

# Councilman Hawkins Subject Of Another Inquiry

The Las Vegas City attorney's office has announced it will be investigating a series of business transactions made by newly elected City Councilman Frank Hawkins. It was recently announced that Hawkins had taken out a business permit for a renovation of the topless bar Cheetah's located at 1212 Western Avenue, even though he did not have a contractor's license, as required by law. Last Friday, city building officials discovered that Hawkins had applied for a permit for the bar on June 5, the day after he had won the election, using the name of a company he was no longer with.

Cheetah's is owned by Crazy Horse topless bar owners Jack and Mike Galardi. Councilman Hawkins, who has said he was a licensed contractor until only a few days ago, was once the vice president of Henderson/Hawkins Construction, but his partnership with Mark Henderson had dissolved almost three years ago and Hawkins name had been dropped from the company's name.

Mayor Jan Jones called the controversy involving Hawkins "unfortunate," but expressed

hope that the investigation would clear the councilman.

To add to the confusion, it Assemblyman Wendell P. Willaim, D-Las Vegas along with Assembly Morse Arberry stormed off the State Assembly floor on Sunday and vowed not to return until an apology was

made, after Speaker Joe Dini of Yernington NV. made a joke that was considered offensive.

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contractor and hasn't been with the company since 1989. This contradicts earlier state-

ments made by Henderson last week when Hawkins tried to take out the permit.

joke last Saturday night during his 45th high school reunion in Yernington. Williams and Arberry left the floor afterwards, and the session was held up for 90 minutes on Monday as they awaited an apology, Governor Bob Miller also issued a statement condemning Dini for insensitivity. "I am sorry if I have hurt anyone's feelings or offended them," said Dini.

## Nevada's Black Assemblymen Protest Joke

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## RADIO DOCUMENTARY ON L.V. RACIAL TENSION TO AIR ON PUBLIC RADIO STATION KNPR 89.5 FM

Public radio station KNPR (89.5 FM) presents a special in-depth examination of Las Vegas race relations in a two-part documentary "Las Vegas: Mississippi of the West or Promised Land." The programs air twice: 4 p.m. Thursday, July 4th and 8 a.m. Saturday, July 6th.

A little more than thirty years ago, Las Vegas was a strictly segregated city that some people called "Mississippi of the West," where most Blacks lived in poverty. Since then, the racial climate in Las Vegas has shown

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Others interviewed for the documentaries include former Nevada governors Grant Sawyer and Mike O'Callaghan, entertainers Joe Williams, Albert Nicholas and Peter Lind Hayes, and UNLV professors: Roose-

velt Fitzgerald and Eugene Moehring. "Las Vegas: Mississippi of the West or Promised Land" is written and produced by William Drummond and Faith Fancher. Drummond was previously a reporter with National Public Radio and the Los Angeles Times and is currently a Communications Professor at the University of California in Berkeley as a reporter and now is an anchor/report for Oakland, California TV station KTVU.

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