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1. CNN's Top 10 Heroes of 2008

From the article:

The diverse group of [CNN] honorees includes a Cambodian activist who offers free schooling to children who work in Phnom Penh's trash dump; a Georgia prosthetist-orthotist who provides limbs and braces to hundreds of people in Mexico; and a Virginia woman who tapes video messages from incarcerated parents for their children.

CNN's Anderson Cooper announced the 10 honorees on "American Morning." He said, "Our Top 10 CNN Heroes are proof that you don't need superpowers -- or millions of dollars -- to change the world and even save lives."

Seven of the ten heroes are women. Read about the ways in which these seven are changing the world for the better at the link below.

Link: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/LIVING/10/09/heroes.top10/index.html>

2. Eve Ensler's City of Joy

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, thousands of women and girls have been systematically raped during a 10-year war that some say has cost more lives than any other war since World War II.

Eve Ensler wrote a very hard-to-read article about the war against women there. Please steel yourself to read this deeply disturbing experience [she penned for Glamour magazine](#). I warn you now - it will make you sick and then you will cry.

A CNN article about the horrible events in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ensler's work there to establish a "City of Joy" for the empowerment of these gravely injured women at Panzi Hospital in Bukavu, DRC is linked below.

Link: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/10/15/congo.women/index.html>

3. 100 Web Collections on Women's History

Celebrating Women's History: 100 Amazing Libraries and Collections on the Web is a post on the eLearning Gurus blog that provides a nice unified place to browse web collections on women's history.

From the site:

Women have played a big and sometimes under-appreciated role in the shaping of history in the United States and around the world. Take part in celebrating the achievement of brave, smart, and determined women from all countries and time periods by learning about women's history online. There are numerous sites on the web, many through libraries and archives,

that can provide you with access not only to information but to documents, photos and first hand accounts of women as well. Here is a list of 100 places to start looking to learn more about women's history.

Enjoy the virtual libraries and museums at the link below.

Link: <http://www.elearningyellowpages.com/blog/2008/10/celebrating-womens-history-100-amazing-libraries-an>

4. Fortune's 50 Most Powerful Women

Fortune Magazine's 11th annual list is dominated by firsts (first woman to run a major U.S. oil company), superlatives (youngest honoree ever) and notable departures (Citi's Sallie Krawcheck steps down as the most watched woman on Wall Street).

Read all the brief bios at the link below.

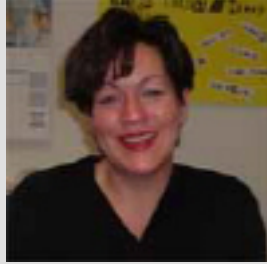
Link: http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2008/fortune/0809/gallery.women_mostpowerful.fortune/index.html?cnn=y

5. Site of the Month for Nov. / Dec.

[Stop Rape Now](#) - the UN Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN Action) unites the work of 12 UN entities to prevent all forms of gender based violence (GBV), including sexual violence in conflict. It is a concerted effort by the UN to improve coordination and accountability, amplify programming and advocacy, and support national efforts to prevent sexual violence and respond

effectively to the needs of survivors.

Link: <http://www.stoprapenow.org/about.html>



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--Liz Kent

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