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**BULK RATE** 

## NATIONAL NEWS

RODNEY KING PLEADS NOT **GUILTY TO ASSAULT ON WIFE** 

LOS ANGELES - Rodney King, the black man who was videotaped being beaten by four white police officers, pleaded innocent Friday to changes of assaulting his estranged wife. Witnesses told police King was arguing with his wife, Crystal, as he sat in his car and she stood on a sidewalk in Los Angeles last July. The witnesses said she tried to reach in the car to get her purse when King drove away, dragging her a short distance then pushing her to the ground. King, 30, was charged with assault, assault with a deadly weapon - the car - and hit and run. After pleading not guilty King, free on \$2,500 bail, told reporters the incident was not "like the police, or law enforcement, want to make it look like." The acquittal of the four officers involved in King's beating led to the Los Angeles riots of 1992 in which 56 people were killed. The officers were retried in federal court and two were found guilty of violating King's civil rights. They were recently transferred from a federal prison to serve the remainder of their 30-month terms in halfway houses.

**BLACK CANDIDATE MAKES** HISTORY

Four years after putting former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke in a gubernatorial runoff, Louisiana voters have now put a black man in the race. Democratic Rep. Cleo Fields will face Mike Foster, a state senator backed by the religious right, in a Nov. 18 runoff after Saturday's primary election. Fields finished second to Foster in a field that featured 16 candidates in Louisiana's unique all-party primary system. If elected, Fields will become the first black to hold statewide office since Reconstruction.

## EST COAST BLACK PUBLISHERS ASSOC.

LOS ANGELES — The West Coast Black Publishers Association (WCBPA) annual convention will be held in Las Vegas at Bally's Hotel & Casino, October 25-28. This year's convention was set to meet in Los Angeles, but according to Bernie Foster, WCBPA president, "The conference was moved to Las Vegas from California because of its negative stand and complete about face against affirmative action. As community and business leaders, it would be unconscionable for the Black Press to gather in California."

Nonetheless, plans are set for profound sessions of learning marketing to the African American consumer and its economic empowerment. There will also be ample opportunities for networking with leaders of corporate America and key political representatives. Also planned is a "Youth Day," giving them a platform to express concerns about their future and gain exposure to Black newspaper owners and leadership.

"WCBPA is committed to objectively publishing and reporting the news of the black community which would otherwise go unnoticed; and as publishers and responsible citizens, we believe that information is the catalyst for resulting in change. We also know that the quality of life and the future of our youth depends upon their participation in this powerful process," states Foster.

The West Coast Black Publishers Association was founded in 1971 and is

composed of established Black California. WCBPA's goal is to inform, Minority communities are constantly newspapers in the states of Washington, influence and address, objectively, the challenged and without the Black press

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Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and many issues facing our cities today. GO REPUBLICAN AND CREATE EQ **OPPORTUNITY URGES TONY** 

By Nichole Davis, Staff Writer

Noted media personality Tony Brown urged Blacks to align themselves with the Republican party during a speech to the local chapter of the National Black Republican Roundtable Nevada Chapter.

Over 200 people gathered at the San Remo Thursday to hear Brown, a potential presidential candidate, discuss the impact of technology, education, race relations and economics on politics. Brown, an ardent, free market theorist and host of PBS's Tony Brown's Journal, said that current political trends will increase the political power of Blacks.

"The Black vote is strategically placed in the nine states that make up the powerhouse of the electoral college: Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Texas and California," said Brown. "If 25 percent of the Democratic party were to pull out, there would be no party."

Brown's point cannot be overlooked. Blacks have traditionally been Democrats, but more and more blacks are now registering as Republicans changing the alignment of power in the political process. Because of traditional voting patterns, Blacks (See TONY BROWN, Page 10)

Tony Brown counts out his solutions to restoring an economic edge for Photo by Savoy/L VS-Voice America.

By Nichole Davis Staff Writer

Tony Bagley was killed while trick-ortreating on Halloween. While the crime still remains unsolved, the North Las Vegas Police Department and H. P. Fitzgerald Elementary, where Bagley attended school, have combined forces to present Safe Halloween Night Out, a Halloween carnival.

Festivities start at 5 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. Planners expect 1000-1500 kids to visit the attraction, which to be held at H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary located at 2651 North

Revere Street.

The event is sponsored by several It was nearly a year ago that little local businesses, including Channel 3 KVBC TV, the Texas Gambling Hall and Casino, the Fiesta Casino-Hotel and Lake Mead Hospital, and will feature a haunted house, several candy booths, live entertainment and more.

> "We'll have all kinds of different activities here thanks to the North Las Vegas Police Department," said H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary Principal Shirley Barber. "They have worked really hard in trying to make this a safe Halloween."

The idea for the Safe Night originated (See HALLOWEEN, Page 10)



TONY BAGLEY

# Black Republicans

By Nichole Davis Staff Writer

Lt. Gov. Lonnie Hammargren and County Commissioner Lorraine Hunt were among the over 200 people to attend the second annual Frederick Douglas dinner sponsored by the local chapter of the National Black Republican Roundtable.

The National Black Republican Roundtable is a leadership organization and is one of seven auxiliary organizations that feeds into the party. The goal of the group is to recruit and train party members for leadership roles within the party.

"We are a leadership development organization," said Ken Woods, a founding member of the one year old local chapter. "We bring people in

and teach them how the party operates. We do everything from grass-roots training to registration.

We teach people how to target areas for elections. That includes voter registration, getting the word out on what the party is about, focusing on key issues, and going after voters."

The local chapter of the Roundtable has monthly training meetings and has held four political forums within the last year.

"We had one forum on affirmative action, two on welfare reform, and one on issues facing the community," said Janice Brooks, who is also a founding boardmember.

Brooks feels the group's (See NBRR, Page 10)