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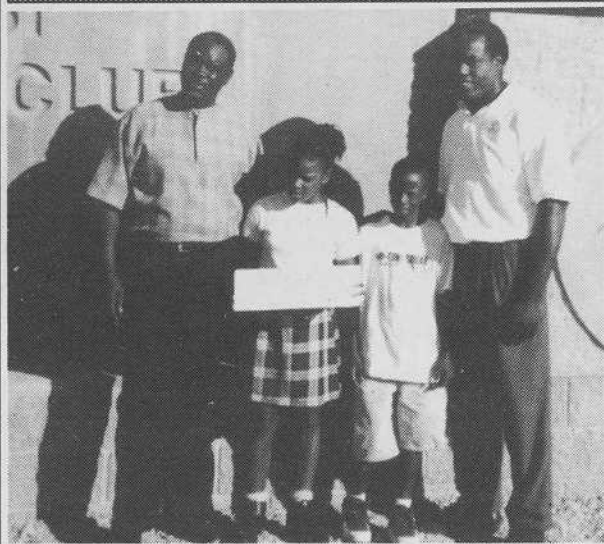


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Pictured from left: John Edmond, president Black Tavern Owners and Retail Beverage Association, two members of Andre Agassi Boys & Girls Club: Stanley Breeland, unit director Andre Agassi Boys & Girls Club.

TAVERN OWNERS, BEVERAGE RETAILERS GIVE \$3,000 TO AGASSI CLUB

The Black Tavern Owners & Retail Beverage Association presented a check for \$3,000.00 to the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club. It will help sponsor Power Hour, a daily homework assistance program that is an essential element in the education and development of kids. The Black Tavern Owners & Retail Beverage Association is a 10-year-old trade association representing tavern owners and beverage retailers in West Las Vegas. Their mission is to give back to the community they serve and improve the quality of education of the youth in the community. Andre Agassi Boys & Girls Club serves more than 2,000 youngsters and strives to provide high quality programs and activities that will help kids to become successful adults. Power Hour is a key component.

RACISM, RESIGNATION CONTRIBUTE TO BLACKS' HIGHER INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Black babies continue to die during their first year of life at more than twice the rate of white babies, according to a report released by a panel on infant mortality appointed by New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman. The report stated that stress from racism could cause women to have health problems that lead to premature births or babies born with low-birth weight — both contributing factors to infant mortality. The panel concluded that racism may also translate into variations in access to services and hostility from medical workers that in turn may deter women from seeking appropriate prenatal care. Money does not isolate Black middle class women from the crisis. They are still more likely than middle class white women to have babies die during their first year, the report said. According to preliminary 1995 statistics, the Black infant mortality is just below 14 deaths for every 1,000 live births. For whites, the rate is 5.8. The state's response to the report is a \$500,000 "public awareness campaign" to call attention to the disparity in mortality rates and direct women to prenatal care and other programs.

CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON MINORITIES IN DIFFERENT SPORTS AVENUES

Robert Muller, the former president of Reebok International Ltd. and now head of the Muller Sports Group, will deliver the keynote address at Sports Perspectives International's (SPI) national conference on sports merchandising, licensing and manufacturing Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. The conference, titled "Elevating The Playing Field," is aimed at educating minorities on licensing of professional and amateur sports organizations and how to develop and market athletic products and merchandise. The conference at American University in Washington, D.C. is co-sponsored by the university's athletics department and the Virginia Regional Minority Supplier Development Council. Participating in the event will be the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, the National Football League Players Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. "African Americans make up a large part of the athletes who play professional (sports), yet there is little representation beyond the playing field," said Charles S. Farrell, president of SPI. "Sports are a \$200 billion a year business, with half of that going to sports merchandising. It is only fair that minorities get a larger share of the sports' pie," he said. For additional conference information contact SPI at 202-882-9265.

Black Republicans hold annual gala

By Yvette Zmaila
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Hundreds of Republicans and a few Democrats commemorated on Oct. 23 the works of Fredrick Douglass at a fund raiser for education at the Stardust Hotel.

Sponsored the National Black Republican Roundtable, the fourth annual event also afforded black Republicans an opportunity to voice the merits of their party.

"...Black men and women are colleagues of whites and not slaves," said Walter Mason, reciting a passage from one of Douglass' works. "Today, blacks are 'Free from Bondage' and need not write 'Letters to their old Masters'," he said, recalling works by Douglass.

The roundtable, members say, aims to answer the call for economic liberty and equal opportunities in commerce and competitive employment for qualified people regardless of color.

Members and participants chimed in why they think the Republican Party best serves the black community.

Dr. Terry Akers, D.C., vice president roundtable, said he was drawn to the party by its platform of "less government," lower



Sentinel-Voice photo by Isadore Washington

Frank Russell, John Edmond and Louis Richardson were among more than 100 guests who attended the National Black Republican Roundtable's annual gala.

taxes and more opportunities for creating substantive minority-owned businesses."

He said the Republican Party is allied with the black community and refuted assertions that Republican policies protect the rich and milk the poor. He said Republicans support a national sales tax, which would consolidate Internal Revenue and sales taxes, would mean more money for all Americans, rich and poor.

He said Republicans have also

championed concessions for the poor such as a reduced sales tax on goods, which would help them stretch the value of their dollar.

Blacks need to free up capital to experience true progress — creating jobs and participating fully in commerce. Akers said Republicans are clearly more able to empower Blacks to do so.

Tyrone and Murial Taylor said voting (See Republican, Page 16)

Women's march inspires many

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PHILADELPHIA — Embracing sisterhood and each other, hundreds of thousands of black women attended the Oct. 25 Million Woman March, promising to change themselves, and their communities for the better.

"It was a great moment for all women across America. It was a chance to express themselves, and to feel their power," said Sister Gloristine Muhammad, 48, of Macon, Ga. "I think it will make a great difference in the community

— any community." Standing shoulder to shoulder, a sea of black women lined a mile-long stretch of Benjamin Franklin Parkway for the march. Rally organizers said 2.1 million people filled the route from City Hall to the Museum of Art. Police, while giving no official estimate, say anywhere from 300,000 to 1 million attended the seven-hour program.

Participants immersed themselves in sisterhood, drawing inspiration from women like Winnie

Mandikezela-Mandela, the ex-wife of South African President Nelson Mandela, as well the ordinary women that stood next to them.

The march touched on the need for emotional strength and the value of motherhood and solidarity.

Adriene Breckenridge, a 33-year-old academic adviser at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, answered what she called a plea for healing.

"And if it (healing) starts with our sisters, we have a chance of healing our

communities," she said. "The march is instilling a lot of hope in a lot of women who were losing hope in society."

Agreeing, Joyce Mosby of Richmond, Va. urged marchers to use the gained to affect their home communities.

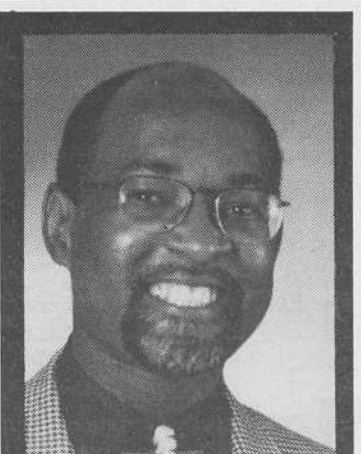
"We want to take back our streets, our homes, take back our children," she said. "We want to rid our neighborhoods of the drugs and crime and other bad elements. We know that education is the key to getting and achieving our goals."

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