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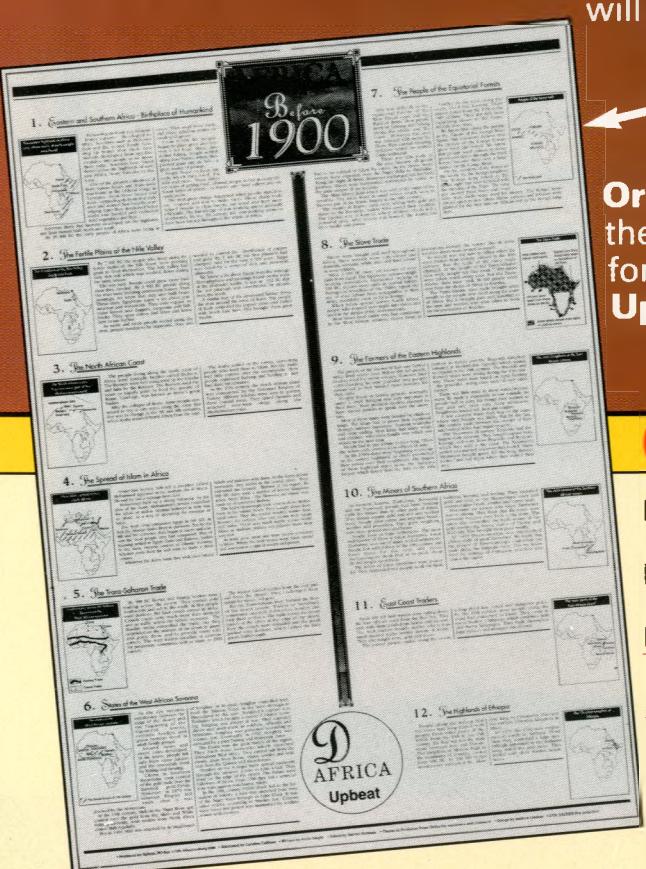
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## EDITORIAL

### Dear Readers,

This month millions of South Africans will vote for the first time in their lives. So if you want to know more about voting, there is lots of information for you on pages 4 and 5. If you are over 18, read it and find out what to do on election day. If you are under 18, read it and teach your parents, neighbours and friends. It is also important to know how the new government will work and who is in the new government. Read about it on page 6 and use the map on page 10 to follow the election results.

Most young people we spoke to are worried about violence on the days of the election. Some political parties have decided not to take part. Remember that voting is a personal decision. If your party is not taking part in the elections, please let others vote in peace.

*Harriet*

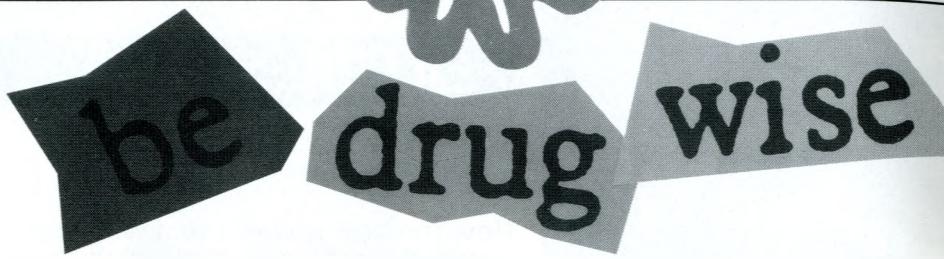
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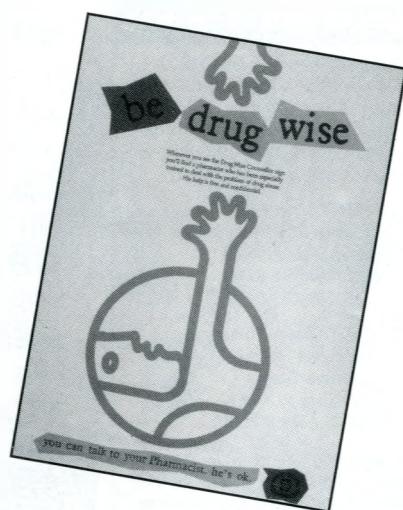
## NEWSBEAT



**The Department of Health** has launched the Drug Wise campaign to help young people with drug problems. Drug Wise want to reach as many young people as possible. So they have trained 1200 pharmacists as counsellors. These counsellors will help and advise young drug abusers who come to them.

The campaign has also put lots of Drug Wise posters in schools and pharmacies all over the country. If you have a drug problem and you have no-one to talk to, look out for the posters. A Drug Wise poster in a pharmacy means that there is a trained counsellor inside who can help you with your problems.

For more information, phone the **Drug Wise** office at **(011) 403-1088** ▲



## A Bill of Students' Rights

In October 1993 Upbeat ran a competition for a Bill of Students' Rights. The joint winners were Destiny Anthony and Mariena Fourie of St. Anna's Private School in Springbok. Their school has won a Streetlaw course and a full set of Streetlaw manuals. This is what Anna and Mariena want for all South African students.

1. *Students must get free education provided by the state.*
2. *Education must be compulsory until the age of sixteen.*
3. *There must be no discrimination based on race, religion, gender or class; everyone should be treated equally.*
4. *Students have the right to be taught by qualified teachers.*
5. *The teaching environment must make studying easy. Teachers must keep discipline without harassment and fear.*
6. *Students must have free, easy access to libraries, resource centres and guidance counsellors.*
7. *Students must be free to express opinions, to organise into student bodies and to lay charges against administrators, teachers and students who treat students unjustly.*
8. *Students must know test and exam dates in advance so that they have enough time to prepare.*
9. *Students have the right to sufficient rest periods during the school day.*
10. *Students must be given the opportunity to develop their skills in sport, cultural and other activities.*

## New Books

**Africa Sun Press** have brought out two exciting new books. One is a collection of poems about the world around us called *We call the whales*. The other book, *Ouma's Autumn*, is about Harfield Village, a community in Cape Town which was destroyed by the Group Areas Act. Look out for these wonderful books at your closest book shop or library. ▲



# GREEN TRUST AWARDS

**Every year** the Green Trust gives awards to people who work to make South Africa a greener place. If you, your school or your community are working towards a cleaner environment, you can enter the competition.

There are prizes for:-

► a person who has worked to improve the environment.

**Prize: R10,000 cash from South African Breweries.**

► a project started by school children.

**Prize: R10 000 cash from M-Net.**

► the best tree-planting or greening project.

**Prize: R10,000 worth of plants from Keith Kirsten Nurseries.**



### How to enter

Type or write your entry clearly. It must not be more than ten pages. You must include the following information:-

- your full name, postal address and telephone number,
- the category you are entering,
- when your project started and how long it has been running,
- why your project started and what it does,
- who works in your project,
- how your project helps the environment and people.

### Send your entries to:-

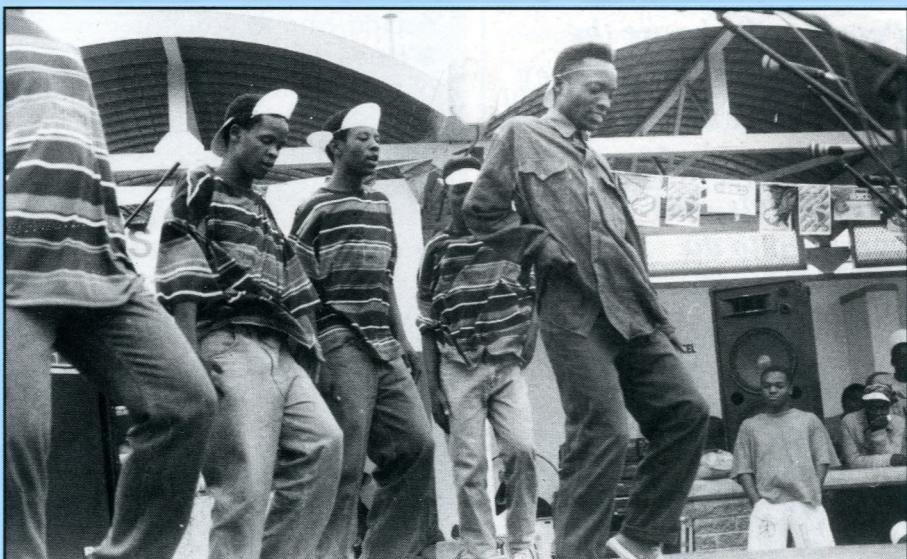
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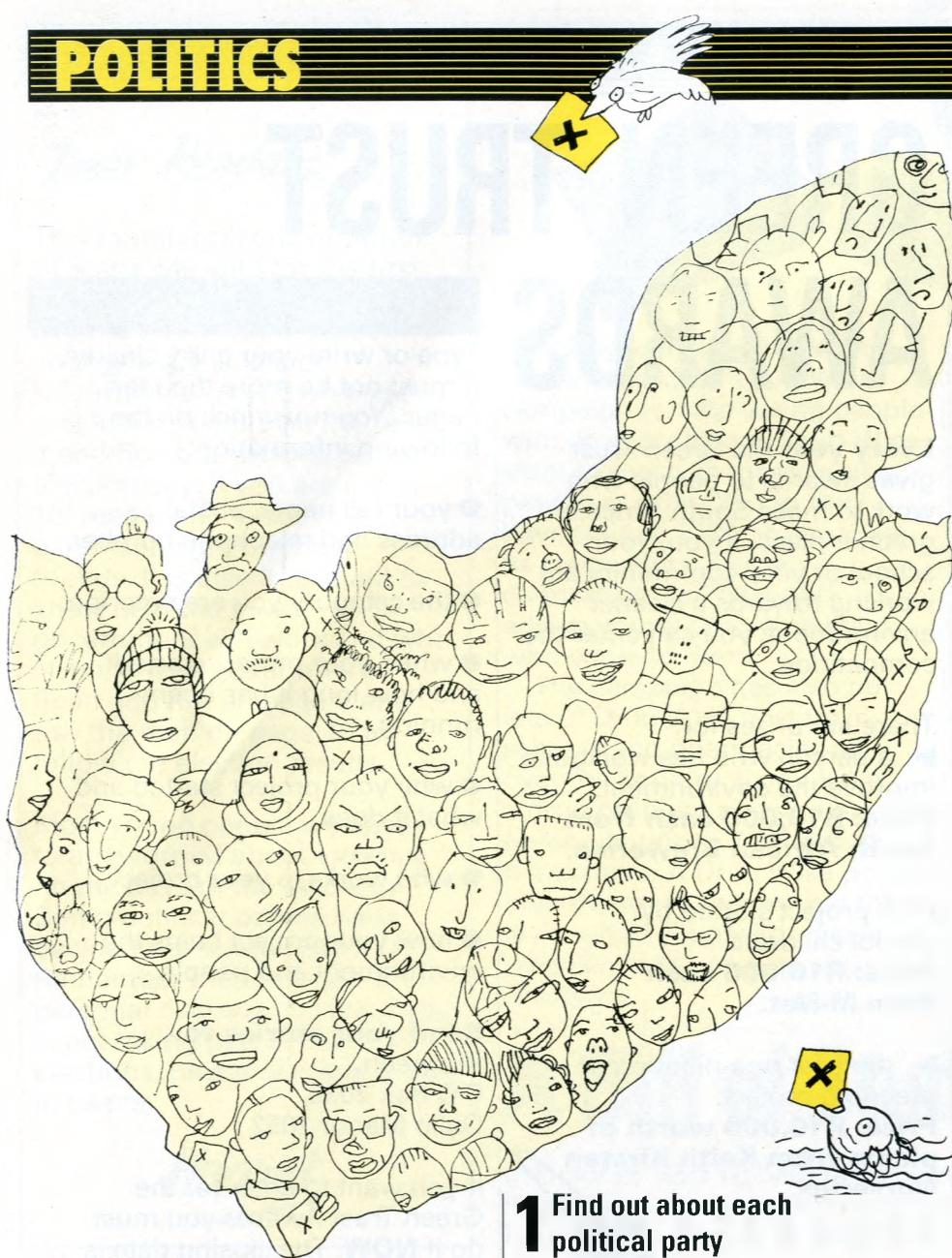
If you want to enter for the Green Trust Awards you must do it **NOW**. The closing date is **15 April 1994**.

## Music for peace at Soweto stations

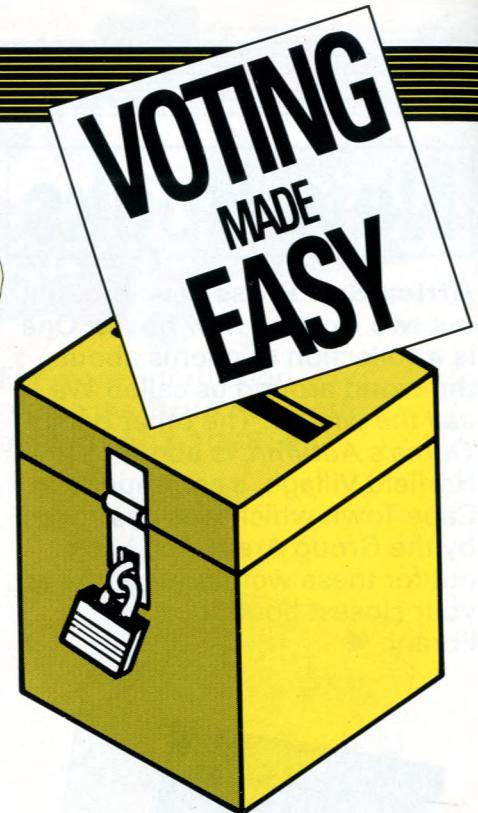
**The South African Commuter Corporation** is cleaning up the railway stations of Soweto. Once the stations are clean, they are organising concerts. They want people to see that railway stations are not places of fear. Three concerts have been held so far. Here the United Boys of Kerlaney perform at Phomolong station. Watch the press for concerts near you.

Photograph by Kagiso Bantsi





*At the end of this month, millions of South Africans will vote for the first time. People will choose the political party which they want to run the country. So, if you are over 18 and you want to vote, here is what you need to do.*



- How does the party plan to solve other problems like housing and health?
- Does the party have a plan to stop the violence?

