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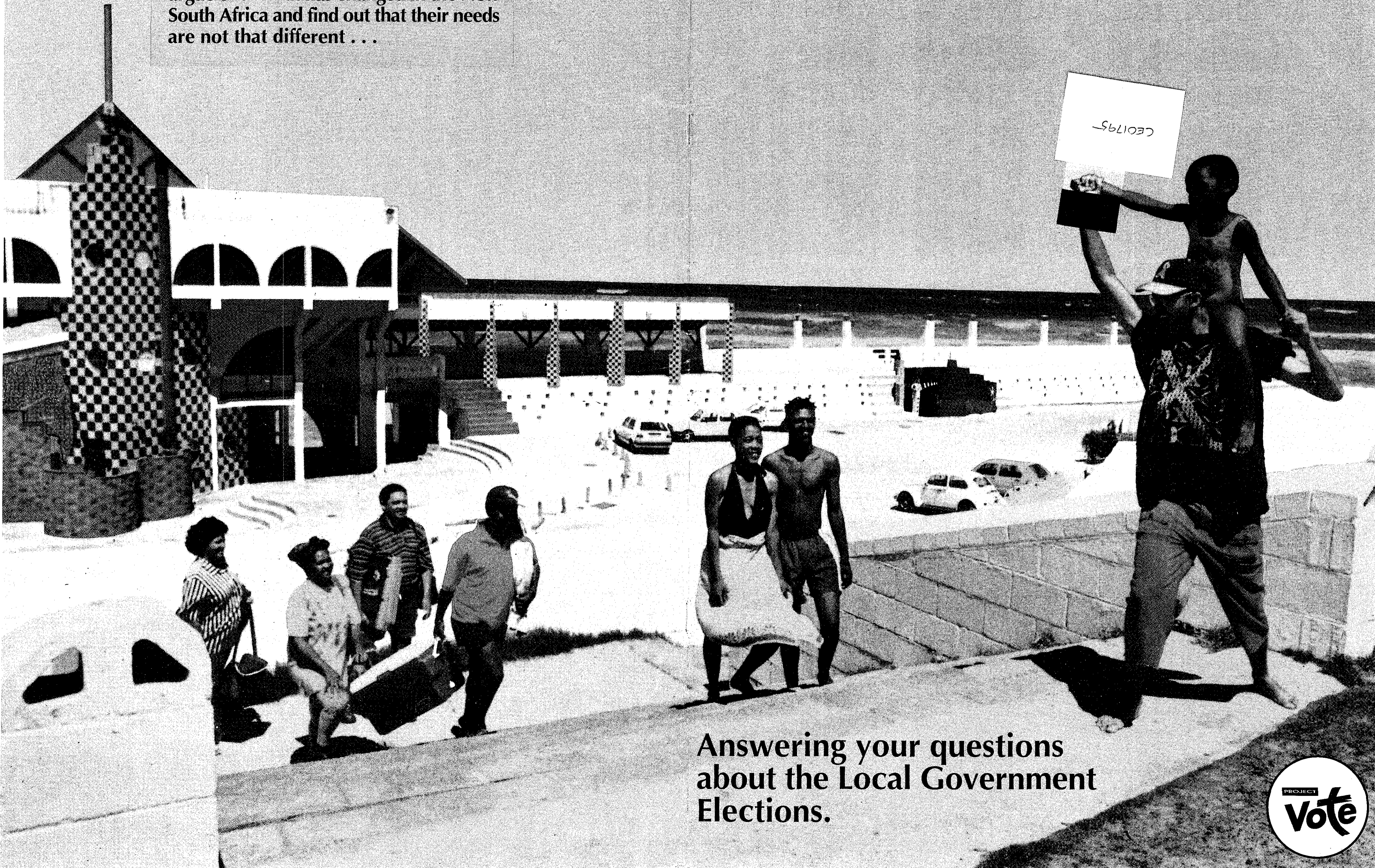
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THE NEXT STEP

The Hendrickse and Mandindi families argue over what has changed in the New South Africa and find out that their needs are not that different . . .



Answering your questions about the Local Government Elections.





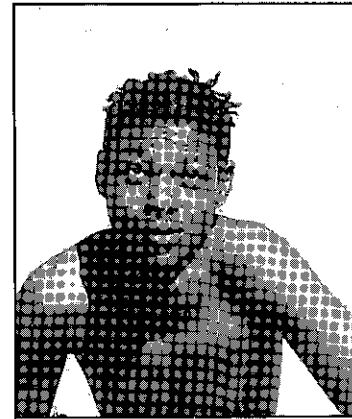
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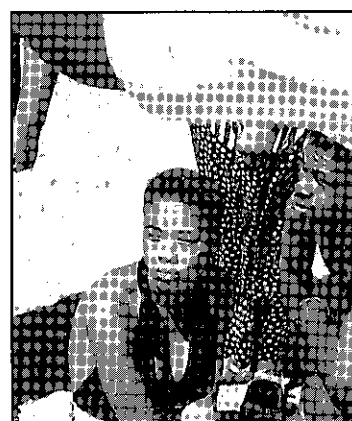
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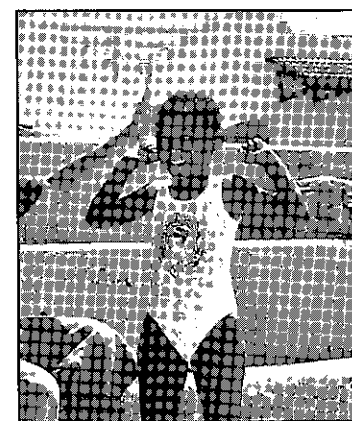
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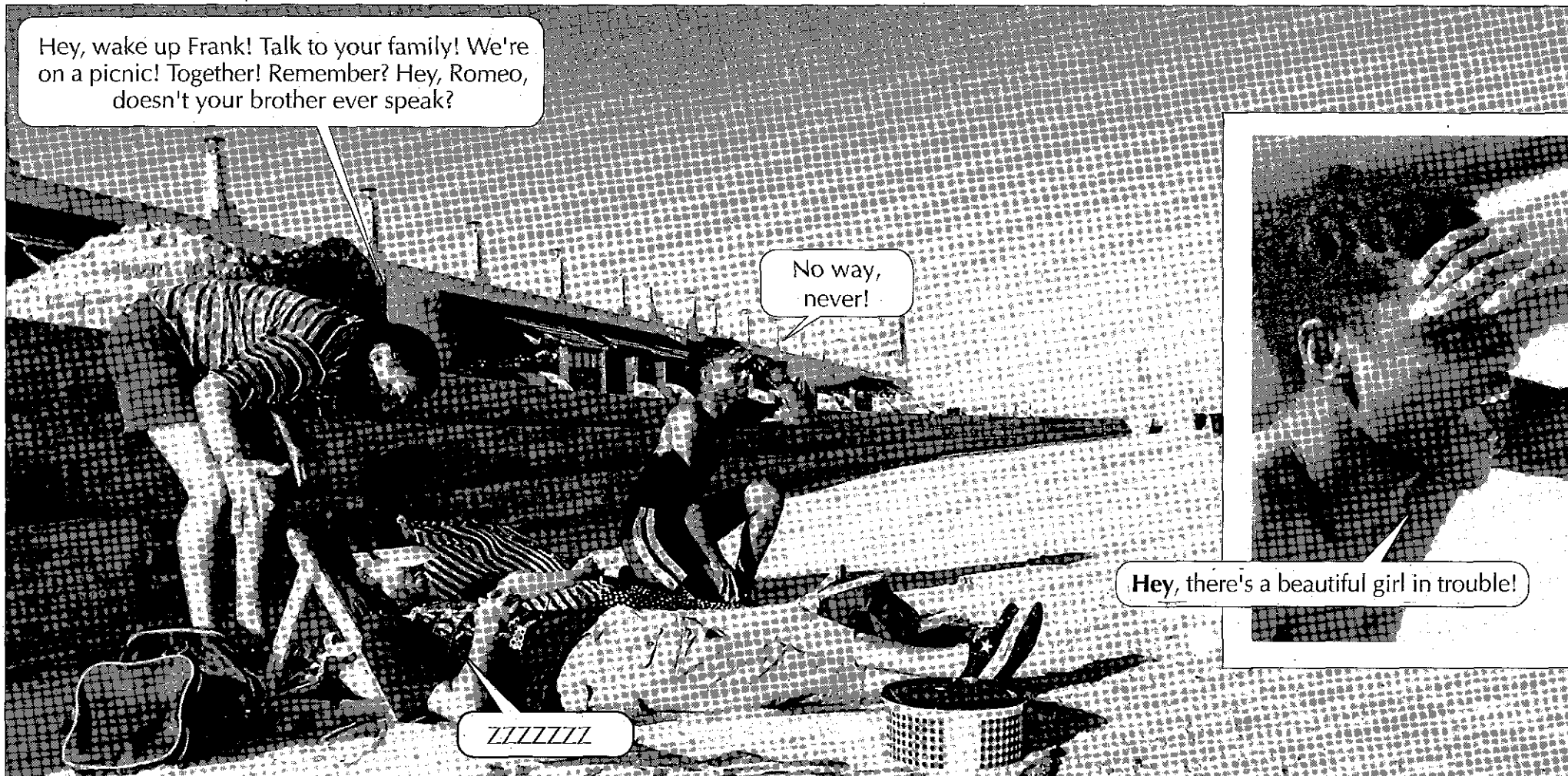
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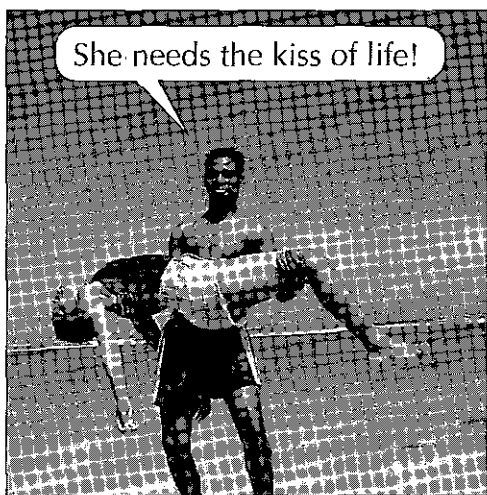
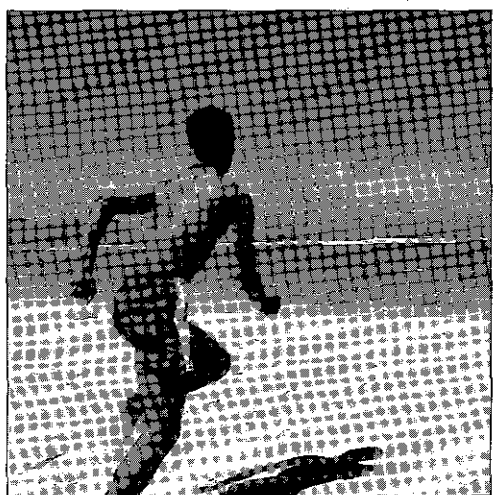
Hey, wake up Frank! Talk to your family! We're on a picnic! Together! Remember? Hey, Romeo, doesn't your brother ever speak?

No way, never!

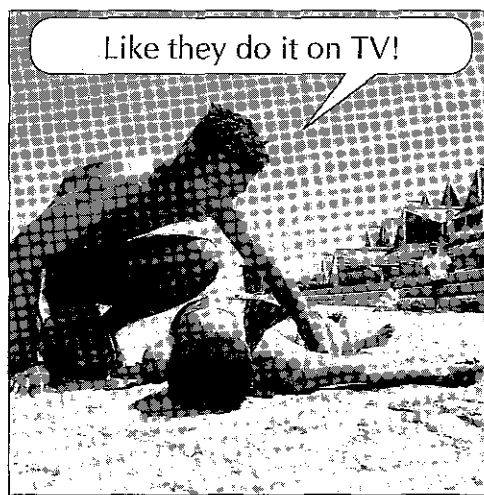


Hey, there's a beautiful girl in trouble!

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She needs the kiss of life!



Like they do it on TV!



You! What's going on here?



Cool it! I just saved her life!

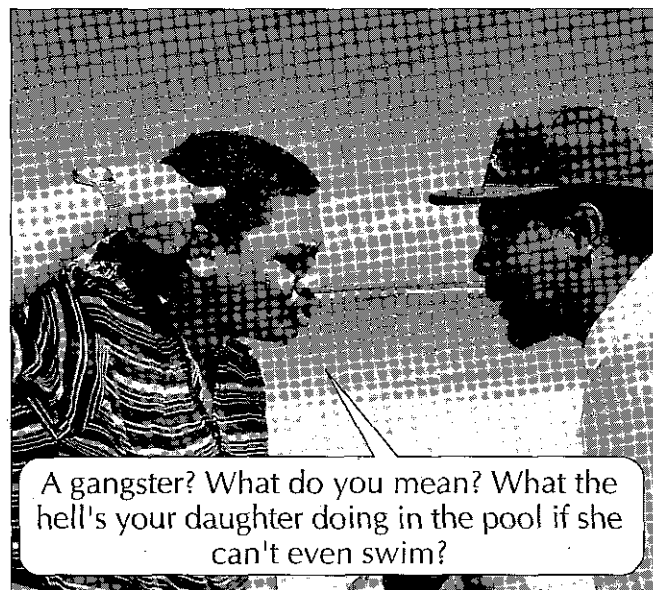
Oh! Cos if you're kissing her, I'll knock your head off!

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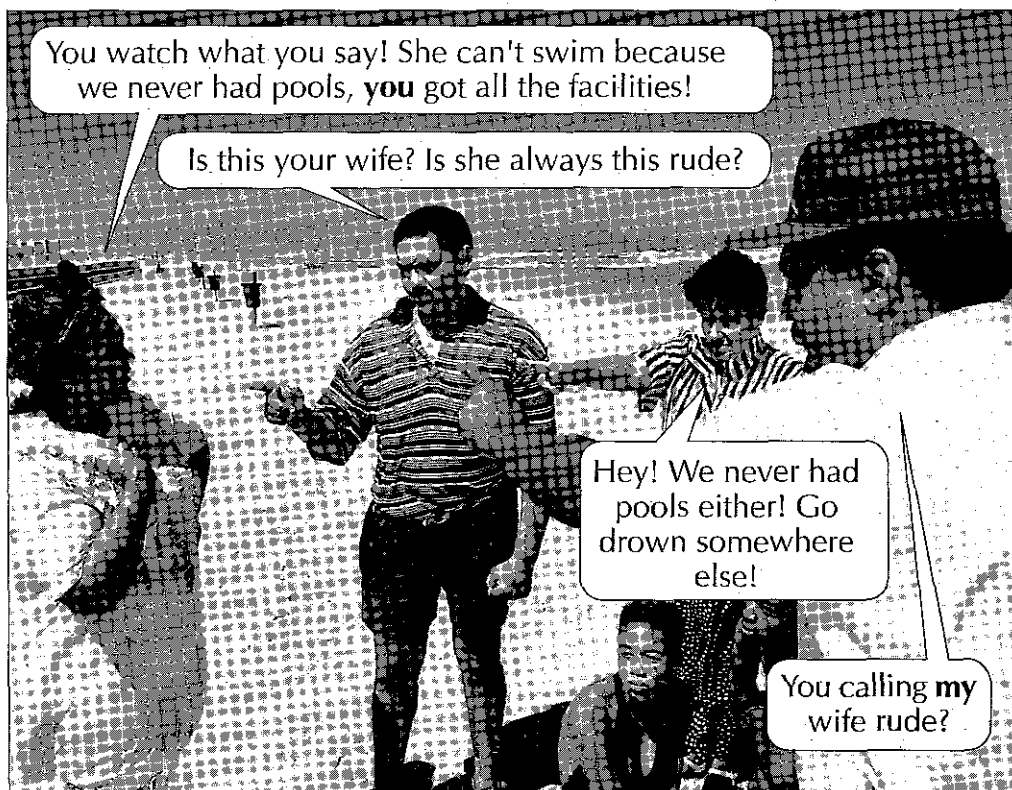


Hey, what's it? What you saying to my son?

