

What is your biggest extravagance?

Shoes.

Holiday plans?

Four days in Argentina and four days in Cape Town.

such a lovely body.

The channel had invited us for a glimpse of their festive season line-up. But it started on a strange note when programme manager, Lefa Afrika, kicked off proceedings with an apology about the "glitches" they are experiencing. Apparently SABC3's financial problems left them with egg on their face after they had failed to pay up for several shows, including *Expedition Impossible*, which was supposed to premiere on Monday night.

But at least lunch was served!

**Menu 7/10** — Yummy starters including Asian beef and lemon grass with chick-pea and Caesar salad.

Mains, including linguini tossed with sautéed spinach, olive and tomato, worked well in the summer heat.

The spread of desserts included vanilla and lavender crème brûlée.

**Decor: 1/10** — After briefly enjoying the view of the golf course we were taken into a conference room that had no windows. It resembled an office *lekgotla* — think those mints and note pads.

**Venue: 7/10** — What an awesome choice of venue. I felt as if we were outside Johannesburg while we were a stone's throw from the crazy suburb of Windsor.

the voluptuous Roz G, who had us in stitches from the moment she walked on stage. I got a tad bored when most of the Americans opted for an opening line about how happy they were to be in Africa or why it was not what they expected. I thought that line was so last century but their jokes were good.

Local comedian David Kau did give them the thumbs-up though.

Earlier in the week I was lucky to indulge in a scrumptious lunch at the five-star Fairway Hotel and Spa in Randpark Ridge, courtesy of SABC3. The hotel overlooks a golf course so I got to see rich men play golf at 11am — while mere mortals were slaving away back at the office.

We had the pretty Lorna Maseko, one of the new *Top Billing* presenters, as MC and I must admit I was not surprised to learn that she used to be a ballerina — she has



**GLAM BRIGADE:** Subbiah Huterham and Lorna Maseko at the Fairway Hotel

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**BAGS OF FUN:** Gerry Elsdon and husband Kerry, left; and right, Buhle Hlatshwayo and Stephanie O'Connor at Turbine Hall in Newtown, Johannesburg. Pictures: KEVIN SUTHERLAND