

# Media man Peter Allman recognized

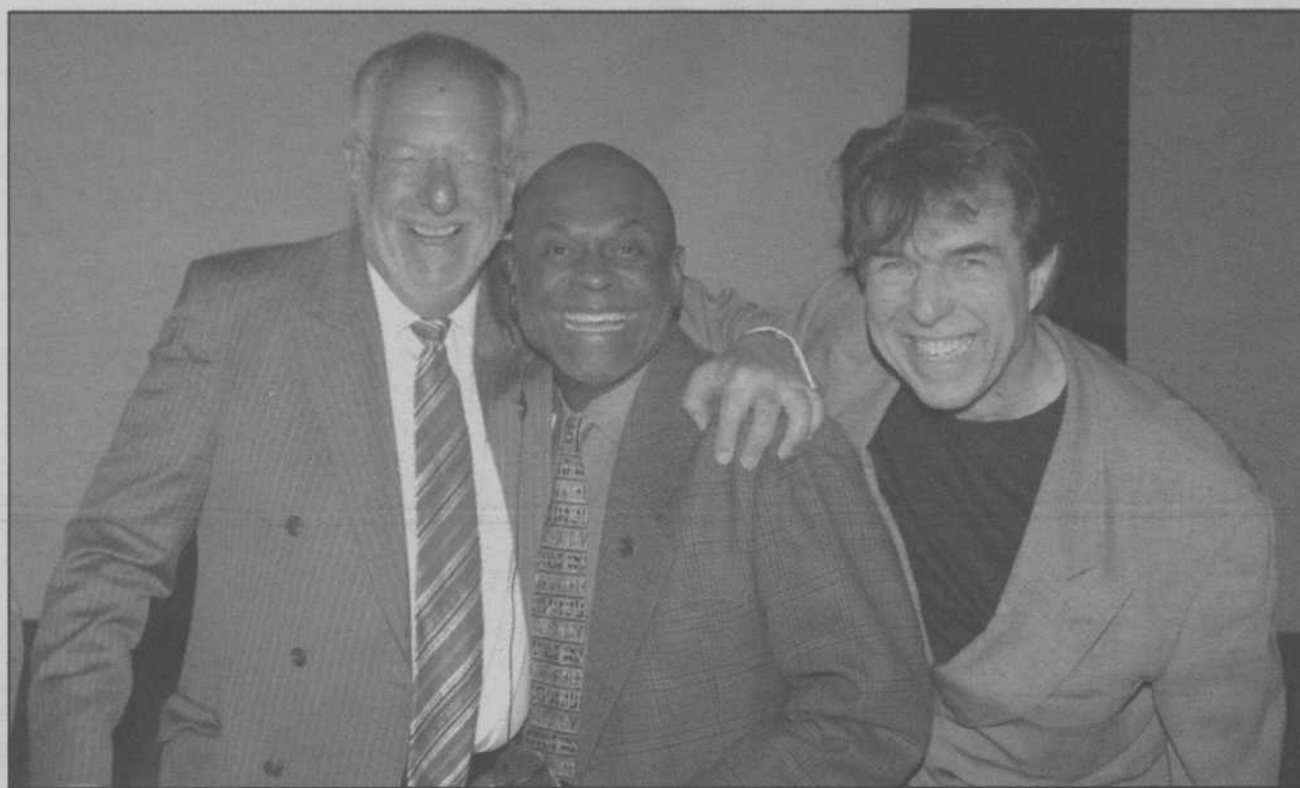
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The Downtown Business Operators Council paid special tribute to writer, broadcaster and personality Peter Allman in a special party on Wednesday, at the Take One Nightclub.

The council was founded by Earl White three years ago. The council was created to clean up the streets of downtown, promote business networking, work with the Metropolitan Police department, and handle disputes with the Mayor's office.

Owners of downtown businesses, like as Take One Nightclub and Chick's Automotive Repair, were on hand to celebrate the evening with Allman.

The evening began with a five minute retrospective of Allman's work on television



Las Vegas mayor Oscar Goodman, left, and comedian Michael Colyar, middle, stand with the ubiquitous Peter Allman.

Sentinel-Voice photo by C.J. Cansler

Louie of the Checkmates, Michael Colyar, Michael Carter, Sarann Preddy (former owner of the Historic Moulin Rouge) and Antonio Fargas (of Starsky and Hutch fame). Also Rodney Dangerfield impersonator Frank Grata and Frank Sinatra Impersonator came to celebrate Allman's big day.

Allman's career began in Houston Texas before moving to Las Vegas to perform in the Fremont Hotel and Casino.

Currently, Allman is the Producer and Host of the broadcast interview show, The Vegas Report. He also broadcasts Celebrity Scene News on Talk America Radio, Cable Radio Network, KDWN 720 AM Las Vegas, 94.7 Boss Radio Augusta Georgia, and WQBH Radio Detroit Michigan. He is also a contributing writer to North Las Vegas Times newspaper and other publications.

## Michael Jackson upset at GQ magazine spoof

NEW YORK (AP) - A recent GQ article spoofing Michael Jackson has the singer demanding the magazine apologize and pull the issue from circulation.

In a statement released Friday, Jackson's representative, Raymone K. Bain, said Jackson is "furious" about a series of photos featuring a Jackson impersonator in the magazine's May issue, now on newsstands.

The photos accompany an article called "Where's Michael?" which documents writer Devin Friedman's quest to find Jackson in Bahrain, the Middle Eastern country where he lives.

