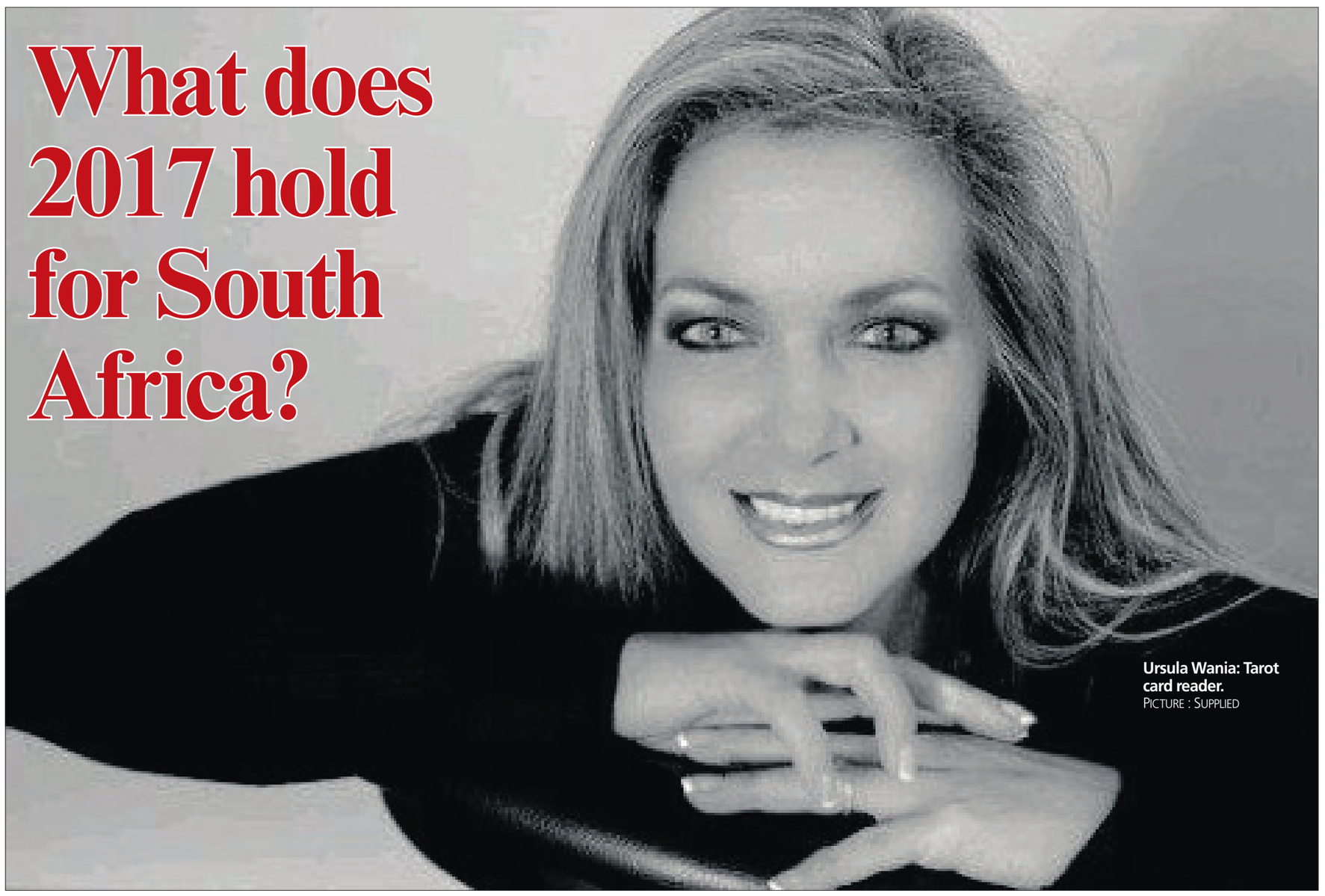
What does 2017 hold for South Africa?



Ursula Wania: Tarot card reader.
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Many glad to see end of 2016, but this year could also be a challenge

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For many South Africans, 2016 proved to be an extremely tough year with plenty of challenges. So it's hardly surprising that most people were thrilled to see the back of the year as it brought very little joy, if any, to their lives. But are we in for yet another gruelling year? Two of South Africa's most renowned psychics give us their thoughts on the what we can expect in 2017.

Ursula Wania: Tarot card reader

From the late 18th century on, Tarot cards have been used both for divination (predicting the future) as well as a form of guided meditation. Ursula has been reading cards for the past 25 years.

What can we expect in 2017?

Although a far more optimistic year ahead, SA's troubles are far from over. 2017 will bring many frustrations together with uncertainty, especially for the country itself.

