

# PANELISTS HIGHLIGHT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



**KELLY GOODE**

Producers of the 1993 African American Women's Conference on Tour invite the public to a special luncheon forum on "Eliminating Negative Media Character Types: Mammies, Minstrels and the Blackface Fixation" on Friday, June 4, at 12:00 noon at the Westin Bonaventure in downtown Los Angeles.

Panelists include Dabra Langford, Vice President of Television at Quincy Jones Entertainment; Kelly Goode, Vice President of Series Development at CBS Entertainment; and L. Scott Caldwell, popular stage and screen actress. Elaine Pounds, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Black Media



**L. SCOTT CALDWELL**

Coalition will moderate.

The panelists will debate the role black women - as consumers - play in influencing how black images are portrayed on television and on film.

General admission tickets are \$40 and \$30 for conference delegates. Lunch and complimentary tickets to the Village Marketplace are included in the ticket price. This special luncheon forum is but one feature of the conference, which takes place June 3-6 at the Bonaventure. Keynote speakers include *Black Enterprise's* Editor-in-Chief Sheryl Hilliard Tucker; Bebe Moore Campbell, author of the best seller, *Your Blues Ain't Like Mine*; and noted orator,



**DEBRA LANGFORD**

Patricia Russell-McCloud of Atlanta. AAWC on Tour offers over 60 workshops, Rites of Passage programs for girls and women and a theatrical performance by San Francisco's Rhodessa Jones. Saturday's entertainment also includes a special concert

## TBS SUPERSTATION ANNOUNCES

### A FAMILY OF WOMEN

TBS Superstation will produce a six-hour multi-part documentary series entitled A FAMILY OF WOMEN, it was announced recently by Senior Vice President of TBS Productions Pat Mitchell at a press conference hosted by Jane Fonda at Radcliffe College. The special will trace the story of American women of the 20th century - documenting and celebrating the extraordinary contributions women have made to life in America. A FAMILY OF WOMEN will be presented in a thematic format through the lives of fictional characters - to be portrayed on camera by an array of

featuring jazz saxophonist George Howard.

The African American Women's Conference on Tour is sponsored by Maria Carothers, president of PROMOTrends, a 4-year old promotions and event management firm and former producer of San Diego's black women's conference.

Full conference packages are \$250 which include three keynote meal functions, four workshops, two receptions, theatrical performance and Junkanoo - an African dance party. One-day only and workshops-only packages are also available. Student and senior discounts are available.

For more information write to AAWC on Tour, c/o PROMOTrends, P.O. Box 15819, San Diego, CA or call 619-560-2770.

Hollywood's finest actress - and their experiences of the very real events of the last 100 years. In an effort to further personalize the storytelling, the voices of famous women - including that of Jane Fonda - will be used to bring historical female figures of the 20th century to life. The documentary will take special care to present the contributions of women of diverse ethnicity and cultural background. A FAMILY OF WOMEN is being produced by VU Productions.

VU Productions is utilizing the diaries, photographs and collections at The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Radcliffe College, the largest archive on the history of American Women. The library is providing access to its vast collections and the cooperation of its scholars. The program will air in the spring of 1994 in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Library.

A FAMILY OF WOMEN will be divided into the following two-hour segments:

PART I) Sexuality and Social Justice - Using first person

## NEWS

### OF HEALTH

#### Warning For Women: Beware of Endometriosis

(NAPS)—Knowing the facts about a disease that affects over five million American women—ages 11 to 50, of all income levels and ethnic groups—could help prevent serious health trouble, experts agree.

Endometriosis is a disease in which tissue that normally covers the inner surface of the uterus (endometrium) is also found in other areas such as the abdomen, on the ovaries and abdominal lining, bowel and bladder, resulting in internal bleeding, formation of scar tissue and other problems. Symptoms to watch out for include:

- Chronic pelvic pain.
- Painful periods, especially when disabling and/or increasing in severity.
- Repeated miscarriages.
- Deep pain with sexual intercourse.
- Chronic fatigue.
- Low resistance to infections.
- Extensive allergies and related problems.
- Heavy or irregular bleeding or spotting between periods.
- Diarrhea and/or painful bowel movements with the period.

Endometriosis can also cause infertility, reports the Endometriosis Association, sponsor of Endometriosis Awareness Week,

accounts, current interviews, historic photographs and newsreels, the first two hours of the program will offer a comprehensive look at women's efforts to take control of their own lives and forge a system of justice for themselves and for other Americans.

PART II) Work and Family - "Trying to have it all" is not an invention of the '80's and '90's, but a goal sought by women since the first years of the century. Work and family represent the two most important aspects of women's lives, however, these two often contradictory spheres always require a balancing act that few women have been able to achieve with comfort.

PART III) Image and Popular Culture - Women and the idea of



Women of all ages and races should be alert to the symptoms of endometriosis, medical experts agree.

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Endometriosis cannot be confirmed in routine gynecologic exams, but it can be diagnosed with proper tests and treated—the sooner the better. Treatment options include surgery to remove the endometrial growths; hormone treatments which can cause the disease to regress; and the use of pain medications. When extremely disabling and/or when all else fails, hysterectomy with removal of the ovaries is commonly suggested.

#### Free Information

For free information about endometriosis write: The Endometriosis Association, International Headquarters, 8585 N. 76th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53223. Or call 1-800-992-3636.

beauty are inseparable. Throughout the 20th century, women have been influenced by contradictory concepts through movies, advertising, commercialism and celebrity. The final two-hour installment of A FAMILY OF WOMEN will focus on how women see themselves and the influences that have dictated those ideals through the years.

Executive producer of the program is former Today senior producer Jacoba Atlas. Heidi Schulman, a former NBC News correspondent, will serve as co-writer and producer, and Lynne Tuite, past president of Tuite Associations public relations firm, is executive in charge of production for VU. Vivian Schiller will serve as executive in charge of productions for TBS.

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