

AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ON TOUR



TERRY McMILLAN

(San Diego, CA)— Maya Angelou, fresh from her nationally acclaimed presentation at the inauguration of President Clinton, will be the featured keynote speaker at the Los Angeles premiere of the African American Women's Conference on Tour, to be held at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel, June 3 - 6, 1993.

This year's 2-city tour will also travel to the Bay area where Terry McMillan, author of the run-away best seller, *Waiting to Exhale*, and the critically acclaimed *Mama* and *Disappearing Acts*, will open the Oakland conference at the Oakland Convention Center, October 21-24, 1993. Produced by San Diego promotions firm, PROMOTrends, the AAWC on Tour is a 4-day, high-impact empowerment conference, created to meet the special needs of African American women, families and communities.

Other distinguished keynote presenters include writer/producer/director Attallah Shabazz, eldest daughter of the late Malcolm X; *Black Enterprises* Editor-in-Chief Sheryl Hilliard Tucker; Bebe Moore Campbell, author of best seller *Your Blues Ain't Like Mine*; noted orator Patricia Russell-McCloud, Esq.; economist Dr. Julianne Malveaux and Iyanla Vanzant, author of *Tapping the Power Within*.

AAWC on Tour offers over 80 workshops presented by nationally noted African American experts in the fields of holistic health, self-empowerment, business development, family relations and career development. Other conference events include theater, dance and musical performances; the Village Marketplace featuring over 100 vendors; rites of passage sessions for both girls and women; and two special luncheon forums on "Black Images in the Media" and "X" Mania: Who Wins and Who Loses in the Black Marketplace," facilitated by Lee Bailey of RadioScope.

According to executive producer Maria Carothers, "After attending several 'general' women's conferences - very Anglo and very grey flannel suit-oriented - I decided back in 1987 to design a national conference to meet our unique needs as Black women."

1993 African American Women's Conference sponsors include U.S. Small Business Administration, Women & Girls Against Tobacco, California Department of Health Services, California Lottery,



MAYA ANGELOU

Epic Records, Hewlett Packard, Lawry's, Reebok, Toyota and the new Cross Colours Home Division.

For more information, contact Maria Carothers, at 619-236-8509; or write to AAWC on Tour, P.O. Box 15819, San Diego, CA 92175.

GIRLS GET ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE SCIENCES AND MATH

LAS VEGAS - On Saturday, March 13th, girls from all over Nevada can attend a conference geared to increasing their interest in taking more math and science in order to prepare for expanded career options. The Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics Conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UNLV. A new addition to this year's conference will be a post conference "Model Mixer" from 1-2 p.m., where girls and their parents will have an opportunity to meet the speakers, ask questions, and get more information.

This year's keynote speakers will be Mary Lozano, a space engineer from the McDonnell-Douglas Space Lab, and Joan Turner, a NASA Space Ambassador and a Clark County school teacher. Over 40 workshops are scheduled to spark the interest of young women in science and math related careers, such as "Shake, Rattle & Roll. Earth-

quakes and Volcanos," and "Or Would You Rather Be a Fish?" with exciting hands-on experiences of actual career activities. Many local professional women will be on "Guess My Job" panels to serve as role models and discuss career preparation.

Last year over 15,800 girls across the nation attended Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics conferences. Approximately two-thirds were in grades six through eight and one-third in grades nine through twelve. A recent research report prepared by the American Association of University Women confirmed that the middle school years are critical for the self-esteem of young women. Typically, girls drop or quit taking mathematics and science courses earlier than boys. The long-term result of this decision is that these girls do not have as many career options available to them. EYH conferences seek to expand career

options for girls by encouraging them to prepare for the future.

Sixth through twelve grade girls who are interested in attending should call the Educational Equity Resource Center at 895-1380 for registration information. A \$7 dollar registration fee will cover the cost of materials and refreshments. Registration deadline is March 5. Parents and teachers are invited to attend a special session on careers and educational opportunities available for young women at the Adult Conference.

EYH Conference Planners and Speakers generally volunteer their time. Support for this year's conference expenses has come from UNLV, DOE, REECO, Lilly Fong, Southwest Regional Laboratories, the Nevada Mining Association, and the Nevada State Department of Education.

SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

A self-defense class for women will be offered at the Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Rd. The six-week course begins Monday, April 12 with registration beginning March 29. Late registration will continue through April 14. The cost is \$36. Sessions will take place Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The course is designed for teens and adults, and sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. Call 229-6563.

FOR THE LADIES

BEVERLY JACKSON IS ONE OF THE HOTTEST HOLLYWOOD DIRECTORS

HOLLYWOOD - Beverly A. Jackson recently celebrated her second season as director of the nationally syndicated "Joan Rivers Show." Beverly also directs "Gossip, Gossip, Gossip, with Joan Rivers," which is televised weekly on the USA Cable Network. Other directing credits include "The Gospel According to VH-1", Dance Party U.S.A., and MC Hammer's concert special which aired on B.E.T. Beverly started directing 12 years ago when she was the first African-American director to be hired by KYW-TV in Philadelphia. Beverly is a listed biographee in who's who among Black Americans, Two Thousand Notable American Women, and was recently proclaimed an international women of the year 1991/



Director Beverly Jackson at work in the directors booth at The Joan Rivers Show.

1992, and is a member of the National Association of Female Executives. In the future Beverly is aspiring to employ her directing talents on feature films, sitcoms, concert specials, soap operas, and music videos.

Beverly and an associate Cheryl Wilson are developing two infotainment specials to be targeted for national broadcast. For more information on Beverly A. Jackson call Tim Greene entertainment at (213)857-7095.

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