Keep him away from my daughter! He's a gangster!



A gangster? What do you mean? What the hell's your daughter doing in the pool if she can't even swim?



You watch what you say! She can't swim because we never had pools, **you** got all the facilities!

Is this your wife? Is she always this rude?

Hey! We never had pools either! Go drown somewhere else!

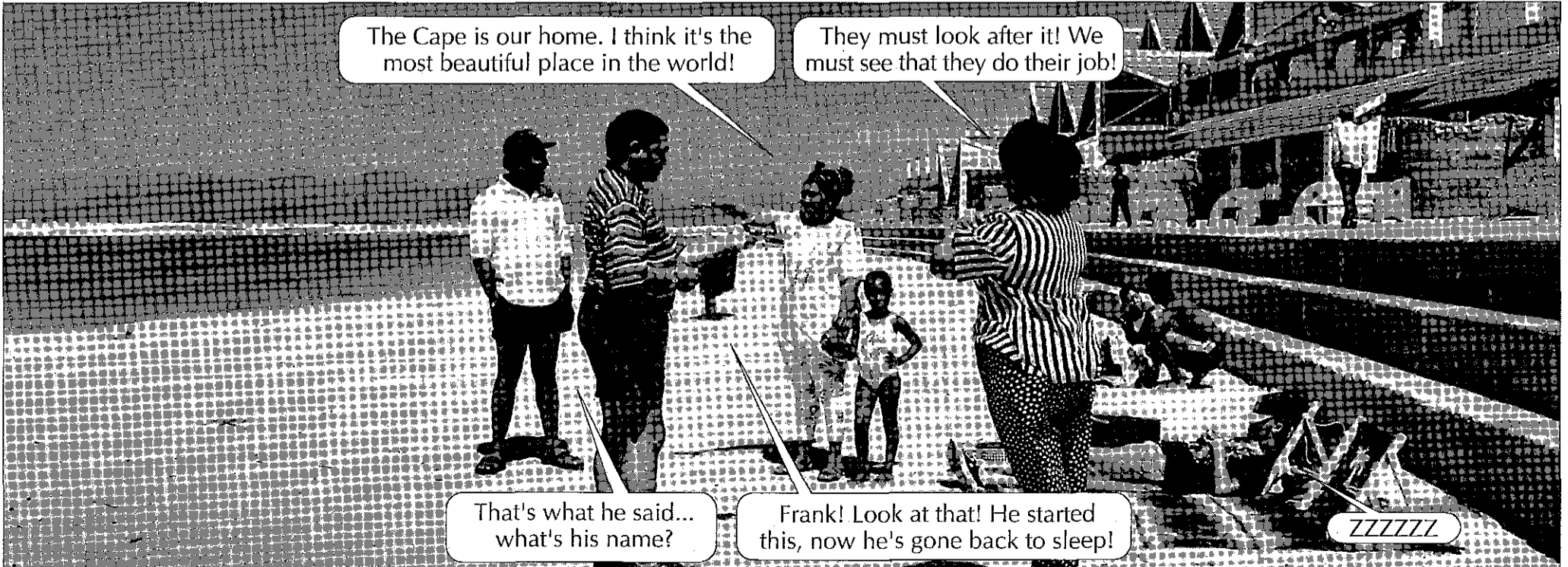
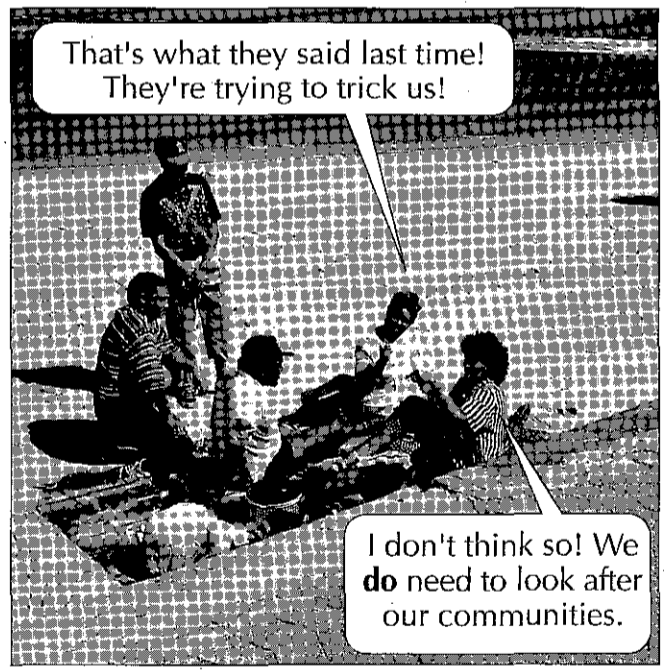
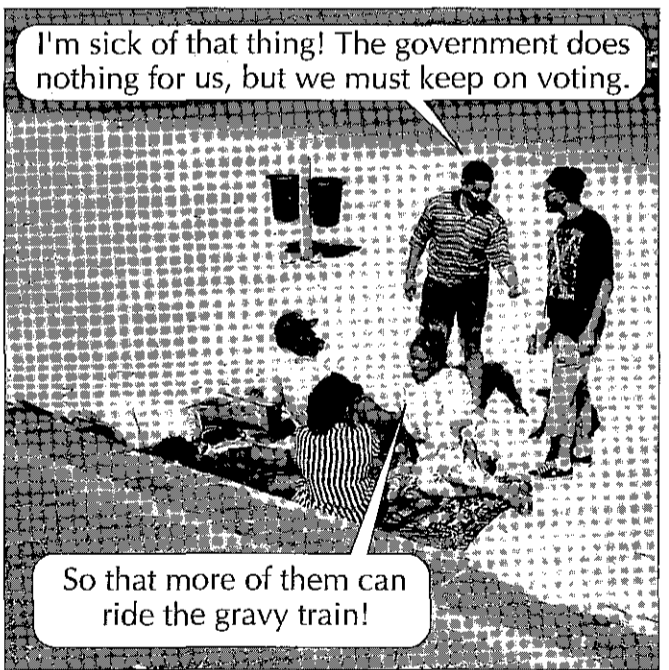
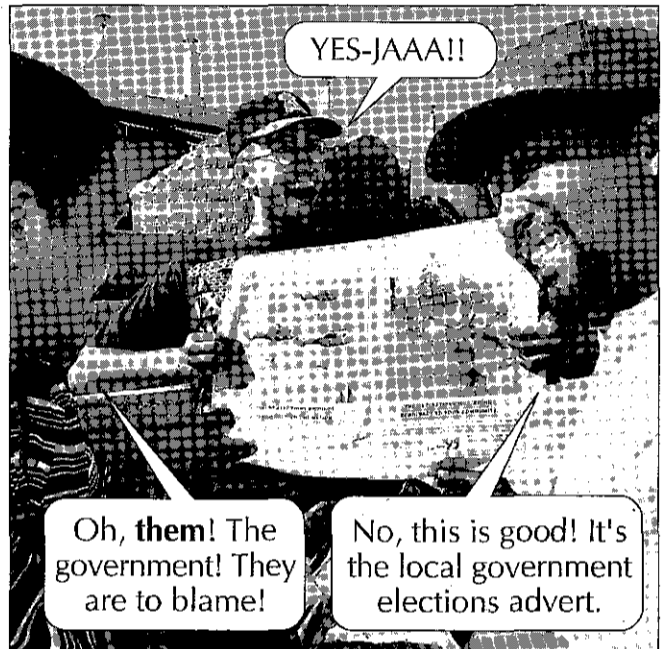
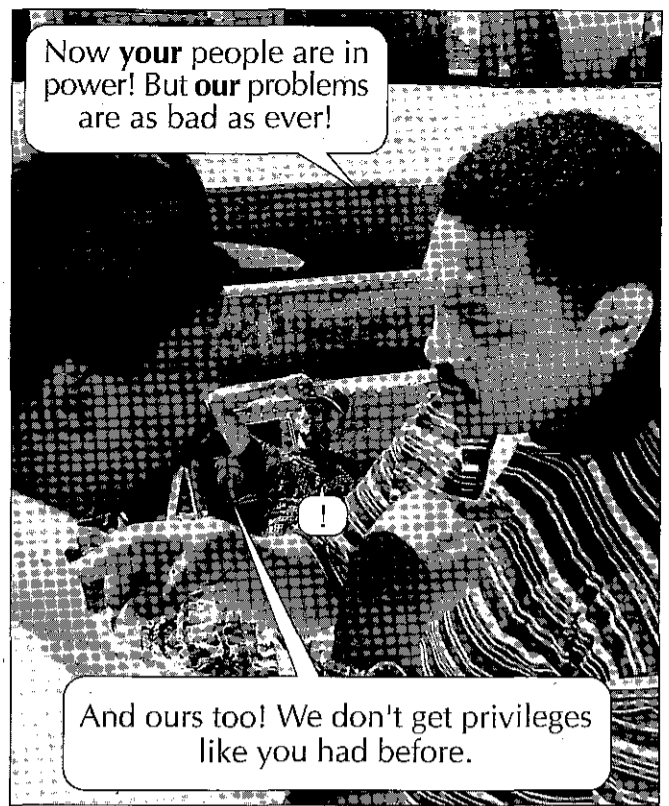
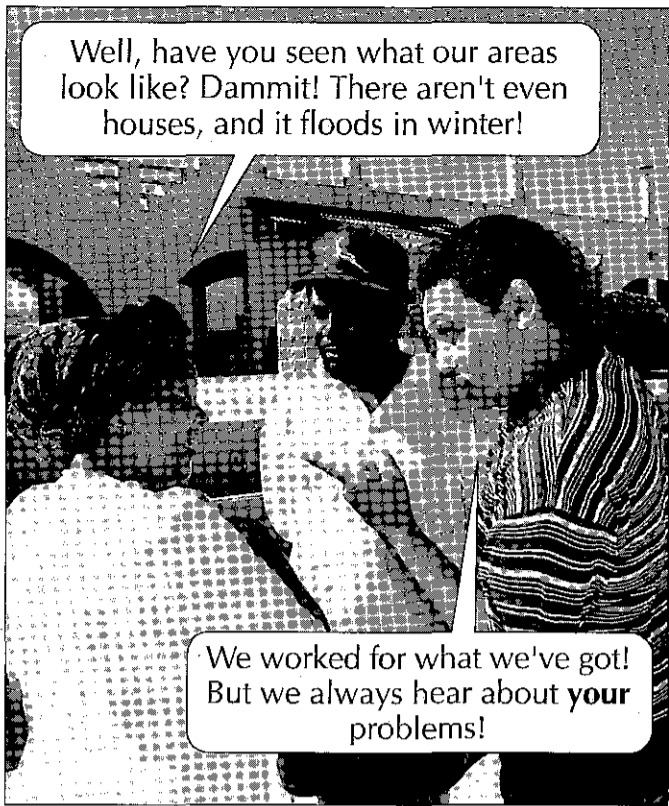
You calling my wife rude?

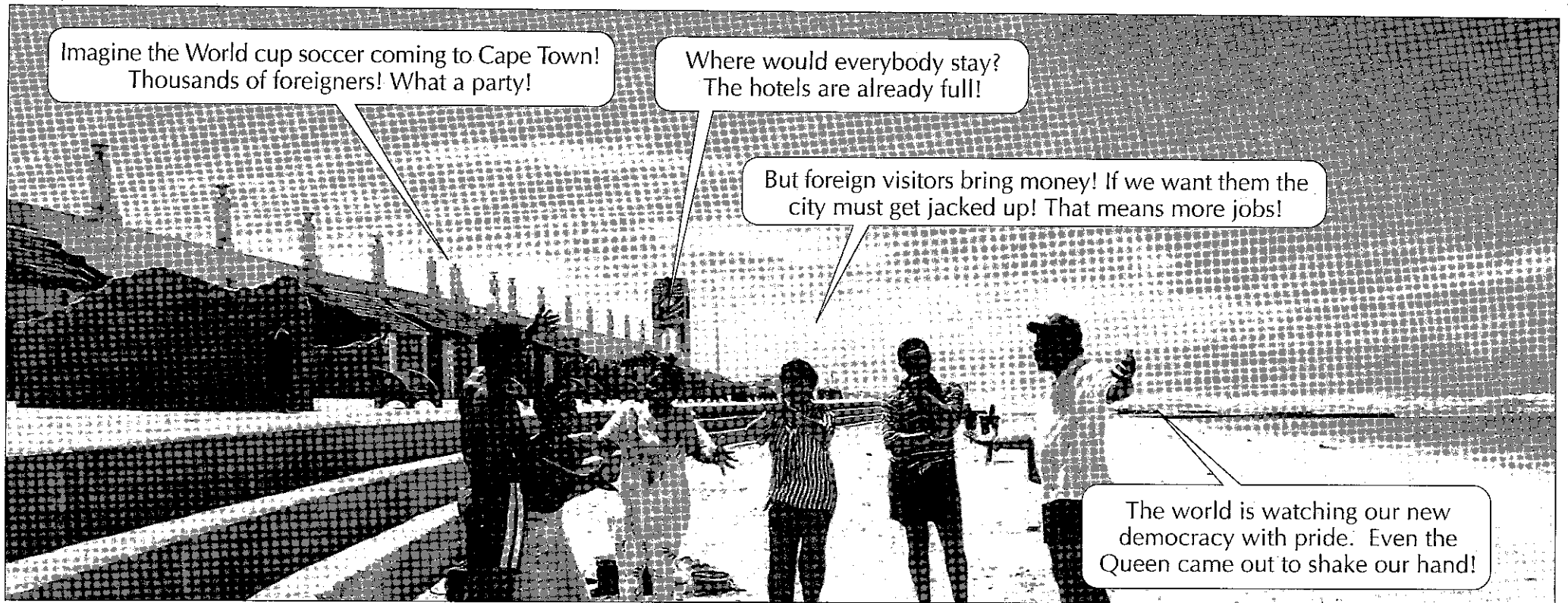


You got everything! You even got job-reservation in the Cape!