A lot of change will happen, but the positive effect won't be seen for some time. There will be financial issues; this can bring about an increase in crime.

There will be conflict between the different parties, each trying harder to prove they are better. Petty clashes will be triggered easily. It's a different kind of tough during 2017. There will be more conflict, people loose their tempers more easily and road rage increases. Depression will also be on the rise. Relationships of all types can suffer. So fasten your seatbelt, this will be a roller coaster of a ride. It would be good to try to maintain your cool and keep calm.

There will also be water problems, in the sense that it creates illness. Many people will venture into their own businesses, and most of them are likely to succeed and reap the benefits in the longer term.

A woman is prominent in helping to bring about positive change, although at first many are doubtful. New measures will be taken in dealing with corruption. Politics will adhere to hardline policies bu things will change for the better. Violence will increase; there is more fear in the air about the state of things. There will be an influx of babies.

Julius Malema will stir the pot and entice a lot of anger. It can be a tough year for him and he could also have some health concerns or injuries.

Jacob Zuma reaps the rewards of his actions; it is a karmic year for him.

Egos will also take a knock. It's the year of Judgement and the Star in the Tarot. Although a positive card of hope and optimism, it's not a favourite one of mine.

Stars shine best when it is dark, but they usually symbolise a guiding force, so in a way there is hope.

Beverleigh Esterhuizen-Marr: Clairvoyant

A clairvoyant is a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact.

Beverleigh has been helping people for the last 40 years.

2017 expectations

Unfortunately, it will be a tough year again for South Africans. I foresee our credit rating going down, and with that, investors are going to be more careful, and hesitant about investing in South Africa. It's mostly doom and gloom, but we only have ourselves to blame.

I predict universities will close down for more than six months. There will be burning down of buildings and plenty of protests.

A lot of our losses this year will come from our youth, because there are no jobs, and they will be anxious about what is going on in the country.

As for our president, Jacob Zuma, his actions this year will either make him or break him, and he realises this. Zuma will be voted out by his own. Our next president will be Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma. I think she will give her all and be very good for this country because not only is she a woman, but a good woman.

There will also be a break away from the ANC, with some members forming their own party under another name, and will use Nelson Mandela's ideology.

South Africans will also be more generous to the poor and become much less materialistic. If you are planning on investing in 2017, make sure it's a long-term investment, and not short term.

The stability of the country will grow but not overnight. The EFF will again throw their weight around.

The first eight months of 2017 won't be very good, thereafter it will pick up and move steadily.

South Africans will also stand together more than they ever have, no matter what race they are.

Beverleigh Esterhuizen-Marr, clairvoyant/psychic spiritual healer from Primrose in Germiston.
PICTURE: MATTHEWS BALOYI

EFF party leader Julius Malema
PICTURE: REUTERS

President Jacob Zuma
PICTURE: NOKUTHULA MBATHA

Celebrities to bet on for Sun Met

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POPULAR TV personality Minnie Dlamini, rapper Da Les and TV presenter Jeannie D are just some of South Africa's hot-shot celebrities that will be in attendance at this year's prestigious Sun Met horse racing event.

The annual event, which will take place at the Kenilworth Racecourse in Cape Town in two weeks' time, is the oldest of South Africa's "big four" horse races.

The event has been hailed as "the richest horse racing day in Africa", with this year's prize money up to R5 million.

It is an event that the "who's who" of SA's social hierarchy regard as one of the most dazzling affairs and one not to be missed within their annual social calendar.

The theme for this year's event is "Decades of glamour", and the occasion will be portrayed through expressions of rarity and daring star-studded designs.

Minnie Dlamini, Da Les and Jeannie D have all teamed up with local fashion designers and will be dressed in proudly South African outfits.

Dlamini has teamed up with the KLUK CGDT team, Da Les will collaborate with House of Ole, while Jeannie D will be working with Warrick Gautier.

While Dlamini wouldn't reveal what outfit she would be wearing for the event, she is excited about teaming up with KLUK CGDT. "We've wanted to work together for a while and this is the perfect opportunity," she said.

KLUK CGDT is just as excited to be teaming up with the popular TV personality.

"We love Minnie; she is a strong, empowered woman who is classy and elegant and has dared to stand out and make her mark.

"It is this quality we want to celebrate! KLUK CGDT is all about luxury and exclusivity and unique design and this is why we associate ourselves with Minnie Dlamini."

Local designer Warrick Gautier said he too was thrilled to be dressing Jeannie D.

"Jeannie is a sensual, glamorous woman who celebrates life to the full. She is the perfect lady to have fun with at the races.

"Jeannie's dress design will define just that, high voltage sensual couture meets elegance and style, with a touch of fun for a great day at the races."