## 2 ID Books and voting cards

Make sure that you have your ID book. If you do not have an ID book, you must get a temporary voting card. You can get one FREE from the closest Home Affairs office. You must take this with you when you go to vote.

## 3 Voting stations

Make sure that you know where to vote. Schools, churches and community halls will be used as voting stations so that people do not have far to travel.

## 4 Getting your ballot papers

When you go to the voting station, you must show your ID book or your temporary voting card. The officers there will check your hands to make sure that you haven't voted before. You will be given two ballot or voting papers. One ballot paper is for you to choose a party for

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Take a cross next to the party or organisation of your choice.	
AFRICAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT	ADM
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	ANC
AFRIKANER-VOLKSUNIE	AVU
AZANIAN PEOPLE'S ORGANISATION	AZAPO
BOPHUTHATSWANA NATIONAL PARTY	BNP
CONSERVATIVE PARTY	CP
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DP
DIKWANKWETLA PARTY	QWAQWA
INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY	IFP
INTANDO YESIZWE PARTY	IVP
INVANDZA NATIONAL MOVEMENT	INM
LABOUR PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA	LP
NATIONAL PARTY	NP
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S PARTY	NPP
PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS	PAC
SOLIDARITY PARTY	SP
UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT	UPF

the National Assembly. The other ballot paper is for the party you want to represent you at your regional assembly.

## 5 Voting for the National Assembly

You take your national ballot paper into the voting booth. Here you will put an X next to the party you want in the National Assembly. The voting booths are private so that no-one can know or see who you are voting for. Once you have made your X, post your voting paper in the ballot box marked 'National'. Your right hand will be marked so that you cannot vote again.

## 6 Voting for your regional assembly

You then collect your ballot paper for the provincial assembly and go back to the voting booth. You must make an X next to the name of the party you want in the regional



assembly. You can vote for the same party for both assemblies or you can vote for different parties. Post your voting paper in the ballot box marked 'Regional'. Your left hand will be marked.

## 7 Counting the votes

After everyone has voted, the election officers at the polling stations will seal the ballot boxes. Then they send them off to be counted. Before the counting starts, counting officers check that all the ballot boxes are still sealed. Then they count each and every vote for the National Assembly and each and every vote for the regional assembly.

## 8 The results of the elections

The results of the elections will be announced on the radio and television. So don't miss them. You can use the map on page 10 to keep a record of which parties are winning.

***There is no doubt which party this man supports.***

Photograph courtesy of the ANC



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE VOTE IN SOUTH AFRICA

**1652-1795** - The Cape was ruled by the Dutch East India Company. No-one had the vote.

**1838** - Natal - a volksraad was chosen by white men. Uitlanders, black people and white women were not allowed to vote.

**1853** - The British administration in the Cape introduced a qualified vote. Men who owned £25s worth of property and earned £50 a year could vote, regardless of race.

**1854** - In the Orange Free State only white males who had done military training could vote.

**1858** - White males voted for the Transvaal Volksraad.

**1865** - In Natal African men who could read and write and who had owned property for seven years were granted the right to vote. Three whites and a Justice of Peace had to sign for him. No-one ever applied until 1876 and few black people ever voted.

**1910** - After the Union of South Africa was formed, the Cape was allowed to keep its non-racial vote but black people in other parts of the country were not allowed to vote.

**1930** - White women over the age of 18 were granted the right to vote.

**1936** - Black men in the Cape lost their right to vote. Four senators were appointed to represent blacks in parliament.

**1956** - The Nationalist government changed the constitution. 'Coloured' people were no longer allowed to vote.

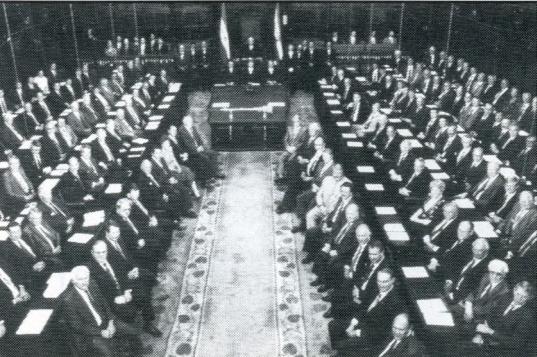
**1983** - The Tri-cameral parliament gave the vote to 'Coloureds' and Indians. They were allowed to choose representatives who sat in different houses from white representatives.

**1994** - All people over the age of 18 are allowed to vote.

# THE NEW GOVERNMENT

*For the past year, people from different political parties met for nearly six months at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park. They debated and discussed a new way to govern our country for the next five years. Here is how the new government will work.*

***The whites-only parliament, December, 1993.***



## 1. The Vote

### ● Your vote

When you vote, you will vote twice. One vote will be for the party you want in the National Assembly. Your second vote will be for the party you want in your regional assembly.

### ● Counting the votes

Electoral officers across the country count all the votes. They count the votes for the National Assembly separately from the votes for the regional assemblies. The party with the most votes will have the most members in the assemblies.

## 2. The National Government

### ● The National Assembly

The National Assembly will have 400 members. The parties with the most votes will choose people to go to the National Assembly from their national or regional lists of candidates.

### ● The President and deputy presidents

The president will be chosen by the people in the National Assembly. Each party which has 80 people or more in the National Assembly can put forward a person as a deputy president.

### ● The cabinet

The cabinet is a committee of people who see that the laws passed in the National Assembly are carried out. There will be 27 cabinet ministers. For

every 20 places in the National Assembly that a party wins, that party will get one cabinet member. So the cabinet will be made up of people from different political parties.

### ● The senate

The senate will also play a role in the National Assembly. There will be 90 senators - 10 from each region. They will sit with the National Assembly when new laws are made. Their job will be to represent the regions at the National Assembly.

### ● The parliament

The parliament will be made up of the National Assembly, the President, the deputy presidents and the senate. They will draw up a new constitution and they will make laws to govern the country. If they want to alter the present constitution, more than 66% of the people in parliament must agree to the changes.

## 3. Regional governments

### ● The regions

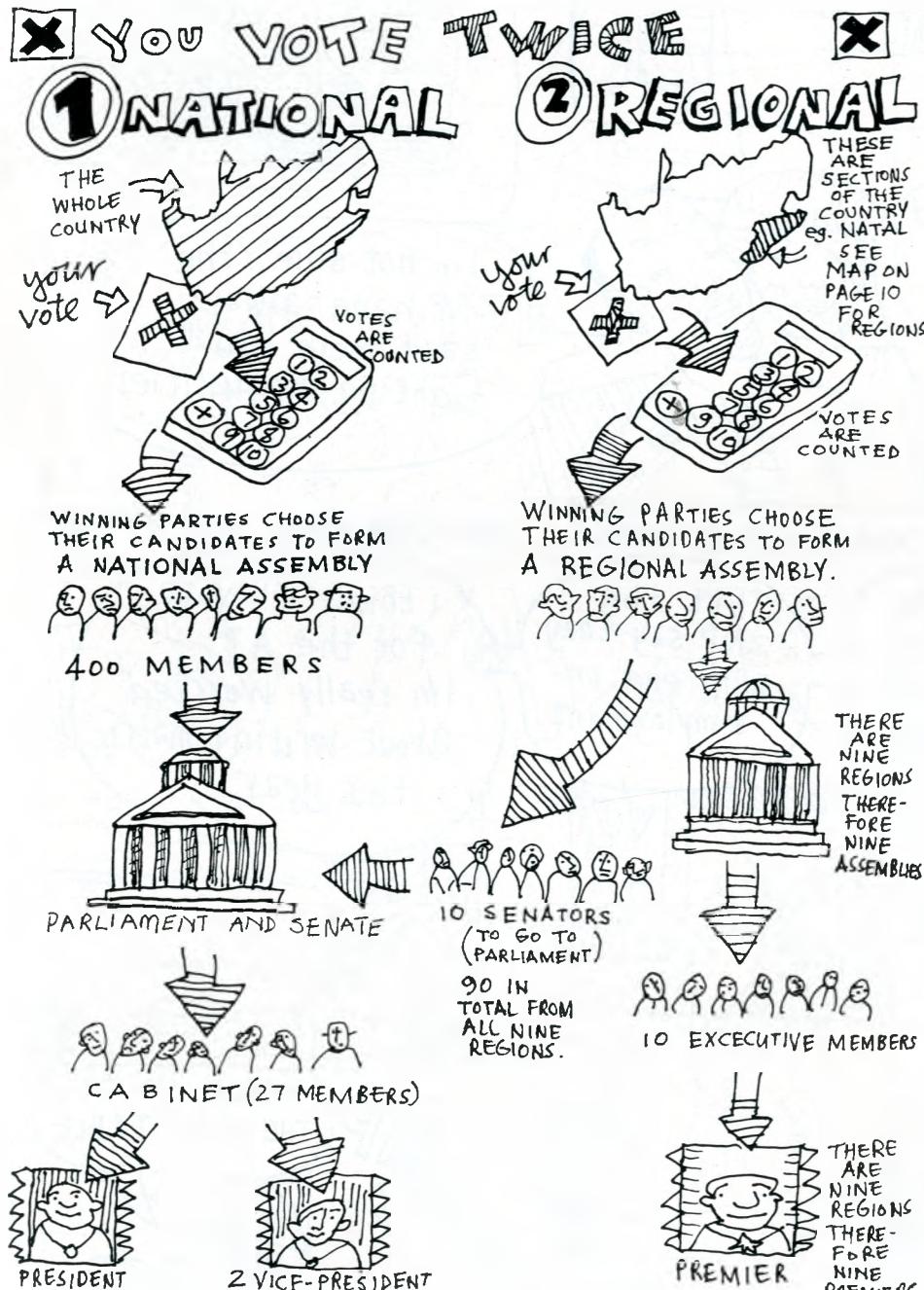
The new constitution divides South Africa into nine regions:- the North West, the Northern Transvaal, Eastern Transvaal, KwaZulu/Natal, Orange Free State, Pretoria/Witwatersrand and the Vaal (PWV), Eastern Cape, Western Cape and the Northern Cape.

### ● Your regional vote

The votes for the regional assemblies will be counted. The number of votes each party

# how it will work

*The first sitting of the Transitional Executive Council. They have helped to rule the country since December, 1993. ►*



wins in the region will determine how many members they will have in the regional assembly. These members will be chosen from their lists of regional candidates.

## ● The regional assemblies

Each regional assembly will draw up a constitution for how their region will be governed. And they will make laws for each region.

## ● Regional premiers

Each regional assembly will choose a regional premier to be the head of their assembly.

## ● Regional executives

There will be an executive in each region, similar to the national cabinet. They will see that the laws made by each regional assembly are carried out. They will be made up of ten people from the parties which won the most votes.

## 4. The constitutional court

There will be a constitutional court made up of a president and 10 judges. They will make sure that new laws do not go against the Bill of Rights. The constitutional court will decide if there is a conflict in policies between the National Assembly and a regional assembly. Anyone who is unhappy with new laws can take their complaints to the constitutional court. ◀

# WHY VOTING IS IMPORTANT!

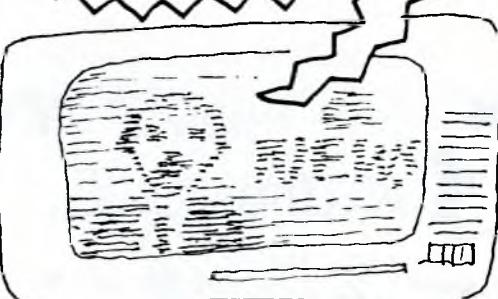
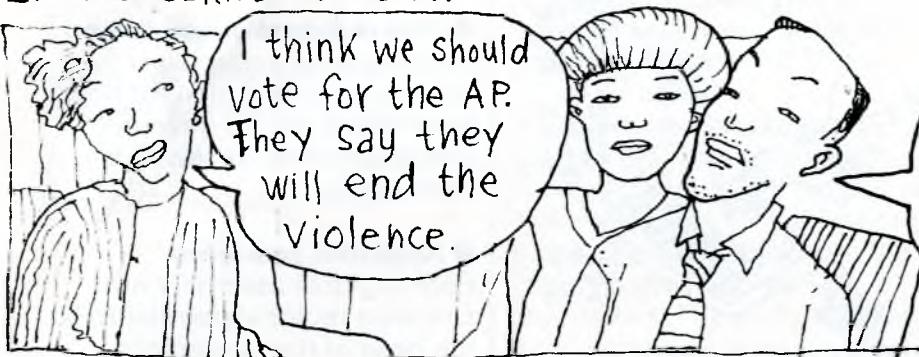
UPBEAT BELIEVES EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHICH PARTY TO VOTE FOR—THEREFORE WE MADE UP NAMES OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN THIS COMIC

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SOUTH AFRICANS ARE EXPECTED TO TURN OUT IN THEIR THOUSANDS.....