How about affirmative action! Now even education can't help our children get jobs!

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Imagine the World cup soccer coming to Cape Town!
Thousands of foreigners! What a party!

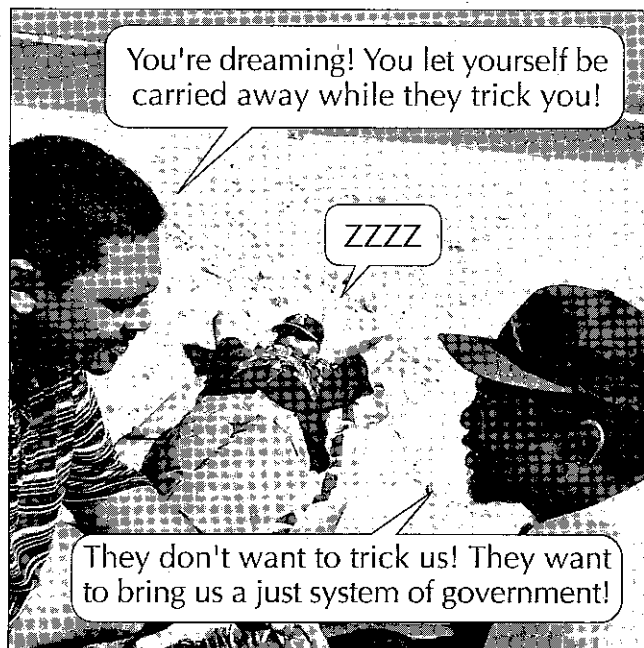
Where would everybody stay?
The hotels are already full!

But foreign visitors bring money! If we want them the
city must get jacked up! That means more jobs!

The world is watching our new
democracy with pride. Even the
Queen came out to shake our hand!



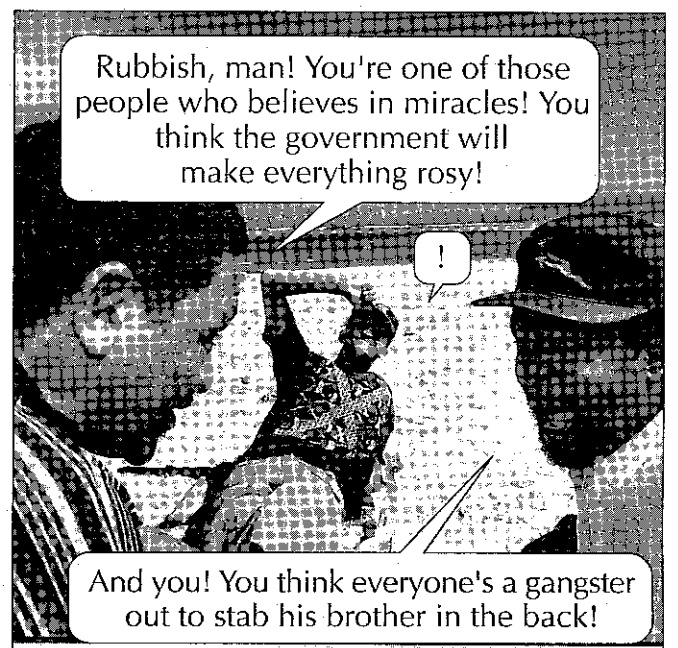
I have already registered
to vote! I'm committed
to supporting a real
democracy!



You're dreaming! You let yourself be
carried away while they trick you!

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They don't want to trick us! They want
to bring us a just system of government!



Rubbish, man! You're one of those
people who believes in miracles! You
think the government will
make everything rosy!

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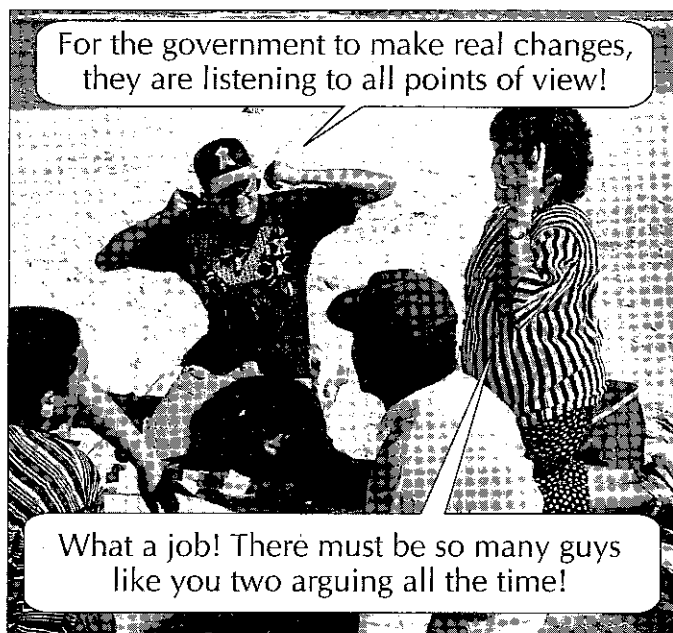
And you! You think everyone's a gangster
out to stab his brother in the back!



Now there is a way for you both to
have your say!

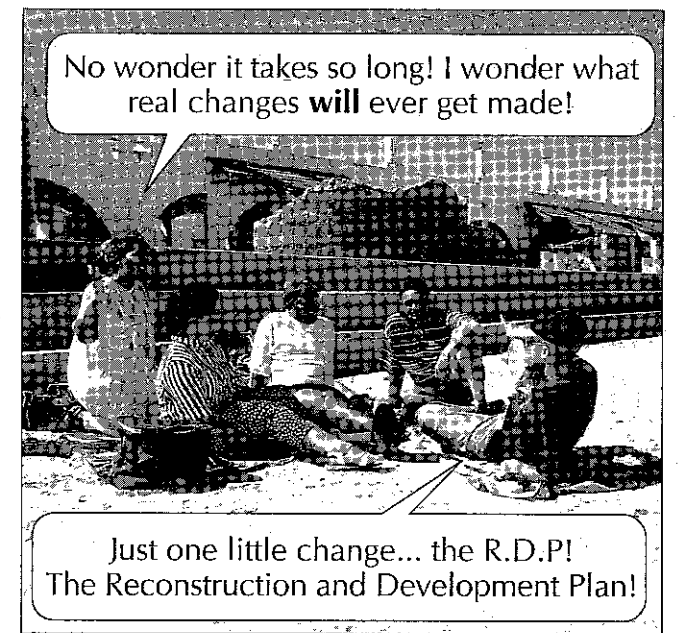
What are you
talking about **now**?

I thought he
was asleep.



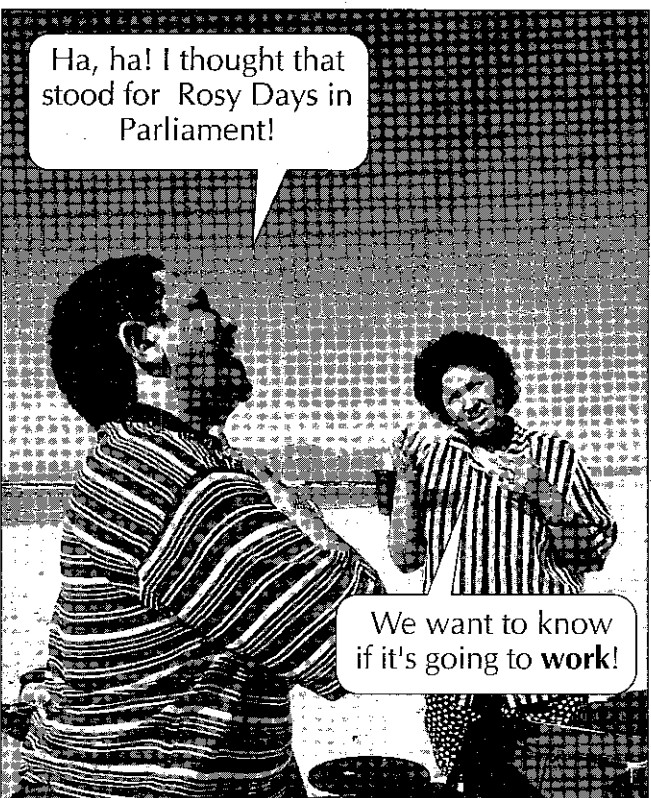
For the government to make real changes,
they are listening to all points of view!

What a job! There must be so many guys
like you two arguing all the time!



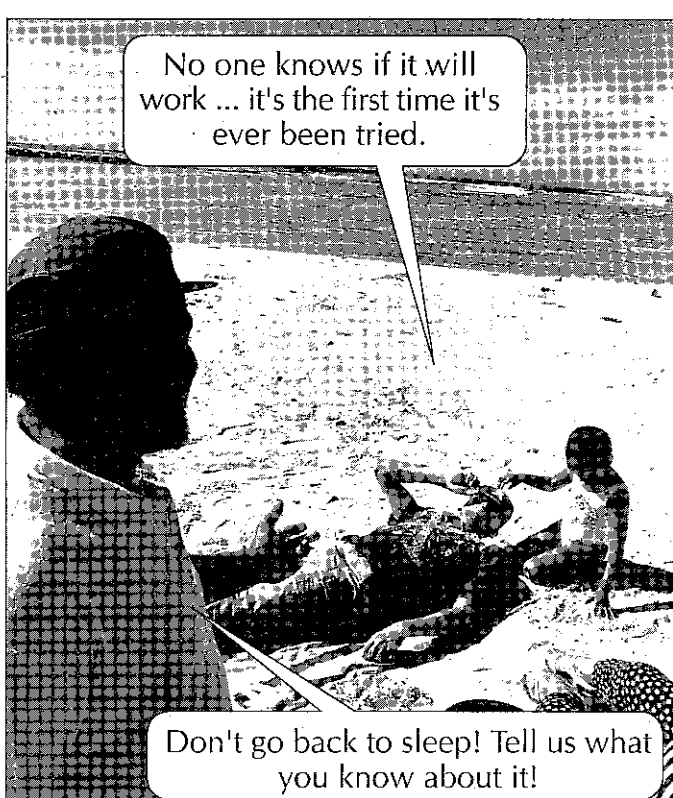
No wonder it takes so long! I wonder what
real changes **will** ever get made!

Just one little change... the R.D.P!
The Reconstruction and Development Plan!



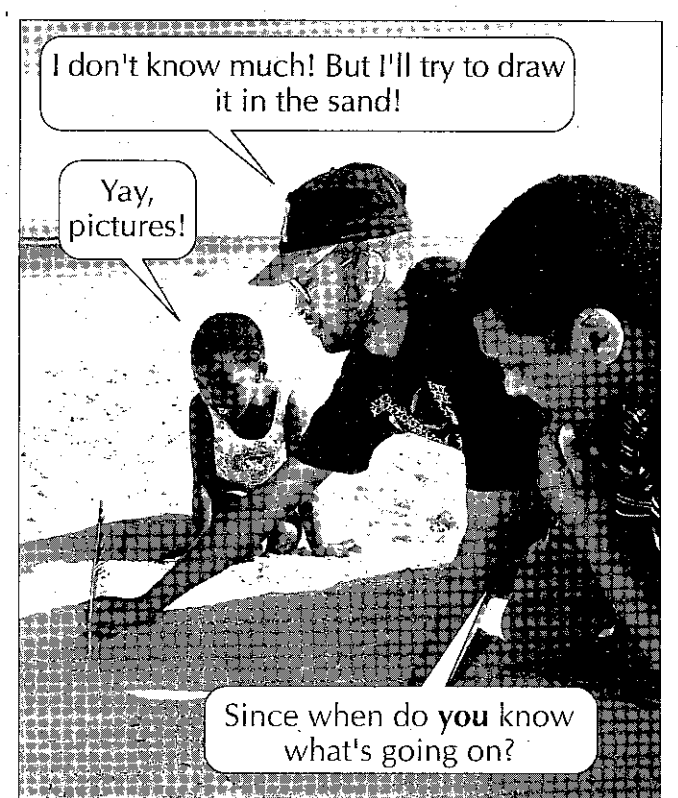
Ha, ha! I thought that
stood for Rosy Days in
Parliament!

We want to know
if it's going to **work**!



No one knows if it will
work ... it's the first time it's
ever been tried.

Don't go back to sleep! Tell us what
you know about it!



I don't know much! But I'll try to draw
it in the sand!

Yay,
pictures!

Since when do **you** know
what's going on?

UNDERSTANDING THE RDP

What does this guy know? He never says anything!



The RDP will try to redirect money to the poor who suffered under apartheid.

- | 6 PRINCIPLES OF THE RDP | |
|---|--|
| 1. The RDP must make the economy grow | 4. The RDP must unify our country |
| 2. The people of South Africa must participate in the RDP | 5. The RDP must uplift people's lives |
| 3. The RDP must bring peace and security to our country | 6. The RDP must strengthen our economy |

It's easy sounding good. But can they make it work?



THE RDP HAS 4 PROGRAMMES

Sounds good, hey! Aren't you excited?



1 BASIC NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

To give people a better standard of living and a better way of life, such as improving their education, building houses and providing better health services. Local government plays an important role in putting the RDP into practice because it provides basic services such as water, sewerage and rubbish collection.

2 TRAINING

The government needs trained and skilled people. We need to train and educate as many South Africans as possible, especially the young people.

3 BUILDING THE ECONOMY

To give people a better way of life the government realises we must have a strong economy. The RDP is concerned with building the economy.

4 BUILDING A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

In the past the apartheid government tried to control people's lives. The 4th priority is for people to live in freedom and have a say in how society should be run. One way that people can say what they want is by voting.

MORE ABOUT THE RDP

I bet you can't tell us how it works.

All I know is it falls directly under President Mandela.

1 MANAGING THE RDP



The National Office of the RDP is run by Minister Jay Naidoo.

2 IMPLEMENTING THE RDP

Jay Naidoo meets with the cabinet ministers to check all departments are providing funds for RDP projects.

The funding comes from the budget.

And where does the money from the budget come from?

3 THE BUDGET

The government gets money from the taxes we pay. The government sets out how it will spend the country's money in the BUDGET.

How do we know they aren't being wasteful?

There's a checklist of criteria that they must follow according to the RDP.

4 CHECKLIST for RDP PROJECTS

RDP projects must:

1. Create jobs.
2. Increase people's ability to work in groups and institutions.
3. Identify and make resources available.
4. Improve people's lives.
5. Be based on local needs identified by communities.

How can we get the money?

Are you sure all of this is true Shamiel? It sounds too good to be true.

Communities can apply for money through the RDP forums.

