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Contact Jacqui at jdebeer3@aol.com, or 941-4003518. Remember, if you want to attend this event, you have to PAY BEFORE February 15, 2018. Mail your checks for \$25 per person to Jacqui DeBeer, 2334 Stagnaro Rd, North Port, 34287 or pay with Paypal: <http://africancures.com/ZAEvent/ZAEvent.php>

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Political Mismanagement of South Africa Reaches Boiling Point

In a recent show of solidarity in South Africa, tens of thousands took to the streets to denounce president Zuma's unprecedented level of corruption.

South Africans marched in cities and towns to demand the resignation of President Jacob Zuma, deepening the country's crisis on a day when its credit rating was downgraded to junk status by yet another major agency.

The anti-Zuma protests were the biggest in South Africa in years. The government estimated that about 60,000 protesters marched on Friday, everywhere from big cities to small towns, although organizers said the number was much higher.

Among those in the protests were members of several opposition parties, many civil-society groups, trade unions, business executives, the ruling party's alliance partners in the Communist Party, and even the 85-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner, retired archbishop Desmond Tutu, who is in frail health.

The sacking of the respected finance minister is expected to accelerate Zuma's plans for a hugely expensive nuclear-energy project, likely to cost tens of billions of dollars. The project, is said to involve a deal with Russia's nuclear agency, and could bankrupt the government, according to critics.

Calls for the African National Congress to recall its leader as president of the country intensified following his Cabinet reshuffle

in March, which resulted in the axing of former finance minister Pravin Gordhan.

Zuma's government is also facing trouble on the international stage where it was hauled before a hearing of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. South Africa refused to enforce an ICC arrest warrant on Sudan President Omar al-Bashir when he visited South Africa in 2015.

Al-Bashir attended a regional summit in Johannesburg and the SA government refused to arrest him, even though ICC member states are usually required to enforce the court's arrest warrants. The ICC has indicted the Sudanese President for war crimes and genocide for his actions in Darfur.

At the hearing, South Africa insisted that it had to respect the "immunity" of state leaders, and it denied that it had violated its ICC obligations. But court prosecutors said South Africa's explanations were "shifting" and contradictory. They demanded that

South Africa be reported to the ICC's assembly or the United Nations Security Council for punishment for a serious breach of the court's rules.

Demonstrations are expected to continue, creating ongoing pressure for Zuma to resign. The next march is scheduled for April 27th at Freedom Park in Pretoria, which is also Freedom Day in South Africa. #ZumaMustGo



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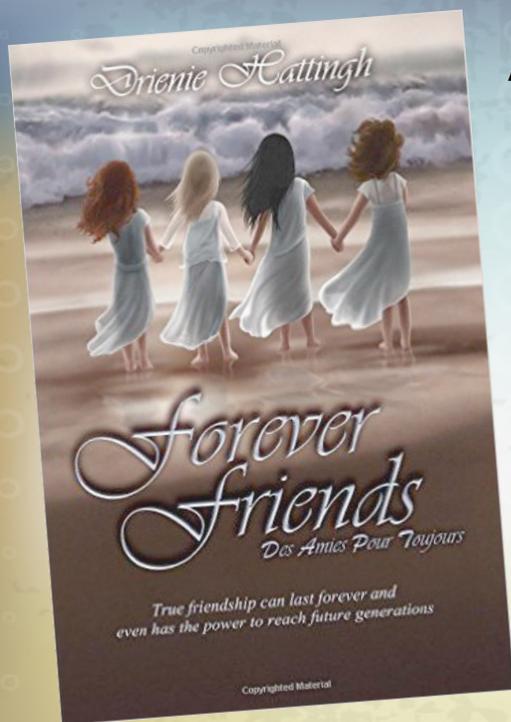
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What is Elon Musk Up To Now?

Billionsaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, by way of blogger and cartoonist Tim Urban, has revealed the thinking behind his new company Neuralink and its mission to use brain implants to directly link human minds to computers.

The post argues that we should augment the slow, imprecise communication of our voices with a direct brain-to-computer linkup. This would permit both telepathy between people and advantageous relations with artificial intelligence, says Musk.

Musk even gives a time line. He says that within eight to 10 years healthy people could be getting brain implants as new computer interfaces.