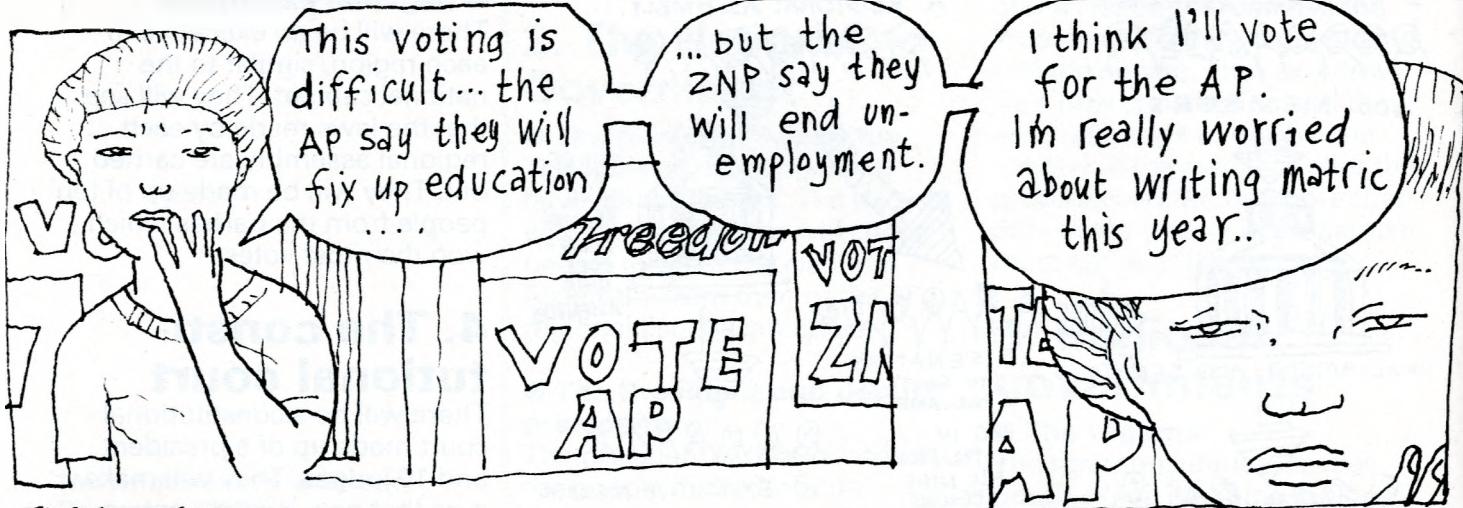


IN THE SERIPE'S HOME.....



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The NEXT DAY AT THE POLLING STATION.. MPHO MAKES HER DECISION



THEN SHE GOES TO VOTE .....



YOUR IDENTITY DOCUMENT, PLEASE.



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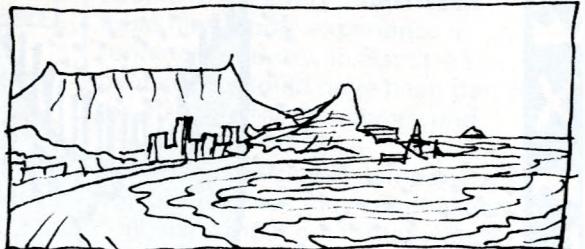
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IN CAPE TOWN TO TAKE THEIR  
SEATS IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT...



THE NEXT WEEK... BACK IN THE  
SERIPE'S HOME, MPHО READS THE  
NEWSPAPER.....

Mmm... I'm pleased I voted for  
the AP. They won their motion  
to spend money on matric support  
programmes. This will help me.



## THINGS TO DO

# FOLLOW THE ELECTIONS

Stay in touch with what is happening on election day use this map to keep your own record of the election results. Then you will know which political parties are winning in the different regions of South Africa. For each region, fill in the boxes. Put down the names of the three parties with the most votes and the percentage of the votes they win. Use the last box for the national results.

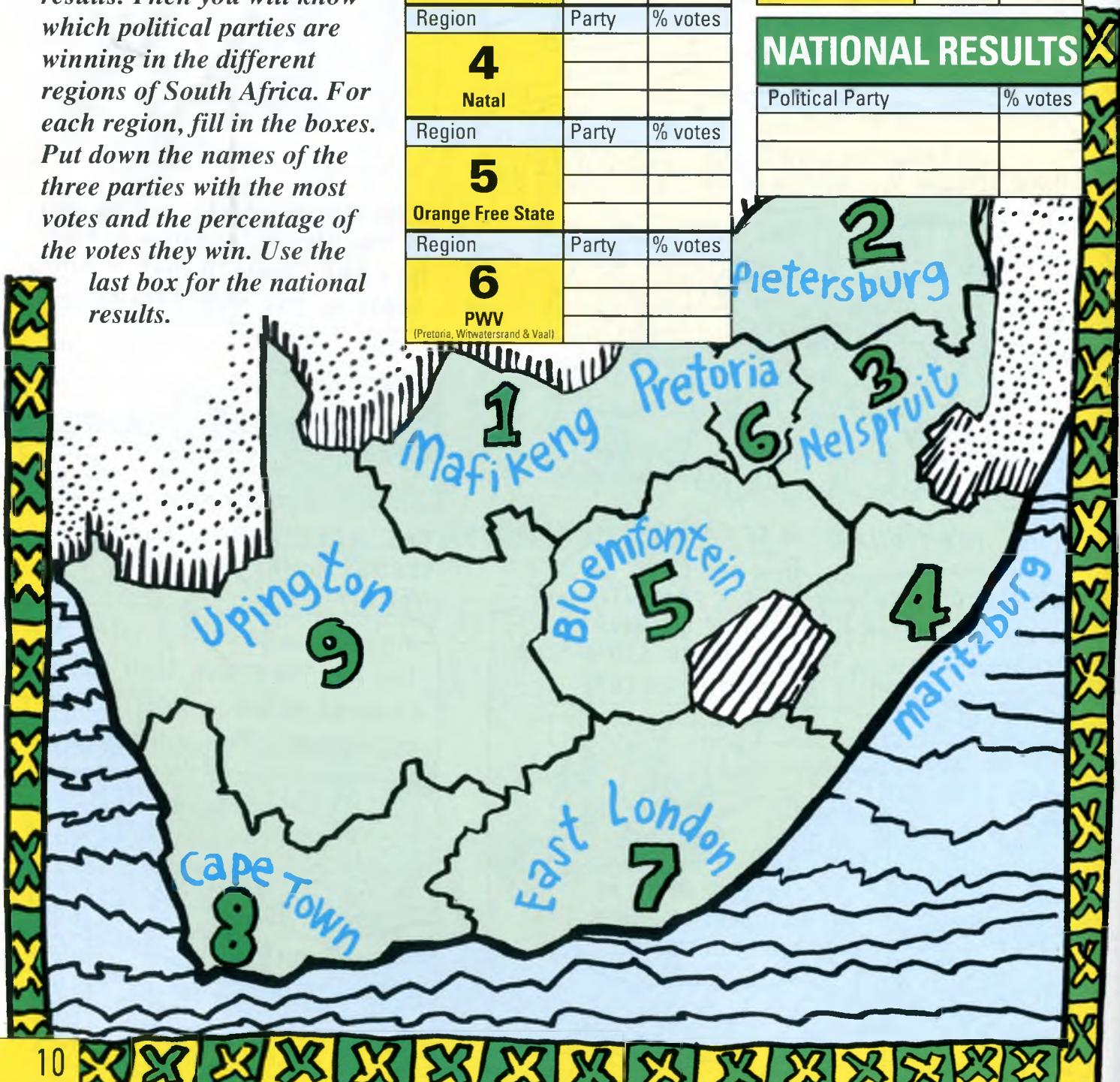
### REGIONAL RESULTS

Region	Party	% votes
<b>1</b> The North West		
<b>2</b> Northern Transvaal		
<b>3</b> Eastern Transvaal		
<b>4</b> Natal		
<b>5</b> Orange Free State		
<b>6</b> PWV (Pretoria, Witwatersrand & Vaal)		

Region	Party	% votes
<b>7</b> Eastern Cape		
<b>8</b> Western Cape		
<b>9</b> Northern Cape		

### NATIONAL RESULTS

Political Party	% votes



# The life of a POLITICIAN

*For the past few months we have seen many politicians on TV and heard them speaking on the radio. For the first time, all South Africans can think about a career in politics. But what is it like to be a politician?*

**Upbeat** spoke to Baleka Kgositile of the ANC. She was part of the ANC delegation at the World Trade Centre. And she is on the ANC's list of National Assembly members. We asked Baleka how she became involved in politics.

'I lived in Durban in the 1970s. We were part of the black consciousness movement. I was arrested and told I must be a state witness. So I decided to go into exile. In exile I worked for the ANC's Women's Section and later Radio Freedom.'

'It is difficult working as a politician. My children complain that my politics come first. Also, many men do not accept me as an equal. But being involved in politics is a calling for me. My conscience would worry me if I gave it up.'

We asked Baleka what you need to be a good politician. She said, 'You must be able to think and argue clearly. So you cannot be shy. You also need to be committed to the people you represent. You need to understand how to run a country and how laws work.'

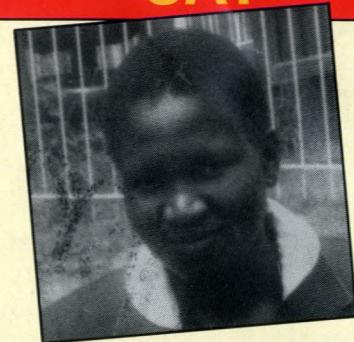
'It helps if you go to university and study Politics, History, Administration or Law. A knowledge of Economics and Finance is also necessary.' ◀

**Baleka in her office.** She says; 'Being a politician is hard work but for a woman it is doubly difficult.'

Photograph by Sue Donald



## WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAY



Photograph by Immanuel Suttner

Kopano Dimpe (16) says; 'A good politician should know what the people in a country want. They must have some experience in running a country. In South Africa, politicians should have been part of the struggle for democracy and they must be honest.'

'A bad politician is someone who makes promises they cannot keep. Politicians must not forget where they come from and they must not use violence to get support.'



Photograph by Immanuel Suttner

Mathew Glogauer (17) says; 'Because we see pictures of politicians everywhere, they must be good-looking and dress well. I think a bad politician is someone with a rifle in his hand and a black and red badge with three sevens on it.'

Interviews by Immanuel Suttner.

# ELECTION DAY

## WAITING FOR FREEDOM

*Upbeat asked young people what they will be doing on the day of the elections and how they see the future of our country.*

### **FAROUK MAMDOO (17)**

**Johannesburg**

I will watch TV so that I know the results of the election. We really need change in our country. Hopefully, we will get a government which represents all the people. But I worry about the people who don't want change. We need education and security in our homes.



Photograph by Cedric Nunn

Photograph by Cedric Nunn



### **ANNE PARSONS (15)**

**Johannesburg**

I will be with my mom, organising for our ANC branch. I hope the new government will bring more equality, unlike the old government. There were no social services and people were dumped in squatter camps. But I worry about people who are afraid of the new government, like Inkatha and the AWB.

### **MATHIBE PILANE (22)**

**Mmabatho**

I'll be taking part in the election. We have waited a long, long time and the struggle has cost us a lot. The new government must respect human rights because for so long, our rights have been violated. I just pray that there will be no more violence.



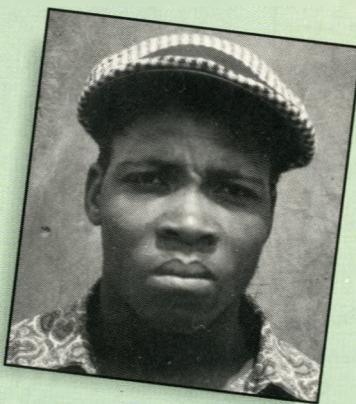
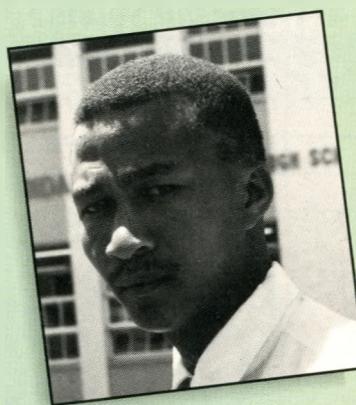
Photograph by Sam Majela

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### **ABRAHAM ROUSSEAU (19)**

**Port Elizabeth**

After casting my vote, I will join my party and campaign outside the polling station. The new government must give people better salaries and education. Hopefully the political parties will work together after the election.



### **VUKILE MANZANA (18)**

**Colesberg**

I work as a voter educationist for the Karoo Mobile Law Clinic. So I will be encouraging people to vote. I will also be casting my vote for the first time in the country of my birth. The new government must improve education, housing, health, unemployment and other social services. They must also support youth development programmes.

# GERRY WILLIAMS - YOUNG AND GIFTED

*Gerry Williams is a young woman we are going to be hearing much more about in the future. At the moment, Gerry is making a name for herself as the presenter of Artworks on TV1. But Gerry is still searching for that special something in her life.*

**Gerry says that people must value themselves.**

**Gerry became** presenter of Artworks after the producer, Kathy Berman, begged her to audition for the job. Kathy thought Gerry's sparkling personality was just what the programme needed.

'I love being on TV,' says Gerry. 'I've always been attracted to the entertainment industry. When I was at school, I danced and sang with a gospel group. I've never been shy. I was always the person with something to say.'

'But I also have an administrator's mind. If you put a pile of papers in front of me, I will quite happily sit down and go through them. So I really enjoy working as a secretary too.'

'I am about to start a new job, working for a political journalist from an American newspaper. I am really excited as I'm sure I will learn a lot. It will be like finishing off my incomplete journalism degree.'