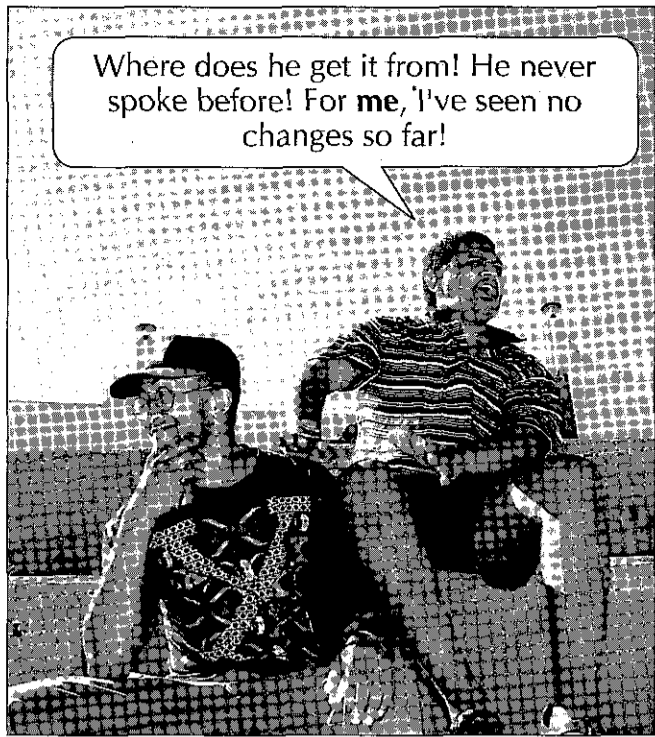
5 RDP FORUMS

RDP Forums are places where local organisations meet to decide what projects are most urgently needed by the community. You can find out more about your local RDP Forum from your Local Authority.

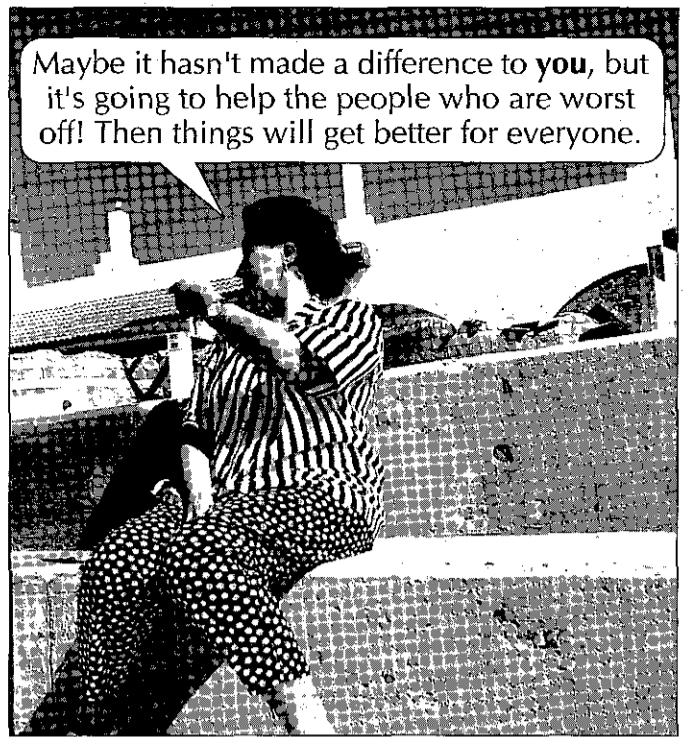


Why shouldn't things be good, just because they were bad before?

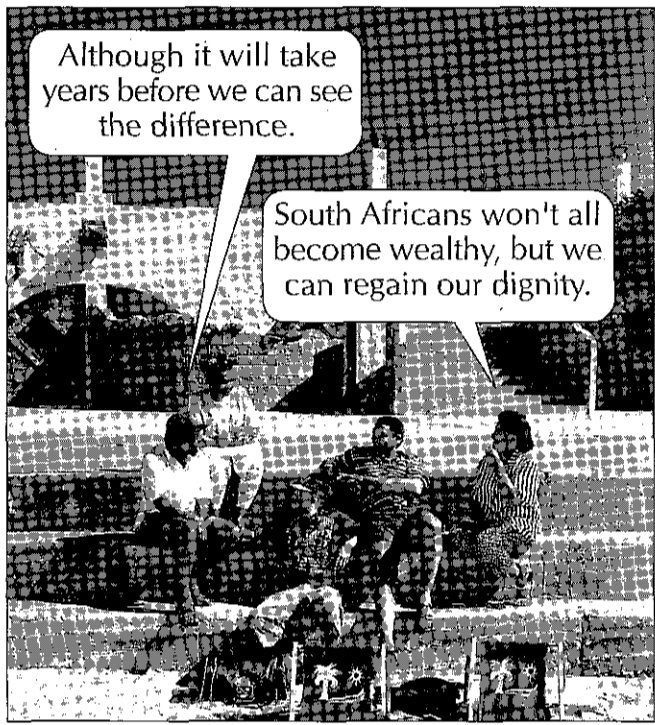
Look at your son! It matters to **him!**
He's wide awake!



Where does he get it from! He never spoke before! For **me**, I've seen no changes so far!

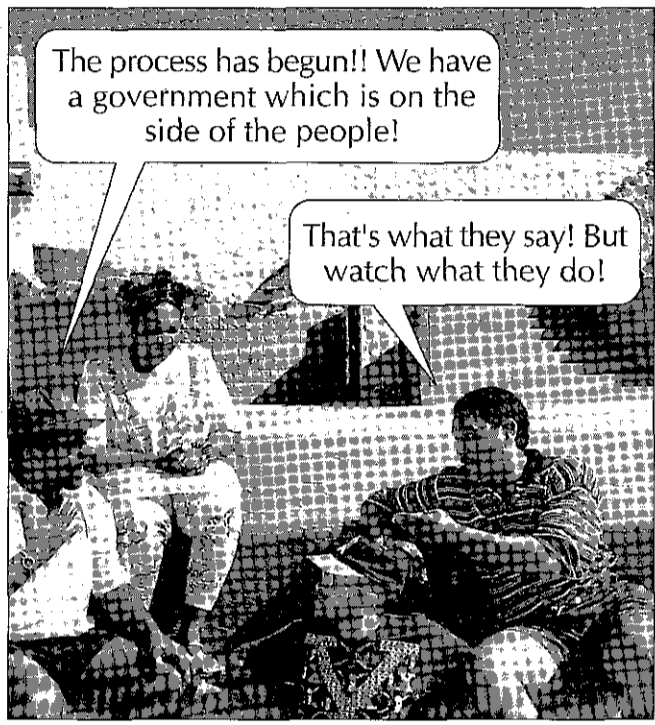


Maybe it hasn't made a difference to **you**, but it's going to help the people who are worst off! Then things will get better for everyone.



Although it will take years before we can see the difference.

South Africans won't all become wealthy, but we can regain our dignity.



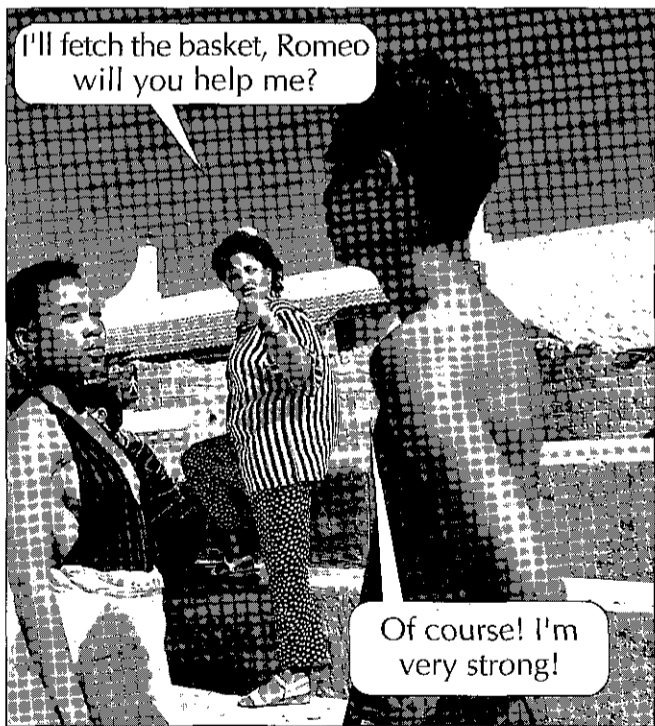
The process has begun!! We have a government which is on the side of the people!

That's what they say! But watch what they do!



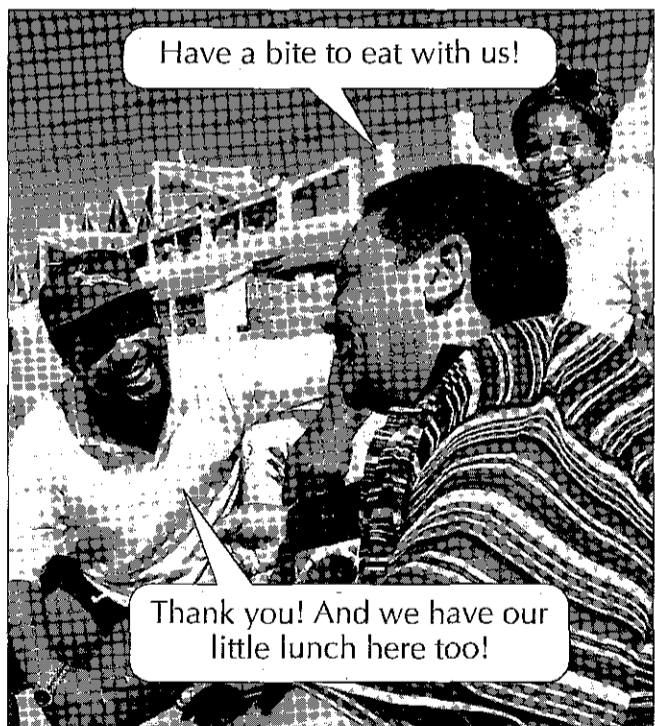
Power corrupts! We must keep watch! Why? Because we can use our vote to protect ourselves.

Can we? Then right now I'll vote for lunch!



I'll fetch the basket, Romeo will you help me?

Of course! I'm very strong!



Have a bite to eat with us!

Thank you! And we have our little lunch here too!



That cooler is huge! Did you get it from the RDP?

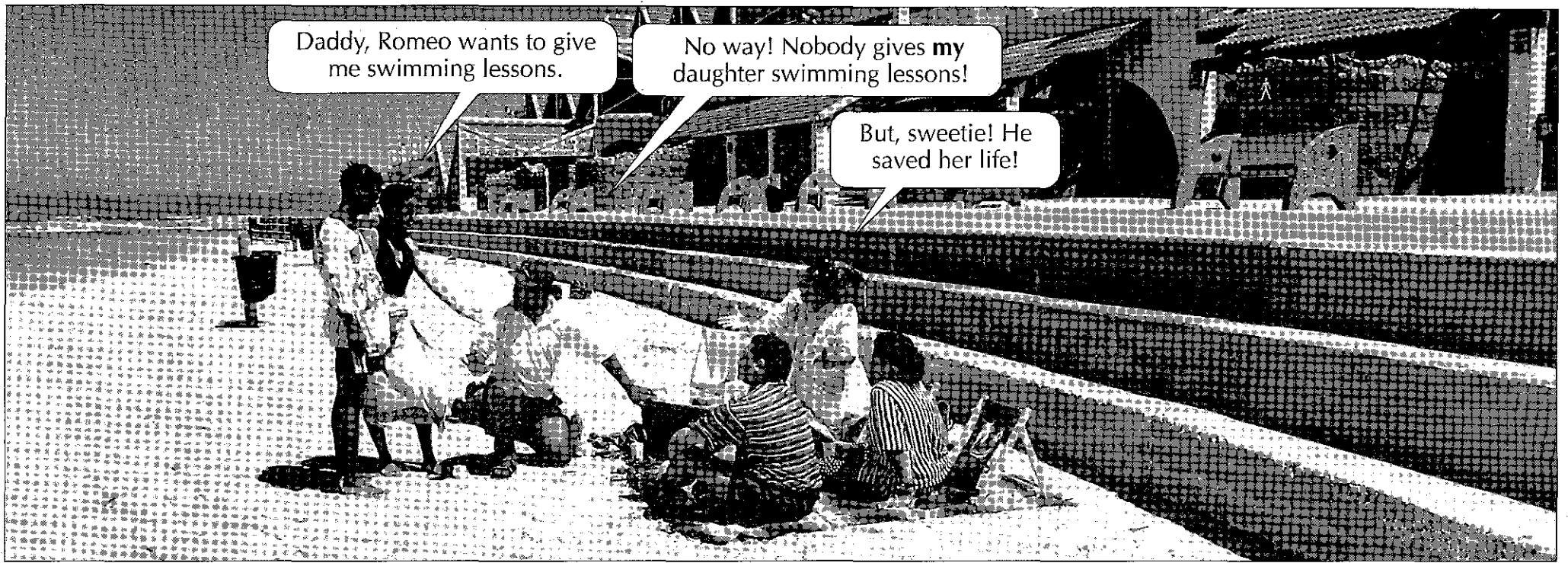


Help yourselves!

Everybody had some spaanspek?

Frank must need a cooldrink after all that talking. Frank? Hey... he's gone back to sleep again!

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Daddy, Romeo wants to give me swimming lessons.

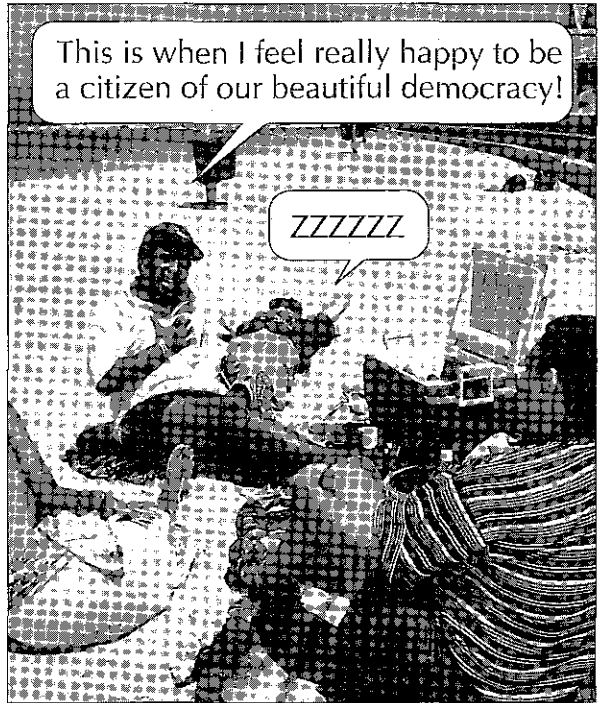
No way! Nobody gives my daughter swimming lessons!

But, sweetie! He saved her life!



The weather is great!

I love this time of year!



This is when I feel really happy to be a citizen of our beautiful democracy!

