

A showcase of rainbow culture ALKING through MuseumAfrica at the Market Theatre Complex in Newtown, Joburg, is like taking a journey through the history of various Southern African cultures, from ancient art to modern inventions.

Curator Deon van Tonder says the museum has more than three million items, covering all aspects of Southern African history. It even has life-size replicas of Iron Age Batswana huts on display, complete with the traditional courtyard and grinding stone. The paintings and engravings in the rock art section graphically tell stories of the lives and religion of . i - the Khoi and San peoples

FIGHTING THE SYSTEM. Photographs of young ANC stalwarts Nelson Mandela and the late Walter 813qu burning the hated d d m e g f c - The collection includes cameras ompasateon isplayat .GoldR ltyApartheldMuseum . dpi t . e id 1800s. shortly after the

The bleak realities of apartheid start at the. door mt\$\$\$ng5133iiiihzteleton of Tapinocaninus -- the oldest HE Apartheid Museum at Gold , were during the apartheid years. went through. There are pictures of reptile found in the Kama.

Reef City in Joburg serves as an uToday's youth don't have an idea of forced removals in Sophiatown, of the uWe have many significant eye-opener tor the younger what apartheid was," says Christopher day-to-day lives of ordinary citizens, collections and it's difficult to point generation who never lived through. , . Till, director of the museum. copies of the dompa s that black people to one as the most significant. We the days of legalised segregation. , -... - , .-. South Africa's long history of racial w ere forced to carry at all times and also have Zulu King Dingaan's ' Opened in November 2001, its 'i discrimination is evident in a depictions of the so-calle d homelands, original chair," says v'an Tonder.

access cards marked "white" or photograph of Khoi and San prisoners, where black people w ere confined The geological section boasts inon-white" serve as an introduction to arrested for trespassing and sentenced according t(geethnicity. - more than 25 000 specimens, race classification. to life imprisonment in the 18005. The museum takes one through the including unusual minerals from a

"This is done to make visitors feel The museum tour takes you through history of the liberation movement, mine in Tsumeb, Namibia what apartheid was like," says museum old Joburg, after gold was discovered, and the contribution of the ANC and There's also an exhibition on the spokesman Wayne Davy. right through to the time when Soweto PAC. The story ends with the first landmark Treason Trial which

The access card determines which was established. democratic elections of 1994, following incorporates photographs of the entrance you use, as the turnstiles are Replicas of solitary confinement the Kempton Park talks between the arrested activists and articles from SNAPPY WHEELS: The 18803 picnic also classified - much like all facilities cells show the hardships prisoners various parties. various South African publications. camera mounted on a bicycle