Musk is not alone in his ambitions. Facebook, in its own surreal attempt to grab attention, put ex-DARPA boss Regina Dugan on stage with the claim that inside of two years the social network will have a skullcap able to transmit sentences out of your brain at a rate of 100 words per minute. In Facebook's case the cap would be meant to help you "share" your thoughts. In Musk's vision, it is actually a bunch of electrodes inside your brain to enable humans to merge with artificial intelligence. Think about how Google fills in suggestions on what you are searching for. Musk is proposing that the same kind of thing should occur in real time, inside your head.

In some circumstances brain-reading really does work. In 1969, when scientist Eberhard Fetz connected one neuron in a monkey's brain to a dial, the monkey learned to fire that neuron to move the dial and get a food pellet. Since then, scientists have used implants driven into the motor cortex to allow paralyzed people to move a robotic arm with substantial dexterity and, as in Shenoy's studies, to operate a computer cursor.

These devices tap into the way neurons in your motor cortex fire when you think about moving your arm or leg. It just so happens that these neurons all fire off at once when you move, but their relative speed contains vector information about your limbs. Use electrodes to record activity from a few dozen neurons and you can start to perceive the movement as a subject thinks.

Several people said they think the great man's money and gumption may actually be what's needed to get neurotechnology out of the lab. Musk creates his advantage by tackling problems too complex for more risk-averse entrepreneurs to take on, like manufacturing electric cars (Tesla) or launching rockets (SpaceX). In both cases he also says he's pursuing a higher mission, like saving the planet from global warming or getting humanity to a back-up planet.

To read the full article, click here: <https://www.technologyreview.com/s/604254/with-neuralink-elon-musk-promises-human-to-human-telepathy-dont-believe-it/>



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Serial Entrepreneur Elon Musk is a man with many plans. The founder of PayPal, Tesla Motors and SpaceX sits down with TED curator Chris Anderson to share details about his visionary projects, which include a mass-marketed electric car, a solar energy leasing company and a fully reusable rocket.

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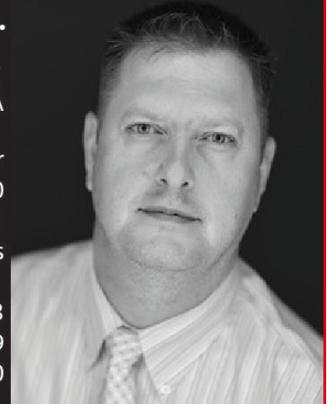
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Following the election night last November, and the subsequent inauguration in late January, President Trump has already ruffled feathers on Capitol Hill, and caused waves of panic and insecurity among various segments of the population, within the United States as well as beyond.

While no one knows for certain what provisions any kind of [comprehensive?] reform will contain, most are sure of what kinds of changes to expect, reserving on details:

Border Security: As in the past, changes will occur regarding the monitoring of goods and people traversing U.S. borders. Documentary requirements, border crossing procedures, information systems and human resources will be expanded, coordinated and streamlined, with more reliance on electronic/computerized systems. (and yes, about 1/3 of the proposed wall between the U.S. and Mexico already exists, which the media would like you to forget).

Workplace Enforcement: ICE and other agencies will stiffen current employment verification procedures to more adequately document workers' credentials, including tougher sanctions and penalties for employers and workers, as well as more site-visits.

More emphasis on spotting and weeding out Criminal Aliens and Willful Violators. Enhanced and increased cross-agency communication and information sharing. Individual state and federal agencies will continue an already ongoing trend to link together their information systems, making cross-checking and verifying information easier. Those Aliens with criminal records need to worry more than they perhaps had to in the past. Enforcement priorities are shifting.

Temporary Worker Programs: current temporary worker programs will be examined, streamlined and restructured, and where necessary programs will be modified or created, with new eligibility requirements, documentary requirements and government filing fees. These programs will likely *not* offer a direct path to citizenship, but instead maintain a limited "non-immigrant" flavor. Oversubscribed countries will feel additional strain on the availability of visas.

Family-Based Immigration: Some aspects of this area have suffered some of the most criticisms and the need for changes. Many apparent gaps and flaws will need to be examined, addressed and improved, resulting in a more streamlined, logical application of "family unification".

What Can Immigrants Expect from the Trump Administration?

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Earned Legalization: Efforts to legalize long-time residents who are present in the United States without legal status may be significantly impaired or hindered, either deliberately or by inaction. The fates of Deferred Actions is still hanging in the balance. So-called "DREAMers" will face uncertainty in the coming months and years. Some legal wrangling in the courts is to be expected.