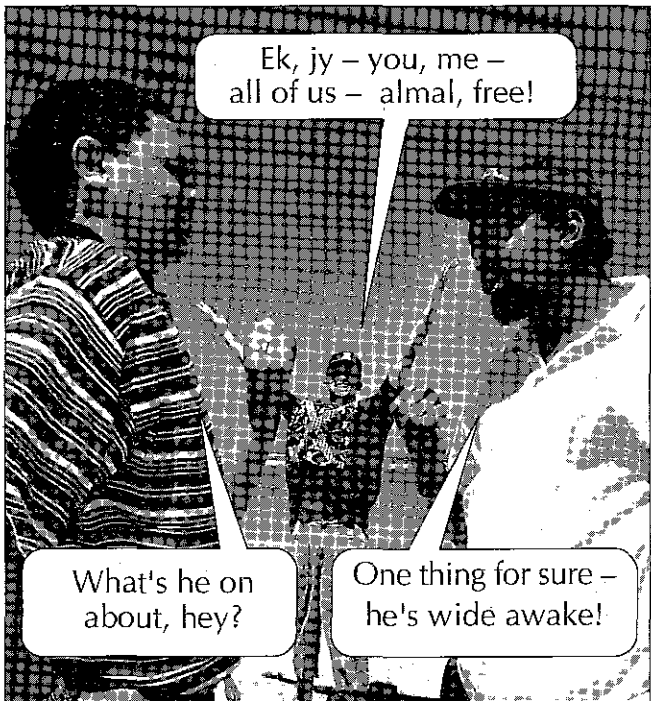
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Ag, no! Don't you begin that voting stuff again! I was starting to relax lekker!

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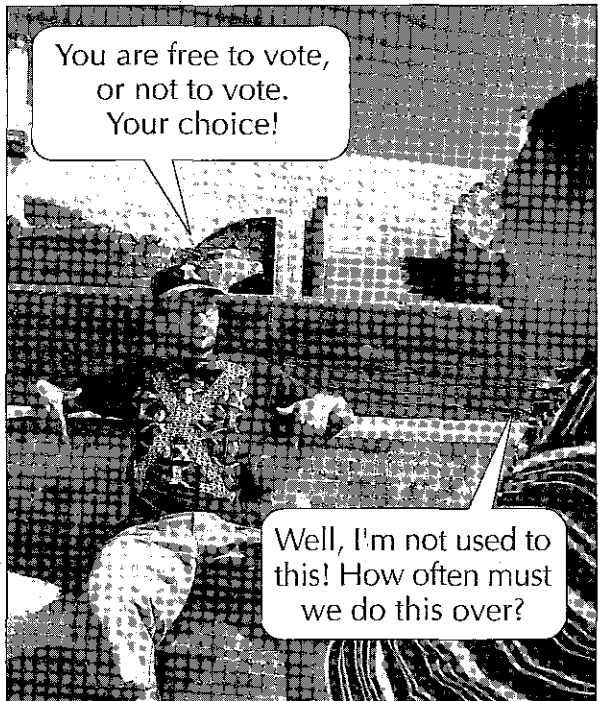
Don't you feel honoured to have voted against oppression?



Ek, jy – you, me – all of us – almal, free!

What's he on about, hey?

One thing for sure – he's wide awake!



You are free to vote, or not to vote. Your choice!

Well, I'm not used to this! How often must we do this over?



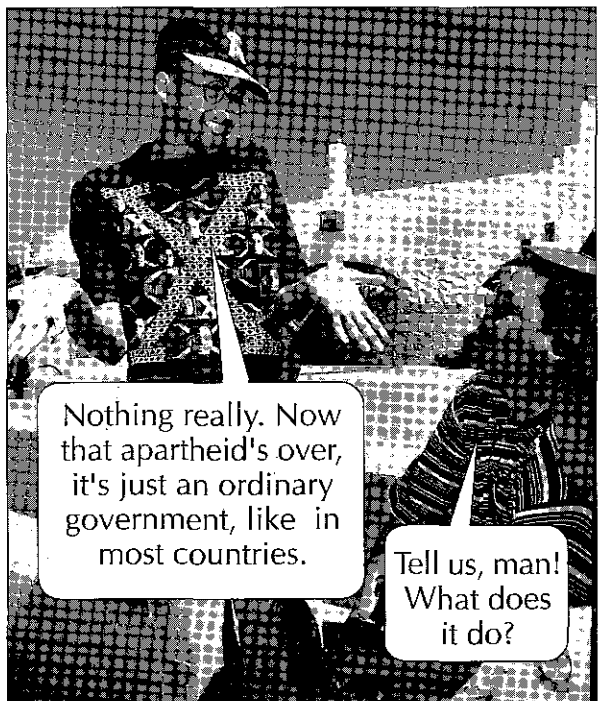
Until all three tiers of government are in place! We only have the first two parts so far. You see?

Well I don't understand the difference between any of them!



Yeah, what does the national government actually do?

We want to know what's so special about it.



Nothing really. Now that apartheid's over, it's just an ordinary government, like in most countries.

Tell us, man! What does it do?



I don't know much, but I'll try and draw it.

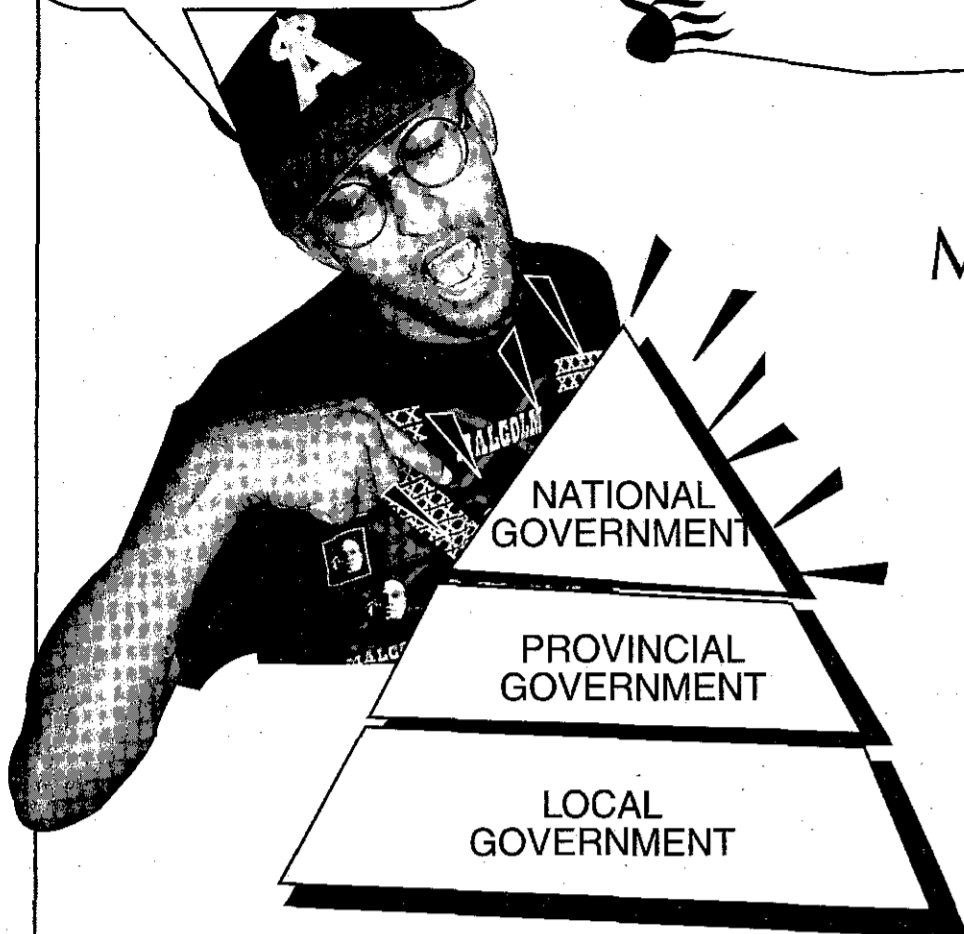
He said that last time! He's having us on!

More pictures!

Our first vote in April was for National Government.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Most countries have governments which are structured like ours. There are 3 areas of national government:



1 LEGISLATIVE

This is the parliament. It makes all the laws of the country. It is divided into the:

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE

The National Assembly consists of 400 members of parliament. 200 from the national list and 200 from the regional lists.

The senate is made up of representatives from the provinces. There are 10 senators from each province.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

The National Assembly, together with the Senate will meet over the next 2 years to finalise the New Constitution for South Africa.

Hey ... if this is boring, skip it out!

National government deals with things like Foreign Policy, the Army, and working out the Budget of the country. National government sets minimum standards for the country eg. free health care for pregnant women and children under six years old. National government manages the national economy.

2 EXECUTIVE

This is the CABINET. The cabinet is made up of the ministers of the government departments. It is headed by President Mandela. It carries out the laws of the country. The cabinet sees to the day-to-day running of the country.



The minister in charge of Local Government is Roelf Meyer, his deputy is Mohammed Valli Moosa.

3 JUDICIARY

This is the judges and the courts. They make sure that the laws are carried out fairly.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE RDP

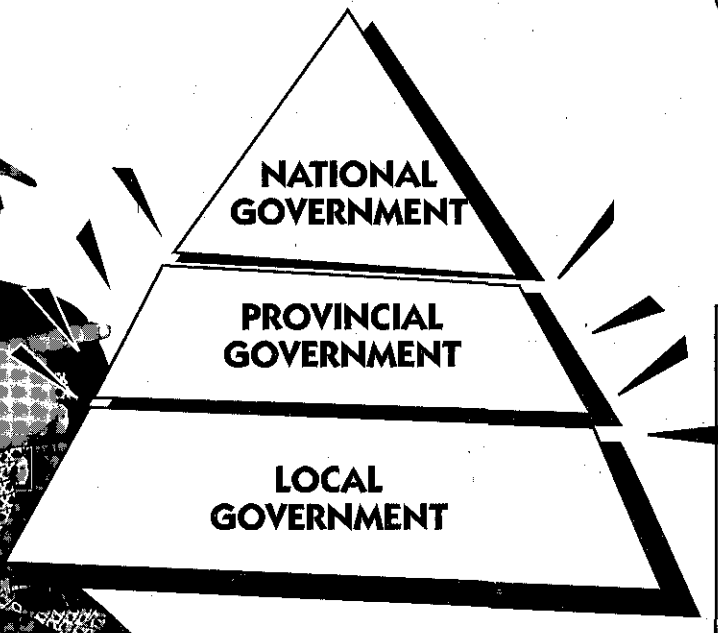
The RDP is co-ordinated through the cabinet which meets once a week. A special office has been set up under the president which makes sure all parts of the government are carrying out the RDP and that the government departments are providing money from their budgets to RDP projects.

It seems to be an ordinary government. The big difference is that it is made up of ministers of all races. Not like before.

Our second vote in April was for Provincial Government.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Look at the map.



Not everything happens at national level. . . to make South Africa more democratic and to bring government closer to the people, 9 provincial governments have been created.



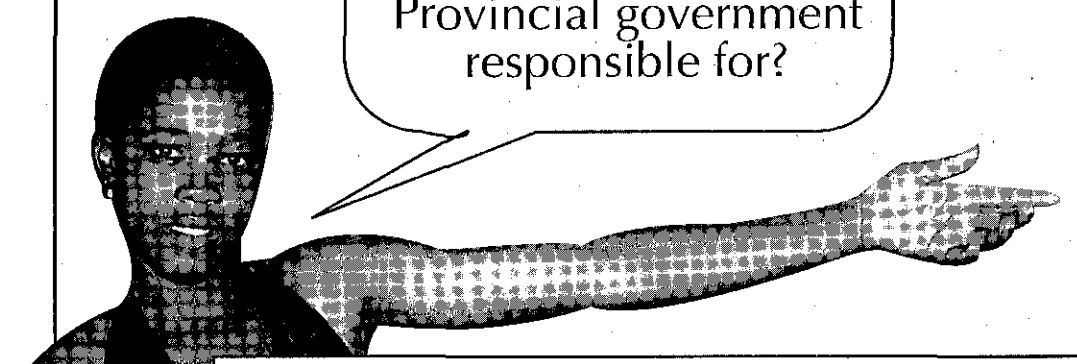
The provinces have their own legislature and they are run by the executive committees. The executive committees are chaired by the Premiers.

All nine premiers of the provinces meet with the national government ministers to check that the RDP is being properly carried out and that funds are being spent according to RDP principles.

PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

One of the Members of the Executive Committee (MEC) of each province deals with local government. The MECs for local government meet once a month with the Minister of Local Government to co-ordinate local government issues.

So then what exactly is Provincial government responsible for?



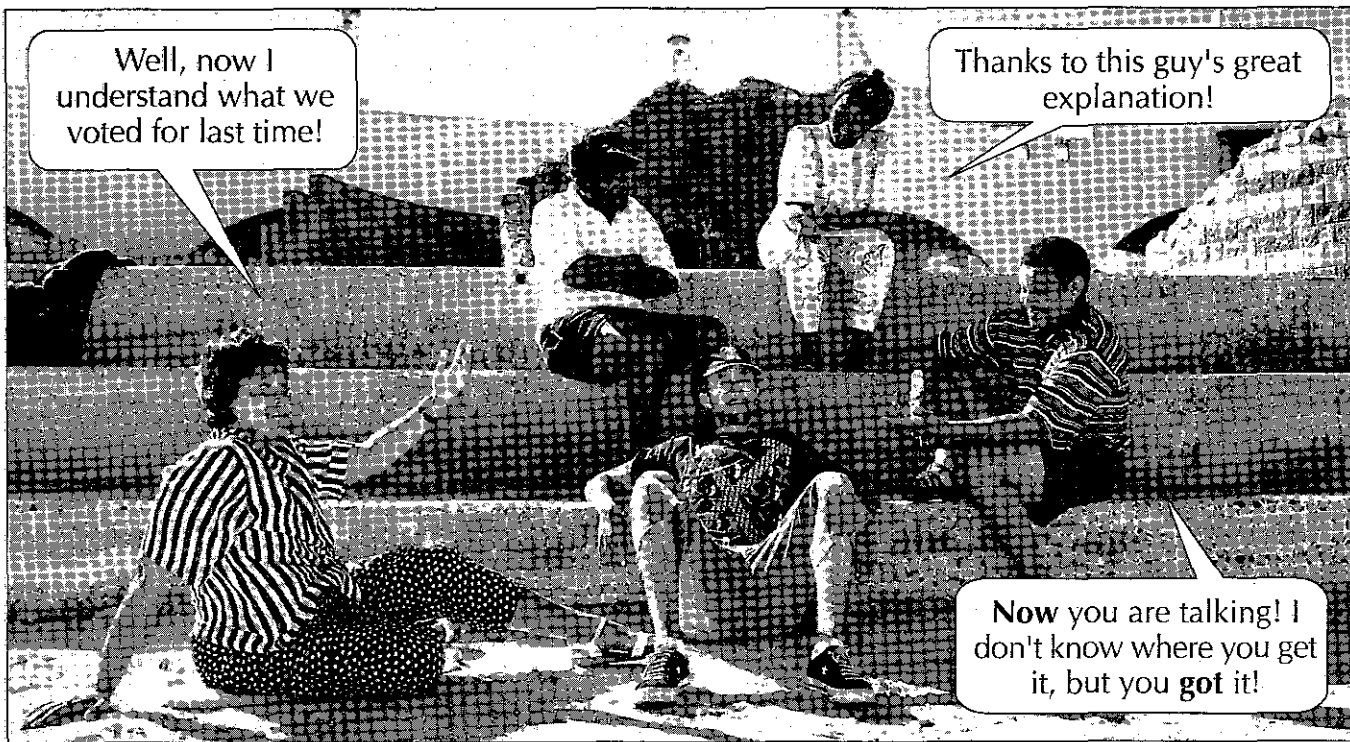
Provincial government is responsible for things like education, health care, housing, transport, local government, economic development, tourism, and development planning.

