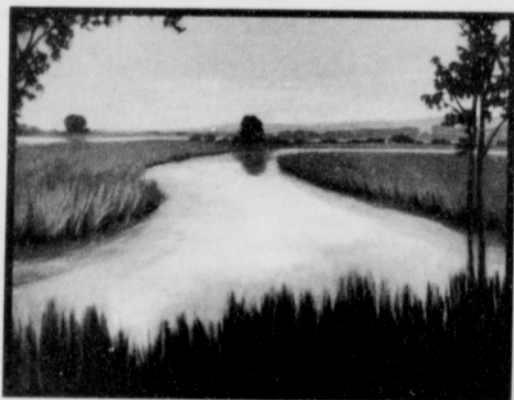


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Hudson, Whitaker Honored Again

Earn NAACP Image Awards

(AP) -- Oscar winners Forest Whitaker and Jennifer Hudson kept their winning streaks alive Friday, while "Grey's Anatomy" star Isaiah Washington claimed a best actor prize at the 38th annual NAACP Image Awards. "Ugly Betty" took top television honors.

Hudson, a former "American Idol" finalist, garnered a best supporting actress award for her role in the musical "Dreamgirls," the same category she won at the Academy Awards on Sunday.

Whitaker, who won a best actor Oscar for "The Last King of Scotland," earned the same prize at Friday's ceremony, which honors projects and individuals who promote diversity in the arts.

"The Pursuit of Happyness," starring Will Smith and his son, won best picture honors. Keke Palmer nabbed best actress for



Jennifer Hudson



Forest Whitaker

"Akeelah and the Bee," and Djimon Hounsou took best supporting actor for "Blood Diamond."

Rapper LL Cool J hosted the awards.

Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama won a literary nonfiction Image Award for his book "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts

on Reclaiming the American Dream."

Vanessa Williams got the nod for best supporting actress in a comedy for "Ugly Betty," which also won for best television comedy series.

Latifah Plays HIV-positive Woman

Queen Latifah plays an HIV-positive woman in the HBO original film "Life Support," which debuts Saturday, March 10. The story is about a peer counselor at an AIDS facility in Brooklyn whose past drug addiction has put a strain on her family relationships.



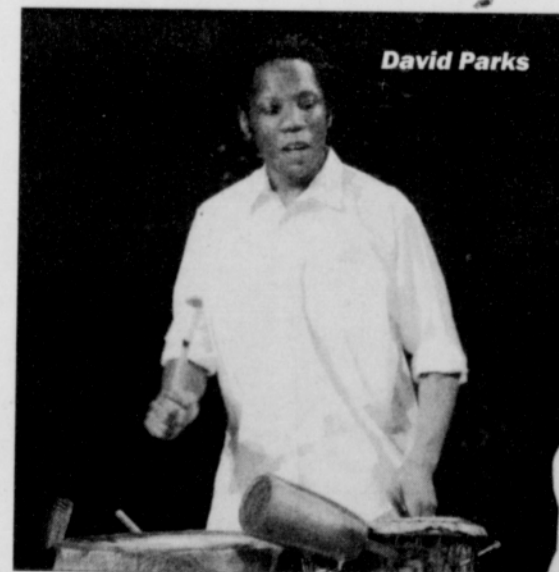
Subway Drummers at IFCC

'Drumadics' bring energy

A culturally diverse company that crystallizes the raw energy of urban performers while maintaining the polished delivery of seasoned artists comes to the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 for shows at 11 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$14.

The Drumadics (drum addicts) are a New York City subway group that uses buckets to feel the beat of the drums beneath their feet, the rhythms to course through their soul and the energy to leave them with a feeling they cannot live without.

The Drumadics also feature Portlander David Parks, a key figure in hip hop and performance art for more than a decade.



David Parks