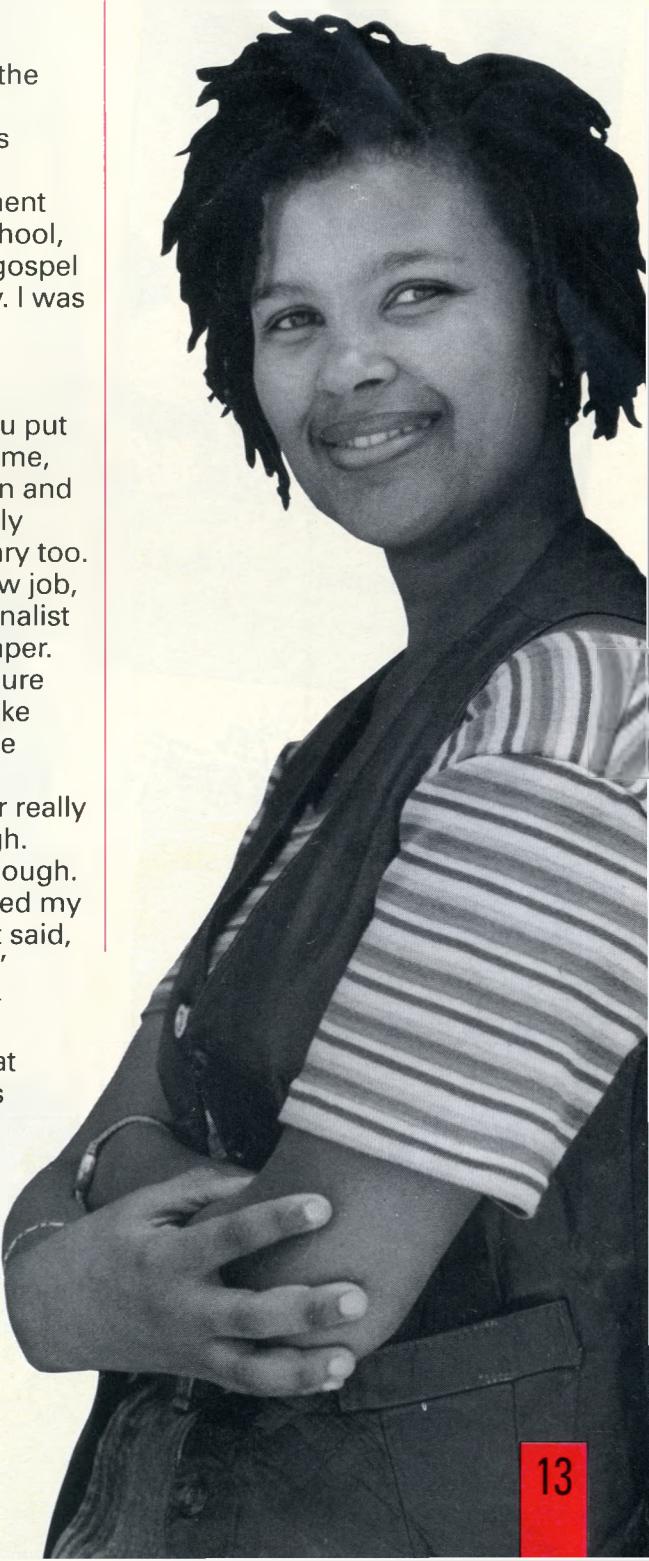
'But,' says Gerry, 'I never really feel as if I am doing enough. I feel I haven't achieved enough. On New Year's Day I phoned my mother and cried. She just said, 'But, Baby, you're only 22!'

'I want to make a contribution,' Gerry continues. 'I want to be able to say that I have changed someone's life. So I like journalism and politics. But I also feel that I have something to offer the world of entertainment. I want to make people laugh.'

Gerry grew up in Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town. 'When I was young, all my friends

wanted to be white,' Gerry says. 'But I quickly learnt that I couldn't be white. It was hard growing up with kinky hair and a dark skin but it made me tough.'

'I hate the word 'coloured'. It makes me angry. For me it means mixed, wishy-washy, not belonging. So I prefer to think of myself as black and proud. But this does not mean that I am a racist. I just think people must value themselves.' ▲

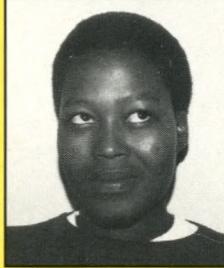


# Style & Po

*Put politics aside. It's time to judge our politicians*



**Winnie Mandela of the ANC**  
Photograph by Kevin Carter.  
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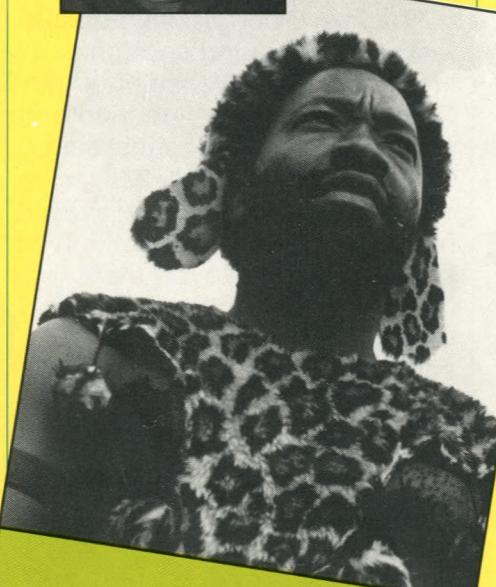
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'Winnie is very presentable.  
I like her attitude, she is cool!'

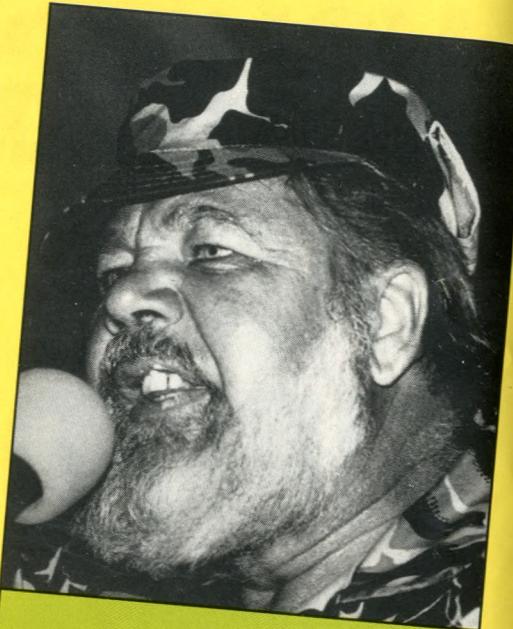
'Themba Khoza looks like  
someone who looks after  
sheep and goats.'



**SHEILA NQWEKAZI** 16



**Themba Khoza of the IFP**  
Photograph by Henner Frankenfelder.  
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**Eugene Terreblanche of the AWB**  
Photograph by Henner Frankenfelder.  
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**LUISE FELIPE  
DA SILVA  
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'I think Eugene  
Terreblanche's army  
uniform shows he is not a  
man of peace.'

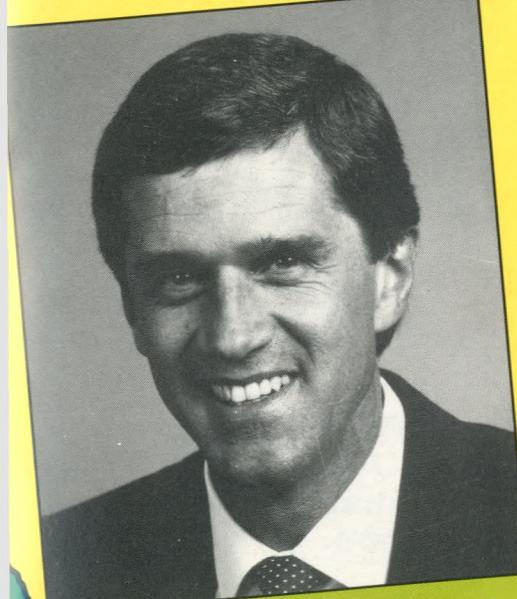
# POLITICIANS

style. Upbeat asked young people what they think of the way some politicians dress.

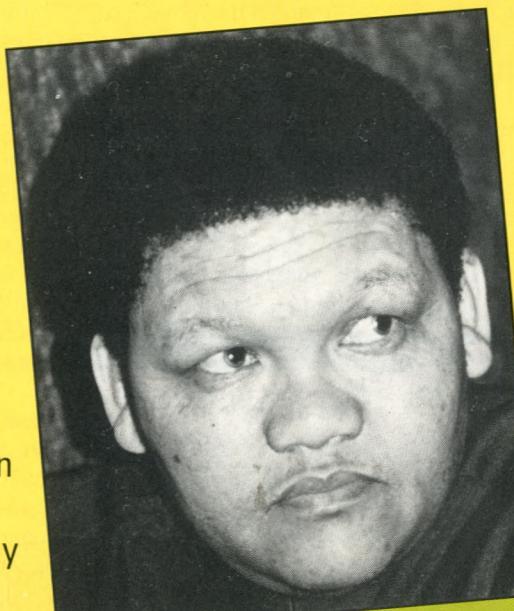
'My best dressed politician is Roelf Meyer. Roelf is handsome in the same way Martin Luther King was.'



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**Roelf Meyer of the NP**  
Photograph courtesy of Southlight



**Benny Alexander of the PAC**  
Photograph by Elmond Jiyane.  
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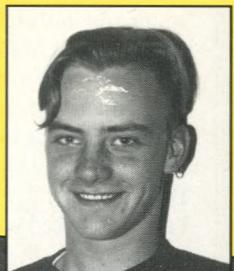
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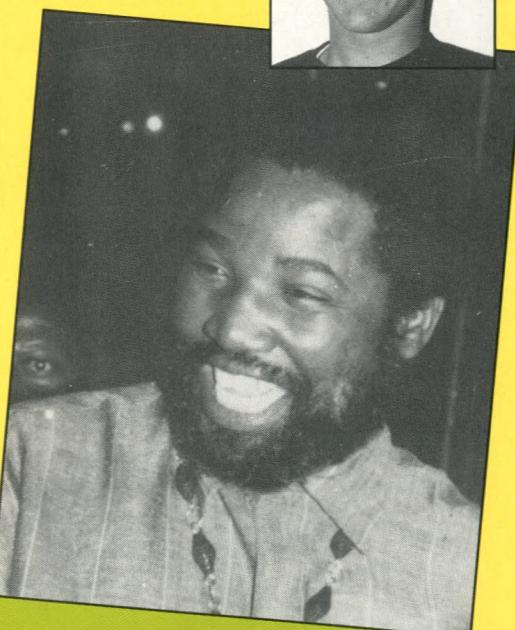
'Benny Alexandra looks like someone who is attending a funeral service. He looks hostile.'

Students photographs by Hans Mangole

'Charles Ngcakulu is the best dressed politician. He is casual and relaxed.'



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**Charles Ngcakulu of the SACP**  
Photograph by Phumla Radu,  
Courtesy of ANC

# LETTERS



## Dear Upbeat

I luv you all! Due to your wonderful penpal service, I've found a friend in a million. I believe that I would never have known Landy if it weren't for you. Thanks for a wonderful magazine and keep it up!

**Porshe, Ennerdale**

## Dear Upbeat

I would like to thank you for producing Upbeat magazine. Since I started reading Upbeat, I find work at school easier. Upbeat is more than just a magazine. It informs, advises and leads the youth in the right way. I enjoy each and every issue of Upbeat. Thank you. Your contribution is highly appreciated.

**A.Y. Magoje, Klerksdorp**

## Dear Upbeat

I want to thank you for my favourite magazine, Upbeat. I want to tell other Upbeat readers about a penpal club for scholars from all over the world. It is called 'Roomers' and anybody who wants free information about it should write to me, c/o Roomers, P O Box 49038, Qualbert 4078. Thank you very much and keep up the good work.

**Sydney Peters, Qualbert**

## Dear Upbeat

I am impressed with your magazine, especially No 8, 1992. What I found most interesting was to discover that you run stories about reggae musicians like Bob Marley, Peter Tosh and others. As from today, I will buy Upbeat to increase my knowledge and share it with my friends. Go forth, Upbeat, teach and advise people and give them helpful skills.

**Sipho Gwebu, Elukuratin**

## Dear Upbeat

I am writing to congratulate your magazine for the wonderful coverage of my favourite singer, Shabba Ranks. I would like to appeal to the staff of your magazine to publish posters of the artists and personalities you have on your front covers. I would like your editorial staff to write more about Boys 11 Men, Tevin Campbell, Ricardo and Winnie Khumalo. My favourite DJ's are Lawrence Dube,

Tim Modise, Bob Mabena and Tich Malaz of Radio Bop. Could you please write stories about them? I think it would be interesting for youth on the move. See ya!

**Danny Sebokolodi, Mmabatho**

## Dear Upbeat

How are you? I am fine. I'm writing to thank you for the cassette you sent me. I really appreciated it and enjoyed listening to it. I want Upbeat to be sent to my home. Tell me what I should do.

**Thomas Malogdihlane, Modiadji**

## Dear Thomas

If you would like to have Upbeat delivered to your home, you must fill in a subscription form on page 25. Send the form, together with a cheque or postal order of R21,50, to: Upbeat Subscriptions, c/o NND, P O Box 17, Troyeville. You will then receive the next 11 issues of Upbeat at your home. Happy reading.

**Editors**

## Dear Upbeat

I am a student at St. Mathews Roman Catholic High School. I'm very interested in going out during the holidays and meeting new people. But I can't do that because my friends and people in my community are not interested. I would like to suggest that you organise a camp for 2-6 days for Upbeat readers. Maybe you could include educational, sport and cultural events which would be great fun. I hope many other Upbeat readers will support my idea. Please think about my suggestion. You are my only hope.

**Sydney Nkosi, Senoane**

## Dear Sydney

Thank you for your suggestion. We certainly will bear it in mind when we plan the events we hope to run during the year.

**Editors**

## Dear Upbeat

Your article on 'Being Gay in Soweto', published in No. 11, 1993 was a real eye-opener for me. I have always thought that all black men were big, powerful chiefs who went off into battle with their spears,

protecting women and children. I was wrong. I admit that I was very naive and ignorant to assume that everyone was 'normal'. I realised that behind my thoughts of big and powerful chiefs there are people with their own feelings, thoughts and principles. I had forgotten that gay people are human beings. Gays should have rights just like everyone else. It's just that society does not want to understand them. Many people just won't accept others who are different. Being gay is not just a new fashion. We can blame it on many things. But we cannot ignore it anymore.

**Abigail George**

## Dear Upbeat

The complaint about the dirty state of our beautiful city is not a valid one. The blame lies at the door of the white city council. They spend too little on maintenance. How often do the streets get a proper cleaning? How many litter bins are there? How many public lavatories? The footpaths which were built as part of the 'Keep Durban Beautiful' campaign have pot-holes which go unattended. The reason is simple, few city councillors walk! Slogans are not the answer. With so much unemployment, it should be easy to recruit more cleaners.

