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# Heritage Day AKA National Braai Day

**Heritage Day**  
**Celebrate South African cultural diversity**



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**H**eritage day (24 September), also known as National Braai Day was not originally intended to be an official South African public holiday. In fact, it came about as a result of a pointed 2005 media campaign. The Inkatha Freedom Party, had refused to sign the Public Holiday's Bill that was being presented to the Parliament of South Africa simply because it omitted the inclusion of Shaka Day, a day that commemorated the famous Zulu King Shaka. Because of this, a concession was made.

Quite aptly, just as King Shaka was instrumental in uniting Zulu clans into a cohesive nation, Heritage Day (appointed in place of King Shaka Day) encourages South Africans to come together to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and the diversity of our rainbow nation.

Former South African President Nelson Mandela explained it concisely when he said the following in a Heritage Day speech: "When our first democratically-elected government decided to make Heritage Day one of our national days, we did so because we knew that our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help build our new nation."

## Heritage Day Braais

Now, unofficially known as Braai Day – thanks to the efforts of Jan Braai - families, friends and strangers unite at various events around the country celebrating South Africa's unique heritage and building bridges to overcome its painful past by chucking a *tjoppie* on the fire.

Don't know the first thing about Shisa Nyama? Don't stress, all you need to know and more about [becoming the ultimate braaimaster](http://www.capetownmagazine.com/cape-confidential/your-guide-to-becoming-a-braai-master/123_22_19041) can be found online at [http://www.capetownmagazine.com/cape-confidential/your-guide-to-becoming-a-braai-master/123\\_22\\_19041](http://www.capetownmagazine.com/cape-confidential/your-guide-to-becoming-a-braai-master/123_22_19041)

## Braai rules and procedures

### SOPs

Standard Operating Procedures ... Please learn



**W**e are about to enter the BBQ season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking activity. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

#### *Routine...*

1. The woman buys the food
2. The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
3. The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

4. The woman remains outside the compulsory three meter exclusion zone where the exuberance of testosterone and other manly bonding activities can take place without the interference of the woman.  
***Here comes the important part:***
5. THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.  
***More routine.***
6. The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.
7. The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is looking great. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he flips the meat  
***Important again:***
8. THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.  
***More routine...***
9. The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces, and brings them to the table.
10. After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.  
***And most important of all:***
11. Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.
12. The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." Upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.

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# Naturalization Ceremony Takes Place at the 39th Annual SPIFFS Festival

NOVEMBER 2, 2013  
 VINOY WATERFRONT PARK, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

**I**t was a wet and soggy November day that they will never forget, and some wanted to capture and record every second.

A special Swearing In ceremony of new Americans took place at the recent 39th Annual International Festival (SPIFFS). A Grand Parade of Nations followed the group of 29 as they meandered through the international village while many SPIFFS ethnic groups paraded around the park, led by colorful bands, pipers and drummers.

After the oath, one by one, they were given their new papers -- 29 brand new American citizens. For many, this day was a long time in the making including one South African who had waited 17 and a half years. "This is my home. My life is here. I plan to visit South Africa in December for the first time since leaving."

**SPIFFS is Tampa Bay's own United Nations and the only independent non-profit, multi-cultural folk fair organization in the country. Folk Fair is your chance to travel the world in a day without leaving the country. It is a once-a-year opportunity to take part in the magic of song, dance and foods from around the world**

"I waited 26 and a half years to do it," said Shen Huan, from China.

One of the privileges these new citizens are looking forward to is voting, and they wasted no time registering.

Chris Ibarra came here from Mexico seven years ago, and now has a new wife and children.

"If I had been working like this in any other country, even in Mexico, I would not have barely as much as I have here," Ibarra said.

Gabor Csizmadia, from Hungary, called today one of the most important of his life.

"Becoming an American, it was a long dream 13 years in the making, and it finally came true today. It's a special day, especially being part of this international folk fair festival

The general requirements for U.S. citizenship include permanent residency for at least 5 years, a basic understanding of U.S. history, and also being able to read, write and speak basic English.

Applicants must pass an oral, multiple choice quiz before becoming citizens. They are asked ten questions from a list of 100 possible questions, and they must get six of them correct.

Could you pass the test? Click on the link below to find out.  
<http://tinyurl.com/3hygwb2>



*Happy citizens-to-be paraded their way to the final ceremony*



*L: A pair of often solemn and serious looking BCIS agents facilitated the ceremony*

*R: Friends and family drove from miles away to witness the much-anticipated event while staying cool under the tent*





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# In Loving Memory of Jackie Marais/Pretorius

BY NOLEEN NAUDE

Jackie, our South African female truck driver, passed away on June 11th, 2013, at the age of 55. She lived in the states for approximately three years and truly (in every respect) traveled the country. In so doing she was able to experience and witness this beautiful country. She LOVED being a truck driver and all the experiences that went with that life.

She was born and raised in the area near Rustenburg, a little town called Brits in South Africa. After meeting a fellow South African on line, decided to find out more about the US of A by coming here herself and seeing for herself if this was were she wanted to live. And the answer was a definite yes.

She had four wonderful grown sons who all still live in South Africa and three months before she passed away, she became an Ouma. She was very proud of the addition to her family, a baby boy, Sebastian.