Immigrants in the United States need to be vigilant and aware. This is not a time to be careless or reckless. Those who have legal status need to do whatever necessary to preserve it, and those who are here without legal status need to take great care in exhausting any legal options available, and also not running afoul of any laws (federal, state or local), as to draw any unwanted attention to themselves. Any immigrant within the United States should be fully aware of their rights, and if there is any uncertainty or ambiguity, seek the professional legal advice of a U.S.-licensed lawyer.

In my newest book "[The United States of TRUMP: An Immigrant's Handy Guide For Troublesome Times](#)", available on www.amazon.com, I have outlined many different, no nonsense strategies and tips for preparing yourself.

Ultimately, the vast majority of the Immigrant population in the United States, who are law-abiding and do their part to comply with the laws, to the best of their ability, need not be overly worried. The United States predominantly is a country of law and order, and generally, the bulk of the U.S. immigration system does function rather well, albeit not perfectly. Those with clean intentions will almost always find a legal way to accomplish what they need, while those who bear ill-will might be able to 'cheat' the system for so long, before things ultimately catch up to them.

Do not give into undue fear and panic. Be mindful of your sources of information. Be selective on whom you choose to listen to. Other than official government sources, which are often confusing and misleading, the next best place for any up-to-date and accurate information on all matters concerning U.S. immigration policy and procedure is the "[American Immigration Lawyers Association](#)" (AILA). Should you want or be in need of competent legal advice, do take care to select a U.S.-licensed lawyer who focuses his or her professional practice on U.S. immigration law and is a member in good standing with "AILA". This way you know you can rely on the professional advice and information you receive.

See ad page 5.

Traditional Bobotie

Bobotie is easy to prepare in advance and is always a crowd pleaser. This traditional bobotie is a mix of a few recipes, hints and advice.

Ingredients

- 500g mince – use beef, or mix lamb/ beef or even ostrich if you wish
- 30ml oil
- 1 large carrot – peeled and grated
- 2 onions – chopped
- 10 ml chopped garlic
- 5 ml each of ground coriander, ground ginger, curry powder, cinnamon, turmeric, sugar / apricot jam, salt
- 15ml fresh lemon juice or white vinegar
- thick slice of white bread soaked in milk
- 3 – 4 bay leaves
- 250ml milk or buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- seasoning to taste

Method

Fry the onion and garlic in the oil and add the mince. Cook until the mince is nice and crumbly – not big lumps (use a wooden spoon or a fork to separate bits). Add all the spices and the carrot. Add the lemon juice and mix in.

Add the soaked white bread, making sure to mix it in properly (you shouldn't be able to see big chunks of bread).