**Disgusted school pupil, Durban**

 Send your letters to :

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# HANSIE CRONJE CRACK CRICKETER

BY MARC FRIEDMAN

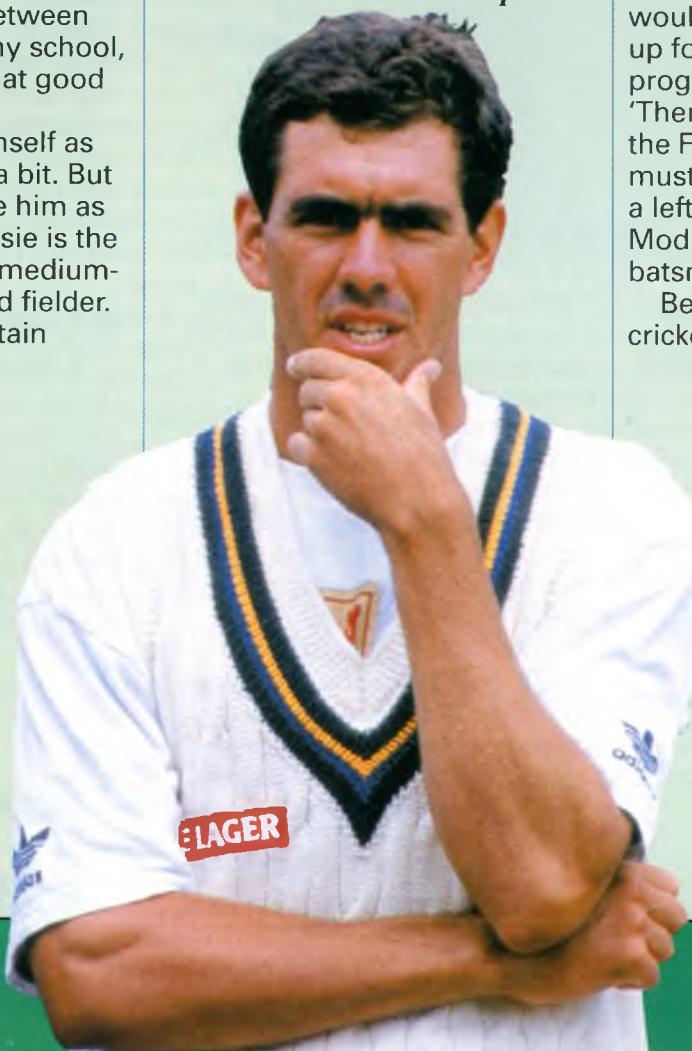
**Hansie was born** in 1969 in Bloemfontein. He started playing cricket in the backyard with his brother, Frans. Hansie was always sports mad. At school he played cricket, rugby, golf, squash and tennis. But he chose cricket as his main sport after he got a chance to play test cricket.

'My father played for the Free State cricket team when he was young. He taught me to love the game,' Hansie says. 'Between him and the coach at my school, I learnt the discipline that good sport demands.'

Hansie describes himself as a batsman who bowls a bit. But the cricket selectors see him as a solid all-rounder. Hansie is the No. 3 batsman, a solid medium-pace bowler and a good fielder.

Hansie's days as captain started way back when he was still at high school. When he was 21, he was the youngest player in the Free State team. But he was made captain because of his leadership skills. With Hansie

*In January this year, Hansie Cronje was made acting captain of the national team after Kepler Wessels was injured. Since the beginning of the year, he has scored two centuries against the Australians. Now everyone is predicting that Hansie will be the next national captain.*



**Hansie Cronje loves Bad Boys Blue.**

as captain, the Free State cricket team were unbeatable.

Hansie is studying for a B.Comm degree at the University of the Free State. 'It's been difficult,' Hansie admits. 'It is not that I find studying hard. But I am away from home for long periods of time. So I miss many lectures.'

Hansie's travelling also means that he cannot coach young players as much as he would like to. But Hansie makes up for it by supporting the programme financially. He says, 'There are two youngsters from the Free State that cricket fans must look out for - Lesley Daker, a left-arm all-rounder and Brian Modisane, a promising batsman.'

Being an international cricketer means that Hansie spends most of his time training. But when he takes time off the cricket field, his passions are music and reading. His favourite musicians are Chris de Burgh, Abba, Erasure, Billy Idol and Bad Boys Blue. ▲

Photograph by Ben Radford.  
Courtesy of Allsport

# POISON IN THE AIR



*'When we breathe the air of freedom, we do not want to choke on hidden fumes.' said Albie Sacks of the ANC. But many children, especially those who live in the Vaal Triangle and the Eastern Transvaal, are choking because of dirty air.*

**It's our environment too.**



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**Last year a report** on air pollution said that there were too many poisonous chemicals in the air around Vanderbijl Park, Vereeniging and Sasolburg. The report said that chemicals were making the children in these towns sick.

But even if you live in other parts of South Africa, your health is at risk. Factories, power plants and motor cars are giving off dangerous chemicals all the time. These chemicals are polluting our air and air pollution is making people ill.

When people breathe in poisonous chemicals, they can suffer from allergic reactions, asthma, or even lung cancer. Children are the most at risk because their lungs are still growing and developing.

The earth is also affected by air pollution. The chemicals in the air are changing our climate and killing off our plants.

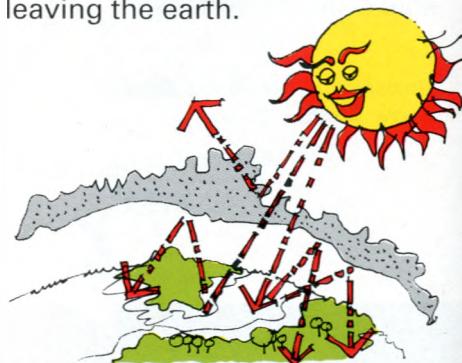
This is what they are doing:-

## ● Making holes in the ozone layer

Chemicals called CFCs are making a hole in the ozone layer. CFCs are used in aerosol cans and fridges. The ozone layer is high above the earth. It keeps out dangerous rays from the sun. This problem is so serious that countries all over the world, including South Africa, have agreed not to use CFCs after 1995.

## ● Causing the green house effect

Gases such as methane and carbon dioxide are causing the green house effect. These gases come from burning fuels like coal and oil. They act like a blanket in the atmosphere and stop the heat from the sun from leaving the earth.



Story continues on page 19.

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# TEEN BEAT

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## Tell us a story

Nokugcina Mhlope is an actress. She is also a poet, short story writer, novelist, television presenter and storyteller. Teenbeat interviewed Gcina this week. She told us a wonderful story and shared some of her secrets as a storyteller.

'When I was growing up in Durban, my grandmother had a lovely flower garden. I used to teach her flowers. I used to make up stories to tell them. I think that is where my storytelling days began,' she said.

'In 1979 I came to Johannesburg. My sister was a domestic worker in Orange Grove. I stayed with her and looked for a job. In 1981 I got a job as a childminder. I used to tell the children stories. They liked that. That's when I started to write folk tales,' she said.

Gcina has done much to make people aware of the importance of oral traditions. There are oral traditions all over the world. Oral means the spoken word, and it is a way people use to remember important happenings or events. People also use songs and stories to teach and to entertain. It is this rich background of history and folk tales, which inspires Gcina to keep South Africa's oral tradition alive.

Gcina has travelled all over the world, sharing her stories with both children and adults. She is working on a new book of short stories. Gcina is also a co-presenter on the television programme, Artworks. What does she enjoy most? Gcina's face lights up and she says, 'Telling stories, being involved with young people and reaching out to them.'

Gcina Mhlope



### COMPETITION TIME

Win a copy of one of these great stories by Gcina Mhlope. Simply answer these two easy questions. Then send your answer with your name and address to: Upbeat / Gcina Mhlophe Competition P O Box 11350 Johannesburg 2000

1. What is the name of the television programme that Gcina Mhlope co-presents?
2. Where did Gcina grow-up?

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# THE WOMAN SOCCER WIZARD

On Teenbeat English you met Fikile Sithole. Now read more about this ace woman soccer player.

**M**ove over, Doctor Khumalo, Fikile Sithole is stealing your place in the hearts of soccer lovers. She delights fans with her cheeky tricks. Her dribbling skills make boys tremble in their boots. Like the popular Khumalo, she controls the ball as if it is glued to her feet.

Fikile has a challenge for Doctor Khumalo. 'Doctor is my idol but I am not afraid of him. I have better tricks than him. One day the two of us must find out who can dribble better. I promise you, he will not beat me,' she said.

Fikile is 21. She was born and grew up in Meadowlands, Soweto. She started playing soccer when she was six years old. She was so good that she played in the Chappies Little League. Fikile plays the midfield position.

Fikile goes to school in the mornings but her afternoons are for training and watching soccer games with her friends. Fikile is doing Std 9 and her favourite subject is English. English

helps her to read newspapers. She reads them every day to keep up with the soccer world.

Fikile says playing soccer is very difficult if you are a woman. You have to work twice as hard as men to succeed.

**Fikile Sithole - ace woman soccer player.**

## FACTS AND

A fact is something that is true. It can be proved. For example, 'Fikile is 20 years old'.

An opinion is what people think or feel. For example, 'Fikile has excellent ball control.'

But look out! Writers sometimes make opinions look like facts. For example, 'Women don't like soccer.' It looks like a fact. But it isn't. See if you can find 10 facts and 10 opinions in this Teenbeat supplement.

## OPINIONS

### BEHIND THE SCENES

A lot of research and preparation goes on behind the scenes of a television interview. This is how the Teenbeat team set up an interview with the marathon runner, Willie Mtolo.

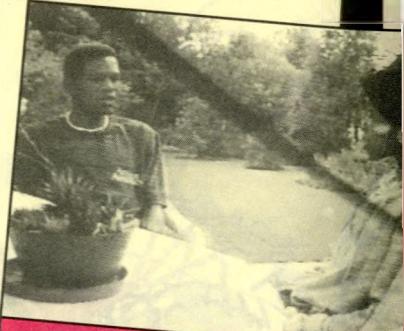
► Jackie was going to interview Willie. She first went to work, looking for information on him. She read everything she could about Willie in magazines and newspaper. She prepared the questions that she wanted to ask him.

► Next stage - how to find the man! Willie is an international marathon athlete so he is a very busy man. Teenbeat found him many, many phone calls later through a sports journalist.

► Teenbeat arranged with Willie's agent to conduct the interview. Willie kindly agreed. Only one problem! He was in Durban and Teenbeat was in Johannesburg.

► Finally, Teenbeat caught up with Willie in Johannesburg. He was on his way to Japan. He promised to speak to Teenbeat for an hour.

► Teenbeat grabbed a cameraman, sound-person, the director, and of course, Jackie, and went to talk to the Marathon King, Willie Mtolo.



Jackie interviews Willie Mtolo

# WHAT'S IN A PICTURE?

On Teenbeat you learnt about the wonderful world of photographs. Behind every photograph, there's a photographer. Behind a TV camera, stands a camera person. A photograph is one person's view of a situation or event.

The photographer, is hidden safely behind her camera. She decides what to leave in or take out of a picture. How a picture is taken can give it a special meaning.

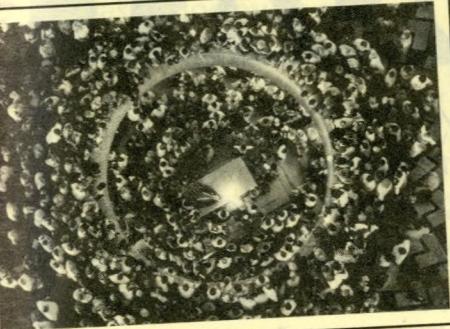
## Low angle shots

Look at this picture of an MK rally in Soweto. The photographer was standing below the soldier. This angle makes the soldier look powerful.



## High angle shot

This photograph is taken from above. We look down on the people. See how small they look.



## CUTTING PICTURES



◀ Magazines, newspapers and TV don't always show the whole picture. They can show any part of it that they want to. Look at this picture of a friendly young boy.

Now look at the ▶

complete picture. It tells a different story. Does the meaning change when you see the whole picture?

## WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?



Pictures tell one side of the story. Here are two pictures of the same event. ◀ This picture shows the view from the gunman's side.

This picture shows the fear of the man who was fired at. Both pictures are real. But they tell a different story about what happened.



## BE A CRITICAL VIEWER

Next time you watch the news on television, look carefully at the pictures. Ask these questions:

- What does the picture show?
- How was the picture taken - from above or below, from which side? What extra meaning does this give?

Decide on the meaning that the picture has for you. Do you think this is what the camera operator wanted you to think?



Photographs by Henné Frankenfeld, Southlight. MK pic - Naashim Zalk, Southlight.

# WE ARE LEARNING ENGLISH

On Teenbeat English this month you learnt lots of new words and expressions. See how much you remember. Play this fun game with your friends.

Match the words or expressions with the correct meaning below.



1. A stick in the mud



2. devious



3. To run oneself into the ground



4. Stamina



5. Gruelling



6. To sidetrack someone



7. I am all ears



8. Flattery will get you nowhere

## MEANINGS

- to be dishonest or hide the truth
- I am listening very carefully
- strength to run a long distance
- A person who doesn't want to change.
- to be exhausted, very tired
- You won't get what you want by praising someone.
- to lead someone's attention away from the main subject
- very tiring

## What's an idiom?

Idioms are sayings or expressions which have a special meaning. They give richness and colour to a language.

## Play games with English

Word games are fun. You can play lots of games like the one on this page. Try this one with your whole family: Draw a picture that describes a word. Don't tell anyone what your word is. Then everyone must guess what word your picture is describing.

## ANSWERS

1=d; 2=a; 3=e; 4=c; 5=h; 6=g; 7=b; 8=f.