Her wonderful disposition is surely missed, her smiling face, her generosity, her willingness to help others, her ability to contribute to events or people

where she saw the necessity, will and is, very much missed. She was filled with a great adventurous spirit and her life was full of a lot of laughter and many, many, smiles. She left us much too soon and those of us who knew her, miss her very, very much.

Personally, I would like to thank Jackie for having been part of my life and gracing and honoring me with her presence. She was a very special lady.



## City Awaits New Shoots of South Africa's Oldest Tree

Cuttings have been taken from a historic Saffron Pear Tree in the Company's Garden. Newlands Nursery staff now eagerly await the opening of the first shoots from the cuttings of this more than 300 year-old tree.

The cuttings were taken in August 2013 in order to preserve this domestic pear tree's genetic material. Tiny shoots have started to sprout and City Parks officials believe they could start opening soon.

A motion to preserve the tree was put forth to the Community Services Portfolio Committee by Councillor Paddy Chapple last month. The Saffron Pear Tree, still drawing in sweet mountain water, was planted during the initial Dutch occupation of the Cape and is believed to be the oldest cultivated tree in South Africa. It is estimated to be over 300 years old. Should the original tree die, its clone could be planted.



City Parks has built a protective structure around the original tree in an attempt to keep it viable. It was, however, decided to make the cuttings and propagate it at the City's Newlands Nursery as a preservation measure.

The Company's Garden in Cape Town is home to many historical trees and this initiative could be the first of many.

"This is a great way for the City to celebrate Heritage Month. The Saffron Pear Tree is one of the country's Champion Trees, receiving protection from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. Cape Town boasts an array of these trees," said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Community Services and Special Projects, Alderman Belinda Walker.

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## Central Database for Rhino-Related Funders Being Finalised

The Department of Environmental Affairs has received more than 100 applications from non-governmental organisations, non-profit organisations and individuals seeking registrations of their awareness raising projects and fundraising initiatives in the fight against rhino poaching.

The Department had made a public call for the registration of all rhino-related funders and anti-poaching ventures to register as part of the creation of a national database of organisations involved in the industry so as to primarily allow for monitoring of fund raising operations, activities and uses of the funds raised. The initiative is one of numerous steps being taken to rid the sector of illegitimate and ill-intended operations and ensure greater legitimacy of organisations and individuals involved in projects aimed at addressing the scourge of rhino poaching in South Africa.

The establishment of a national database, and a credible national financing mechanism for rhino anti-poaching, were agreed to by government and rhino stakeholders during a public engagement in July 2013. During the stakeholder engagement, the Department of Environmental Affairs was informed by more than 20 NGOs and NPOs about the work that they do to fight the scourge of rhino poaching. Numerous industry role-players raised concerns about the legitimacy of organisations involved in fighting rhino poaching, and some of the projects, particularly fundraising.

In an effort to coordinate anti-poaching initiatives and in response to the recommendation of the Rhino Issue Management (RIM) process, the Department is planning to establish a National Rhino Fund in consultation with the National Treasury and other affected role players. The Fund will support interventions directed to rhino poaching.

The establishment of the National Rhino Fund, and the compilation of a database of all NGOs, NPOs and any other organizations and/ or individuals who raise funds to save the rhino are among the recommendations being implemented following the adoption of the RIM Report by Cabinet earlier this year.

The National Rhino Fund will result in the consolidation of all funding requirements and ensure that funding is distributed successfully to state-and privately-owned rhino anti-poaching initiatives, including conservation, safety and security, skills development and research.

As it is, the total number of rhino poached in South Africa since January 2013 has increased to 746, while the number of people arrested for rhino related offences totals 228.



### Rhino poaching statistics:

SA	2010	2011	2012	2013
KNP (SANParks)	146	252	425	450
MNP (SANParks)	0	6	3	2
Gauteng	15	9	1	4
LIM	52	74	59	80
Mpumalanga	17	31	28	63
North West	57	21	77	75
Eastern Cape	4	11	7	2
Free State	3	4	0	0
KZN	38	34	66	70
Western Cape	0	6	2	0
Northern Cape	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>746</b>

### Rhino poaching arrests statistics :

SA	2013	2012	2011	2010
KNP (SANParks)	83	73	82	67
MNP (SANParks)	0	0	0	0
Gauteng	8	26	16	10
Mpumalanga	20	66	73	16
Eastern Cape	0	0	2	7
Limpopo	54	43	34	36
North West	18	32	21	2
Free State	0	6	0	0
KZN	45	20	4	25
Western Cape	0	0	0	2
Northern Cape	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>165</b>

The Kruger National Park continues to bear the brunt of rhino poaching in South Africa with 450 rhino killed for their horns so far this year. Of the total number of rhino poached, 80 rhino have been killed in Limpopo, 75 in North West, 70 in KwaZulu-Natal and 63 in Mpumalanga.

As part of concerted efforts to fight poaching, during September 2013, the Joint Permanent Commission on Defence and Security, under the leadership of the South African National Defence Force, adopted a decision for South Africa to collaborate with Mozambique to develop and implement a common strategy between all affected spheres of government in both countries. In addition to that, the recent SADC meeting of Environmental Ministers agreed to continue tackling the Rhino problem as a sub-region.

South Africans are encouraged to report incidents of poaching and tip-offs to the anonymous tip-off lines 0800-205-005, 08600 10111 or Crime-Line on 32211.



