

Celebrating Women's History Month



Jennifer Hudson

Hudson Credits Women Mentors

(AP)—Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson paid tribute to her own female inspirations at an awards ceremony promoting women's achievements.

The 25-year-old star of Dreamgirls spoke of the support of her mother and especially her grandmother before a large crowd March 15 at U.N. headquarters that included teenage girls trying to catch a glimpse of the former American Idol contestant.

"One reason my dreams have been able to come true is because of the people in my life," she said. "They've always believed in me, and had hope for

me, and loved me."

Hudson also stressed the importance of empowering women and girls, the theme of the ceremony on the eve of International Women's Day. It was sponsored by the Virtue Foundation in partnership with Avon Products Inc., and co-sponsored by UNICEF and the U.N. Development Fund for Women.

The singer and actress announced the first prizewinner of Avon's new "Hello Tomorrow Fund," New Orleans teacher Darlene Morgan Brown, who set up an entrepreneurship program for female middle school students and their mothers.

Sojourner Truth: The Martin Luther King of her Day

A statue of Sojourner Truth will be erected in to the United States Capitol.

The historic move came after U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, and U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., authored the legislation for the creation of the monument to honor the woman who spent much of her life preaching for the abolition of slavery and women's suffrage.

"Sojourner Truth lived for much of her life in New York," Clinton said at a ceremony on Capitol Hill celebrating the achievement. "So I am here as a personal admirer and as her senator," she added to applause and laughter from the audience, which included members of the National Congress of Black Women, which lobbied for the honor for Truth.

After escaping from her owners, Truth pressed women's rights and pushed for slavery's end. She was the Martin Luther King of her day. She preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, spoke passionately against slavery and championed the rights of women — black and white.

She met with Presidents Lincoln and Grant, and delivered her famous "Ain't I a Woman?" speech at a women's rights convention in Akron, Ohio, in 1851. She died in November 1883 at her home in Battle Creek, Mich.



Sojourner Truth

Bringing Compassion to End-of-Life Care

Achievement for medical professional

Dr. Tanya Stewart has been named 2006 Dream Team Physician of the Year by the Oregon Hospice Association.

The Portland medical director for Adventist Health Hospice earned high marks for her enthusiasm, passion and commitment to making a difference in the lives of care givers and patients.

The award honors the ideal hospice team, which includes a physician, nurse, volunteer, social worker, home health aide, chaplain, bereavement counselor and support staff member.

"Dr. Stewart personally educated our team in areas of palliative care and end-of-life decisions that encompass the



big picture," said Carmen Cafferky, administrative director of Adventist Health/Home Care Services. "She has trained the nurses to assess, recognize symptoms and develop a plan of care with the comfort that comes with education, confidence and skill."

Dr. Tanya Stewart

Women's Day Call to End Violence

UN calls threats unacceptable to humankind

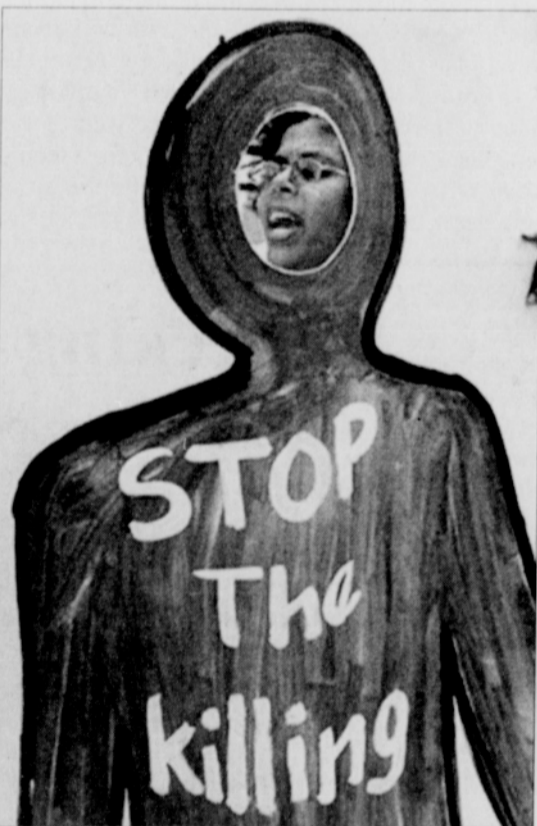
(AP)—Top UN officials led global calls to end violence against women and girls as they marked International Women's Day.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon set the tone for Thursday's observance by calling for concrete actions against what he called "a threat to all women" that "should be unacceptable to all humankind."

Ban stressed that the United Nations must be at the forefront of the fight and urged the UN Security Council to establish a mechanism dedicated to monitoring violence against women and girls.

UN war crimes court chief prosecutor Carla Del Ponte highlighted

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A Sri Lankan woman takes part in a protest action asking the government to bring an end to ongoing abductions and arbitrary killings to mark International Women's Day in Colombo. (AP photo)



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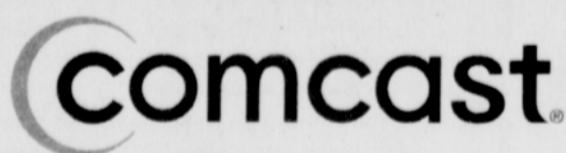
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