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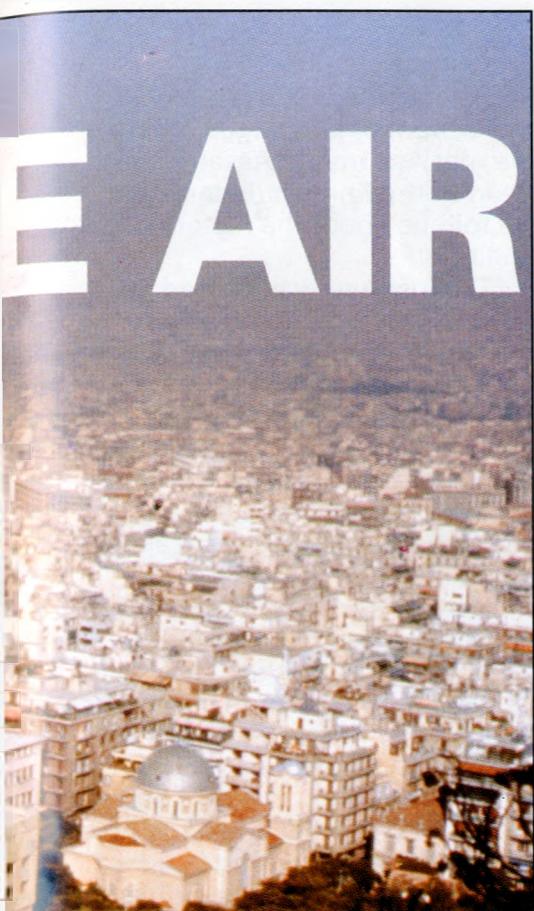
It's a whole new world of reading fun. Whatever the season - from rain to sun. CNA has loads of magazines, not just a few. We'll make sure there's something just for you.

So have some fun and listen to what they say. Broaden your mind - read a magazine today.

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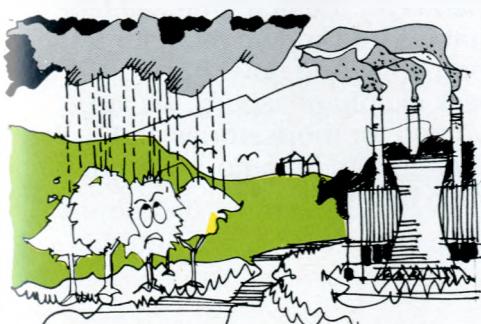


Plants use carbon dioxide in photosynthesis. But too many trees are being cut down all over the world and we are making too much carbon dioxide for the remaining trees to use up.

Scientists blame some of the strange weather we are having on the green house effect. They warn that if the earth gets much hotter, the ice-caps at the North and South Poles will melt and many places will be flooded.

### ● Making acid rain

Acid rain is created when gases like sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen rise up in the atmosphere. There they combine with water to form acids. And when it rains, the rain water is like vinegar.



**Dirty air in cities is a world-wide problem.**

Photograph courtesy of Sipa Press

Acid rain makes lakes and rivers acidic, killing off fish and plants in them. It burns plants and trees and it eats away at old buildings.

The gases that cause acid rain come from burning coal, especially in big power stations. It also comes from exhaust fumes of motor cars.

### ● Causing smog

Most people who live in or near the townships, know about smog. Smog comes from the smoke of fires and exhaust fumes. The sun's rays change the chemicals in the smoke into harmful gases. These make people's eyes sting and cause bad coughing. Smog is especially bad in winter because people burn fires to keep warm.

### ● Laws & controls

In many countries like France, Germany and the United States, the governments have passed laws to control air pollution. In South Africa there are some laws but the laws need to change. We need greater control over factories and power plants and what they release into the air. Some big companies do have good policies. But sometimes it seems that companies worry more about making things cheaply than protecting the air. ▲



## FACTFILE

- Since 1900 the average world temperature has risen by  $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- The countries which produce the most sulphur dioxide (causing acid rain) are the United States, Poland, the United Kingdom and Spain.
- Each year the world sends 22 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

## What can you do?

1. Try to use less energy. Don't leave electric lights burning when no-one is using them.
2. Write to people in the government. Say you are worried about pollution. Ask what they are doing about it and what you can do to help.
3. Join an environment group. Help them in their work.
4. Plant trees. Trees absorb carbon and lessen the greenhouse effect.
5. Walk, ride a bicycle or use public transport so that there are fewer cars on the road.

## COMPETITION TIME

Win a wonderful book of poems about ecology called *We Call the Whales* by Patricia Schonstein Pinnock donated by Africa Sun Press. All you have to do is make a poster showing what air pollution is doing to the world. Prizes will go to the best ten entries.

**Schools in the PWV area:** The school that sends in the most entries will win a set of *Call the Whales* books and a tour of the AECI factory in Modderfontein. There, experts will show students how a major factory controls air pollution.

**Closing date: 15 May 1994**

# UPBEAT MEETS OLD FRIENDS

*Last year when Upbeat visited Maputo, we went to look for some old friends. For many years, during the civil war in Mozambique, Upbeat received letters, poems and stories from Maputo. They all came from the Instituto de Linguas.*

*(from left to right)  
Thomas Rungo,  
Assumane Assane and  
Telmo Mapsanganhe  
on the steps of the  
Instituto de Linguas.*

**We were very excited** to visit this school of languages. There we met Assumane Assane, the head of the English department. He told us about the history of the institute.

'The institute was started in 1979 by the Frelimo government,' he said. 'They needed people who spoke different languages to work for the government. But today anyone who can pay the fees, can study here. Many people want to learn English because we are surrounded by English-speaking countries.'

One of Assumane's teachers is a small man with a big smile called Thomas Rungo. 'I am so pleased to meet you,' Thomas told us. 'For many years, I have written to Upbeat. First I wrote for a penfriend. Then in 1987 I sent a poem. And in 1989 I won the prize for best creative writing.'

'How can you write in English if you speak Portuguese and Shangaan at home?' we asked. Thomas laughed. 'I feel comfortable writing in English,' he told us. 'I know more English than Portuguese from my studies.'

When we asked Thomas how he knew about Upbeat, he took us to their resource centre. There we met Telmo Mapsanganhe, the institute's librarian. Telmo proudly showed us their special collection of Upbeats. They were all more than ten years old!

'Things are difficult here,' said Telmo. 'Because of the war, there is no money for books. And books are very expensive in Mozambique. So we treasure every book and magazine we have.'

We could see that Telmo was telling the truth. The covers of the Upbeats were so old and so well-used that the paper was soft.

Although we met our old friends for the first time, we felt that we had known them for a long time. And now that we are back in Johannesburg, we are waiting for more stories and poems from Maputo. Look out for them too! ▲



Photo by Jeff Katz, courtesy of Tusk Records



**The smooth sounds of Silk are winning the hearts - and ears - of people all over the world. Silk's young musicians are enjoying their success.**

## Smooth like

# silK

**'After we made** our album, *Lose Control*, **we didn't want to get our hopes up,'** says Timothy. 'So we just waited. When the album started climbing the charts, we didn't even know it. We were on tour, too busy to think of anything. Then 'Freak Me' reached No. 1 on the American charts. We just couldn't believe it.'

Jimmy, Timothy and Jonathan formed Silk while they were still in their teens. Gary Glen and Gary Jenkins joined them later. 'When we first started, we didn't know anything about the music industry,' laughs Jonathan. 'We were just singing for fun, doing high school talent shows, a school every week.'

It was after they met Keith Sweat that things started happening for Silk. Keith says, 'I met them at their manager's home. Silk were singing Boyz 11 Men songs. They made a big

impression on me. They had this very soulful sound, great harmonies and a nice, brotherly vibe. So I started working with them in the studio and they caught on real quick.'

'We learnt a lot from Keith,' adds Jimmy. 'We used to have a churchy sound because we sang gospel music. But he took the three of us, added the two Garys and out came our music, silky smooth.'

'Making it big like this has given me a chance to see what I can actually do,' says Gary Jenkins. 'When we perform, I try to reach people in the crowd. I want them to feel what we are singing about. We're a soft, emotional kind of group and we want to bring those kind of feelings out in people.'

And that is what Silk are doing. And because that is the way people like to feel, Silk are going to be around for a long time. ▲

## COMPETITION TIME

Help Upbeat draw up a monthly Top Ten of good music and win Silk's album, *Lose Control*. All you have to do is write down your ten favourite songs on a postcard and send them to:-

**Upbeat, Top Ten Competition No. 1,  
P O Box 11350, Johannesburg 2000**

**CLOSING DATE: 15 MAY 1994**

# Coping with a broken family

*Many young people in South Africa come from broken families. Their parents get divorced and remarried. Children find themselves living with relatives who struggle to look after them. The children feel abandoned and unloved.*

**Upbeat received** a letter from a young boy called Colin. He did not give us his address. He was obviously very upset. This is the letter Colin wrote to us:

**Dear Upbeat**

*I am 15 years old and I live with my grandmother, my two uncles, my uncle's wife, my mother's sister and my brothers. I want to tell you about my life.*

*My parents got divorced before I started school. My father went to live with another woman. I lived with my mother's family. There was no problem. My grandfather bought me everything I needed and my mother loved me very much.*

*When I was in Std 4, my grandpa died. After that, my troubles started. In 1992 my mother got married again and she changed. She did not love me as much as before. So I changed too. My mother now lives with her new husband. She will not allow my brother and I to live with her. She only took her baby with her.*

*My uncle hates me. He treats me like his boy. I must clean the house, wash dishes, feed the dog and make tea for him every day. My brothers are allowed to play with their friends but I have to work.*

*One day I saw my cousin steal my granny's money. When I told my granny, she beat me. Not long afterwards, my father gave me money. My uncle said I had stolen it and beat me.*

*I told my friend in Attridgeville about my problems. He gave me a gun, with five bullets in it for R90.00. Two of the bullets are for my uncle's head, two are for his heart and one is for my forehead.*

*If my uncle hits me again, I am going to get my gun and kill him. I am serious. Just wait till he touches me.*

**Colin, Ga-Rankua**



We were so worried about Colin that we asked the Family Life and Marriage Association of South Africa (FAMSA) to help us write a reply, not just to Colin, but to all our readers who have problems at home. This is what FAMSA said.

### Teens are tough

Being a teenager is difficult. It is a time when you are half adult and half child. Your parents want you to obey them

as children but to behave as adults. It is very confusing.

### Divorce means loss

When parents get divorced, it is very difficult for the children. You not only lose a parent. But sometimes, like Colin, you lose your family too. And if you are a teenager when this happens, it makes it even more difficult to cope.

Colin has had a much harder time than most people. He has

# ken family



suffered many losses and changes. He lost his grandfather who loved him and he feels that he has lost his mother and father too.

## Find a friend

If this happens to you, the most important thing to do is to find someone you can talk to, someone that you can trust. Colin spoke to his friend. But by getting Colin a gun, his friend was encouraging Colin to

solve his problem with violence. He was saying to Colin, 'There is no hope.'

## Believe in yourself

Colin needs to believe in himself. He has suffered many hardships but he has survived them. He must realise that he is strong. He must not let his uncle break his spirit. If Colin believes in himself, he can look forward to a future where he is in control of his life.

Colin, we hope that you read this article. We hope that you have not done anything since you wrote to us. There are many people who can help you. Find a friend who will give you hope and not hate. Or speak to a teacher or minister of religion that you trust.

## Get help

There are also organisations who work with young people with family problems. There is FAMSA, Childline and the South African Association for Mental Health. Colin, and readers with similar problems, can phone or visit one of these places:-

### CHILDLINE,

Tel: 0-8000-55555.

You do not have to pay when you phone this number and young people all over South Africa can use it.

### FAMSA,

Suite 1d Sinodale Centre,  
228 Visagie Street,  
Pretoria 0002,  
Tel: (012) 322-7136/7

### S A ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH:

(012) 322-7100

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**Need advice and there's no one to ask? Pebetse and Aubrey, youth workers for the Planned Parenthood Association, answer your questions.**



**Write to Pebetse and Aubrey, c/o Upbeat, P O Box 11350, Johannesburg 2000. If you prefer to write in your home language, please do so.**

**Confused girl**

**Dear Pebetse**

*I am a 19-year-old girl. I am worried and confused. I had never slept with a guy and no-one ever asked me. Then a guy I loved very much asked me to have sex with him and I agreed. After we had slept together, he showed no interest in me. Then I met another guy who wanted to marry me. He also talked about sex. The problem with him is that he has lots of girlfriends who insult me. Please help me decide which of the two guys is Mr Right?*

**Mary**

**Dear Mary**

When you are looking for someone to love, you need to find someone who makes you feel good about yourself. The first guy you slept with did not do this. Instead he made you unhappy by dropping you straight after you had sex with him. But there are problems with the second guy as well. Will you be happy, married to someone who has lots of other girlfriends? Do you think you can trust this man? If your answer to these questions is no, then you should forget about both men. Find someone new, someone you can love and trust and someone who will make you feel good. Good luck.

**Pebetse**

**Hooked on panties**

**Dear Aubrey**

*I am a boy of 20 years. I have a serious problem. My problem is that I like used panties. I usually steal my sister's panties after she has worn them. I am in love with a girl of 17 years. But I prefer having her panties to sleeping with her. Do you think I will get AIDS because I like unclean panties? Help me!*

**B.J., Durban**

**Dear B.J.**

Your problem is very unusual. You will not catch AIDS from unwashed panties. If panties make you feel excited, it is fine. But if you are worried about your problem, you can get professional advice. You can phone Lifeline at (031) 23-2323. They will put you in touch with someone who will help you.

**Aubrey**

**Unsteady love**

**Dear Pebetse**

*I am a boy of 17 years and I am doing Std 9. When I meet a beautiful girl, I fall in love and propose to her. If she agrees to go out with me, my love does not last more than two weeks. Help me! How can I be a steady lover?*

**Collen Mashego**

**Dear Collen**

I think your problem is that you get infatuated with girls. Infatuation

means you think you love a person but then your love does not last. Try to control yourself. It is unfair to ill-treat girls like this. Next time you are attracted to a girl, try to get to know her before you propose to her. Then you will know whether you love her or whether you are just infatuated.

Some people like to propose to lots of girls because they feel unsure of themselves. Is this why you propose to many girls? Perhaps you should write down what you like and dislike about yourself. If you find that you do not like yourself, perhaps you should try to change this instead of running around with many different girls.