Look there we are!

The provinces get their money from national government. They may also start to raise their own taxes in the future.

I think it looks like we will be better looked after this time!

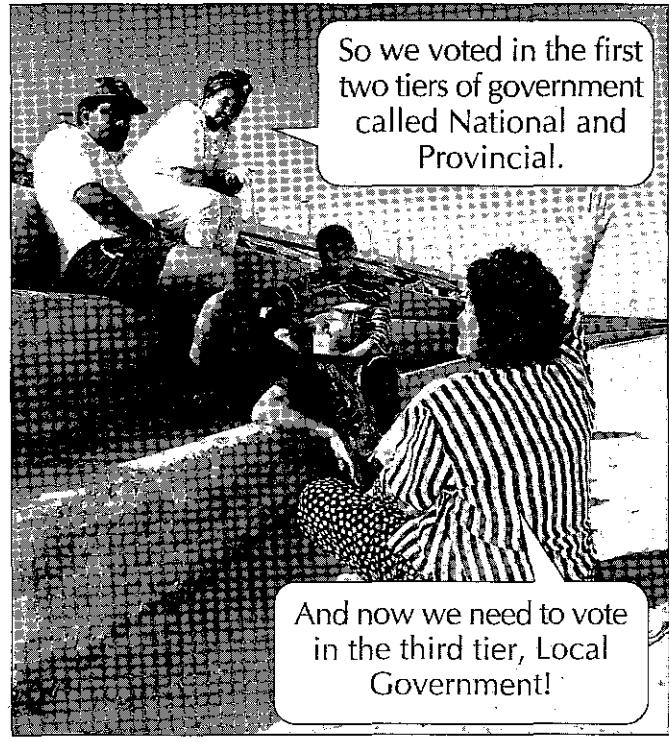




Well, now I understand what we voted for last time!

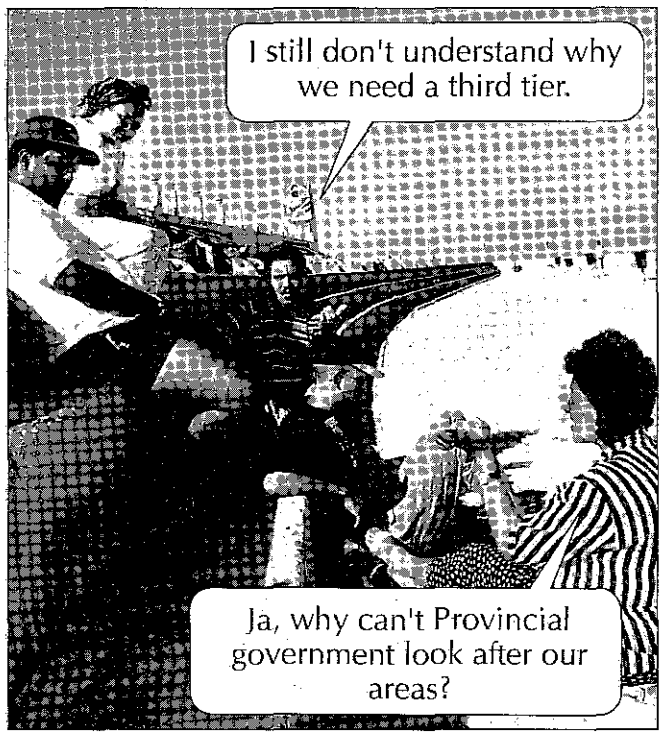
Thanks to this guy's great explanation!

Now you are talking! I don't know where you get it, but you got it!



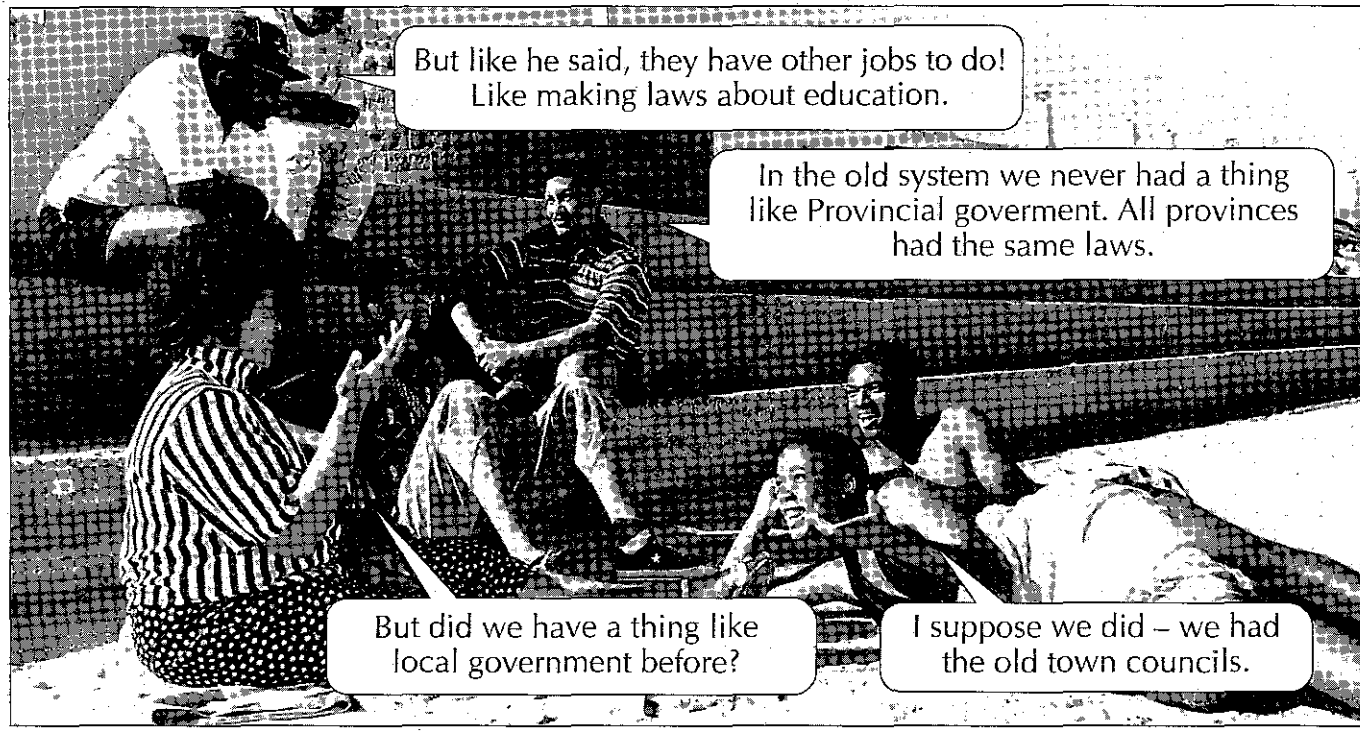
So we voted in the first two tiers of government called National and Provincial.

And now we need to vote in the third tier, Local Government!



I still don't understand why we need a third tier.

Ja, why can't Provincial government look after our areas?

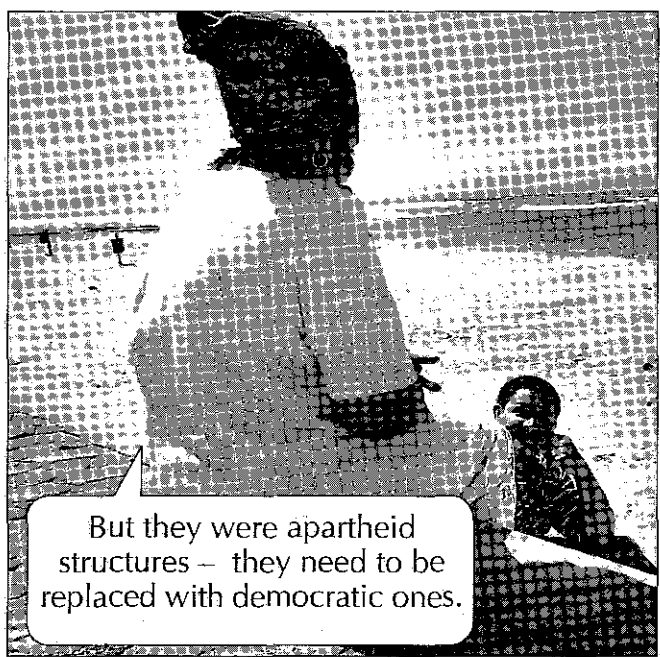


But like he said, they have other jobs to do! Like making laws about education.

In the old system we never had a thing like Provincial government. All provinces had the same laws.

But did we have a thing like local government before?

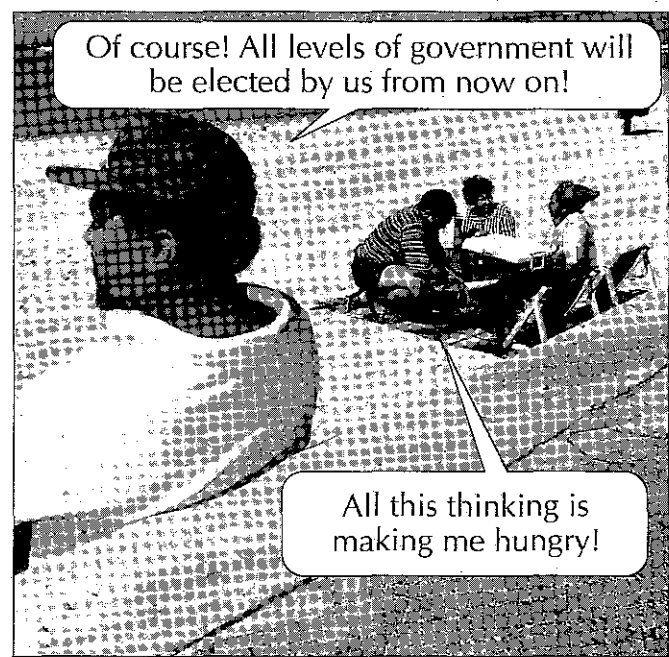
I suppose we did – we had the old town councils.



But they were apartheid structures – they need to be replaced with democratic ones.

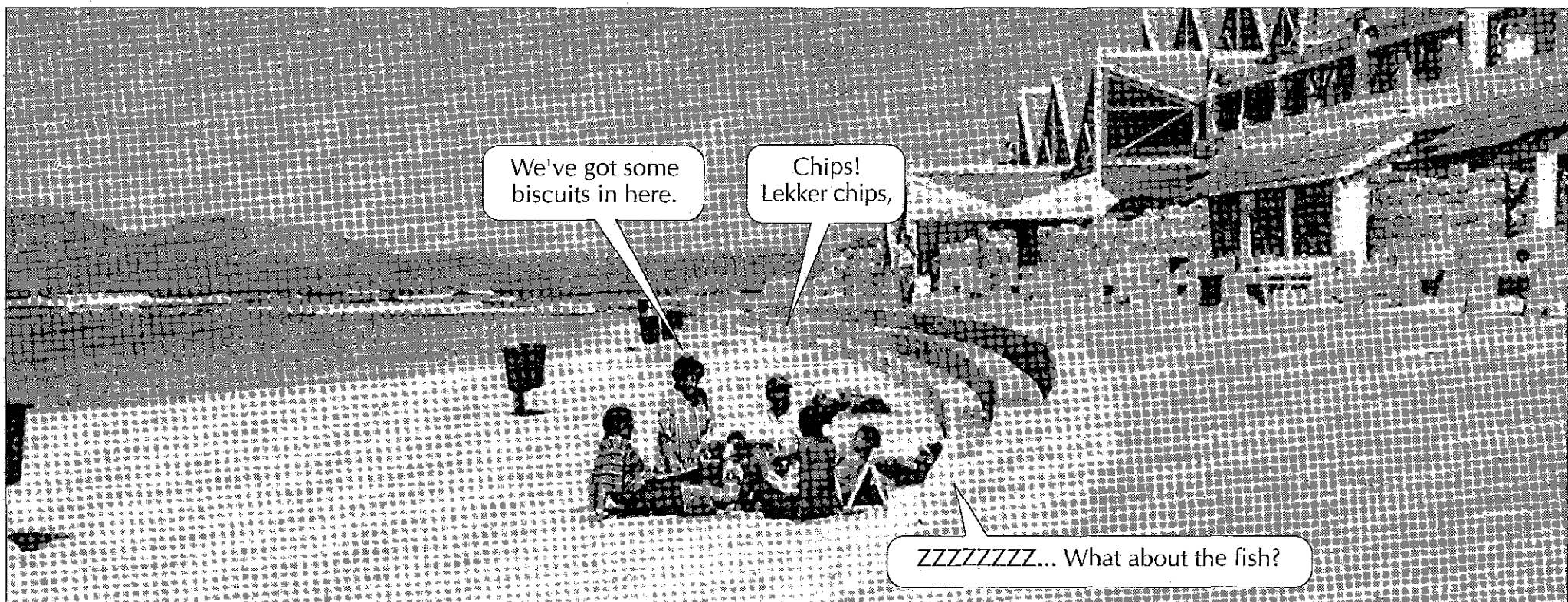


So **that's** why we're voting! We're being given the chance to **choose** who's looking after our areas, instead of just being **told**, like before!



Of course! All levels of government will be elected by us from now on!