## Rhino Poaching in SA Worse Than Ever, in Spite of New Technology

**W**ith stiff jail sentences being passed by judges, the department said 114 people had been arrested in connection with poaching. Fifty of these had been arrested in the Kruger National Park, where the majority of the country's rhinos live.

Since poaching steeply accelerated in 2009, the park has been the focus of most anti-poaching efforts by the government. But 247 of the rhino killed so far have come from the park. South Africa has 20 000 rhino left, 70% of the world's population.

The increase in the rate of rhino poached comes in spite of the use of new technology in the war against poachers – most of whom are coming over the border from Mozambique. Edna Molewa, minister of environmental affairs, has been pushing for an agreement between the two countries to curb poaching.

But the biggest problem has been the fence between the South African and Mozambique sides of the new transfrontier park, which was taken down when the park was extended. Molewa has said her department is considering putting the fence back up, at a cost of around R400-million.

In a recent budget vote, Molewa said R75-million had been specifically given to SANParks for anti-poaching operations.

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**SA's tally of poached rhino looks set to exceed last year's 668 killed, with officials saying 367 have been killed in the first five months of 2013**

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Paul Daphne, head of SANParks communications, said the situation in the park had forced them to adopt a "military stance in tackling rhino crimes". The army is already deployed in the park, and rangers were now being supported by an unmanned drone from Denel.

Several private initiatives have also started deploying drones in the park, and in other reserves. The World Wide Fund for Nature has also sponsored Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for anti-poaching operations in Namibia.

Two other specialised [spotter planes](#), along with several helicopters, were also assisting operations. Tracker dogs, which can follow the scent of poachers and disarm them without a gunfight, were also now operating in the park.

In a previous interview with the *Mail & Guardian* in the park, ranger Rodney Landela said when the vegetation was high it was nearly impossible to [spot poachers](#). The thick bush meant you could only see people when you were facing them, with the only way to find them being track them.

Eyes in the sky meant they could track poachers and then send in a helicopter to suppress them – when it hovers over an area they tend to hide and wait, he said. Dogs and rangers could then go in and arrest the poachers. All of this meant the chances of people being shot was lowered, he said.

Kruger ranger Andrew Desmet, who was [shot in the stomach](#) during a joint operation against poachers near Letaba camp is in a "stable condition", the department said.

Molewa has signed agreements with China and Vietnam, the destinations for most of the horn, to cooperate in arresting poachers and finding illegal shipments.

The anonymous tip-off line for people who want to report any incidents of poaching is 0800-205-005.

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*It's a sad indictment on intolerant views !*



# Deciphering The Key Components of The Immigration Puzzle

**D**evelopments over the last 24 months in immigration have made it more complex to determine what potential applicants for visas may be entitled to under current immigration law.

## THE MORTON MEMORANDUM

• This memorandum was issued on June 17, 2011 and provides U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement guidance on the exercise of prosecutorial discretion. The purpose of the memorandum is to assist people potentially on a broad range of discretionary enforcement decisions, typically for people who have been or who are (or are about to be placed into) removal proceedings. The potential benefits contained within this memorandum are to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement settling or dismissing a proceeding, granting deferred action or parole or staying any final orders of removal.

Therefore any people who are or have ever been in proceedings (whether they are aware of it or not) may approach Immigration and Customs Enforcement to seek relief under the Morton memorandum in terms of which Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its attorneys may exercise prosecutorial discretion to the applicant's benefit.

Typically, these are most often granted where people have no criminal convictions and would have been staying in the United States for a lengthy period of time, have been paying taxes, have family ties to the United States, etc. Upon approval of a deferred action petition, the applicant is granted a deferral of removal and typically also granted work authorization to remain and work in the United States.

## PROVISIONAL UNLAWFUL PRESENCE WAIVERS

Beginning March 4, 2013 certain immigrant visa applicants who are spouses, children and parents of U.S. citizens (immediate relative), can apply for provisional unlawful presence waivers before they leave the United States. This allows individuals who only need a waiver of inadmissibility for unlawful presence to apply for a waiver in the United States and before they depart for their immigrant visa interviews at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. This process is expected to shorten the time that U.S. citizens are separated from their immediate relatives, while those family members are obtaining immigrant visas to become lawful permanent residents of the United States.

## COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

There are currently plans for comprehensive immigration reform which assists anyone who is undocumented to get right with the law by paying their taxes and a penalty, learning English and undergoing background checks before they can be eligible to earn citizenship. It requires every business and every worker to "play by the same set of rules". The process involves 4 key aspects: Continuing to strengthen the border security; streamlining legal immigration; earned citizenship and cracking down on employers hiring undocumented workers.

This process is currently before Congress and is due to be debated in the upcoming session. If approved, it will provide a huge benefit to undocumented individuals in the United States and their families.

## I-9 FORMS AND AUDITS

The employment eligibility verification form, I-9 is a USCIS form. It is used by an employer to verify an employee's identity and to establish that the worker is eligible to accept employment in the United States. The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires employers to verify that all new hired employees present facially valid documentation verifying the employers identity and legal authorization to accept employment in the United States. Every employee hired after November 6, 1986 must complete an I-9 form at the date of hire. The employer is responsible for ensuring that all forms and documentation are completed properly and in a timely manner. In October 2004, new legislation made it possible to complete the I-9 electronically.

## Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

**O**n June 5, 2012 the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines, may request consideration of deferred action for a period of 2 years, and would be subject to renewal and would then be eligible for work authorization. This deferred action applies to potential applicants if:

The applicants were under age 31 as at June 15, 2012

Come to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday

Having continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007 up to the present time

Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012 and at the time of making the request for deferred action

Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012 or their lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012

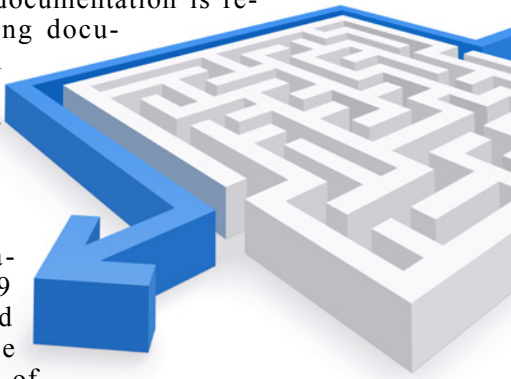
Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school or a GED certificate, or were honorably discharged as veterans of the U.S. armed forces

Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor or 3 or more misdemeanors and do not pose a threat to National Security or public safety

Therefore, this creates an opportunity for all of those potential applicants who were under the age of 31 as of June 2012, as set out above, and again, these applicants will receive a deferral of removal plus work authorization to work in the United States.



A full set of documentation is required, including documentation from the employee which must supply their identity and employment eligibility.



Every indication is that I-9 audits and related arrests continue to rise. Audits of employer I-9 forms increased from 250 in fiscal year 2007 to more than 3000 in the year 2012. The total amount of fines grew from \$1,000,000 to nearly \$13,000,000. The number of company managers arrested has increased to 238.

It is critical that all companies comply with the I-9 requirements and that their documentation and records are properly kept so that in the event of an I-9 audit, the documentation will be in order and can be dealt with accordingly.

Grant Kaplan attorneys is available to assist with all of the above, and with all matters relating to immigration, visas, green cards, citizenship and removal proceedings. They are also available 24 hours for emergencies.

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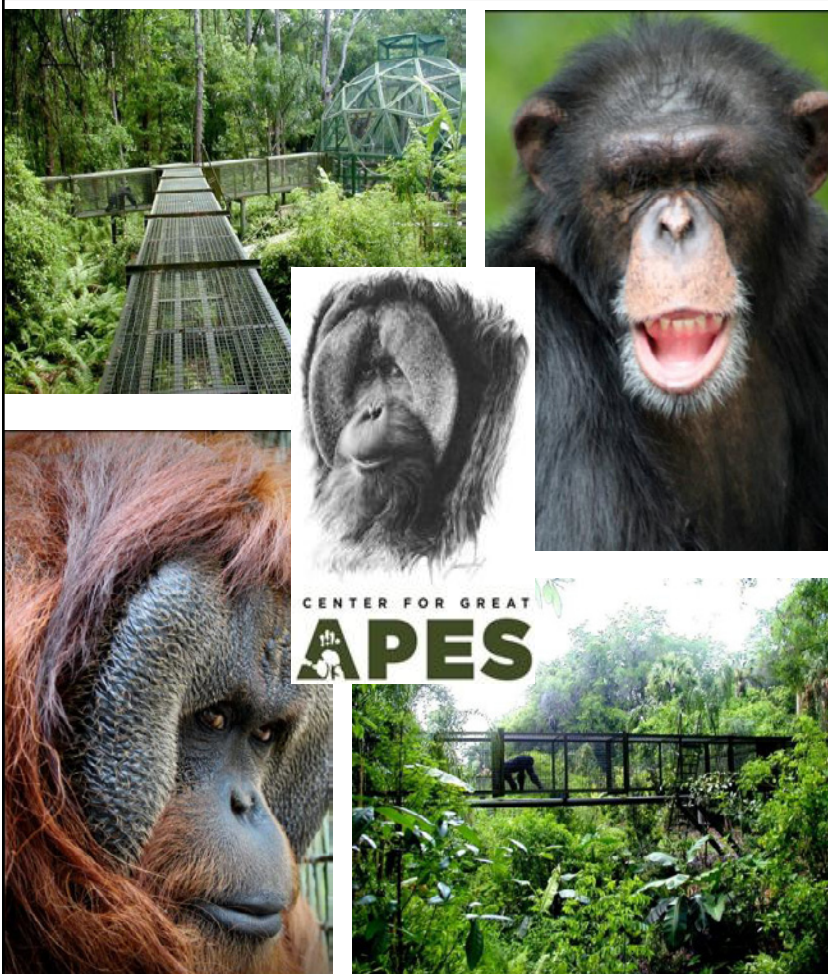
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South African-born Julian Harrison is the President and driving force behind this leading company. He started his career in tourism with the South African Tourism Board and among other responsibilities, accompanied foreign journalists and television crews on assignment through wildlife areas to cover conservation related issues. Julian also co-presented a weekly radio talk show on tourism and conservation and served as an honorary game ranger with the Natal Parks Board.