**Pebetse**

**Sexually transmitted disease**

**Dear Aubrey**

*I am a young guy of 22 years. I have a serious problem with my health. I have spent about 7 years suffering from venereal diseases. I went to a doctor. He gave me a treatment but it did not cure me. So I went to a clinic. There I had a blood test and they gave me tablets. The test was negative. Recently I went to a hospital for another test. It was also negative. I stopped taking my treatment because of lack of money. But a creamy substance comes out of my penis when it is erect. Please give me advice!*

**J.T.**

**Dear J.T.**

You get a sexually transmitted disease (STD) by having sex with someone who has an STD. Normally, if you have an STD and you get treatment, the doctor will tell you not to have sex for two weeks or until your infection has cleared up. If you do have sex before you are cured, you will pass the infection onto your partner. And she will give it back to you. It sounds as if you and your partner are re-infecting each other. We suggest you go to the clinic together and take your treatment at the same time. But you must not have sex while you are taking your medicine.

If you have more than one partner, your chances of getting STDs are great. To avoid STDs, you must use condoms.

**Aubrey**

# Notice Board

## Teleschool

Look out for TV programmes that will help you with your school work. This is what will be on CCV at 3.00pm this month.

**4/4** Kap't uit op Afrikaans (Std 9 & 10) - Sinonieme en antonieme

**5/4** Matt's Maths (Std 8) - Fractions 1 Bookshelf - Sons and lovers

**6/4** Wat praat jy tog! (Std 8) - Telwoorde Telequest (Std 5-7) - By the way/Terloops

**7/4** Maths? No problem! (Std 9 & 10) - Algebra: exponential and log functions

**8/4** Communic 8 (Std 8) - Write better - talk back  
**Teenbeat English** (Std 9 & 10) Sports - marathons

**11/4** Kap't uit op Afrikaans (Std 9 & 10) - Voorsetsels

**12/4** Matt's Maths (Std 8) Fractions - 2 Boekrak - Die jammer hart

**13/4** Wat praat jy tog! (Std 9 & 10): Die werkwoord Telequest (Std 5-7): English

**14/4** Maths? No problem! (Std 9 & 10): Graphs: The easy way

**15/4** Communic 8 (Std 8): Learning about literature - the novel  
**Teenbeat English** (Std 9 & 10): Ancient civilisations; Part 1 - Greece

**18/4** Kap't uit op Afrikaans (Std 9 & 10): Die self-standige werkwoord

**19/4** Matt's Maths (Std 8): Fractions 3 Bookshelf - The Pearl

**20/4** Wat praat jy tog! (Std 9 & 10): Trappe van vergelyking/Sinonieme en antonieme Telequest (Std 5-7): Maths

**21/4** Maths? No problem! (Std 9 & 10) Geometry; Pertinent proofs

**22/4** Communic 8 (Std 8): Drama, Part 2  
**Teenbeat English** (Std 9 & 10): Ancient civilisations; Part 2 - The history of English

**25/4** Kap't uit op Afrikaans (Std 9 & 10): Die hulp- en koppelwerkwoorde

**26/4** Matt's Maths (Std 8): Word problems 1 Boekrak - Ons wag op die kaptein

**27/4** Wat praat jy tog! (Std 9 & 10): Intensiewe vorme en verbuiging Telequest (Std 5-7): Geography

**28/4** Maths? No problem! (Std 9 & 10): Geometry; Rapping riders

**29/4** Communic 8 (Std 8): The business letter - grammar  
**Teenbeat English** (Std 9 & 10): Media, cartoons

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# *Life in* **FREEDOM SQUARE**

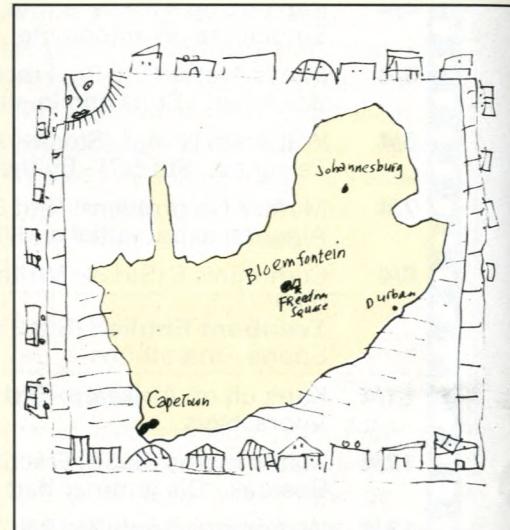


**Kgalihelo Linga and his mother in front of their vegetable patch.**

**150 000 people live in shacks in Freedom Square, a squatter camp south of Bloemfontein.**

**The wind never rests** in Freedom Square. It's dry and very hot. The dust blows through treeless streets and rattles against the shacks. Freedom Square is a squatter camp four kilometres south of Bloemfontein, where 150 000 poor people live jammed together.

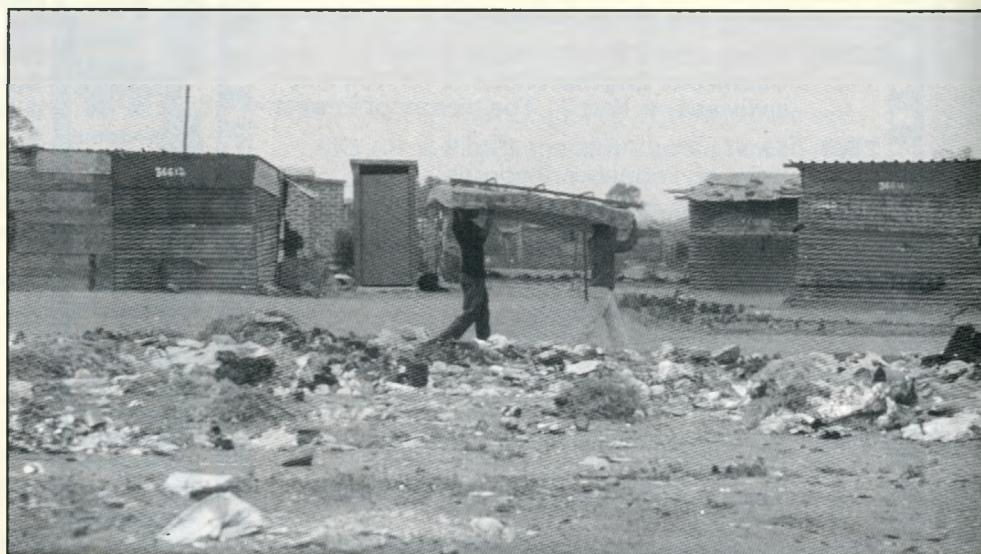
This is where Kgalihelo Linka lives. He lives with his sister and two brothers, mother and father in a one-roomed shack made of old bits of tin,

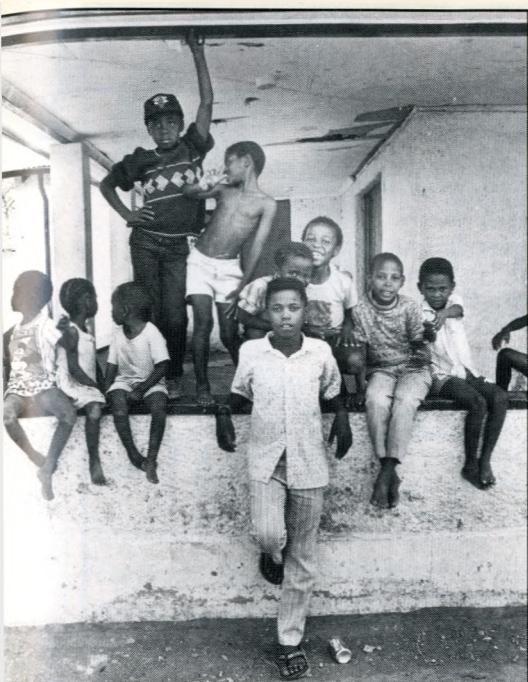


cardboard and plastic. They get water from a tap which they share with 100 other families.

Kgalihelo is 16 years old. But he is very small for his age - he only looks about 10 or 11. All the boys and girls around here seem small. That's because years and years of too little food have slowed their growth.

Kgalihelo travels to a nearby location every day to go to school. He is in Std 2 at Monyatsi Primary in a class of 50 children. Kgalihelo is lucky





**Kgalihelo and other children hang around outside Bra Jakes's supermarket**

to be at school. Most of the young people in Freedom Square don't go to school at all. But a few attend a local school. Here 6 unpaid teachers try to teach 400 students from Sub A to Std 5, in an old farm house.

Kgalihelo likes school. He enjoys Maths and English most. 'But I like coming home after school and playing football or tennis with empty tins. Me and my friends, we play in the streets,' he said.

'I also like to work in my vegetable garden.' Next to Kgalihelo's shack, in the middle of the dry, baked earth, Kgalihelo showed us a wonderful green patch, full of lettuces, spinach, onions and pumpkins.

### **Outside Bra Jakes's supermarket**

Sometimes Kgalihelo and his friends like to just hang around outside Bra Jakes's supermarket. There are no soccer fields or tennis courts here - no discos or libraries. There is not even a church hall. In fact there are no recreational facilities at all.

'I have never been to a movie,' Kgalihelo told us. 'At night I stay at home. We have a battery operated TV. But we only watch the news. Then we switch it off. It's too expensive otherwise.'

### **In search of work**

Kgalihelo cannot speak English at all. Like most of the children here he speaks Sotho and Afrikaans. Many people who live in the squatter camp came from the surrounding farms. During 1991-1992, the drought was very bad. Thousands of labourers were kicked off the farms. Families came to Bloemfontein in search of work. But there were no jobs. So today 90% of people in Freedom Square are without work.

Kgalihelo's father is one of the lucky few. He works as a night watchman at the hospital in Bloemfontein. Some people have part-time work as domestic workers or gardeners in the suburbs of Bloemfontein.

During harvesting time, a big truck stops on the tarred road outside Freedom Square at 6.00am. It collects people for work on the farms. These men and women work until 6.00pm, for as little as R5 a day.

### **Every day a weekend**

Tello Lebesa is a community leader in Freedom Square. He is very worried about the lack of jobs and schools in the camp. 'Every day looks like a weekend here,' he said. 'No-one is doing anything.'

'Most teenagers are out of school and unemployed. A lot of young girls are falling pregnant. Many of the young boys used to herd cattle on the farms. So they never went to school. They can't read and write at all. The crime rate is getting high with young boys stealing from neighbouring farms. We leaders don't know what to do,' he said.

### **R30 million flushed away**

But there is an even bigger problem in Freedom Square - the toilets. A sewerage system costing R30 million was built in the area. But the toilets don't work properly. They block and leak, creating stinking green pools of sewage in the streets.

Judith Mokhetle, the regional director of Operation Hunger, says there are a lot of sick children in the area. These children get sick from playing in backyards, next to the leaking sewage.



***The toilets in Freedom Square leak. Sewage is spilling out into the streets.***

Everywhere you look in Freedom Square you see the colours of the ANC - there are posters on every shack. This community definitely supports the ANC. People are placing their hopes in a new government, to make a real difference to their lives. ▲

# YOUNG VOICES

Readers, here's your chance to be creative! Write a poem or a story. Do a drawing or paint a picture. This is your page!

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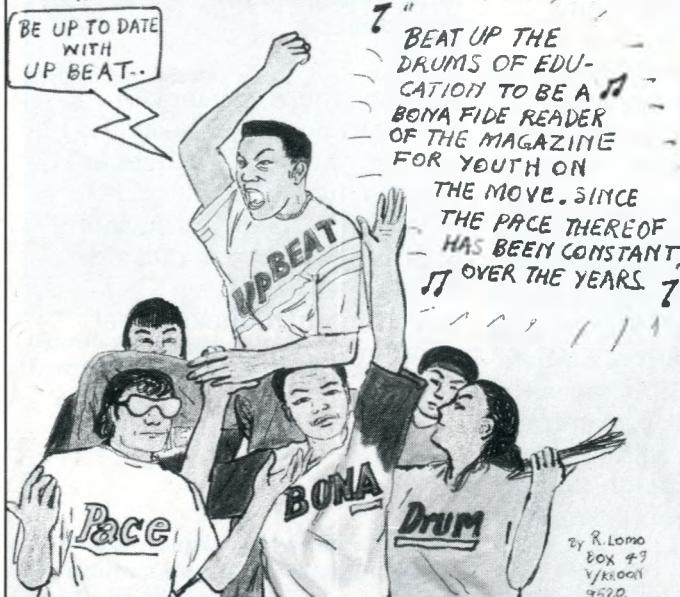
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## Attitude towards school

School can be boring.  
To some it's like going to jail.  
You don't go because you want to,  
You go because you have to.  
The holidays are glorious  
But going back to school is painful.  
You wish you could escape  
But there's nowhere to run to.  
You feel uncomfortable and sick  
With other students hassling you.  
You think about a strike,  
But, just then, you realise,  
The IMPORTANCE of education!

**Unathi Toto, East London**

**Drawing by R. Lomo, Viljoenskroon**



## To the children

Cold, hungry, sad,  
Tattered clothes, hungry stomachs  
Roaming the streets  
Without a place to sleep  
Slowly crawls under old newspapers  
Searching for sleep  
Can't block out the memories  
Will always remember...

'Hey look what I've found!'  
An old dirty boot kicks him lightly  
Voices disturb his sleep  
'It smells, pooh!'  
He tries to rub sleep out of his eyes  
A group of guys, laughter bursts  
'This is our territory, get off!'  
Day by day he roams the streets  
Sits down outside a big house  
The missus's dog chases him away.

At the shop he puts  
his grubby hands on the clean counter  
He gets a dirty look from behind the counter  
It's a daily experience  
It bothers him no more.

At night he admires colourful items in shops

He sees the toys and other wonderful things  
His eyes glow, but it starts to rain  
Cold wind, heavy drops, hail and thunder  
He holds his 'lekkers' safely  
Runs through the rain for shelter  
Under the bridge  
He's alone again, tired and cold.

Further away, a fire glows  
Kids sit around it  
Huddled together to keep warm  
He holds out two 'lekkers'  
Moves closer, step by step  
A kid looks at the guy wearing the earring  
He gives the kid a sweet  
'Dis eclair, boss'  
He nods, two boys make space  
He sits down and nods to the boss, humbly  
He unwraps his last eclair, chews slowly  
A wave hits him, his eyes close  
Warm and safe for tonight  
Will tomorrow be different?