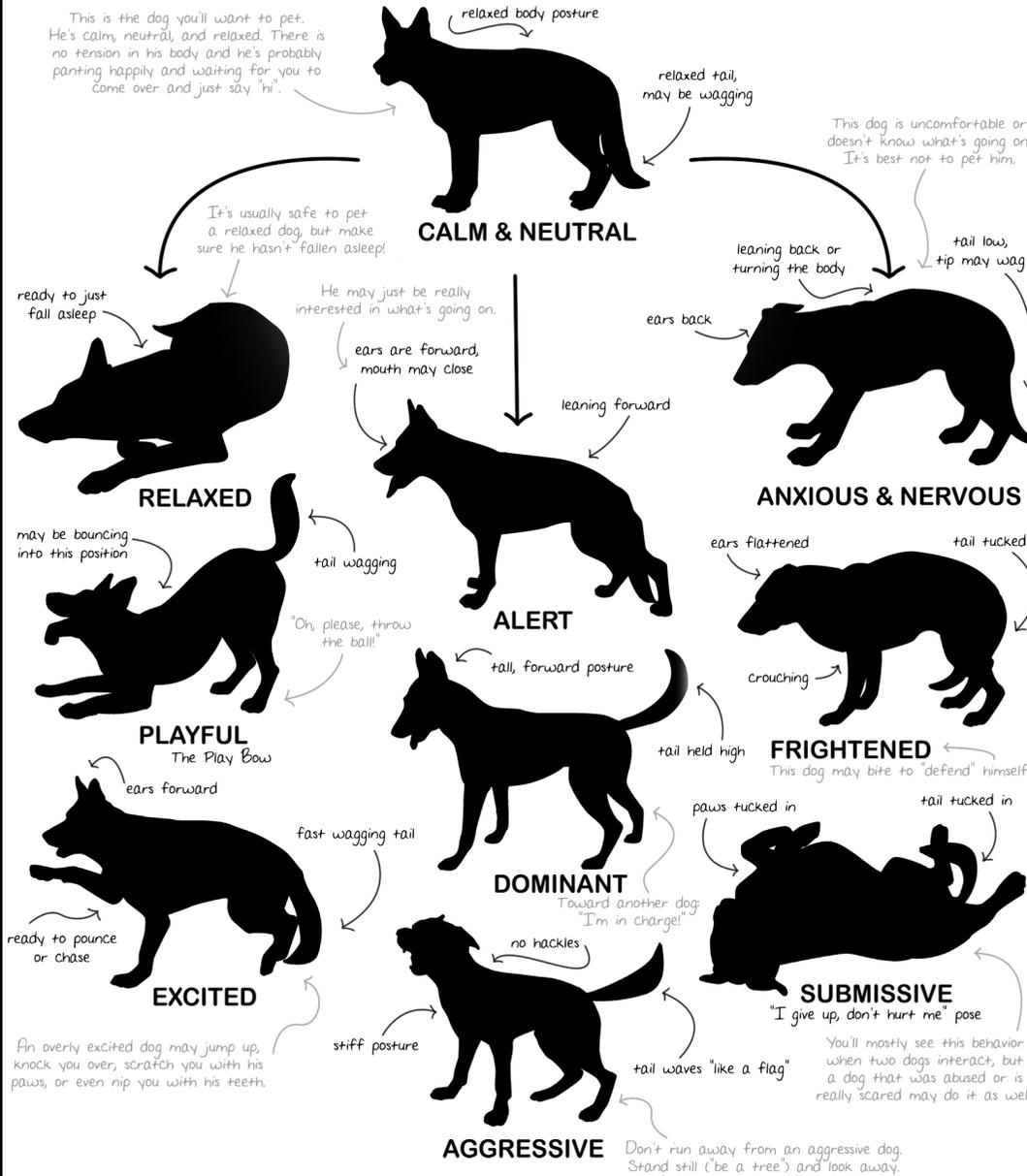
Lightly whisk together the milk or buttermilk and eggs. Spoon the mix into a medium sized oven dish and level it with the back of a spoon. Pour the milk and egg mixture over this and poke the bay leaves in the mince for decoration.

Bake at 180 – 190 for about 40 minutes. The egg custard should be firm and set and a golden brown colour.

Serve the bobotie with yellow rice and raisins, sliced banana, chutney and coconut.



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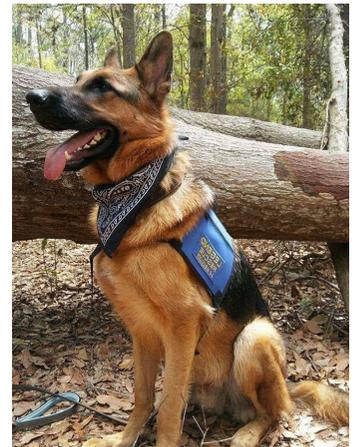
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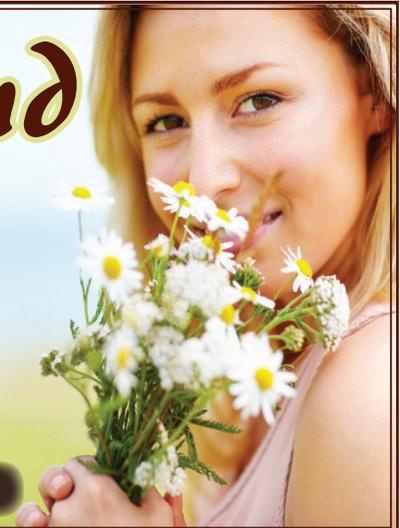
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Be Careful of How You Criticise Zuma

Max du Preez | News24 29/11/2016

A well-meaning man of my acquaintance said to me last week: "Isn't it great how the countrywide resentment of Jacob Zuma has brought black and white South Africans together again? Almost like the 2010 Soccer World Cup!"

