

Analysis: S. Africa still faces enormous challenge

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Once the euphoria over Nelson Mandela's release dies down, South Africa will still face the enormous challenge of ending its centuries-old racial divisions and building a new nation.

Black and white leaders say a major era in the country's history is coming to an end with the impending demise of white-minority rule. But the future is foreboding, they warn, with many obstacles and the threat of conflict ahead.

South Africans must peacefully solve the country's problems and find a way to live together in equality after 40 years of apartheid, leaders say. But the white government

and its opponents appear to be far apart, with whites insisting on a special role in the future despite black objections.

"Now there can be no going back," the Sunday Times said in an editorial reflecting the views of a growing number of South Africans. "Irreversibly, South Africa has been placed on the path to its new future."

While the search for peace is likely to be long and difficult, changes that would have been unthinkable even a year or two ago are already taking place.

President F.W. de Klerk's decision to free Mandela and end bans on black opposition groups after years of armed conflict stunned many whites and blacks. He pledged to find "a new dispensation" that would end the exclusion of the country's 28 million blacks from political power.

De Klerk says he opposes black majority

rule and that a new constitution must include protection for "group rights" to ensure whites are not swamped in a future democratic state. The government says it also will retain, for now, such apartheid legislation as laws segregating residential districts.

While the government declines to outline its position in talks on a future constitution, governing National Party officials say they favor splitting the country into a series of racially based, semi-independent cantons or counties.

The cantons would be united under a federation that would oversee economic cooperation and other national issues.

Critics reject such plans as "apartheid in another guise," and the ANC and other opposition groups say they will accept nothing less than total democracy.

Mandela has indicated he will not bend on his insistence on equal rights. "We must work toward a common destiny, and that can only be achieved through a non-racial society and not one in which whites continue to demand special political treatment," Mandela was quoted as saying by the South African Press Association.

The 5 million whites in South Africa control the economy, and there is a huge gulf between the prosperity of most whites and the bleak poverty of the great majority of blacks.

But while de Klerk and Mandela attempt to find a peaceful solution, there are many whites and blacks who will oppose any compromise and insist on total power for their side alone.

Many whites are unhappy about the steps de Klerk has taken, and the opposition

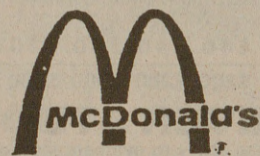
Conservative Party is attempting to force election to oust the government. Political observers say de Klerk's white support is uncertain and he has to move quickly and decisively.

Many whites looked worried or scared, they watched cheering and singing blacks surging through parts of central Johannesburg on Saturday after Mandela's release was announced.

A handful of blacks taunted whites, shouting "Freedom is coming! Whites get out! A few furious whites lashed out, hurling bottles and insults at the blacks.

Government leaders are worried about violent reaction by extreme right-wingers, and security officials are braced for terrorism.

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Registration opens February 5th for:

	Date	Rating*	Fee**
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Mountain Bike Day Trip	Feb. 25	B/I	\$6
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Canoe Big Bend	March 10-18	B/I	235/251
Backpacking Copper Canyon	March 10-18	B/I	399/425

Registration opens February 12th for:

Canoe Day Trip	March 3	B	\$25/30
Backpacking Trip	March 2-4	B	\$25/30

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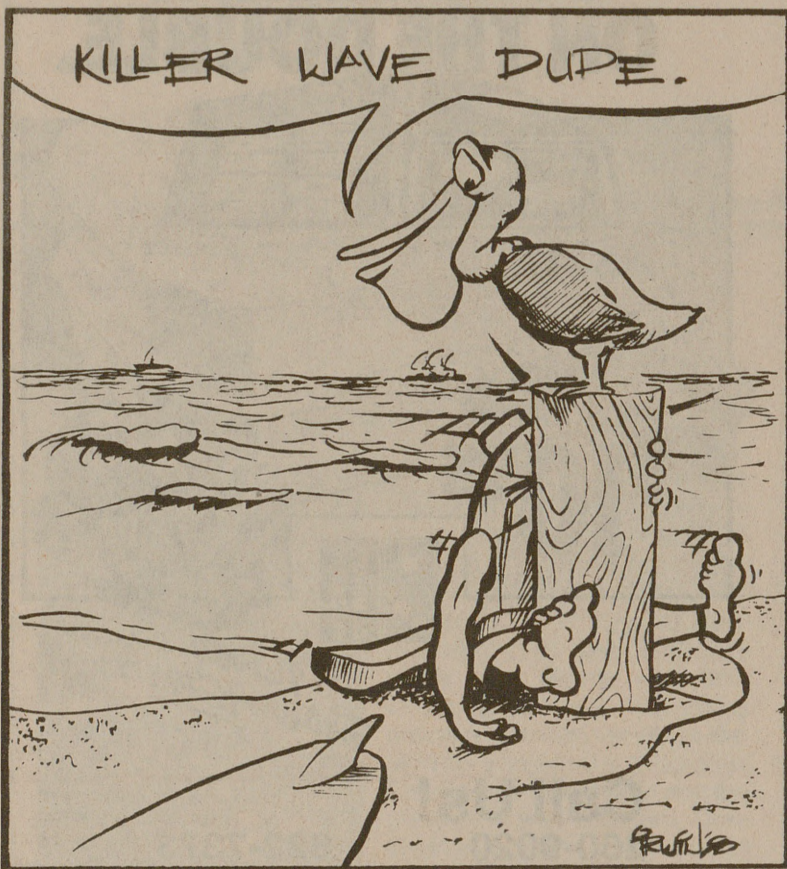
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<p>Entries Open:</p> <p>Preseason Softball Softball Free Throw Horseshoe Singles</p> <p>Softball Officials' Meeting 6 pm, 267 GRW</p>	<p>Entries Close:</p> <p>Archery Doubles Slam Dunk</p>	<p>Valentine's Day</p>	<p>Soccer Officials' Meeting 7:30 and 8:15, 164 Read</p>			<p>Fencing Tournament 10am-8pm, Deware</p>