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SiteComments:

In 1810, Saartjie Baartman was 21. It was at this tender age that she was confronted by an English ship's doctor, William Dunlop, who persuaded. Saartjie to travel to England promising her fame and fortune, by exhibiting her body to Europeans. She was a Khoisan woman and was mocked as an anthropological freak in England, where for four years she was displayed as a sexual curiosity. Dubbed "The Hottentot Venus", her image swept through popular British culture. Abolitionists unsuccessfully fought a court battle to free her from her exhibitors. Saartjie Baartman was taken to Paris in 1814 where she continued to be exhibited as a freak. By now She had become the object of scientific and medical research that formed the bedrock of European ideas about black female sexuality. Saartjie died an impoverished prostitute in 1816, the Musée de l'Homme (Museum of Man) in Paris took a death cast of her body, removed her skeleton and pickled her brain and genitals in jars. These were displayed in the museum until as late as 1985. The Saartjie Baartman shelter was 'opened in May 1999 by the Department of Social Services (Western Cape). The aim of the centre is to provide a "one-stop" centre for women and children who have experienced domestic and/ or sexual violence in their lives, a place from which a range of governmental and non-governmental organisations can provide services for women and children through co—ordinated, comprehensive intervention strategies The Saartjie Baartman Shelter offers a vital service. It provides a 24-hour crisis response for women and their children who are being abused in their homes. There are trained staff on duty at all times and the shelter is open all year including 'public holidays.

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