Judged by the numbers of whites agreeing enthusiastically with Zuma's black critics to the point where they're keen to sign petitions and join protest marches, he seems to have a point.

But the reality is different. My own experience as a white commentator with a large black audience on social and other media, tells me there is no sign of a new unity. On the contrary.

(If you're disappointed that I wasn't writing about Zuma's imminent demise this morning, let it be a reminder of the president's tenacity and of how slow the ANC ship turns...)

EFF leader Julius Malema said last week: "You white people mustn't cheer me on because I'm opposing Zuma. He is my enemy exactly because he protects white privilege."

On Sunday the EFF spokesperson, Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, said: "You don't love us when we talk about uncomfortable questions like race and land, only when we talk about Zuma."

In the protest politics on our campuses Zuma is simply swept aside and all energy is focused on white privilege and intransigence.

It is an uncomfortable truth: in some circles Zuma grows stronger the more he's cursed and attacked by white people.

White criticism of Zuma often moves some of his black critics to defend him.

Zuma himself and his formidable phalanx of propagandists – the ANC's Youth and Women's Leagues, the Gupta mouthpieces ANN7 and The New Age, captured public personalities and Paid Twitter – are capitalising on this.

They have been spreading an opposing narrative to shift the pressure away from the Zuma cabal: The real state capturers, they say, are not the black Guptas but the white Ruperts; Zuma is targeted by whites because he wants to empower blacks and redistribute land; it is blatant racism to constantly refer to the elected black president as corrupt and incompetent; etcetera.

ANN7 last week actually tried to link most of the prominent personalities in the Save South Africa campaign to Johann Rupert's business empire.

I wasn't surprised when some Zuma supporters made a big issue of Minister of Tourism Derek Hanekom's race when he proposed a motion of no confidence in Zuma at the ANC's NEC meeting.

We are very, very far away from a post-racial South Africa.

But it isn't only Zuma sycophants that react negatively to criticism of the president.

Almost every time I express criticism of the Zuma cabal or of state capture, I am faced with a barrage of reactions like "and where were your criticism when PW Botha and FW de Klerk murdered and oppressed our people?", "give our land back, then you can criticise", and "you whites say you hate Zuma, but you actually hate all black people".

I have often encountered black middle-class people who suspect that most whites who criticise Zuma, actually think black people can't run a democracy and a modern economy.

I struggle to formulate any counter argument when black friends say to me that no whites had signed petitions or joined protest marches when PW Botha crippled the economy with his Rubicon speech or when Vlakplaas, the CCB and other state death squads targeted activists, but now they suddenly emerge as champions of democracy and human rights.

There is obviously nothing wrong with white citizens addressing the ills in our political life. But they would do themselves a favour if they chose their words more carefully.

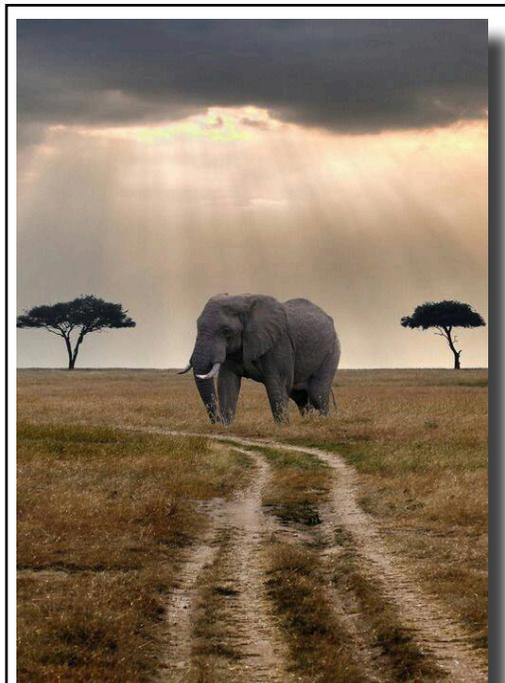
A post-Zuma ANC would hopefully govern a lot more efficiently, but it would undoubtedly also have to take much more urgent and radical steps to combat inequality in society.

Not only the zeitgeist, but the ANC's prospects to survive the 2019 general election demand that.

Those white South Africans who spit venom every time they mention Zuma's name should understand that white people would probably be asked to make significant sacrifices in the post-Zuma era.

