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500 Attend Nordstroms/NCNW Fashion Show

By Cheryl Brown

A busy schedule followed Dr. Jane Smith, National President of the National Council of Negro Women as she visited the Inland Empire. Smith was in town to celebrate NCNW’s Twenty-first Annual Inland Valley Area Mary McLeod Bethune Recognition Luncheon. Seven sections combined to raise money for the national office and to recognize new life members and Achievers.

First on the schedule early in the morning was the fashion show sponsored by NCNW at Nordstrom’s at the Montclair Plaza. Five hundred attended the fashion show and breakfast. NCNW raises its budget from the event. Many enjoy the breakfast and the show.

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The Bethune Recognition Program provides a unique ongoing opportunity to give and raise funds to strengthen the financial base of NCNW. It also gives opportunity to recognize one local outstanding individual. This year Carolyn Tillman was the honoree.

Smith spoke of the Sankofa bird, and explained viewing it looks like it is looking back and ahead at the same time and used this object to focus her speech.

Like the Sankofa, we must look back at our pass and understand who we came from. “We are the survivors, endurers the self determiners, the sustainers of the dream.” She then took us on a trip with India, a girl who survived the middle passage only to get here and not be able to speak anyone’s language. She was sold on the auction block and endured the atrocities of slavery. Nobody taught her, nobody even gave her shoes, but she was self determined and made a way. She took lesbia up through segregation and Jim crow and onto today where Ishia’s great grandchildren are today. “If you believe in the Constitution for an unfettered democracy then there is still a mission just as before. We must leave no one behind,” she said.

In an interview with Black Voice News, Smith said the secret of the next stop for Black people is Economic Development and building personal wealth. Jesse Jackson dramatized the need when he went to Wall Street. Earl Graves, Publisher of the Black Enterprise, gave words and focus to the issue and now we need grass roots to complete the cycle. Property ownership is paramount in this effort as well as saving and investing. That is the next frontier we must conquer.

“We have to bring together the young people in the process and we can do that through community organizing. Get the sororities, fraternities and community based organizations together to help us go to another level,” stated Smith.
Yes on Proposition 36

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Proposition 36 will require probation and drug treatment, not incarceration, for offenders charged with possession of drugs for personal use. No one caught selling or manufacturing drugs will be diverted.

Proposition 36 will allow offenders to request the dismissal of charges if they successfully complete treatment.

Fiscal impact of Proposition 36: Net annual savings of $100 - $150 million to the state, and about $40 million to local governments. Potential avoidance of one-time capital outlay costs to the state of $450 - $550 million.
November 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Fontana Library. The theme of the National Association of Women in Communication’s annual meeting, which will be held at Ecclesia Christian Center and Eryn Parks, director of the Women and Adult Learning Center, California State University, Fullerton. Now is your chance to explore more about the African American Experience and Women’s History project is Re-Entry Center, California State University, Fullerton. Normally, an event fee is charged, but this year, the fee is $25.00 in advance and $35.00 at the door. For more information, contact Marie Lenard, (909) 820-6066 or email mlad@kaiserpermanente.org, or for more information, please call (909) 986-8749.

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Civic Participation -- It's Your Future

By President William J. Clinton

As I travel the country, I speak with many people -- especially young Americans -- who feel disconnected from the political process. While most care deeply about issues affecting their families, their communities, and their country, too often they don't feel the need to get involved. Many are even willing to forgive their most fundamental right as citizens -- the right to vote.

One reason may be the unparalleled prosperity America enjoys. We are in the midst of one of the largest economic expansions in our nation's history. Wall Street profits have never been so high. We have created 22 million new jobs. Unemployment is at its lowest point in more than 30 years. In times like these, what are the? burning issues? Why bother to vote?

Complacency is, in fact, the greatest enemy. This moment of prosperity presents us with extraordinary opportunities: whether and how we choose to use them will have a profound effect on our nation for generations to come. How do we ensure affordable health care for all our citizens? How do we guarantee every child a quality education? How do we balance the needs of our economy while leaving enough money to fund Social Security and Medicare?

And how will you vote in November to ensure that every American -- regardless of race or creed -- could freely exercise the right to vote?

In 1964, there were only 300 Black elected officials nationwide. Today there are nearly 9,000. Elsewhere around the world, millions of people are just now gaining basic democratic rights that we take for granted. In 1999, more people around the world won the right to vote than in 1989 -- the year the Berlin Wall fell. Millions more still struggle in the hope of one day entering a voting booth to freely choose their leaders.

President Harry Truman once said, "A vote is the best way to get the kind of country, and the kind of world, that you want." There are great differences in the candidates this year; differences that will have profound consequences in the way you live.

So speak to the candidates, understand the issues, and allow your voice to be heard by voting on November 7. It's your future. It's up to you to decide.

THIS YEAR T HERE IS A REAL CHOICE ON ELECTION DAY
And you might be surprised how many people agree.

"I, a son of lifetime Democrats, will vote for a Republican for the first time in my life. I will not vote blindly for one party versus another to assess each candidate individually."

-- Harry Alford, President and CEO, National Black Chamber of Commerce

"Within the African American community, there are some definite conservative instincts and inclinations. To those people, I would say: It's all right to be black and Republican."

-- Bishop Carlton Pearson

"We cannot continue down this path. Our minority students are being left behind. The time has come for a change." -- Dr. Everett Hull, Professor of Economics, Howard University

Republicans want to give YOU the choice, not Government. Every child should have the same access to a better education. Under the Republicans School Choice Program, YOU decide where your children go to school. It is past time to put an end to the soft bigotry of low expectations. No child should be left behind.

VOTE REPUBLICAN ON NOVEMBER 7th
The Internal Revenue Service, the agency responsible for enforcing federal tax laws, has warned the public not to be misled by anyone offering to help them file for tax credits or other benefits. The IRS has seen a significant increase in cases of promoters who claim to be able to help people file for tax credits or other benefits.

For example, the Florida Attorney General obtained an injunction late last month against a Miami-based promoter who charged victims $300 to handle their claims. This promoter even warned consumers last month against the Miami-based promoter who charged victims $300 to handle their claims. This promoter even warned consumers last month against the Miami-based promoter who charged victims $300 to handle their claims. This promoter even warned consumers last month against the Miami-based promoter who charged victims $300 to handle their claims.

The IRS has seen two principal types of reparations schemes. In one, the promoter claims that the IRS has "forgotten" a specific individual or group of African Americans. In the other, the promoter claims that they have "found" a way to get the IRS to recognize a specific group of African Americans. In both cases, the promoters charge victims a fee to "handle" their claims.

Promoters of reparations tax schemes have been convicted and imprisoned, and the IRS continues to investigate new promoters for possible prosecution.

People hearing about tax benefits that sound too good to be true should check them out with a trusted tax professional or the IRS.