In one photo, a Jackson look-alike sits in a darkened movie theater amid a row of children. Another photo shows him standing in the desert draped in a black cloak and headscarf, with his trademark glittery white glove.

The statement said: "Mr. Jackson is furious that his image has been used in such a misleading way, and is demanding an apology from the editors of GQ, and its publisher, Conde Nast. Mr. Jackson is also demanding that the magazines be pulled from newsstands."

Jim Nelson, GQ editor-in-chief, responded with a statement Friday: "It is very clear that the pictures in the story... are satirical, whether it's a picture of a Michael Jackson imitator sitting in a Bahraini cinema or an image of The Gloved One standing flamboyantly in the desert.

"Mr. Jackson may feel that the person in the photographs is an 'impostor,' but he is merely an imitator," said Nelson.

Jackson, 47, moved to the Gulf state soon after being acquitted of child molestation charges in California last year.

with his popular TV show and interview series. Celebrities in the retrospective included James Brown, Steve Harvey, Jack Lemon, and others. The video also showed that Allman was a big part of the 2005 BET Awards show held in Las Vegas.

Next, Ricky Barlow, representative of Councilman Lawrence Weekly, presented Peter with a proclamation from the Las Vegas City Council declaring May 10, as Peter Allman Day after reading a poem dedicated to Allman.

Allman spoke to the crowd and declared that, "Downtown has vision, and

is a great place to come play and eat. East Fremont will soon be transformed with restaurants, nightclubs, and shops. I am so excited to be part of this." After a standing ovation, Barlow had more exciting news to share.

Barlow announced that the Mayor was meeting with the NBA about using property along east Fremont Street to possibly build a stadium. With that, the Mayor of Las Vegas, Oscar Goodman, walked in and gave Allman a big hug and spoke about, "his dedication to downtown and to the City of Las Vegas."

Celebrities and dignitaries that came included Sweet



C.J. Cansler received the Photographer of the Year award at Allman's party.

## Johnson

(Continued from Page 6) than 68 percent of the African-American women-owned business in 1997 were still in operation three years later.

Johnson is one of those success stories and many are inspired by her experiences.

Isabell Cottrell, co-founder of Pro-Line Hair Care, was in attendance.

"Ms. Johnson created a great atmosphere and she also gave a true perspective on becoming an African-American female business owner," said Ms. Cottrell. "She was able to stand in the midst of adversity and make it through.

"She is a wonderful role model for women, especially women of color. BET gave Pro-Line its first advertisement and I am so grateful that after all these years she is still making a difference."

Initially, Deshon Edmond of Delotte said she didn't plan to attend the luncheon but after hearing Johnson, she is glad she that she changed her schedule.

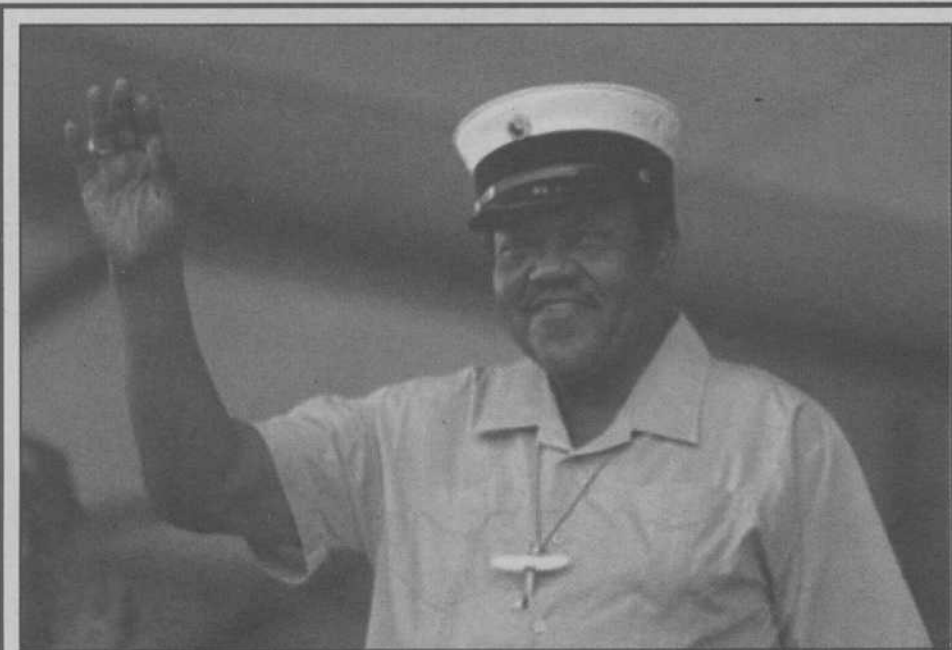
"Ms. Johnson brought to light that in 2006, racism is still alive," said Edmond. "She is the glass ceiling, the eye opener and I really enjoyed her message."

The message was simple as Johnson left the audience

of nearly 300 with a few words of encouragement.

"As women entrepreneurs we must live our lives to the fullest and find our passion," concluded Johnson, adding that they must make a promise never to lose their vision and to take responsibility for their own goals. "Don't procrastinate, and support each other."

Tiffany Jackson writes for the Dallas Weekly



## FOUND HIS THRILL

Fats Domino waves after briefly appearing on stage during the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans on Sunday after he canceled his performance. His appearance at the 37th annual event was to be his first since he was rescued by boat from his flooded home in the Ninth Ward after Hurricane Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

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