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Bo-Kaap at its Finest

With their unique sense of humor, Cape Coloureds have a proud heritage that makes our Rainbow Nation quite different from any other. Brightly painted homes on the slopes of Signal Hill have become a tourist attraction that directly benefits this colorful community. Bo-Kaap is one of the oldest and the most fascinating residential areas in Cape Town where the cobble-stone streets date back to the 18th century.

The Cape Coloureds also known as Cape Muslims, are descendants of slaves that were imported by the Dutch from Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and other African countries during the 16th and 17th centuries. They were called “Cape Malays”, even though not all of them were of Malaysian descent. After the British seized Cape Town from the Dutch in 1795, a series of positive changes happened over the next four decades including religious freedom, the abolition of the slave trade and finally, an end to slavery. The emancipated slaves formed a new community at Bo-Kaap, which even today, is referred to as the Malay Quarter.

Bo-Kaap is largely a Muslim community with a distinctive Cape Malay culture created by intermarriage between slaves from the South and South-east Asian countries with those from India, Madagascar, and native African groups. Many local women converted to Islam to marry Muslim men. “They didn’t drink alcohol, so they made better husbands.”

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The brightly colored houses on either side of the street is a recent innovation that celebrates the district’s Muslim identity. In earlier days, all the houses of Cape Town were painted white. Residents began painting their houses in vivid colors in preparation for the celebration of Eid. Neighbors would often agree on what colors to use so as not to have a clash of shades.

Bo-Kaap’s multifaceted heritage is reflected in its music, dance and food too. Traditional South African dishes such as tomato bredie, bobotie, sosaties and koeksisters, which are now staples in many South African homes, originated from Cape Malays.

The close-knit community is however undergoing a slow dissolution. Long-time residents have sold off family properties, and a number of wealthy outsiders have moved in and snapped up homes. This has been troubling some residents who feel that Bo-Kaap’s unique identity and history could be lost if this were to continue. Sadly, in years to come, Bo-Kaap could be a very different place.

<http://www.amusingplanet.com/2015/07/bo-kaap-colorful-neighborhood-in-cape.html>

The Cape Flats Smile

In case you’ve ever wondered about the history of a Cape Flats Smile, also known as a Passion Gap... read on!

This phenomenon of the removal of four front teeth is unique. In survey of just over 2,000 coloured people in the Western Cape, 41% have had their teeth removed.

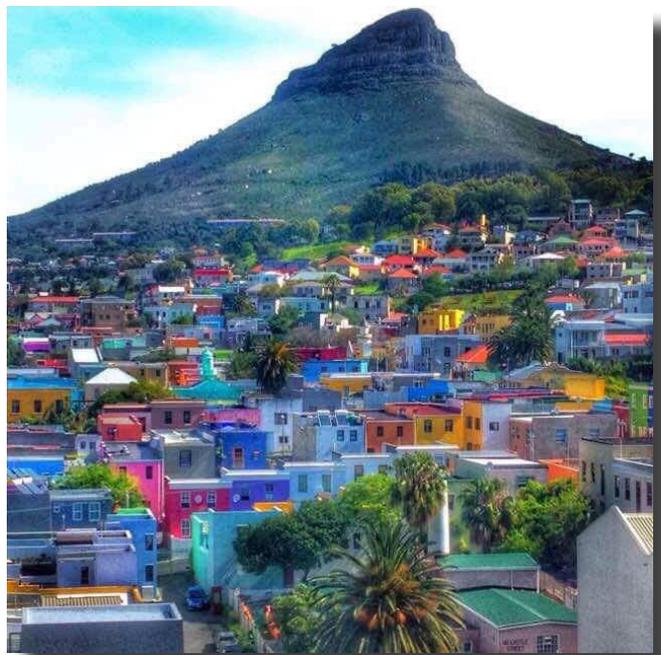
One respondent said the extraction was for aesthetic reasons: “I think I have a better smile without my front teeth, and therefore it is more attractive.”

Other reasons cited for tooth extractions included improved kissing and oral sex, “my boyfriend insisted” and a fisherman who said it helped him to whistle louder.

The phenomenon is rooted in Cape Malay slave days, stretching back to the mid-17th century when the removal of teeth was a means for slaves to “take back control of their own bodies”.

Today it is still considered fashionable by some, and a gaping smile is a common sight in certain areas around Cape Town. But the perception is changing.

