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SOME 31 children, aged six to 12, enjoyed a sleepover with a difference recently.

The youngsters spent the night at the Durban Natural Science Museum as part of a fun initiative to encourage interest in the museum.

Museum Education Officer Busisiwe Gumede said they had been inspired to host the

Kids spend night at the museum

sleepover by the zany 2006 film, *Night at the Museum*, which stars Ben Stiller as a newly recruited museum night security guard.

Stiller's madcap character discovers that an ancient curse causes the animals and

exhibits to come to life and wreak havoc.

"Since then the museum has had six sleepovers," said Gumede.

"Now, with the release of the film sequel, we decided to have a sleepover.

"We want to show children that the museum is a fun place to be and that they also get to learn in a fun way because all the activities we had during the night were educational.

"They got to learn about

different types of animals and we also wanted to create awareness about the place, because there are a lot of people who do not know the museum," said Gumede.

Children were treated to a movie, a magic show, story-

telling and a treasure hunt.

Treasure Hunt winner Pholisa Bhacela said: "It was exciting to win the treasure hunt, but most importantly I learned a lot and my perception of the museum has changed."

Bhacela received a goodie bag and tickets to see the sequel to *Night at the Museum*, at IMax, Gateway.

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Youth Games for Cato Manor

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THE City will be hosting Youth Games in Cato Manor on June 27.

It's one of a number of events being held in eThekweni to mark June 16, and it is being organised by the City's Sport and Recreation Development Department and the Cato Manor Area Based Management.

Indigenous games, soccer and netball are among the sporting codes that will be represented.

Department Sport Officer Lala Nzuza said: "Seeing that June is Youth Month, we saw it fitting to host Youth Games to

commemorate June 16."

Participating teams will be drawn from Cato Manor's wards 24, 29, 30 and 31.

The winning soccer team will receive jerseys, a cup and gold medals. Runners-up will get silver medals, and jerseys.

The winning netball squad will also receive jerseys, gold medals and a trophy.

Cato Manor Sports Council Chairman Xolani Mkhize said: "The games are aimed at fostering relations among the Cato Manor wards."

Mkhize urged Cato Manor sportsmen and women as well as administrators to stay committed to the development of sport.

"With the commitment shown by the City, especially the Sport and Recreation Development Department, we are confident we are facing a better future for sports in Cato Manor," he said.

Cato Manor Area Based Management Social Development Manager, Khanyi Msweli, said by holding the games in Youth Month they hoped to encourage the young to take advantage of sports programmes.

"We want the youth to know they can use skills gained while playing sports in other avenues, such as sports management," said Msweli.

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TO MARK the International Year of Astronomy, the Botanic Gardens and the Durban Branch of the Astronomical Society of Southern Africa are, from today, holding a number

Check it out

of night sky viewing evenings at the gardens.

Astronomers will be given

an opportunity to set up their telescopes for tours of the night sky. There will also be astronomy talks each evening. For details, call 031 309 1170.

– Themba Khumalo

ON TARGET



ZOLA Ndlovu, a centre for the eThekweni women's netball team, prepares to pass during a recent game against a Matatiele Municipality team at Curries Fountain. Looking on is Matatiele wing-defender Nthabiseng Tsautse. Team eThekweni walloped Matatiele 23-9

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DURBAN DIARY:

Your guide to entertainment in the city

DANCE, THEATRE & COMEDY

John Vlismas in POW!

The Heritage Theatre, Hillcrest
Until: 21 June
Call: 031 765 4197

Father's Day Concert

Durban North Tennis Club
21 June
Tickets: R80
Call: 083 628 2176

Cadenza and More

Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre
16 to 21 June
Tickets: R125
Call: 031 765 4197

Big River – The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre
1 to 19 July
Tickets: R65 to R85
Call: 031 765 4197

Route 66

Barnyard Theatre
Until 26 July
Tickets: R80 to R115
Call: 031 566 3045

Provincial Line Dancing Competition

Tray Bang Hall, Montclair
27 June
Tickets: R30
Call: 084 569 0301

Dostana Musical

iZulu Theatre, Sibaya
20 June
Durban City Hall



GRIPPING: Sacred Legacy, an exhibition of historical photographs of the native people of North America is now on at the Durban Art Gallery

Route 66

27 and 28 June
Tickets: R100
Call: on 083 915 8000.

