

100 MOST INFLUENTIAL BLACK NEVADANS

This is the fifth annual listing of the SENTINEL-VOICE selection of the TOP 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL BLACK NEVADANS. (Previous years we had included only Las Vegas). This listing was made exclusively by the SENTINEL-VOICE staff. It is the result of an in-depth study of the entire State during 1985 to include Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Reno, Carson City, Sparks, Hawthorne, Tonopah and Henderson over the twelve-month period. This study included interviews, news accounts, interviews and discussions with hundreds of people in all walks of life, and research of available records on contributions and influence exuded by those mentioned. This staff developed a list well in excess of 300 nominees.

As always, many considerations were factored into the profile of each nominee. Among them, and not exclusively and not necessarily the only categories, were leadership, community involvement, positions held, regular one-on-one contact with large number of individuals and groups, City,

County and State appointees, elected officials, activists, educators, dedicated volunteers and successful entrepreneurs.

This is not a popularity contest. It does not necessarily include community pioneers, or past leaders. Business ownership, club or organization leadership or professional personnel are not selective categories. These are persons considered to be among the MOST INFLUENTIAL in the entire area and were involved during the entire year in varying degrees, in the well-being of the area, the communities and populace.

As was experienced when we prepared the 1985 list, the decisions again were tough to make. There are so many, many individuals involved. The total number of the nominees selected certainly attests to this fact. The final 100 individuals merged through careful review and examination. This outstanding group of individuals are herein shown, in alphabetical order, along with one of their fields of endeavor.



Ruby Amie
Co-Owner
Jet Away Travel



Rev. Marlon Bennett
Pastor
Zion Methodist Church



Thomas Brown
Dir. Affirm. Action
Clark Co. Comm. College



Rikki Cheese
Newscaster
KVBC - TV 3



Verlia Davis
Social Service Officer
Clk. Cty. Social Service

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Morse Arberry, Jr.
Assemblyman
District 7



Larry C. Bolden
Deputy Chief
LV Police Dept.



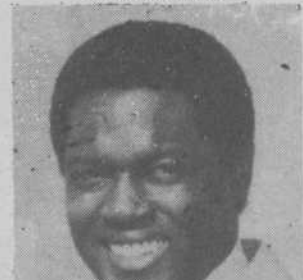
Kirby Burgess
Director
MAMA



Dr. Angela Clark
Pres. Clark County
Medical Society



Rev. Willie Davis
Pastor
Second Baptist Church



Faye Duncan-Daniel
Exec. Vice President
Union Plaza Hotel

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Sam Armstrong
President, Ray
& Ross Transport



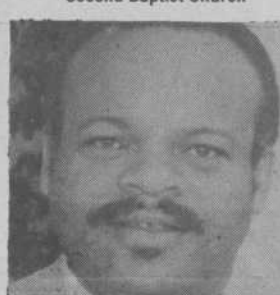
Richard Blue
Executive Asst.
to City Manager



Booker Burney
State Post Secondary
Education Commissioner



Gwen Brown-Coleman
Exec. Dir. Nevada Black
Chamber of Commerce



Paul Dawkins
KLAS-TV Community
Affairs Director



Marjorie Elliott
Realtor



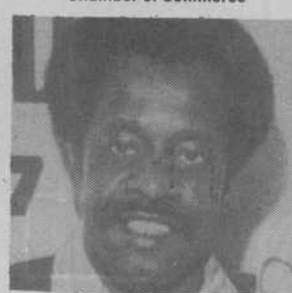
Yvonne Atkinson
School Trustee
Clk. Cty. School District



Betty Brown
Publisher-Editor
LV Sentinel-Voice



Willa Bywaters
President, L.V.
AOIP Org.



Cranford Crawford
Program Coordinator
Child Haven



Robt. "Bob" Duckett
Civic Leader
North Las Vegas



Delores Feemster
Sentinel-Voice/Reno
General Manager



Bob Bailey
Executive Director
NEDCO



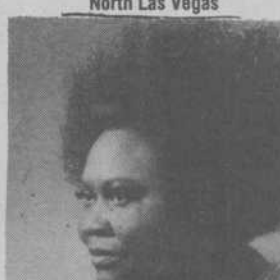
Ed Brown
President Brown
Publishing Co.



Lonie Chaney
Immediate Past President
Nevada Black Chamber Commerce



Danny Curtis
Co-Owner
New Town Tavern



Ruby Duncan
President, Operation Life
Community Dev. Corp.



Prof. Roosevelt Fitzgerald
Director, Ethnic Studies
UNLV