After transferring to the United States Julian specialized in the promotion and development of eco-tourism, and as a result has guest lectured at venues such as the Smithsonian Institution and George Washington University. He served on the environmental committee of the American Society of Travel Agents and on the North American Advisory Board for South African Tourism.



He is also a founding member of the United Nations Environment Program's Initiative on Sustainable Tourism Development. Trips planned and arranged by him include legendary actor Paul Newman, *Jack Hanna's Animal World* which has been shown on the *Discovery Channel* and for prestigious publications such as the *Frommer's Guide to South Africa*, *New York Newsday* and *Condé Nast Traveler Magazine*. Harrison is the co-author of a book entitled "*African Safari*" published by Fodor's Travel Guides.

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# SA on terror alert

South Africa has been put on terror alert after Samantha Lewthwaite (R), the alleged mastermind behind the Kenya terrorist attack, was seen doing surveillance of embassies in Pretoria recently.

Dubbed the “White Widow” by the British media, Lewthwaite has been on intelligence watch lists for the past two years. Recent sightings of her were brought to the attention of the South African police intelligence by a security organisation linked to the local Jewish community.

According to the [Sunday Independent](#), South Africa is on a level 4 – orange-coded – rating following this new development. Only a red alert is more intensive – which could lead to the evacuation of foreign diplomatic staff.

Lewthwaite had been wanted in South Africa for identity fraud and in Kenya for being in possession of illegal explosives as well as for conspiracy to commit a crime. Interpol has meanwhile issued a red notice for her arrest. This binds all 190 member countries to assist in tracking her down and arresting her. Lewthwaite was the wife of British suicide bomber Germaine Lindsay, who blew himself up along with 26 commuters in the 7 July 2007 London bombings.



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**Place of Birth:** South Africa

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Weight: 170 pounds

NCIC: W957817015

Occupations: Mechanic, car salesman

Hair: Brown • Eyes: Blue • Race: White • Nationality: South African

**Scars and Marks:** Stern has a tattoo of a skull on his left rear shoulder, the word “Joey” on his left arm, the letters “WS” on his right arm, and either the word “Raider” or a picture of a raider on his left shoulder.

Remarks: Stern may wear corrective lenses. He is believed to have fled the United States, and has ties to South Africa, England, and South America.

**CAUTION:** Warren Stern is wanted for his alleged involvement in the murder of a man in Los Angeles, California, on April 21, 1996. Stern is alleged to have arrived uninvited to a party and attempted to pick fights with partygoers. Stern was thrown out of the party, but allegedly returned later and confronted the victim. The two exchanged words, Stern left, and the victim followed. The victim was found lying in an alley with a stab wound to one of his lungs. He died before reaching the hospital.

On September 5, 1996, Stern was charged with murder and an arrest warrant was issued by the Los Angeles County Court. A federal arrest warrant was issued on September 30, 1996, by the United States District Court, Central District of California, after Stern was charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.



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# Rodriguez Rocks The Straz

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**A** poet, meek, mild and humble... Wise man .... Prophet... American zero -- South African hero. Call him what you may, Rodriguez was without doubt, an inspiration and soundtrack for many South Africans during the 70's.

Never mind the Casbah baby, this year, we had a dream come true when Rodriguez hit Tampa, Florida, and rocked The Straz. With a liberally peppered audience of South Africans, this intimate venue proved perfect for an evening of robust interaction between audience and performer. Amidst cries and chants of "South Africa!" "Durban" "Cape Town"... end even an occasional "Detroit" Rodriguez delivered the goods, playing those favorite anti-establishment tunes from back in the day when we "never inhaled".

Appearing somewhat frail and moving rather slowly, he was escorted onto the stage. Rodriguez we have since heard, suffers from glaucoma, which has dramatically affected his vision. "I'm still able to make out some people in the crowd at my shows," he says. "It's a condition that can be treated, though early detection is very important. I can still get around, but I take things slowly."

"Anger is such a powerful emotion, far too powerful to waste on someone you don't like" *Rodriguez*



**M**exican-American singer-songwriter Sixto Rodriguez spoke to a generation of South Africans with his debut full-length, *Cold Fact*, while its smart anti-establishment messages transformed songs like "Sugar Man" and "I Wonder" into anthems.

Thus, the legend of Rodriguez was born and swelled over decades as the enigmatic artist left the biz behind and disappeared. That is, of course, until two South African fans set out to discover whether his rumored death had really happened and if not, what Rodriguez was now.

The Swedish-British documentary that followed, 2012's Oscar-winning *Searching for Sugar Man*, not only offered answers but introduced the little known Detroit native to his home country and revived his musical career.

He calls himself a "solid 70 years old," and his family is concerned about the physical toll of his constant traveling. "I always worry about him, and his health is one of my main concerns," says his daughter Regan. "We book him first class and do everything we can to make it comfortable for him."

Rodriguez literally has backing bands all over the world. Tourings without a regular band, he commented "I like to say that I do covers of my own songs."

"And I have about a dozen bands all over the world. That's no exaggeration. I have a South African band, an Australian band, Swedish bands, English bands, American bands. They're all notable musicians, too." Since he doesn't like to rehearse, the bands pretty much have to fly by the seat of their pants at first.

With a final tribute to Dylan, the concert ended in a cloud of white smoke, trailed by an encore that would not go away. Till the next time Rodriguez... we hope to see you back in Tampa Bay again.