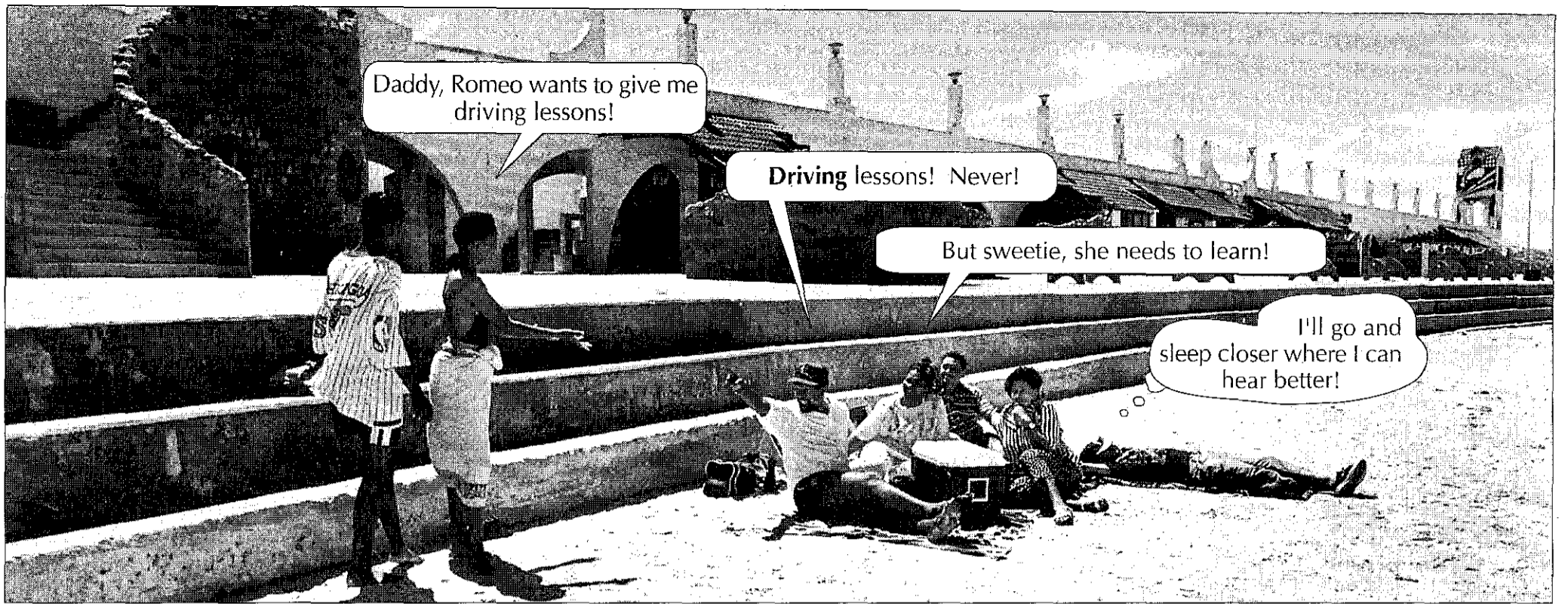
All this thinking is making me hungry!



We've got some biscuits in here.

Chips! Lekker chips,

ZZZZZZZ... What about the fish?



Daddy, Romeo wants to give me driving lessons!

Driving lessons! Never!

But sweetie, she needs to learn!

I'll go and sleep closer where I can hear better!



Look at the beautiful mountains!

Die mooiste Kaap.

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I would vote for the Cape's sake.

You see – you can be responsible!



Don't start with me. Just because **you** think it is lekker to vote, it suits **your** needs.

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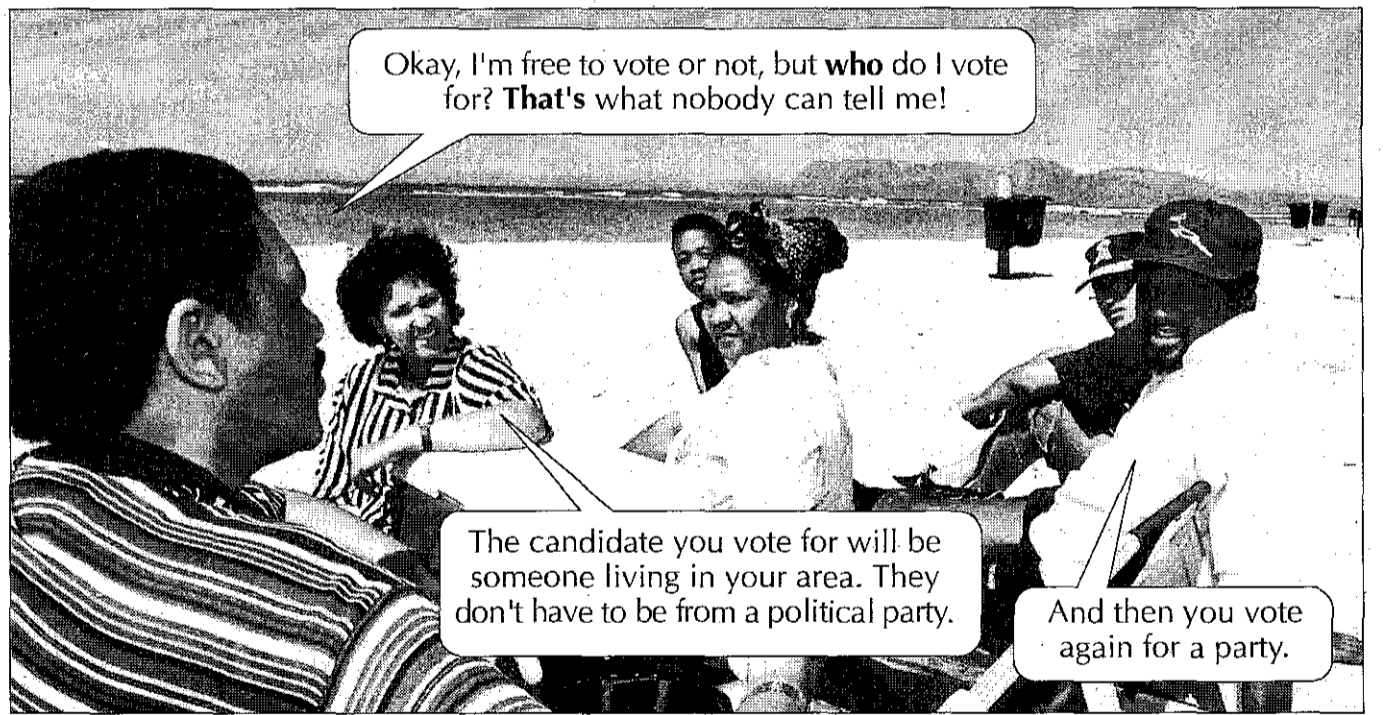
It suits **yours** too! You can vote for whoever you like.



Ek, jy – you, me – all of us, almal free!

I'm not fast asleep! I know I'm free!

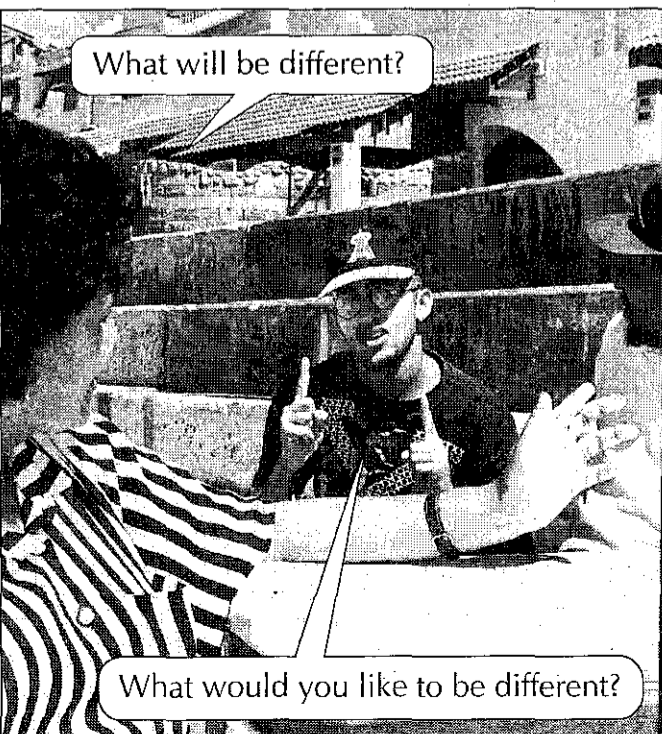
So am I!



Okay, I'm free to vote or not, but **who** do I vote for? **That's** what nobody can tell me!

The candidate you vote for will be someone living in your area. They don't have to be from a political party.

And then you vote again for a party.



What will be different?

What would you like to be different?



Will it be any better than the old Town Councils?

Who knows, maybe they won't be.



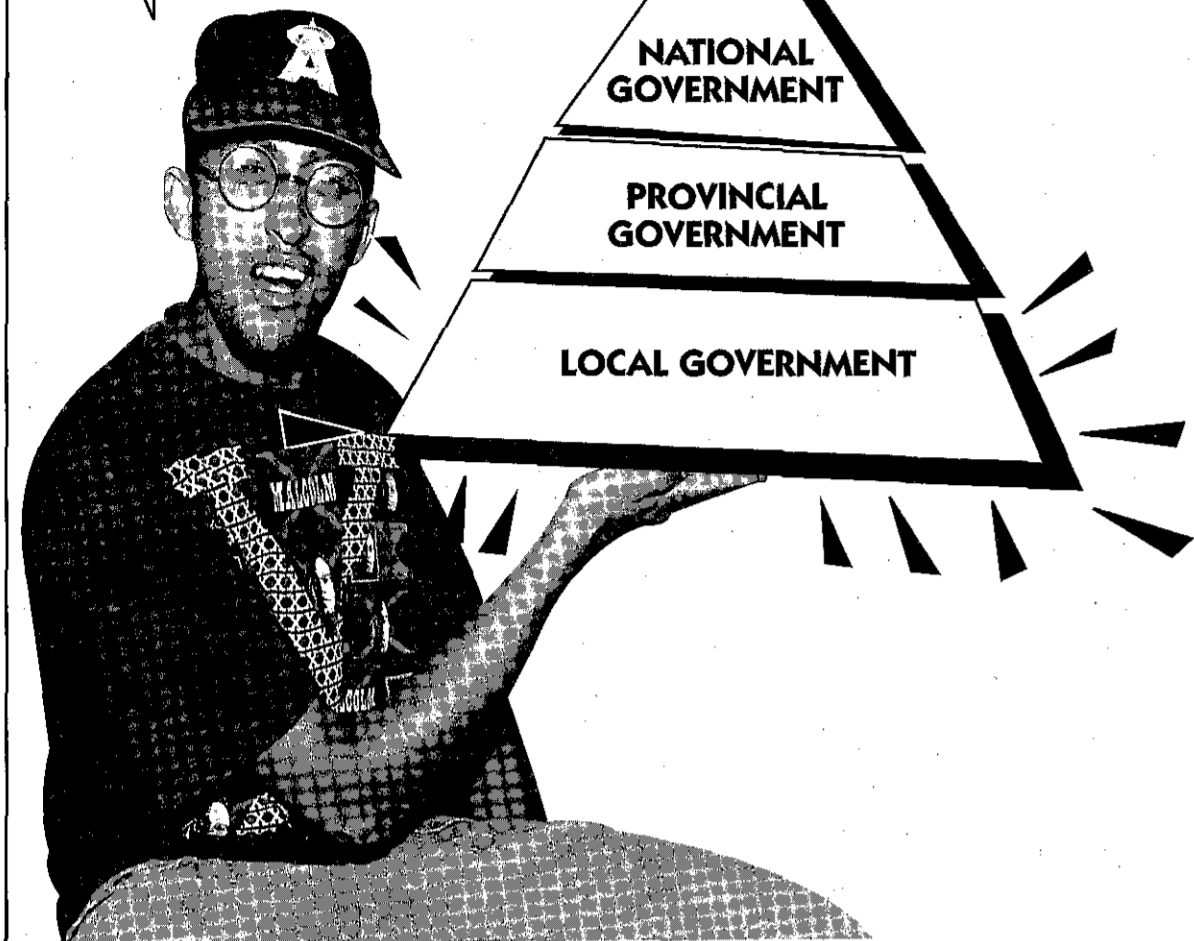
We know you're wide awake! Tell us!

Okay, okay! Let Frank draw a picture.

Yay!

On November 1st we will vote in the local elections...

UNDERSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT



NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1 Local Authorities raise money themselves by charging people for services. They also get money from both national and provincial government to improve their communities. This is why it is important that services are provided. So that the local governments can run efficiently.

2 WHAT DOES LOCAL GOVERNMENT DO?

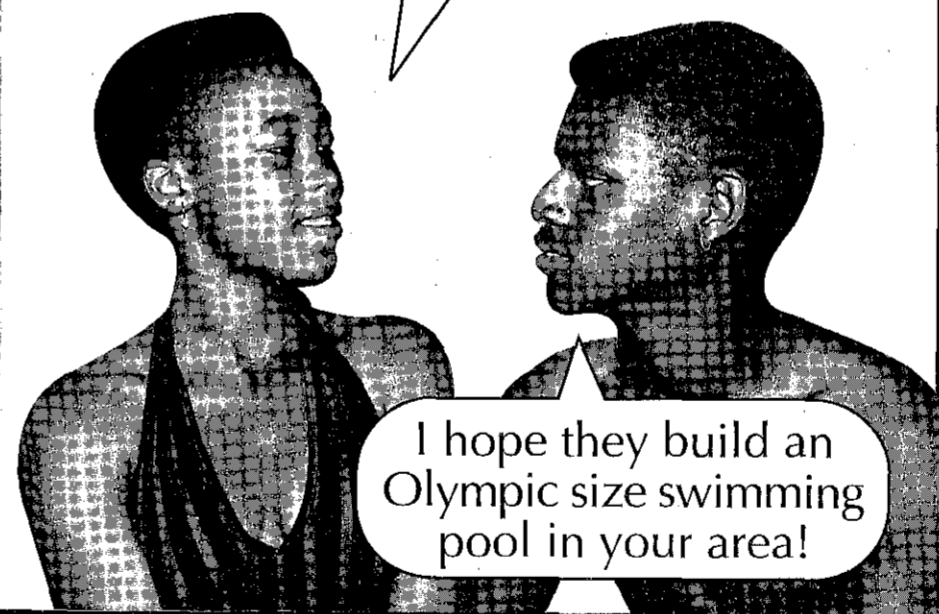
Local Government is very close to the people. It is directly involved in carrying out the parts of the RDP that are

- ▲ housing
- ▲ water & sanitation
- ▲ cleansing
- ▲ refuse removal
- ▲ electricity
- ▲ roads
- ▲ street lighting
- ▲ planning
- ▲ community facilities: eg. libraries; parks; cemeteries; sports stadiums

concerned with Meeting Basic Needs. Local Government provides the following services:

- ▲ emergency services: eg. ambulance; fire brigade; traffic police

I could be in the cemetery now, luckily Romeo saved me!



I hope they build an Olympic size swimming pool in your area!

4 PRIORITIES

The new local government's priority is to correct this situation. The new local government must:

- ▲ upgrade services and repair services where they have broken down; and
- ▲ develop new services in areas that were overlooked before.