The Further Adventures of Bob and Rob

Catalina Theatre
27 June to 12 July
Tickets: R30 to R45
Call: 031 305 6889

MUSIC

Gonzo Republic
Society (Florida Road)
20 June

Tickets: R30
Call: 031 312 5299

ART

Boarding House

Durban Art Gallery
Until 19 July
Call 031 311 2264

Sacred Legacy

Durban Art Gallery
Until 28 June
Call 031 311 2273

Electric Flying Psycho Catcher

KZNSA Gallery
Until: 21 June
Call: 031 277 1705

It's a Mask

KZNSA Gallery
Until: 21 June
Call: 031 277 1705

Penny Siopis: Red

KZNSA Gallery
23 June to 19 July
Call: 031 277 1705

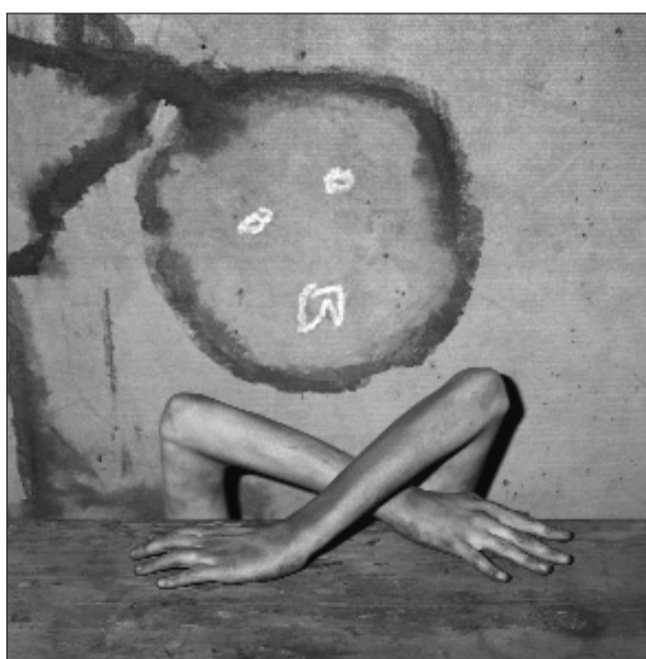
Erosions

Bank Gallery
Until 11 July
Call: 031 312 6911

New World

African Art Centre
Until: 17 June
Call: 031 312 3804

Signature Works on Paper
artSpace



SURREAL: A photograph from Roger Ballen's exhibition, Boarding House, which is now showing at the Durban Art Gallery

Until: 20 June
Call: 031 312 0793

Inkanyezi – Falling Stars

artSPACE
Until: 29 June
Call: 031 312 0793

Renaissance – Recalling the

Age of Antiquity
SmART art exhibition
25 to 27 June

Call 083 250 2711

EVENTS

Model Railway Exhibition

Westville Civic Centre
15 and 16 August
Call: 031 266 3987

Mr Price Pro

Ballito

26 June to 5 July
Call: 031 309 8670

Darwin Reluctant Revolutionary Exhibition

Natural Science Museum
Until December
Call: 031 311 2249

Yoga

ICC Arena
Wednesdays, 5.30pm
Call: 031 360 1359

Queensburgh Orchid Club Show

Mistrals Hall, Walnut Road
27 to 28 June
Tickets: R5
Call: 083 789 2287

KZN Conservation Service guided walks

Krantzkloof Nature Reserve
First and third Sundays
Call: 031 764 3515

Golden Hours Family Market

Near Hypermarket
Sundays, 10am to 3.50pm
Call: 083 262 3693

Car Boot Market

Near Greyville Race Course
Sundays
Call: 031 209 4751

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