

# SENTINEL 16

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**SHIRLEY BARBER**

Shirley Barber began teaching in 1955 after receiving her degree in elementary education from Virginia Union University. She taught at grade levels kindergarten through 6th for nine years including one year of emotionally retarded experience. Her educational assignments have been in Georgia, North Dakota, Ohio, Germany, and Las Vegas where she currently works as the principle of H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School-the first new school in West Las Vegas in nearly a quarter century. Mrs. Barber's accomplishments and awards are virtually too numerous to mention. She is a staunch advocate of educating children in areas of academia and self esteem. Honored by Committed 100 Men Helping Boys, Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, the Milken Foundation for Educational Excellence and an assortment of other community service organizations, Mrs. Barber continues her commitment to the community.



**BOB BREWER**

Bob Brewer has received numerous awards and recognition for his efforts in aiding the less fortunate. The Southwest Gas executive has been a resident of Las Vegas for over 30 years, attending Kit Carson Elementary School and Western High School. Brewer was one of the many successful African American professionals who received tutoring under the late esteemed educator, H.P. Fitzgerald. Raised in West Las Vegas, Brewer overcame many obstacles and barriers to become one of the few African American managers working for the local gas utility company. He has served on the Citizens Advisory Review Board for Block Grant

Funds and been active in the Doolittle Senior Center's Tutorial Program. He is also actively involved in politics.



**BOOKER BURNEY**

A Louisiana native, Booker Burney came to Las Vegas in 1956. Burney, a US ARMY veteran, was honorably discharged, and returned to Las Vegas to obtain half ownership in the Jackson Barbershop. His business would grow as well as his commitment to the Las Vegas community. In 1980, Burney, along with his business partners, would found the Hair Unlimited Barbershop which is a marquee attraction in the black community. Traditionally, the barbershop is known in the black community as a place to network, gossip, and visit with friends and associates. Burney, however, would provide a full-service, clean, modern facility which would become the prototype for other shop owners in the community.

He was also instrumental in the effort to change the then Highland Avenue which ran through the black community to the now Martin Luther King Boulevard in the late 1980's.

Burney has actively participated in Committed 100 Men Helping Boys where he has held an executive board position. He has volunteered with the local Cub Scouts, Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and several task force committees associated with development and politics.



**RON CURRENT & JAMES TATE**

For their combined efforts in community activism Ron Current and James Tate earned recognition as Sentinel 16 Honorees. Tate, as founder and director of the Las Vegas branch of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and Current as the chairman of the local Black Panther Party. The two were instrumental in

forming a consolidated organization, Unity in the Community, which meshed the talents of several African American based community service organizations.

Ron Current is enroute to set a record for community brainstorming. Current has hosted countless public forums discussing a myriad of topics pertaining to the advancement of African American causes. Never off-balanced in a media opportunity, Current is known for his fiery brand of community activism, and is recognized in the community as an advocate of the people.

He travels with a bodyguard and is respected for his staunch pursuits against injustice.

Dr. James Tate, as the premier trauma surgeon at University Medical Center, has been a life saving force tackling the most critical of gunshot and stabbing wounds.

Tate, during his limited off time, is a tireless critic of police brutality and racism. His column appears every week in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice newspaper without interruption. Tate uses words to highlight issues of injustice and has been known on many occasions to lambaste public agencies and officials.

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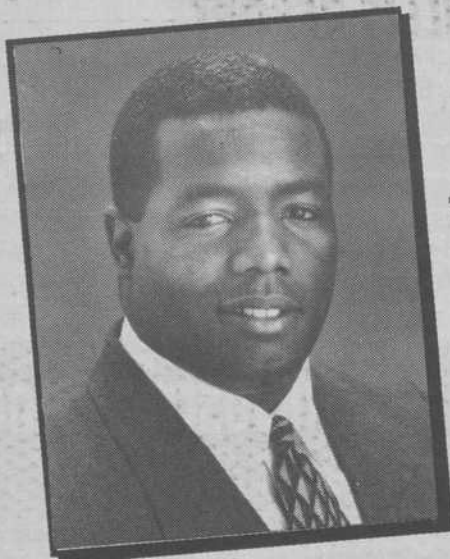
**JOHN EDMOND**

When the 1992 riots destroyed his shopping center in the heart of West Las Vegas, John Edmond looked upon the rubble, stared in dismay, and immediately started his attack plan to rebuild the much needed plaza. The Nucleus Shopping Plaza is now the cornerstone of the black community providing a variety of health and human services.

**H.P. FITZGERALD**

The only Sentinel 16 Honoree to receive the award posthumously, H.P. Fitzgerald carried the torch for many to (See SENTINEL 16, Page 10)

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**They said West Las Vegas would never grow and prosper, but Frank Hawkins is helping this community develop.**



## Economic Growth

Frank Hawkins' leadership is creating new projects and jobs right here in our community. That's economic growth for us and opportunity for our children!

- Nevada Business Services training
- New West Las Vegas Business Center
- Magic Johnson's Westland Mall
- 3 New Banks
- Nucleus Plaza Expanded
- West Las Vegas Plan

## Better Neighborhoods

Frank Hawkins vision has brought new life to our community. Working with other leaders, he has helped build better neighborhoods.

- 750 New Homes Built
- 500 Homes Planned
- West Las Vegas Arts Center
- Neighborhood Services Office
- West Las Vegas Library
- Doolittle Satellite Senior Center
- Rebuilt Public Housing Units
- Habitat for Humanity Housing

## Safer Community

Frank Hawkins was born and raised here. He understands our concerns about crime in the neighborhood, and he cares enough to do something about it.

- New Community Policing
- Foot Patrols in Our Neighborhoods
- Bicycle Patrols Cut Crime Rates
- Better Understanding by Metro of Our Needs
- Youth Programs for Jobs and Guidance
- Opportunities for Our Children

*Good for our neighborhood. Good for us!*

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