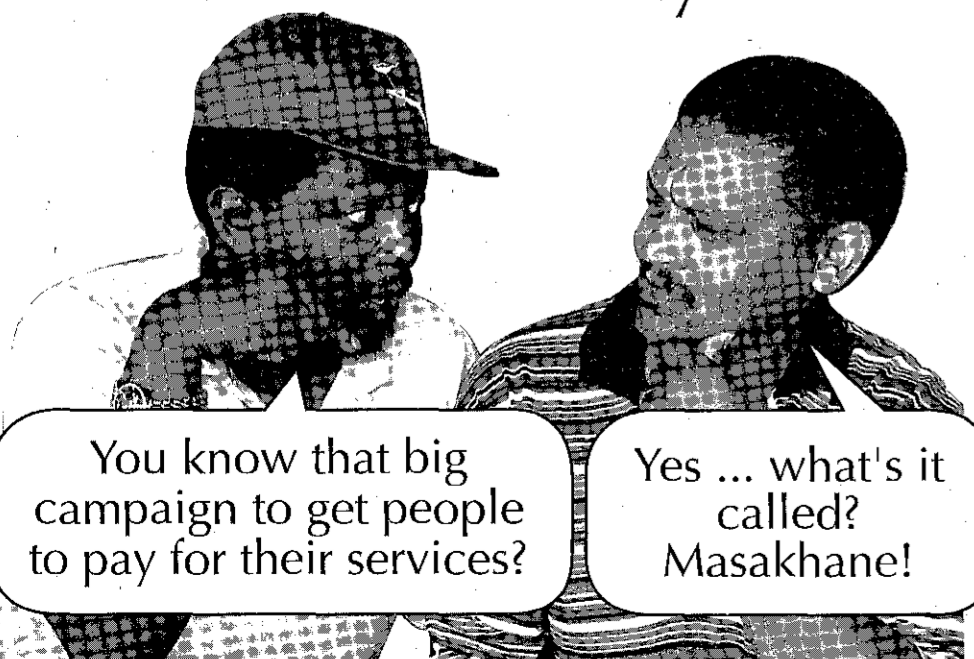
It is important that communities choose which services to improve first because it cannot all be done at the same time. It is only through democratically elected local government structures that the RDP can be properly carried out.

Tell me more about these elections and I'll think about voting...

3 TRANSITIONAL COUNCILS

In the past, services were only delivered properly to white areas. The new government's priority is to make sure all areas get these services.

This is why new transitional councils have been set up. They are more representative than the previous local authorities.



You know that big campaign to get people to pay for their services?

Yes ... what's it called? Masakhane!

I'll tell you! I've already registered.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



1

REGISTRATION

To vote you must be registered on the voters' roll of your local authority. You must also have your ID book with you.

2

WHAT IS THE VOTERS' ROLL

The voters' roll is the list of people who qualify to vote for a local authority. When you register as a voter your name will be added to the voters' roll.



3

CHECK THE VOTERS' ROLL

Remember to check that your name is on the voters' roll at your local authority office.

You guys were taken off the voters' roll over forty years ago!



And now we're back – and this time we're here to stay!

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WHERE TO VOTE

You have to vote in the voting station in the ward where you have registered and live.

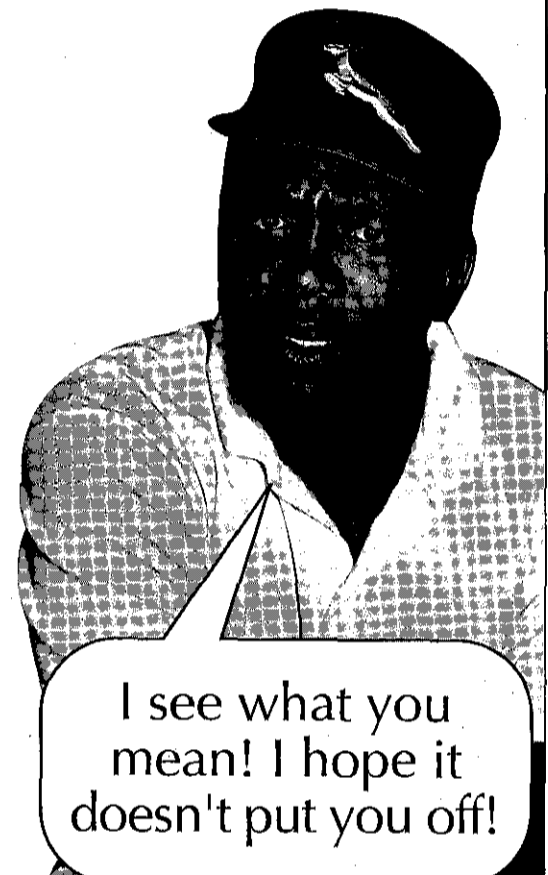


Does it **have** to be so complicated?

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WARDS

Each Local Authority area will be divided into smaller areas called wards. Each ward will be represented on the council by a ward councillor. You will be able to vote for a ward councillor of your choice. Parties will also be represented on the council. You will also be able to vote for a party of your choice.



I see what you mean! I hope it doesn't put you off!

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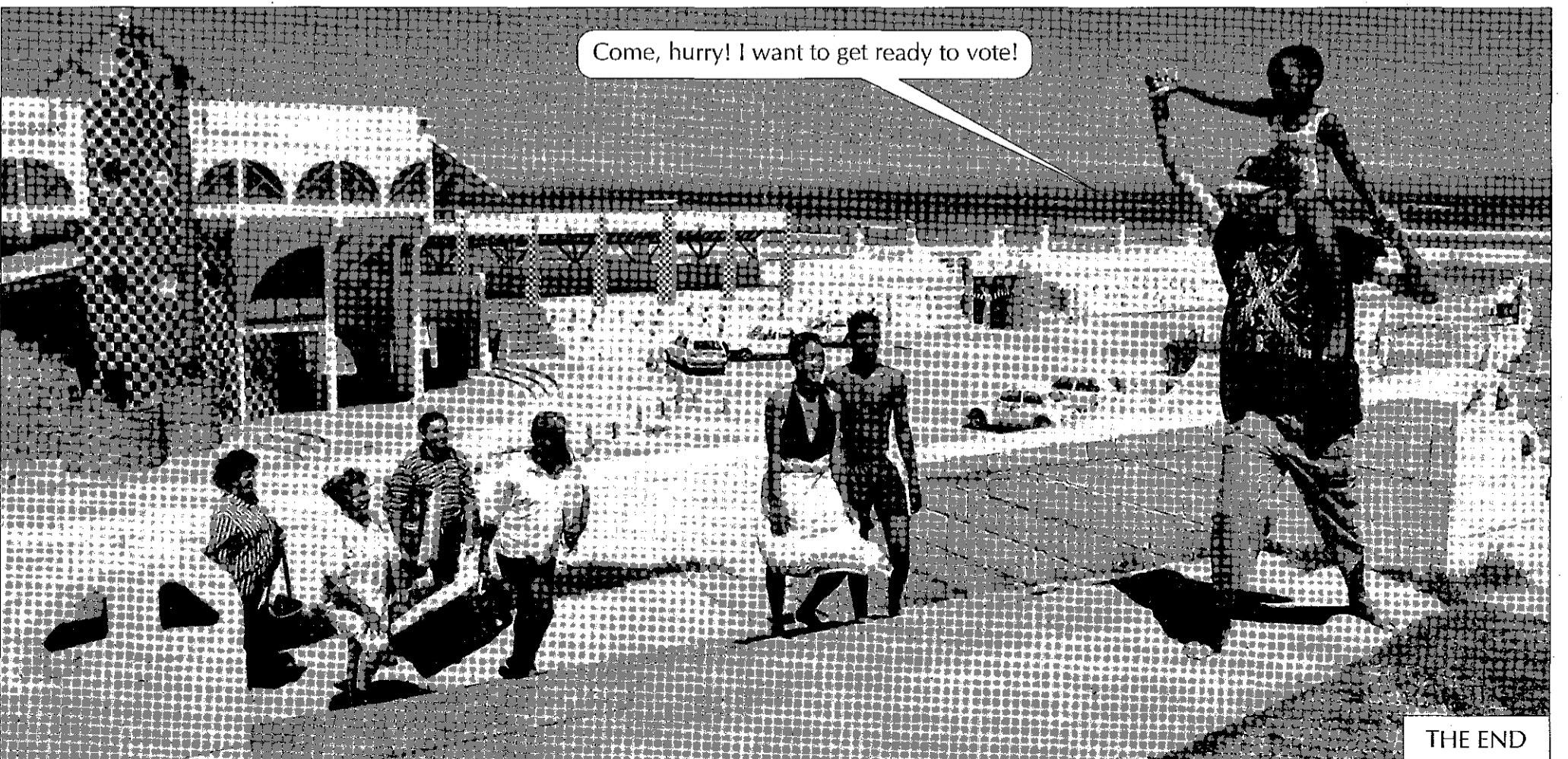
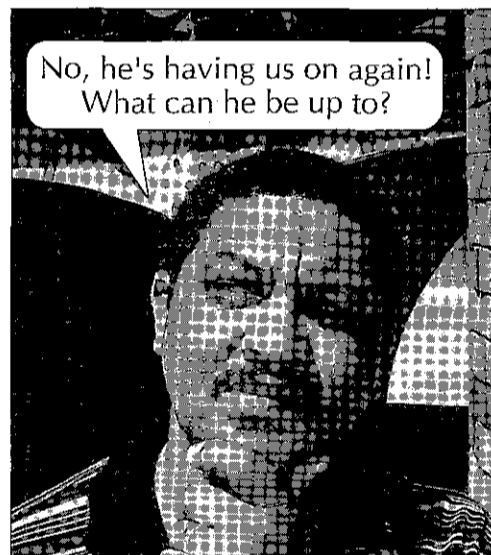
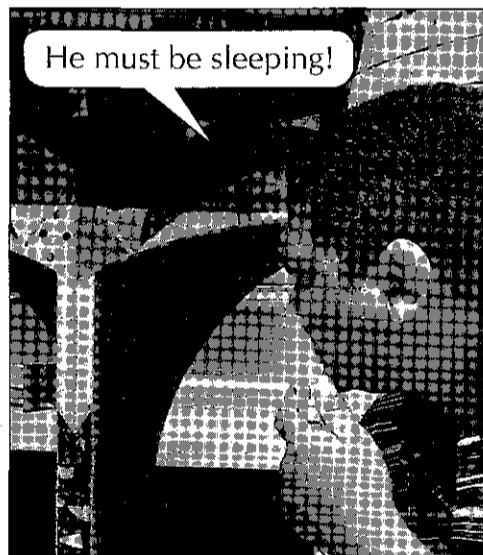
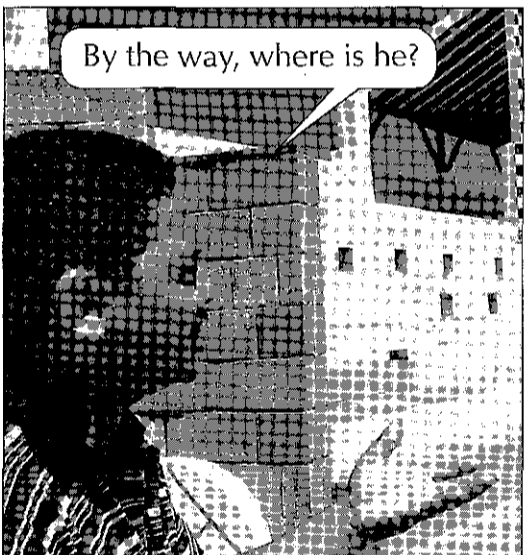
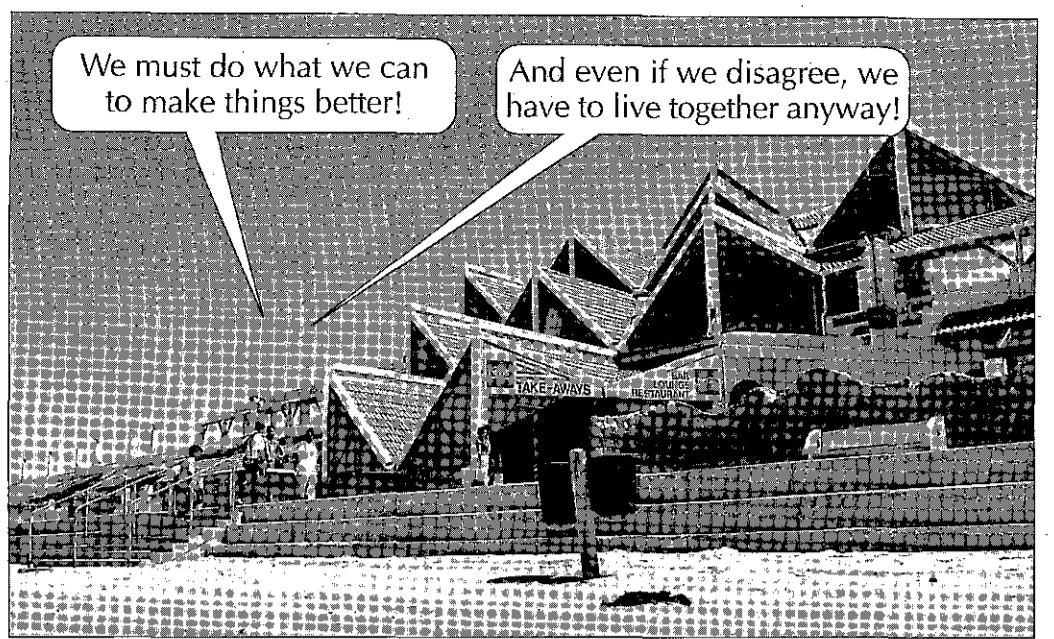
METROPOLITAN AREAS

In metropolitan areas such as Cape Town you can vote for a party of your choice on the metropolitan council.

So I suppose you knew this all along Frank ...



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If you need any more information on the local government elections, you can contact the organisations listed below. They should be able to assist you with training and resource materials.

Project Vote

National Office (021)45-2714
Cape Town (021)45-3207
Worcester (0231)75067
Johannesburg (011)834-8361
Port Elizabeth (041) 551-552
Umtata (0471)311-837
Bloemfontein (051)484-821
Colesburg (051) 753-0072
Carnarvon (02032)429

Project Vote has produced posters, pamphlets, a training manual, photocomic and an 8-page tabloid newspaper called Voting Times on the local government election.

Black Sash

Cape Town (021)689-31150
Johannesburg (011)834-8361
Pietermaritzburg (0331)4-6368
East London (0431)439-206
Port Elizabeth (041)546-274]
Pretoria (012)322-3969
Durban (031)305-2815
Grahamstown (0461)28091
Knysna (0445)24458

Institute for Local Governance and Development (INLOGOV)

Office in Cape Town (021)455-704

South African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC)

Office in Pretoria (012)323-6458

Voter Education and Elections Training Unit (VEETU)

Cape Town (021)47-5090
Johannesburg (011)337-3622
East London (0431)437-675
Durban (031)301-4333

Matla Trust

Office in Johannesburg (011)836-8061

Diakona

Office in Durban (031)3060341

Institute for Multi-Party Democracy

Cape Town (021)419-3680
Durban (031)306-3744

South African Council of Churches

Johannesburg (011)492-1380
Durban (031)301-3944
Namaqualand Council of Churches
(0251)23304/81365

Centre for Rural and Legal Studies

Stellenbosch (021)883-8032

Akanani Development Trust

Louis Trichardt (015)556-3133

Here is a list of the provincial ministers in charge of local government. They are at the forefront of the elections campaign in each province.

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