For the full story, visit: <http://www.news24.com/Archives/City-Press/Toothy-truth-of-the-Cape-Flats-smile-20150429>



Wat Sê Jy Nou?

There is a reason for everything that happens in your life. Sometimes that reason is because you make dom decisions and then use the first sentence in this quote as an excuse to justify your dom decision.



I'm not trying to impress you or anything... but... I have my own teeth



That mini panic attack you get when you're trying to put your change back in your wallet at Pick n Pay as fast as you can because the Tannie next in line behind you can't wait 10 extra seconds to pack out her groceries.

Relaaaax Aunty!



Nobody cares about you if your clothes is from H&M, but if your personality is from a 50% off sale from Pep, go kak ice cream somewhere else.



To all smokers: Throwback to when you smoked your first entjie and said "I can stop whenever I want"...

Kaantjie

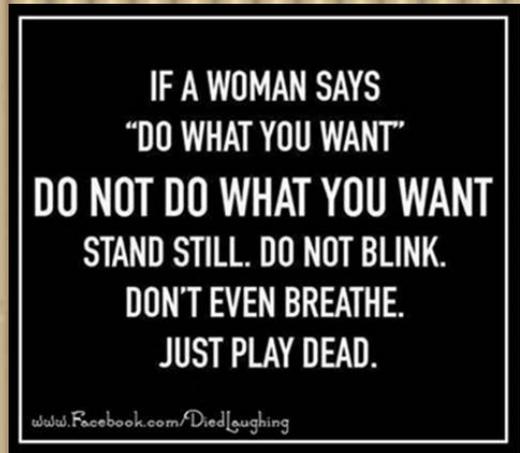


One man's old bread is another man's Frikkadel



Teacher: If you have 3 samoosas and your friend asks for 1, how many do you have left?

Me: 3



Never Try to Baptize a Drunk Coloured Guy!

A drunk coloured man, walking past a river sees a priest baptizing his people and decides to go for a baptism.

The priest baptizes his people by dunking their heads into The water and asks, "Have you seen Jesus?"

The people respond "Yes, I've seen Jesus".

When it was the dronkie's turn, the priest dunked his head into the water and pulled him out and asked him,

"Have you seen Jesus?"

He said no, so the priest put his head back into the water for a few more seconds and again asked "Have you seen Jesus?"

The dronkie replied "No old man."

Angrily, the priest dunked his head for a much longer time And pulled the drunkard's head out and asked him

"Have you seen Jesus?" The drunk replied,

"Ekse my broe,... are you sure he fell into this river?"





Twee tannies tussen 80 en droëwors ry dorp toe. Marge, hoekom ry jy oor die rooi lig - dis gevaarlik?! Marge skrik en vra: Bestuur ek?!

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5 Side Effects No One Tells You About Moving Abroad

by Manon de Heus in Culture

During the past 10 years, I've lived in five different countries. It's been an amazing journey that has taught me more about life, love and fear than any education or self-help book ever could. To build a new existence far away from everything you know and believe in is the most powerful feeling in the world.

People who have moved abroad will nod their heads in agreement. They will tell you that traveling has broadened their horizons, made them more open-minded and has shown them what truly matters in life. What they won't tell you is it's also the loneliest, most alienating and most guilt-ridden thing they have ever done.

In expat land, fairytales don't exist. Here are five things that are bound to happen if you decide to leave your home behind:

1. Your loved ones will be devastated

No matter how you try to sugarcoat it, moving abroad is essentially a selfish choice. It's great that you're living your dream and are choosing the life (you think) you want, but really, you're not making anyone happy but yourself.

If you're blessed with amazing family and friends, they will do anything to hide their true feelings from you.

They don't want to burden you with their doubts, fears and "what on earth are you doing?!" thoughts. They will tell you, "If you're happy, we're happy, too!"

My parents did an impressive job. By the time I left for Los Angeles, I was convinced my upcoming adventure was as exciting to them as it was to me.

I was so busy with me, me and me, that I was completely and utterly oblivious to their pain. That day at the airport, I saw a sadness in my parents' eyes that I had never seen before.

When, after our final goodbyes, I turned around one more time, they looked fragile, lost and 10 years older. My adventure was their misery.

2. You'll feel guilt

Two months after I moved to Los Angeles, a good friend of mine received a devastating cancer diagnosis. I tried to be there for her on the phone and via email, but I knew all she really needed was a big hug and my shoulder to cry on.

