

**BUSINESS**

**Professional women's club honors LV locals**

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The Las Vegas Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., held its annual Sojourner Truth reception at Russell's Restaurant June 6 at the Community College of Southern Nevada's Cheyenne Campus.

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., a non-profit community service organization founded in 1935, has 375 clubs in the United States, Bermuda and Ghana. The group's mission is to promote and protect the interests of African-American business and professional women; serve as bridges for young people seeking to enter business and professions; improve the quality of life in the local and global communities; and foster good fellowship.

Each year, the local club gives the organization's



*Photo special to the Sentinel-Voice*  
Pictured from left to right are Susie Scott, Vice Governor of the Western District, Governor of the Western District Cleopatra Vaughns (Oakland, California), Youth Recipient - Michael Shea Jackson, Brenda Smith - Sojourner Truth Recipient, and Mable Moreland (Event Chairperson).

highest recognition, the Sojourner Truth award, to a local woman for her volunteer service to the community, along with a \$500 scholarship for a deserving teen.

This year's Sojourner Truth award recipient was Brenda

Smith, a 21-year Las Vegas resident who runs an outreach prison ministry for women at the Nevada prison system. She also feeds and clothes homeless women and children.

Michael Shea Jackson, a graduate of Chaparral High

School, won the scholarship for maintaining a 3.4 GPA while working part-time and participating in after-school activities like the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. youth committee, sports and the debate team.

**Risk**

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The success of those campaigns has emboldened racists across the land.

In Virginia, two Whites were arrested for cutting off a Black man's head and burning him, tactics dating back to the time of Nat Turner. Participants in the meeting were quite aware that those attitudes were already changing their workplaces.

An alliance of Black professional groups in the Bay Area decided to take some action by writing the Congressional Black Caucus to discover whether federal agencies were too lenient with Silicon Valley. The alliance includes the Bay Area Black Data Processing Associates and the Peninsula Area Black Personnel Administrators, which have both opened doors for minorities in the computer industry for years.

On Friday, June 12, they met in San Jose with top managers of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and other federal agencies to help define what practices by companies are actually counterproductive to equal opportunity and to plan a chief executive-level seminar on "bridging the digital divide."

The Black couple in San Francisco was attacked in the same area where the group Sly and the Family Stone became famous in the 1960s. One of their most important songs goes, "Stand! In the end, you'll still be you; one who's done all the things you set out to do."

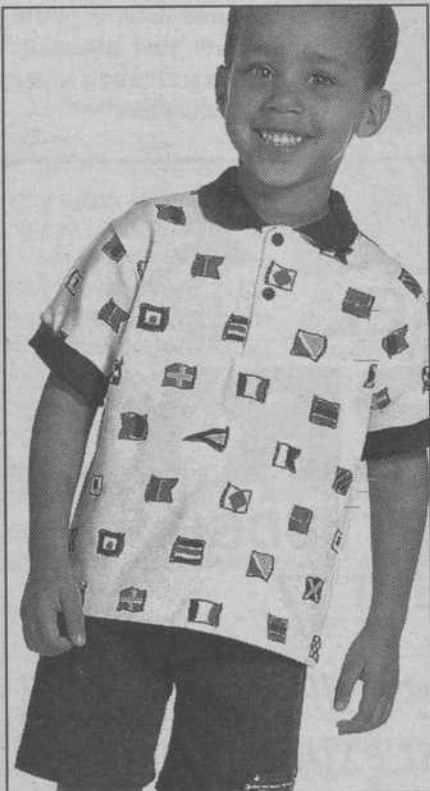
Things are getting to the point where African-Americans need to stand up in every area of life or get beaten up.

*John William Templeton is executive editor of "Griot."*



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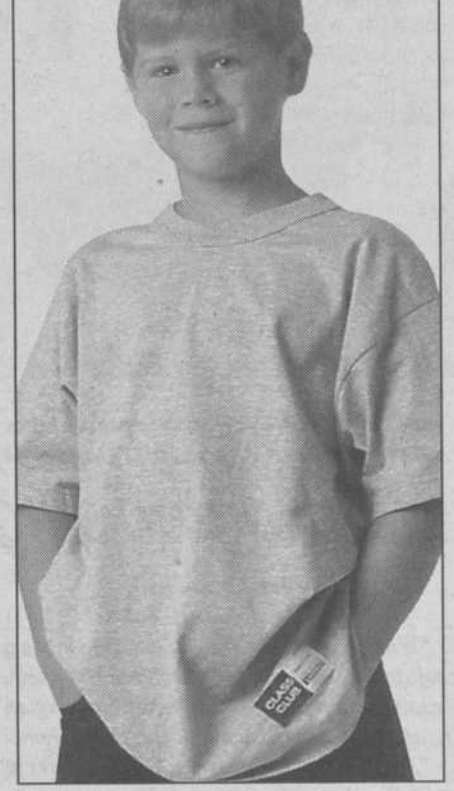
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