



Tony Brown
Famed TV producer

Tony Brown Wins W.E.B.

• **Debois Award**

LOS ANGELES - Veteran television producer, host and syndicated columnist Tony Brown was named winner of the W.E.B. Dubois Community Leadership award sponsored by the W.E.B. Dubois Academic Institute, a private school in Southern California.

Brown, host of the popular "Tony Brown's Journal," a Public Broadcasting Corporation feature sponsored by Pepsi Cola, has become one of the most visible Black communicators in the nation with his informative telecasts and his incisive columns appearing in Black newspapers throughout the United States.

"We are extremely pleased to honor a man of integrity, high morals and immense talent as a role model for the many children in America who constantly strive to know who they are," said Elaine Parker Gills, president and founder of the Black alternate school.

The award ceremony, set for the Airport Marriott Hotel on Friday, June 22, is the prelude to a national journalism and photography contest to be conducted for minority youth during the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad scheduled for Los Angeles from July 28 to August 12, 1984.

Gills is director of the contest being conducted by Paper Clips, a Black-oriented press clipping service.

Workshop

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in political campaigns, though seldom in leadership roles; the number of female candidates and elected officials trails that of males—both black and white; there are only 581 female elected officials nationally."

However, figures show that there is relatively high registration among black women which, according to WVP, demonstrates strong potential for major advances.

"Health and welfare cutbacks," added WVP, "along with social programs, budget reduction and tax policies have had significant impact on black women and make increased participation in the electoral process more vital."

This assertion is particularly true in North Carolina, which often has a higher registration among black women than black men.

According to WVP, this will be a big plus in the coming elections if black women exercise their right to vote.

WVP will stress all of these issues as part of the non-partisan conference. Co-chairwomen for the conference are Carolyn Coleman, North Carolina NAACP Field Director, and Josephine D. Clement, former chairman of the Durham County Board of Education, and newly-elected Durham County Commissioner.

The registration fee for the conference will be \$10 which includes workshops and lunch.

For more information, contact John Edwards, Director of the North Carolina Voter Education Project, Inc., at 919-683-3233.

Black Auto Dealers Make Impressive "Comeback"

NEW YORK - Spurred on by the recovery among domestic automakers, Black auto dealers made an impressive comeback in 1983, outpacing the other leading Black-owned companies, reports Black Enterprise Magazine in its annual June "Top 100" issue.

Thirty-four Black-owned automobile dealerships

recorded aggregate revenues of \$548.4 million, accounting for the highest percentage of sales increases and the largest Black-owned companies.

Black Enterprise Magazine Editor-Publisher Earl G. Graves, in releasing this year's "BE 100," commented: "As a result of the strong comeback by domestic auto-

mobile manufacturers, our car dealers regained some of their vigor, both in terms of number and revenues."

Heading the list of growth leaders on this year's "BE 100" is a car dealer, Porterfield Wilson Pontiac-GMC Truck, whose revenues increased 223.5 percent to \$40.0 million.

Eight other car dealers

are also among the list of top growth leaders. They are:

McLaughlin Oldsmobile Inc. (Capitol Heights, MD) with sales of \$14.5 million; Peyton Olds - Cadillac - GMC, Inc. (Alton, IL), \$11.1 million; Peninsula Pontiac (Torrance, CA), \$10.5 million; Gordon Buick (Philadelphia, PA), \$13.3 million; Baranco

Pontiac (Decatur, Ga.), \$20.5 million; Al Bennett Ford (Flint), \$17.3 million, and Mel Farr Ford (Oak Park), \$14.5 million.

Categories of business having the greatest representation on the 1984 "BE 100" are: automobile dealerships (34) with total sales of \$548.4 million; petroleum sales (10), \$348.9 million; construction (12),

\$331.4 million; food service-retail food markets (16) \$332.4 million, and hair care and cosmetics firms (8) \$200.2 million.

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