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### Food Fight

Baboons started swiping food from people in South Africa's Cape Peninsula in the 1950s. They've been getting bolder. Of the 16 chacma baboon groups in the area, only one sticks to wild foraging. The others prefer food from houses, cars, and garbage cans. Raiding baboons open doors, yank out windows, and remove roof tiles, says the Baboon Research Unit's Justin O'Riain. Rangers are monitoring the gangs, using paintball guns to keep the animals in wild spaces. Contact between baboons and humans can harm both—baboons scratch and bite, and humans sometimes kill the animals—and may spread disease. For both their sakes, O'Riain says, "baboons and people should not share space." —Katia Andreassi



# Why No Coloureds Were Involved in 9/11

BY MARK LOTTERING

- Ons is altyd laat. We would have missed all 4 flights.
- We talk loud and would bring attention to ourselves.
- Met free kos en cooldrink oppie plane, we'll sommer forget why we're there.
- We praat with our hands, so we'll continually be putting the weapons down.
- We would ALL want to fly the freaking plane, ending in a "moerse" fight with each other.
- We'll sommer argue and start a fight in the terminal before we even get on the plane & one of us is bound to say out loud: 'Gaan kak man! Dan hijack jy die foken plane alleen!!'
- Ons kannie 'n secret hou nie. We would have told everyone a week before doing it, telling them: 'Moet vir niemand se nie, ho!'
- We would have insisted that the plane fly past Strandfontein Pavillion.
- We would have all lined up to get our photograph taken by one of the hostages.
- When we enter the cockpit, we would have used the intercom system for a karaoke session, with one doos trying to sing 'I did it my way'.
- We would first rob every one of their Ray-Bans, cellphones and goldteeth, just before we crash the plane.
- Our whole freaking family plus neighbors would have been at the airport to see us off, crying their "bleddie" eyes out, and your mother saying to the white ou next to her: 'I'm so proud of him. It's the first time he's hijacking a plane!'
- We would have dressed like terrorists for our airport go-way clothes: balaclavas, jumpsuits, karate skoentjies, dark glasses, en 'n moerseattitude.
- Two of us would have forgotten our passports at home..
- Three of us would have overweight luggage.
- All of us would have luggage.
- We would have all wanted to watch the in-flight movie first.
- Before we went into action, we would have all queued up at the toilet to first gel our hair.
- We would have taken the plane for a joyride first, played the music at full blast and try to park the plane somewhere where the chicks could see us...



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## Saving your pet with CPR

With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

**Check for breathing and pulse**  
Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

**Look for other warning signs**

- Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
- Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

**If not breathing, give breath to animal**

**Cats and small dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.

**Medium-large dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

**Heimlich maneuver**  
If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

**Start compressions if no pulse**  
Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

**Areas to check for pulse**

**Gums**

**Pupils**

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

**Repeat procedure**

- Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.
- Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.
- Stop CPR after 20 minutes.

SOURCE: American Red Cross

# The New Face of Squatter Camps in South Africa

**G**iven the just-concluded Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) Summit, it is a good time to take a critical look at this flag-bearer of government's approach to post-apartheid racial and economic 'transformation'. It is not a flattering picture.

To start with, the entire edifice of BBBEE is based on the notion of 'transformation' being realised through the gradual expansion of private involvement and ownership of business (whether that is through share schemes, deal swaps, joint ventures, partial buy-outs, setting up of individual small businesses etc.). By necessity then, this approach can never result in broad-based empowerment precisely because those that 'qualify' or who have the requisite connections to get in the door are a small minority of blacks.

New changes to the BBBEE policy (e.g. a new Commissioner, revised codes etc.) will, it is argued, prevent much of the 'fronting' that has been widely practiced wherein existing and/or new companies and entities claim black ownership and/or beneficiaries but have none or very little. However, the real issue is not whether actual and potential recipients are BBBEE policy 'pure' but whether the whole programme is itself a massive exercise in 'fronting'?

Whether it is politically-connected corporate capitalists, union investment companies or just individual local businesspersons/entities (SMMEs), the bottom line is that the pool of possible BBBEE beneficiaries is limited to those who already either have the means and capital and/or those who are eligible simply because of their political and socio-economic positionality and connections.

Further, the trumpeting of the growth of the black middle class since 1994 tends to completely ignore or underestimate the degree to which that growth (for a majority of that middle class) has been and remains dependent on, easy credit as well as expansion of the government's bureaucracy and subsequent spending patterns.

As such, one of the key pillars underpinning the socio-economic base of BBBEE represents not a transformation of wealth and ownership in the South African economy but rather a double-

**A**ccording to Jennifer Mentjies, most whites do not receive any government benefits in South Africa. They also do not qualify for food-aid from many of the private care-agencies and charities. Since the implementation of the country's Broad-Based-Black-Economic-Empowerment laws, the "40% requirement law" also applies to them. If the BBBEE rules are broken, these businesses and private charities risk losing their non-profit status. In addition, the companies that donate to them stand to lose their BBBEE certification if they donate to the organizations that help poor white people, orphanages included.

This issue has propelled Jennifer into action. She started a fundraiser to help the families in squatter camps and has since launched a second project called "Project Christmas."

Jennifer says "With this project we aim to give children some presents for Christmas and also a Christmas party." She urges everyone to help get the word out through social media networks and word of mouth.

