ENTERTAINMENT Weekly to be honored with roast

By Lee Brown Sentinel-Voice A special committee has formed to honor one of Las Vegas' community heroes with a roast.

Considered a man of courage and unselfish dedication, community activist, leader and counselor Lawrence "Larry" Weekly Jr. will be recognized with a roast in his honor on October 26, 1996 at the West discussion in reference to Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 West Lake Mead Blvd. A reception is scheduled for 6 p.m., with the roast beginning at 7 p.m.

The committee, comprised of Michael Garrett, Dora LaGrande, Robin Knight, Assemblyman Wendell Williams, Eddie Taylor and Marcia Washington, held a roundtable

The Glamorous Life By Barbara Robinson

The social scene has begun. Went to the Latin Chamber of Commerce's Fourteenth Annual Business Awards dinner held at the Top of the Riv. The room was beautiful and crowded with media everywhere. The affair was full with political candidates. I saw Judges Gates, Vega and Douglas among the attendees.

Good news Vassili Sulich is stepping down as the artistic director for the Nevada Dance Theatre. Hopefully this move will mean we will get some diversity on the NDT scene. Speaking of diversity, The Smuin group brought in from San Francisco were excellent. The program was diverse and so were the dancers. Start saving, The Alvin Ailey Dance troupe will be here February 28, March 1 & 2, thanks to Elaine Wynn a member of their board.

The Committed 100 Men Helping Boys had their Fifth Annual Humanitarian of the Year Awards Banquet. It was fabulous and classy. The event was held at the Palace Station. The room was lovely and the food delicious. This year the Humanitarian Award was shared by J. David Hoggard Sr. and Wendell P. Williams. My host and hostess for the evening were Booker and his fabulous wife Beaulah Burney. Seen looking fabulous was Ida Gaines, Dora LaGrande, Dave and his lovely wife Marcia Washington, Bobby and Deloris Mc Roy, Cuthbert Mack, John Rhodes, Shirley Barber who is actively running for the school board Where is Doc? Brenda who works for Sen. Richard Bryan and attends my church. Eugene Mc Gow whose wife was in California visiting with her sister and brother-in-law both Medical Doctors. President Will Watson and his wife, F.B.I. Agent in Charge Bob Siller and his brilliant and lovely wife Tina, Larry Amaker and two beautiful women who happen to be sisters-in-law Karen and Reba Labat. Karen is in charge of Americorp in Nevada and Reba manages the bank in Magic Johnson Plaza.

It was great seeing Drs. Beverly Neyland and Martina Callum at the Majorie Barrick Lecture Series at UNLV featuring Geraldine Ferraro and John Sununu, stars of the political debate show "Crossfire". These shows are free to the public. It would be good to see more of you there. Mark Russell a political satirist is coming October 14,1997. Don't forget to listen to "All Sides Matter", Wed. 6:35 to 8:00pm KRBO-105.1 FM. After the Presidential debates we will be asking people to call in and tell us what you thought of Dole and Clinton.

Too many Las Vegans missed the most exhilarating musical event this town has seen in a long time. Marcus Roberts, the blind pianist who once played in the Wynton Marsalis' band regaled the sparsely populated Artemus Ham Hall at UNLV with a revelatory program fusing jazz with symphonic orchestral traditions, which Roberts hopes will establish the beginnings of a new direction in music for the future. KUNV'S Don Fuller introduced the group. An ensemble of virtuoso musicians gave absorbing renditions of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue. Rhapsody was the highlight of the evening, seducing the audience with its counterpoint of classic string passages and improvisational jazz riffs. Roberts ensemble made us hear the music anew. Those who were there will be telling their grandchildren about it. Seen at the event, Dr. Joe Thornton, Dr. Gerri Joiner, Dr. Martina Callum and Ramona Houston, Dr. Beverly Neyland, Dr. Andres Costas, Dr. Nathan Ozobia and his beautiful wife Comfort and their talented daughter Amaka. Dr. Martin Safko and his reknowned artist wife Jennifer Safko. Retired Lt. Col. Thomas Leigh and his lovely wife Gerri, Developer John Mc Donald with his beautiful wife Sheryl. Many of the beautiful people reconvened at Spagos for dinner.

See you around town ..

Weekly and decided it was time someone did something a little extra for him.

The purpose of the roast is for the community, Weekly's family and friends to thank him for his unselfish time, commitment and dedication to the entire Las Vegas community.

For nearly 10 years, Weekly, a member of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees, has unselfishly volunteered himself to the community. He's been involved in countless community events from public speaking to hosting fundraisers to assist those in need, regardless of color.

Weekly, president of the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Las Vegas and member of the

Board of Directors of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, as well as youth advisor of the Kappa League, has also formed his own organizations such as Positive Direction.

Weekly - a 1987 graduate of Grambling State University with a bachelor's degree in communications - is widely throughout the known community for going beyond the call of duty and for his great efforts to make a change for all.

Guest speakers for the roast will include educator and radio talk show host Bobbi Troutman; 1995 Virginia State University graduate and a mentee of Weekly's, Nikki Williams; local businessman Alan Shelton; newspaper columnist and library district board member Barbara (See Weekly, Page 16)



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