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NNPA Officer Gets Award

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In conjunction with Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Urban Development named Dr. William H. Lee, of Sacramento, Ca., minority entrepreneur of the year.



Dr. William H. Lee

Besides 'owning three newspapers in California, The Sacramento Observer, The Bay Observer and The Stockton Observer, Lee serves as the first vicepresident of the National Publishers Newspaper Association, the umbrella organization over 135 black newspapers. He has received over 280 journalism awards, chaired the national 'Assault on Illiteracy campaign and was a member the Pulitzer of Prize nominating jury at Columbia University School of Journalism.

MED Week was born out of the offices of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency and the Small Business Administration in order to recognize the contributions of minority business to the American economy.

The other recepients were, Mr. Edward W. Brice, president of Warner Services Inc., who received HUD's award of excellence for renovating abandoned buildings and developing neighbors throughout the New England area. Ms. Bludson-Francis, Vernett of Citibank's directof Minority Vendor Program in New York, received the public-private sector award. Mr. Oscar J. Coffey, president of the Black Chamber of Commerce was awarded a certificate of special recognition.

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