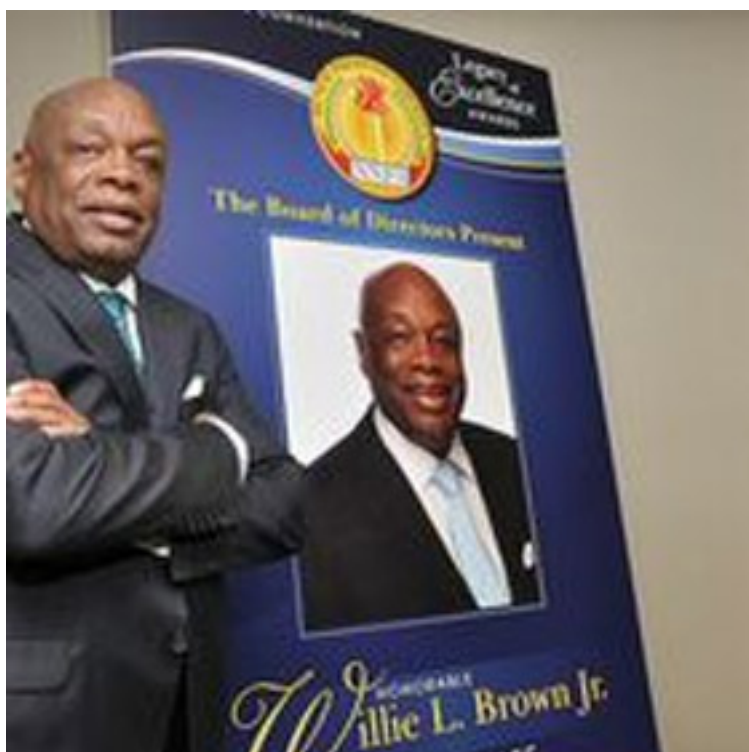


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PORTLAND, Oregon (NNPA) – Former San Francisco mayor and Democratic powerbroker Willie Brown received the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) prestigious Legacy Award last week for his distinguished public service.

The award was presented to Brown at the NNPA's annual convention here.

After recounting his days as a paperboy for the Bay area's *Sun-Reporter*, Brown said, "Your role in the African American community is unparalleled."

He said today, as in the past, Black readers rely on the Black Press more than White-owned publications. He said discussions in local barber and beauty shops center on what was published in that week's Black newspapers.

"They don't read the other papers first – they don't believe them," said Brown, who served 15 years as speaker of the California Assembly before serving as mayor. "You represent the source of inspiration, the sense of accuracy."

Even though he is out of office, Brown is helping avert a transit strike in San Francisco and returned there shortly after accepting the award.

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