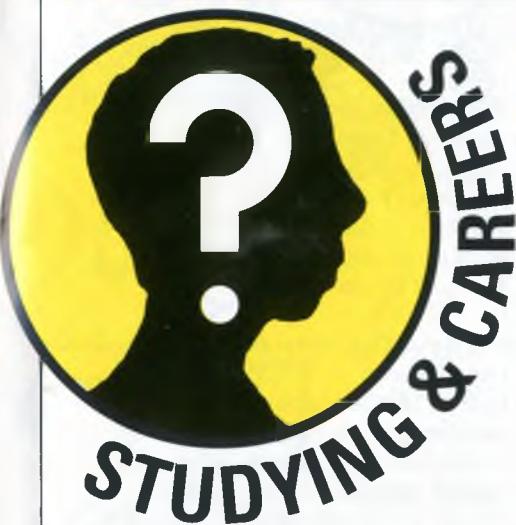
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**Rural sponsorship**

**Dear Upbeat**

*I do not understand what your rural sponsorship scheme is. Please explain how it works.*

**Thembinkosi Mzila, Dalton**

**Dear Thembinkosi**

Thank you for your letter. Through our rural sponsorship scheme, we try to get Upbeat into rural schools. We know that many teachers and schools do not have money to buy sets of the magazine to use in class. So we ask big companies to buy subscriptions for schools. They normally pay for sets of between ten and 50 magazines per issue.

Sometimes the companies choose the schools they want to sponsor. Other companies ask us to select schools for them. We put the names of the companies that are paying for sponsored subscriptions in the magazine. But we also ask rural schools to write to us if they want to receive sponsored Upbeats. We do this so that we know which schools want the magazine.

**Editors**

## Problems with Maths and Science

**Problems with Maths and Science**  
**Dear Upbeat**

*I am a Science student in Std 8 at Mokgareng High School in Taung. I have problems with Mathematics and Physical Science. I need to pay those subjects special attention. I fail my monthly tests but I want to do these subjects on the higher grade in Std 9. Please help me.*

**Naomi Lejaka, Taung**

**Dear Naomi**

Many students struggle with these subjects. The reason for this is that often students do not learn the basic concepts when they are in primary school. Here are some organisations that you can contact for help:-

- **Count** - they have a newspaper which helps students learn Maths. You can write to them at:- COUNT, P O Box 55072, Northlands 2116
- **Protec** offer extra lessons in Maths and Science for senior school students (on Saturday mornings). They have a branch in Mmabatho. Their address is:- 2nd floor, Tsebo Training Centre, East Gallery, Megacity, Mmabatho.

**● The Science Education**

**Programme** work with teachers and they produce materials for Science students. Their address is:- SEP, P O Box 46, Wits 2050

**Editors**

## Becoming a radio announcer

**Dear Upbeat**

*I completed my Std 10 last year. I received my matric certificate. I want to become a radio announcer on Radio Setswana or Radio Bop. Please tell me if there are any courses I can do.*

**V Molefe, Bleskop**

**Dear V Molefe**

To become a radio announcer, you need a good, strong voice. You also need to be able to do research. If you want to become a DJ on a music programme, you must know a lot

about popular music. It helps if you have studied after matric. The best thing to study is drama at a university or technikon. Here are the addresses of the institutions closest to you. You can write to them to find out more about their courses:

- Technikon Northern Transvaal, P/Bag X24, Soshanguve 0152

- University of the North, P/Bag X5090 Pietersburg 0070

You could also contact the radio stations and tell them that you would like to do a voice test. For Radio Sesotho write to:-

The Head, Personnel Services, SABC, P/Bag X1 Auckland Park 2006.

For Radio Bop, write to; Radio Bop, P/Bag X2150, Mmabatho

**Editors**

## Bursary to study Education

**Dear Upbeat**

*I would like to apply for a bursary. I am at the University of Zululand, studying Pedagogics. I am in my first year of study. My family do not have enough money to pay for my education. Can you help me?*

**J S Mpanza, Empangeni**

**Dear J S Mpanza**

If you are studying Pedagogics, you must be studying Education. If you want to be a teacher, you can write to the following places for bursaries:-

- the education department in your area. The address is:

Department of Education of KwaZulu, The Secretary of Education and Culture, P/Bag X04, Ulundi 3838

The following places also offer bursaries for people studying education.

- Studietrust, P O Box 29192, Melville 2109

- SAIRR Bursary Department, P O Box 32597, Braamfontein 2017

**Editors**

# PFENRIENDS

## OVERSEAS

Quartier 'Les Taillodes', 84830

Serignan Du Comtat, France

### Dear Upbeat

My name is Nathalie. I am 20 and I live in France. I wish to correspond with a young South African. I know that my English is not very good but I'm sure it will improve if I correspond with a South African. I love nature, dance, music, birds and life.

Natalie Lelue

## AFRICA

4th Street, House No 3, Miseshi, Mindolo, Kitwe, Zambia

### Dear Upbeat

I am a lonely Zambian guy, aged 20 years. I would like to get in touch with penpals between the ages of 20 and 30 from all over the world. My hobbies are general.

Stephen Mulenga

A. Shipena Senior Secondary School, P/Bag 13320, Windhoek, Namibia 9000

### Dear Upbeat

I am a girl of 15 years old, doing grade 10. I want to correspond with guys and girls. My hobbies are listening to music, receiving letters and dancing. I don't mind the age or the sex of my penfriend. I will reply to all letters.

Sylvia 'Mishi' Tjipetekera

P O Box 202126, Bontleng, Gabarone, Botswana

### Dear Upbeat

I am a 18-year-old guy completing Form Five this year. I would be very happy to have penfriends from all over the world, irrespective of sex, age, colour and religion. Write to me soon if you want to know about me and my country! I promise to reply to all letters written in English and Tswana with a photo inside.

Happy Lekgabe

## TRANSVAAL

1403 Block A, Mabopane 0100

### Dear Upbeat

I am a girl of 17 in Standard 9. I really want penfriends from overseas. My hobbies are reading, tennis and athletics. My favourite artists are Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey and Janet Jackson. Both sexes can write to me. Please write in English and send your photograph in the first letter if possible.

Welhemnak Buthelezi

43 Joe Halim Rd, Extension 6, Eldorado Park 1812

### Dear Upbeat

I am 20 years old, tall and slender. I would like to correspond with girls and boys around the world. My hobbies are writing poetry, songs and short stories. I enjoy outdoor life and I am studying journalism as a career. Girls and boys should write in English or Afrikaans.

Reginald J. Philander

Mqedandaba High School, P/Bag X1603, Bergville 3350

### Dear Upbeat

I am a girl of 15. I am doing Standard 6. I want to have boys and girls of 15-21 as my penfriends. My hobbies are reading, playing tennis and ballroom dancing. My favourite artists are Michael Bolton, Vanessa Williams and Whitney Houston. Write to me in Chewa, Zulu or English. Please send me your photograph.

Adeimah B. Kaalah

## ORANGE FREE STATE

14 Piet Uysstraat, Sasolburg 9570

### Dear Upbeat

I am a boy of 17 and I have already left school. I would like to correspond with people between the ages of 13-17. My interests are sport, ice-skating, music, the outdoors and playing with 'krokenosters' in the veld. I also like to dance, go to the movies and watch videos. I promise to reply to all letters written in English or Afrikaans.

Henning Smit

## NATAL

Sacred Heart Secondary School, Oxford Girls College, P O Verulam 4340

### Dear Upbeat

I am a girl of 13, doing Standard 6. I want penfriends of 13-15 years from all over the world. My hobbies are swimming, playing tennis, karate and writing letters. I will reply to all letters written in Zulu and English.

Ziynda Zamah

102 Roseday Place, Clayfield, Phoenix 4051

### Dear Upbeat

I am 13 years old. I would like to correspond with girls and boys between the ages of 13-15. My hobbies are writing, listening to music, dancing, watching movies, playing the recorder and casio, baseball, volleyball and tennis. I will reply to all letters.

Jayshree Sukhraj

P O Box 866, Empangeni 3880

### Dear Upbeat

I am a young man of 22. I want to correspond with boys and girls of 16-25 years. My hobbies are reading, watching TV and listening to music. My favourite singers are Peter Frampton, Keith Sweat and Boys 11 Men. Please send a photograph and write in Zulu or English.

Maxwell Biyela

P O Box 877, Umlazi 4031

### Dear Upbeat

I am an 18 year old boy. I want penfriends of 16-21 years old. My hobbies are music, karate, athletics, writing letters and having fun with friends. If you want to know about me and life in Umlazi, please write to me in English or Zulu.

Godfrey Zondi

## CAPE

Mqhakama High School, P O Box 181, Highflats 4640

### Dear Upbeat

I am a boy of 17 doing Standard 9. I would like to correspond with boys and girls of 13-20. My hobbies are drawing, soccer, listening to the radio and playing tennis. My favourite artists are Freddie Jackson, Doctor Alban and Brenda Fassie. I promise to reply to all letters written in English, Xhosa or Zulu. Photos are welcome.

Steppington

Cullen Hostel, P O Saint Matte, Keiskammaho

### Dear Upbeat

I am a girl of 17 doing Std 9. I would like to correspond with guys and girls between 15-19 years old. I promise to answer all letters with or without photos.

Precious S. Nikani

21 Adamastom Rd, Woodale, Ottery 7800

### Dear Upbeat

I am a girl of 9, doing Standard 1. I would like to correspond with girls and boys of all ages from all over the world. My hobbies are playing the piano, baking, roller-skating and swimming. Please send photographs and write in English or Afrikaans.

Celeste Hinrichsen



Winners

## PEACEMAKER - PART 3



Losers

For many years South Africans have fought for the right to vote. This month, everyone over 18 years will get a chance to vote for a government of their choice. But many people are worried that there will be violence after the elections. So, here are some tips for supporters of the winning - and losing political parties. Here's how to keep peace.

### For the winners

#### DO:

- ▶ Give everyone the right to express their political views, even if you don't agree with them.
- ▶ Encourage others to share their ideas with you.
- ▶ Encourage supporters of other parties to join your school or community organisations.
- ▶ Listen to the criticisms of the new government with an open mind.

#### DON'T:

- brag or put down supporters of other political parties,
- behave like a boss. Give others a chance to share their ideas with you,
- give people jobs just because they support the same party as you do.

### For the losers

#### DO:

- ▶ Talk to the supporters of the winning party.
- ▶ Congratulate the winning party.
- ▶ Share your ideas for the new South Africa with others.
- ▶ Share your criticisms of the new government without blaming or fighting.

#### DON'T:

- accuse the winning party of cheating just because your party lost,
- fight with the supporters of the winning party,
- refuse to join community activities and organisations with members from the winning party,
- oppose everything that the new government says just because your party lost.

*Let us show the world  
that we can win  
and lose peacefully!*

Illustrations by Andrew Lindsay

# THE GALAXY ARCADE KIDS

By Burgen Thorne

## Young Love!

Wow, watch Teboho sink those balls. He's hit three in a row.

Aziz and Teboho are playing pool while Maxine and Nomonde watch. Teboho is obviously winning. The girls are admiring his skill.



The GALAXY ARCADE is the meeting place of four very different young people.  
 AZIZ - (17) is a dreamer. He's new in town and he is looking for a job.  
 MAXINE - (16) is a rebel and a free thinker. She's always ready for a party.  
 NOMONDE - (15) has a strict family but secretly she wants to break free.  
 TEBOHO - (16) works hard & knows where he's going. His weakness - pool!





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# WILLIE WORDWORM

## NEWSBEAT

**a pharmacist (n)** - a person who makes and sells medicines or drugs

**counsellors (n)** - people who help others to cope with problems

## GERRY WILLIAMS

**sparkling (adj)** - lively

**a presenter (n)** - a person who leads a programme on the radio or TV

**kinky (adj)** - strange

## YOU AND THE WORLD

**to choke (v)** - to be unable to breath properly

**fumes (n)** - strong-smelling gas or smoke

**to absorb (v)** - to receive something and reduce its effects

**fossil fuels (n)** - a natural fuel like coal, gas or wood

**exhaust** - fumes from motor vehicles

## STREETBEAT

**cute (adj)** - beautiful

**presentable (adj)** - nice-looking

## GROWING UP

**to abandon (v)** - to dump

**to be upset (v)** - to be very sad

**to commit suicide (v)** - to try to kill oneself

## VOICES

**to roam (v)** - to move about

**grubby hands (adj)** - dirty hands

**to crawl (v)** - to move with hands and knees with the body close to the ground

**huddled (v)** - to crowd together into a small space

**to unwrap (v)** - to unfold

## POLITICS

**constitution (n)** - a set of rules or laws which are used to govern a country

**rights (n)** - what is fair and good

**to overcome (v)** - to solve a problem

**sealed (adj)** - firmly closed so that it cannot open by mistake

**qualified vote** - when you have to fill certain requirements before you can vote. Education, earnings and property are often used as these requirements.

**applied (v)** - asked for

**candidate (n)** - a person who hopes to be chosen for something, someone who hopes to be government

**to alter (v)** - to change

**electoral officer** - someone who works to make sure elections happen with no cheating

**determine (v)** - to decide

**premier (n)** - leader

**executive (adj)** - a committee of people who sees that laws are carried out

**Bill of Rights** - an accepted statement of rights and privileges drawn up to protect all people in a country. The government must make sure that no laws go against these rights.

## COMPETITION WINNERS

### Check if you are a winner in Upbeat's Black Noise competition

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adj = adjective  
adv = adverb  
n = noun

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## UPBEAT'S TOP TEN SOCCER TEAMS

**Back row (left to right):**

Gary Gibson (coach), Mark Williams, Marc Reingold, Paulo das Neves, Gareth Mavells (goalkeeper),  
Kurt Bergman, Mara Serelane, Taswald Human

**Front row (left to right):**

Grant Young, Gavin du Plessis, Andre Roos, David Byrne,  
Andrew Tucker, Mike Allen