

# Activist sues the city over redrawn wards

Community activist Beatrice Turner has filed a lawsuit in District Court against the city protesting new ward boundaries that she says are discriminatory to West Las Vegas.

In a Saturday interview published in the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, Turner said the Westside community will suffer from being lumped into Ward 3, which has a largely Hispanic population.

Joined in the suit by Alfred Gallego, Turner said the new

ward, represented now by one councilman, pits both minority groups against each other by making them compete for the same amount of money for redevelopment projects.

Turner and other activists admit that the two communities have conflicting priorities and have historically not worked together.

The suit contends that West Las Vegas, formerly part of Ward 1 before the May redrawing of the lines, will suffer from the

changes. It also charges that the new ward violates Nevada Constitution and the U.S. Constitution by discriminating against certain geographic areas

## Council

(Continued from Page 1) swears in to her new office in January to make an appointment.

Mayor James Seastrand said some candidates have left messages or written letters, and some were recommended by other people.

"I have 15 names of people who have contacted me, and I foresee that list will grow," he said. "My interest is to get the best person, and I have not formed any opinions. The city is best served by picking the best person."

Rhodes is looking for a "well-rounded" person for the job, "because you're going to be confronted with several kinds of issues," he said. "I'm going to look for someone with volunteer community service experience."

He hasn't finalized his list, but "we're still a month a way,

and classes of persons.

The suit also claims the reapportionment was done without any logic or reasonable formula.

and I don't want to feel pressure. I shouldn't feel pressured about this," Rhodes said.

Goynes wants "someone who's going to give us good government, be a team player and have board experience."

On the other hand, he said, a political novice could bring fresh light to the board, so "you've got two sides and I'm giving my self plenty of time."

Neither Goynes nor Rhodes, who are both black, are considering race as a selection criteria. However, observers said race is an issue, because Rhodes, Goynes and Councilman William Robinson form a minority majority on the North Las Vegas City Council.

In a city with a predominately-white population, this is a rare phenomena. If the board were to appoint another black, there would be a completely black council at least until June.

Goynes admits he has considered the idea, but he hasn't discussed it with other board members. The Prairie View A&M alum is more concerned with replacing Kincaid with a woman than with seating an all-black council.

He doesn't feel a vote for an all-black council could hurt him

# Longtime teacher and advisor Brown dies



EVELYN JANIS BROWN

Evelyn Janis Brown, a longtime teacher and aide to the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, died Wednesday at the Desert Springs Hospital.

Brown, a 19-year resident of Las Vegas, dedicated her time to the committee's youth group. "She was an author, teacher and pillar of strength to all who knew her," according to a statement from the group.

"She shared her joy and generous spirit of life, living and the importance of education to all whose lives she touched; to know her was truly to love her."

Brown was born Jan. 2, 1910 in Sacramento, Calif. and worked in education most of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd; and stepson, Rodney of Kansas City; and one grandchild. Visitation is Monday from noon to 7 p.m. at Palm Mortuary Downtown. Services will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the mortuary. Interment will follow at the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery.

politically. "I just feel very strongly about this that Councilwoman Kincaid should be replaced by a woman," he said.

Neither Rhodes nor Seastrand were considering sex, and Kincaid, who is expected to assume her District B seat in early January isn't supporting any candidate.

"I'm kind of leaving it up to the board," she said. "I can't vote for it."

A replacement is at least two months out, council members said, but city staff are hoping for a shorter time table.

"I'm going to ask them if they

might not decide this sooner," said North Las Vegas City Manager Linda Hinson. "There are board appointments that Ms. Kincaid sits on that keep going."

Either way, she doesn't expect the impending replacement or next years elections to substantially impact the work of staff.

The current board has "made their decisions for the betterment of the community as a whole," she said. "I don't see somebody coming in and saying they made the wrong."

*Calls to Councilman Robinson were not returned.*

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