Ole Ledimo, renowned designer from the House of Olé, said Sun Met goers could expect to see hip-hop star Da Les in wearable art.

"It is the greatest form of fashion rebellion. Expect to see something stand-out and daring," said Ledimo.

Minnie Dlamini

Jeannie D

Da Les

Hey okes, Jack Parow launches own brandy

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Rapper Jack Parow doesn't hide the fact that he enjoys a good brandy and coke.

Parow has been working behind the scenes over the last few months developing his own brandy.

And this week the rapper was finally able to announce to the world the release of his very own brandy, aptly named Parow Brandy.

As from mid-January, Parow's 3-year old Pot Still Brandy will be available at selected bars and restaurants.

Parow said he was thrilled to have released his own brandy.

"When I was a kid I never even thought I would be able to make music for a living, let alone have a brandy, so it's still a bit unreal to me that I actually have one now," he said.

And it's not just any brandy, said the rapper.

"It's a proper 3-year pot stilled brandy.

"And this I promise you, taste it, you will agree, its blêrrie next level."

Parow's love for brandy goes all the way back to his high school years, he said.

"Brandy was the first thing I ever drank as a laaitie behind the school hall."

The rapper said his aim was to create a brandy that would be enjoyed by all South Africans.

South African rapper Jack Parow has released his own brandy.

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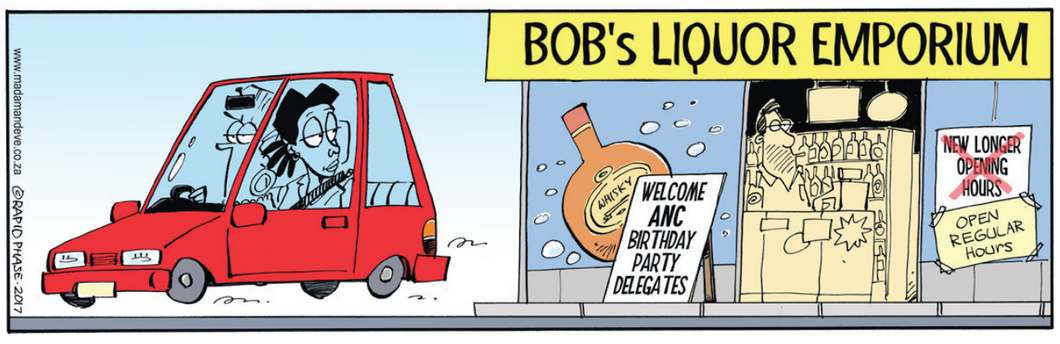


YOUR WEEKEND WEATHER

GAUTENG: Cloudy and cool with showers but scattered in the north. Expected UVB sunburn index: Low

MPUMALANGA: Morning fog patches along the escarpment becoming cloudy with showers.

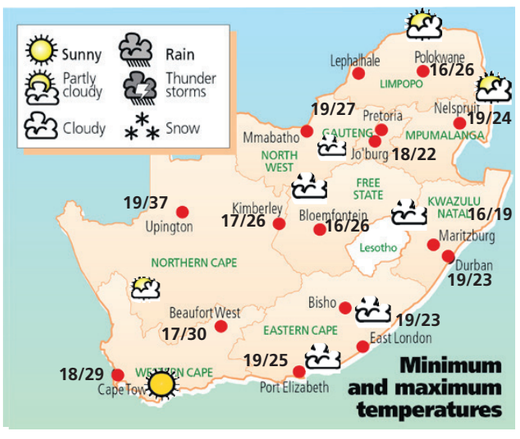
LIMPOPO: Morning fog patches along the escarpment, otherwise partly cloudy and warm to hot with showers.

NORTH WEST: Cloudy and warm with showers.

FREE STATE: Cloudy and warm with showers, widespread in the east where it will be cool. It will become partly cloudy from the south and west.

NORTHERN CAPE: Partly cloudy in the east with showers, otherwise fine and warm to hot. It will be cool along the coast with morning fog.

WESTERN CAPE: Fog along the west coast at first, otherwise fine and warm to hot. It will be cloudy in the east in the morning, becoming partly cloudy later. The wind along the coast will be fresh to strong easterly along the south coast at first, otherwise fresh to strong southerly to south-easterly. Expected UVB sunburn index: Extreme

EASTERN CAPE: Cloudy and cool along the coast with showers at first, otherwise partly cloudy and warm. The wind along the coast will be moderate easterly. Cloudy and cool with showers. The wind along the coast will be moderate south-easterly.

KWAZULU-NATAL: Cloudy and cool with widespread showers and thundershowers but scattered in the south. It will be warm in the north east. The wind along the coast will be moderate to fresh southerly to south-westerly. Expected UVB sunburn index: Low