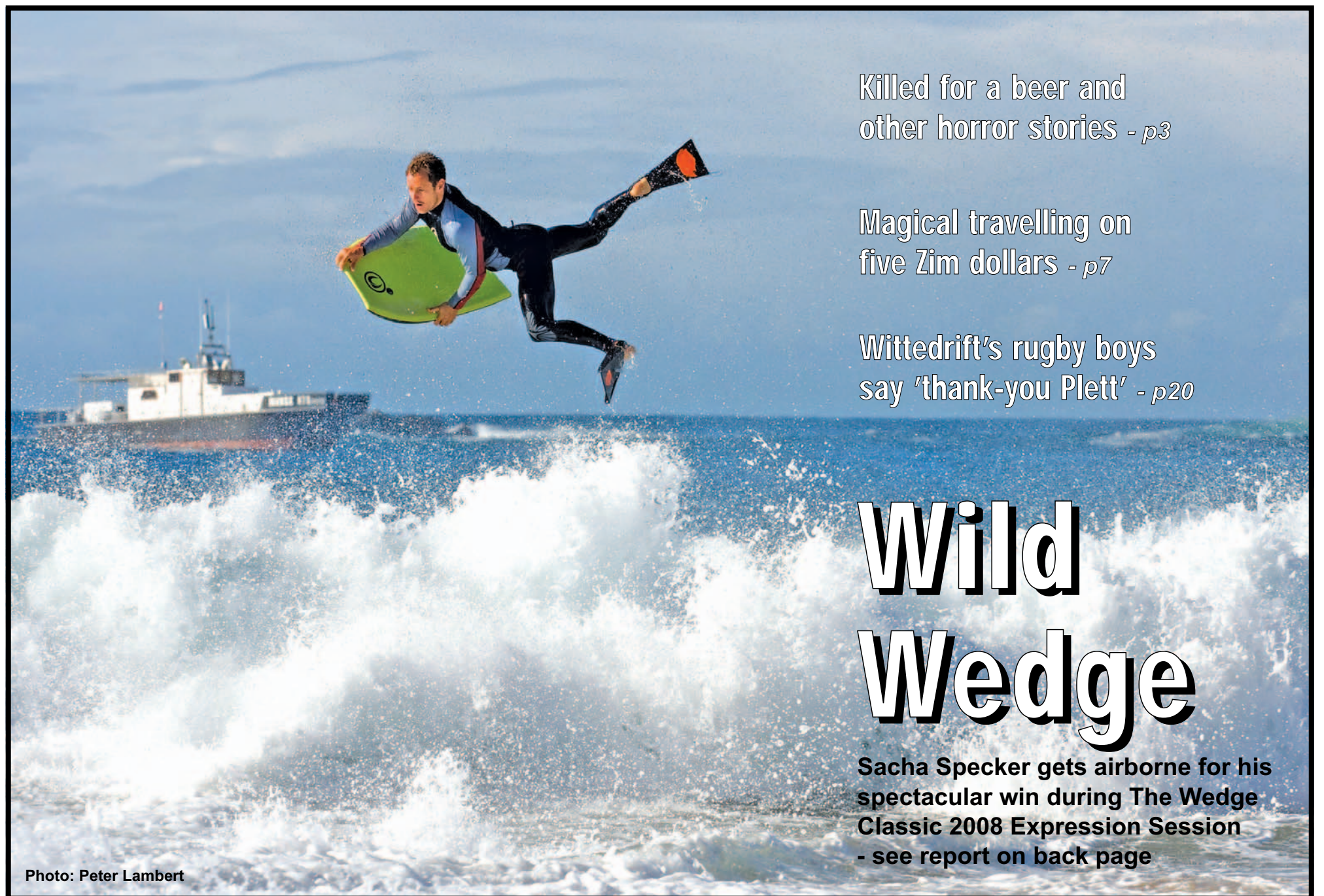


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Sacha Specker gets airborne for his spectacular win during The Wedge Classic 2008 Expression Session - see report on back page

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Thank you, Plettenberg Bay!

DURING last weekend, the Wittedrift rugby team returned from their brilliant tour of Argentina, having played six games and only losing one - 10/20 to Albatros Rugby Club. The team members' fundrais-

ing efforts and indomitable spirit was reported in CXPRÉSS and the rest of the local press, and now the guys would like to thank everyone who supported them in this fantastic endeavour - businesses, individuals and

everyone who bought pancakes, tipped them at the Spur, or spent time or energy on making their dream rugby tour come true.

Says organiser Yvette Wilschut: "Apart from the matches, the guys were exposed to the challenges of getting by in a foreign country. At first a bit intimidated by language issues and home stays, they showed much character and, as expected, they came back men."

On their return, they promptly asked Yvette if she's ready to start organising the next tour... But seriously: the guys agreed that an international foray is to be part of every Wittedrift first XV's training and education. Well done guys, we look forward to hear your travel tales!



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WELCOME BACK, MEN! Wittedrift's first XV, their coaches and managers, here photographed before their great Argentinian adventure, at Plettenberg Bay's beautiful Signal Hill viewsite

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A perfect end to a fabulous contest

GARETH WHITE reports on the outcome of the Wedge Classic bodyboarding competition recently concluded in Plett

FOR the first two days of competition, the weather at Plett's Wedge was bitterly cold - rain poured on day one and the cold winds blew on day two, with the sun only making a brief appearance.

But the third and final day could not have brought better weather. Unfortunately, the waves didn't play their part and better swells were seen in the early morning and late afternoon only. But the riders dug deep and busted spectacular manoeuvres.

The Pro division final saw an epic battle between Michael Ostler, Vaughn Harris, Sacha Specker and Justin Lindsay. Having last won The Wedge Classic back in 2004, Harris was crowned King of The Wedge for 2008. Specker placed second and Ostler third.

The Juniors division final proved to be one of the most spectacular of the day when



Photo: Peter Lambert

HOMEBREAK DEFENDER: Local boy Ryan Jucker won his third consecutive Men's division title at this year's Wedge

Jayden Alford-Loots, Bradley Moys, Adam Waites and Dane Beales went head to head. At the end of the day Moys was deemed the winner, followed by Alford-Loots and Beales second and third respectively.

The Drop-Knee division was

won by Sacha Specker, with current SA Pro division champ David Lee second, and Plett local Sampi Kamffer third.

Current SA Ladies champ Pamela Bowren squared off against local contenders Lyndall Pells and Geline Derbyshire in

what was to be the closest Ladies division final for quite some time. But finally Bowren claimed her third Wedge win in a row, followed by Pells and Derbyshire in close pursuit.

Local bodyboarder Ryan Jucker also claimed three in a row in the Men's division at his home break. In a hard-fought final, Jucker was followed by Darryn Campbell in second place and JP Nortier third.

The Boys division final was a closely contested affair between Chris Kleynhans, Murray van Vuuren, Sebastian Koopmans and local lad, Niklas Martin, who impressed with his riding ability. But Van Vuuren claimed victory, with Martin second and Koopmans in third place.

Plett's Wayne Craig - who had a special word of thanks to his sponsors, Mason's Marketing - won the Masters division, while the Development finals were won by another local, talented young Leon Martin.

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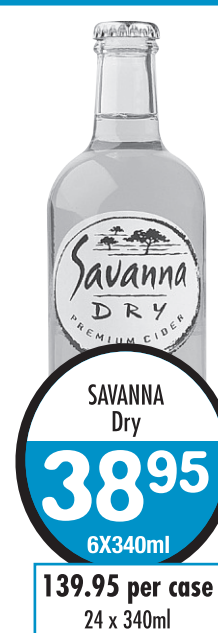
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