I wasn't there for the lows, and I wasn't there for the highs. Over the past few years, I've missed most of my friends' bachelorette parties, birthdays, baby showers and weddings. T

hese were events I always thought I could do without, until I was introduced to the short, but oh-so-painful silence that followed almost all of my "I'm sorry, but I won't be able to make it" announcements.

When you move to the other side of the globe, time and financial constraints will inevitably determine the social choices you make.

Even though I know it's my life and I get to decide how I live it, my moving abroad has made me feel like a horrible (grand) daughter and friend many a time.

3. You'll feel really, really lonely

I've always been fortunate to be surrounded with many wonderful people. When moving to yet another country, I never had a problem meeting people to hang out and explore my new town with.

However, even though I was never really alone, I experienced a deep sense of loneliness I'd never known before. I'll never forget my first American Christmas, spent with a roommate I'd met three

weeks beforehand and her family.

I was overwhelmed by their kindness, but I knew I was mainly invited out of pity. Watching them and the love they shared made me feel like an intruder, like someone who didn't belong.

It takes time to build meaningful relationships, so when moving abroad, you will inevitably spend a lot of time with people who are fun and exciting, but with whom you don't share any memories or stories yet.

4. You won't fit in anymore

Moving abroad has changed me in so many more ways than I ever imagined it would. I've discovered loves, passions and fears I never knew I had, and have abandoned old convictions and beliefs that just didn't feel right anymore.

When moving abroad, such an important and large chunk of your life and development is happening elsewhere, that fully identifying with what used to be becomes nearly impossible.

Instead, you find a new home in your new country that partially fills the void. However, since you lack roots and history in your new home, you will never, despite your best efforts, fit in 100 percent.

It's why almost all globetrotters I've met throughout the years struggle with existential questions like, where do I belong? Where is home? Where do I want to grow old?

Unable to answer those questions, they often move again — and again, and again, and again. They are searching for that feeling of home they were once so eager to leave behind.

5. You'll lose dear friends

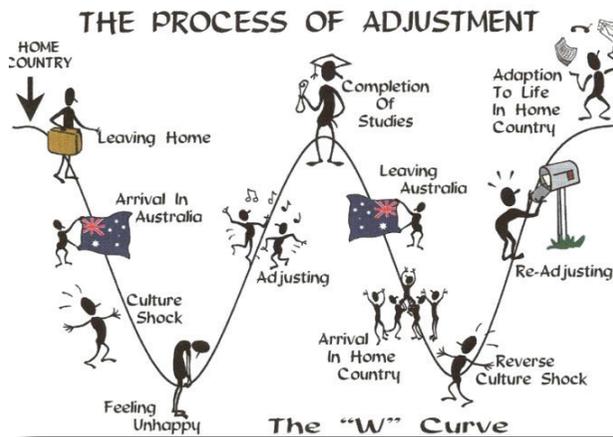
Friends you never thought you'd lose because you met in kindergarten, bonded during college or traveled Europe together, will soon grow apart. For all the reasons mentioned above, moving abroad will change and sacrifice dear friendships. Of course, some will stick, but overall, most won't. It's no one's fault and it's everyone's fault.

You forget about their birthdays because you're too busy hanging out with your new friends.

They blame you for attending your dad's 60th birthday instead of their bachelorette parties. You could try harder to squeeze more visits in. But, they could return the favor, and, for once, come your way as well.

Choosing different paths ends friendships, just like it ends most relationships. It's inevitable, and it's life, but that doesn't make it easy. By losing friends, you lose a part of yourself and your history.

So has it been worth it? Do I regret taking the leap and choosing an international lifestyle? Yes and no, absolutely.



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 Date of birth: 11/03/1971 (46 years old)
 Place of birth: Gauteng, South Africa
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 Counts (1) RAPE (2) Human Trafficking
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Jacque Anton Robbertse

Sex: Male
 Date of birth: 27/07/1962 (54 years old)
 Place of birth: Boksburg, South Africa
 Language spoken: Afrikaans, English
 Nationality: South Africa
 Weight: 80 Kg
 Colour of eyes: Blue
Charges:
 Two Counts of Indecent Assault and One
 Count of Rape
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Jurgen Karel Gunther Van DeKeere

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SHAHID IQBAL

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 Place of birth: Pakistan
 Language spoken: Urdu, English, South
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