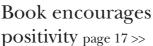


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Residents unite to protect kids from gangs

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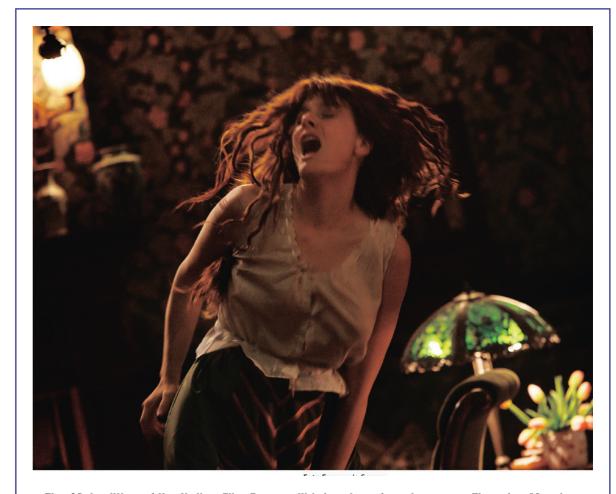
the rise and young boys being recruited to gangs from as young as 8 years old, Bonteheuwel residents have decided to step in so that they don't lose a generation of youngsters to gangsterism.

For these residents, "your child is my child" are not just words. They are words to live by.

Bonteheuwel resident Miskah Martin, said that residents were fed up with gangsters shooting at each other and innocent people getting hurt. Furthermore, she said, gang members were shooting in front of children who were going through life seeing bodies fall to the ground.

"We are sick of living like this. The boys joining the gangs are getting younger and younger with the youngest being 7 or 8 years old.

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■ The 21st edition of the Italian Film Focus will take place from tomorrow, Thursday March 25 to Tuesday March 30 online. The event is promoted by Controluce, the Italian Institute of Culture in Pretoria, the Embassy of Italy in South Africa, the Consulate of Italy in Johannesburg, the Consulate of Cape Town, the Embassy of Italy in Zambia, and the Embassy of Italy in Zimbabwe. Pictured is an image from the movie *Miss Marx*, directed by Susanna Nicchiarelli. Full story on page 12.

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