To support this worthy cause, please visit their website at [www.gofundme.com/whitesquattercamp](http://www.gofundme.com/whitesquattercamp)

## How Do Poor Afrikaners Survive in SA?

**O**ne of the reasons touted for the poverty of many hundreds of thousands of white people in South Africa are the many dozens of 'black-economic-empowerment-laws' passed by the ANC regime's black-majority parliament.

The reverse discrimination laws are specifically designed to keep the minorities, namely white, coloured and Indian people, from accessing the job-market. The laws are blocking them also from other rights, such as credit and land-ownership laws.

The recent job-barring decree states that by October 11, 2013, all companies and organizations that want to remain in business, must have a 40 percent 'black occupancy' or lose their BBBEE-certification.



dependency; on ever-increasing government spending and employee growth as well as on the vagaries of capitalist financial/credit markets.

On both counts, both past and present evidence is quite clear in confirming that neither is a sound basis for social and economic transformation that benefits the majority of a population (i.e. the poor and working class).

Indeed, given the extreme volatility of contemporary (capitalist) finance flows, investment and credit markets there is every reason to believe that the intensified pursuit of the present BBBEE programme will result not only in a failure to meaningfully redistribute wealth and opportunity for the majority but simply catalyse already highly unequal levels of concentration of ownership within the black population.

Tied to the above is the reality that until and unless there is a sea-change in exposing, combatting and pulling out the ever expanding weeds of corruption, incompetence, greed and mismanagement that blight both the public and private sectors, any BBBEE programme will simply end up reproducing its existing and largely elitist, anti-development character.

Government can cite all the statistics it wants to purportedly showcase the achievements of BBBEE but these mean very little unless they are accompanied by empirical evidence to show how it has transformed the lives of the poor majority in a mining community, in a rural farming village or in an urban informal settlement.

Anyone - other than those born with a silver spoon in their mouths - who has (either successfully or not) started up any kind of service/enterprise will tell you that it is virtually impossible to get out of the starting block without access to capital. Ergo - a fundamental problem with BBBEE is that capital is simply unavailable for the vast majority of the 'previously disadvantaged'.



# Charities Could Face Ruin Over a Government Proposal

Firms could lose black economic empowerment (BEE) points if they donate to charities that do not have 100 percent black beneficiaries.

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Some charities believe the proposal means that any firm that donates to a charity that helps a white, coloured or Indian person may not be able to claim points for its BEE scorecard. It could also mean that if just one white child or person is among a group of black people the charity is helping, the firm that donates to it could lose it points.

A BEE scorecard is used by the government to measure a company's BEE compliance. Those that comply do business more easily with other companies also wanting to increase their scorecard and are favoured by the government in all aspects relating to business.

Despite repeated attempts since Monday for a response and clarity from the Department of Trade and Industry, all it would say was: "All stakeholders who have concerns and objections are requested to make use of the 60-day period to make their submission... We will not be in a position to comment/respond to the questions as we do not want to pre-empt the process."

The amended changes to the BEE Codes of Good Practice are on the department's website and up for public comment until December 2. Legislation that is in place allows for charities to assist all races, but lower points are scored when companies assist organisations where less than 75 percent of the recipients are black.

Bridget Brun, a Durban BEE agency head, said she hoped the proposed amendment was an error. "I don't think they [the department] have realised what they have done. Think of organisations such as Girls' and Boys' Town or Childline," she said.

"This amendment will have a huge effect. It means if the charity benefits any Indian, white, coloured or even a Mozambican or Zimbabwean child, companies will not be able to claim points on their BEE scorecard. We are now going to have segregated facilities.

"Charities will not help white children if the companies which support them withdraw support because they can't claim the points."

Erika Petersen-Holmes, a partner in the commercial and corporate law department at Shepstone and Wylie in Durban, agreed, saying: "Almost all charities have at least one white beneficiary. "This could result in those charities receiving no corporate donor funding, or those charities rejecting white beneficiaries."

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Karen Hatton-Jones, of retail giant Spar, which gives many charities, orphanages and NGOs large cash and food donations every year, said she was "distressed and disgusted" by the proposed change.

"It's not going to change what we do. Since when do we put a colour to those in need?" she asked.

Childline head Joan van Niekerk said BEE laws were going from difficult to ridiculous.

"We don't know the race of the child who phones us. It's inappropriate to ask, 'Are you black, and how black are you?' This is a different kind of apartheid. It's extremely distressing," she said.

Van Niekerk said charities were pragmatic about funding.

"There is no such thing as a free lunch. We have to be practical and realistic about funding now. This corporate social responsibility money is something companies are obligated to give and we know the rules up front. If this goes through it will now be far more difficult to deal with."

Jackie Branfield, of child crisis organisation BobbiBear, said it was the first that she had heard of it.

"Yes, 99 percent of the children we help are black, but we are certainly not going to turn away that 1 percent who could be a white or Indian child. Where's our democracy, where is our new South Africa?" Durban Chamber of Commerce CEO Andrew Layman said worthwhile social upliftment projects would suffer. "The implications could be severe," he said.

To comment on the proposed amendments to the BBBEE legislation, e-mail [xzondo@thedti.gov.za](mailto:xzondo@thedti.gov.za) or phone 012 394 1609/1941.



## Recipes

### Gran's Old-Fashioned Bread Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

- 4 cups (8 slices) cubed white bread
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

#### Directions for Pudding:

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine bread and raisins in large bowl. Combine milk and 1/4 cup butter in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until butter is melted (4 to 7 minutes). Pour milk mixture over bread; let stand 10 minutes. Stir in all remaining pudding ingredients. Pour into greased 1 1/2-quart casserole. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until set in center.

#### Directions for Sauce:

Combine all sauce ingredients except vanilla in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens and comes to a full boil (5 to 8 minutes). Stir in vanilla. Serve warm with sauce.

#### Sauce Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla



### Monkeygland Sauce

#### Ingredients

- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon crushed garlic
- 125ml water
- 1 tin chopped peeled tomatoes
- 250ml tomato sauce
- 125ml Worcestershire sauce

- 200ml Mrs. Balls hot chutney
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- Oil for frying

#### Instructions

1. Empty the canned tomatoes into a blender and pulse in short bursts until you have small chunks.

2. In a pot over a medium heat with some oil, cook the onions and garlic until soft.
3. Add all the rest of the ingredients, stir thoroughly to combine and heat through.
4. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 – 40 minutes.
5. Serve generous lashings on a beautifully cooked steak or burger.



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## Children Are Quick

**Teacher:** Why are you late?

**Student:** Class started before I got here.

**Teacher:** John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

**John:** You told me to do it without using tables.

**Teacher:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

**Winnie:** Me!

**Teacher:** Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

**Glen:** Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

**Teacher:** Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

**Millie:** I is.....

**Teacher:** No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

**Millie:** All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

**Teacher:** George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

**Louis:** Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

**Teacher:** Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

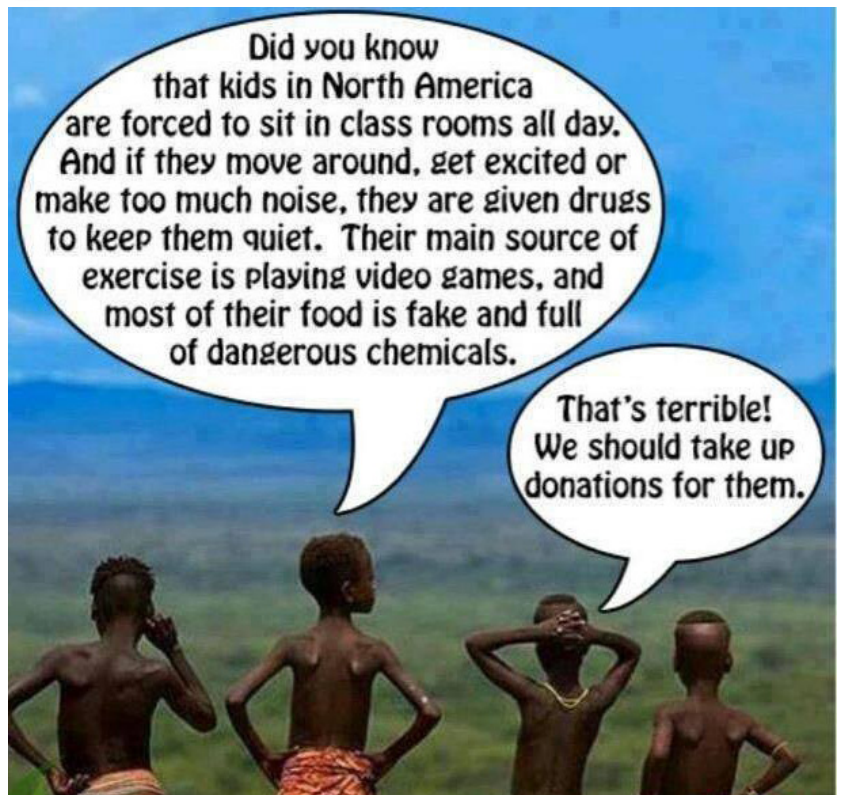
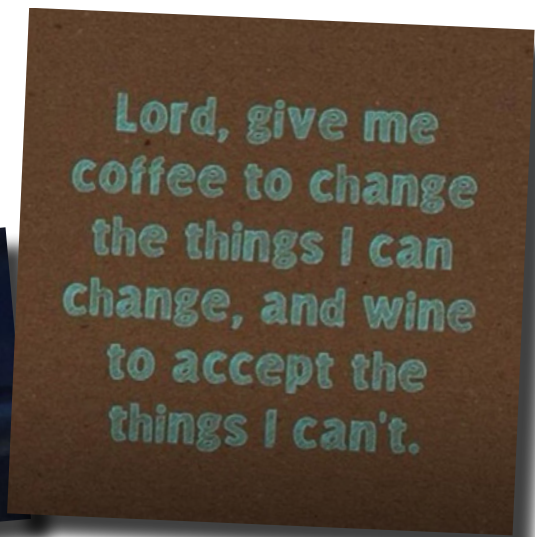
**Harold:** A teacher.

Van der Merwe is driving home after too much to drink at a pub. A policeman pulls him over and asks, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

Van der Merwe decides to admit it: "Yes, I have."

"Did you know," the cop says, "that at the last traffic roundabout, your wife fell out of the car?"

"Oh, thank God," says Van der Merwe. "I thought I'd gone deaf."



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