



City Council hopefuls Lawrence Weekly, with supporters Ricki and Jeff Barlow, and Uri Clinton, with wife Stephanie, talk to the media Wednesday after Mayor Oscar Goodman postponed the appointments for Wards 5 and 6. Weekly, a city liaison for Councilman Gary

Reese, and Clinton, a Clark County mediation specialist, are the frontrunners for the Ward 5 seat. Goodman said the appointment will take place in a month.

Sentinel-Voice photos by Ramon Savoy

City Council delays appointments

W.G. Ramirez
Special to Sentinel-Voice
The Las Vegas City Council voted 3-2 on Wednesday to delay for 30 days, the appointment of two new council members so the city's Ethics Review Board can rule on an ordinance Mayor Oscar Goodman said could keep city employees from serving on the council for two years after they stop working for the city.

Goodman said he received an anonymous phone call Tuesday night, bringing his attention to section 2.51.060 of the city code, which states: "No public officer or employee shall appear on behalf of any person, other than himself or herself or persons related within the third degree or consanguinity or affinity before any board, commission, committee or agency of the City, or any individual member of the City Council, in relation to any

"This is politics, this is the name of the game."

— Lawrence Weekly

case, proceeding, application, or contract for a period of two years from the date of termination of his or her employment with the City. This subsection does not apply to appearances made on behalf of charitable or nonprofit, including local,

state or federal agencies or political subdivisions thereof."

And though City Attorney Brad Jerbic clearly stated he saw no conflict in the consideration of appointing a pair of city employees to the vacant Wards 5 and 6

seats, Goodman, Councilman Larry Brown and Councilwoman Lynette Boggs McDonald voted to hold the appointment.

"(Appointing two employees) does not in my opinion apply to this provision," Jerbic said. "You can move forward today, or you can ask the Ethics Commission for an opinion."

Councilmen Michael J. McDonald and Gary Reese voted against the delay.

"People's lives are effected, there was no reason to push this issue," Goodman said. "I want to make sure city government is run properly."

The question at hand was whether or not city employees Lawrence Weekly and Orlando Sanchez had the right to lobby for appointments to the Ward 5 and 6 seats, respectively.

"The perception of hiring (See Bombshell, Page 2)

Humanitarians, future leaders honored at scholarship dinner

John T. Stephens III
Sentinel-Voice

Respected humanitarians and future leaders will be honored Thursday, Oct. 28 during the 6th Annual Frederick Douglass Scholarship Dinner at the Venetian, 3355 S. Las Vegas Blvd. Start time is 6 p.m.

The gala, sponsored by the Frederick Douglass Educational Fund, will present scholarships to local high school and college students.

This year's honorees are Oakland NAACP President Shannon Reeves, businessman John Wesley and singer-actor Brock Peters. The theme for the evening is "Appreciating the Past, but Focused on the Future".

Reeves, the keynote speaker, is a political science graduate of



BROCK PETERS

Grambling State University and is famous for his "No More Excuses" platform. Last year he ran unsuccessfully for mayor against former Gov. Jerry Brown and is founder, chairman and CEO of Freedom Fund Inc., a multi-million dollar non-profit corporation that

works to revitalize impoverished communities.

Wesley is being recognized for working for 30 years of service. The 61 yr-old founder and owner of Wesley Corporations has a fleet of 15 trucks and has \$2 million in construction equipment. A father of six, Wesley also donates time, labor and resources to Habitat for Humanity, an organization that helps low-income families own homes.

The New York-born Peters graduated from Music and Arts High School, a school for gifted students. He attended New York City College where he played sports and studied physical education and psychology. Peters has toured the United States doing theatre presentations, Broadway, singing and performing in film.

Report: Minority students lagging

NEW YORK (AP) — Black and Hispanic students lag behind white and Asian students academically — even when they come from similarly privileged backgrounds, according to a new report.

To bridge the gap, the report issued Sunday by the College Board recommends tutoring, mentoring and other support to minority students in all grades and from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

The New York-based College Board administers the SATs.

"We are not just talking about disadvantaged youngsters," said Gaston Caperton, president of the College Board.

"Even minority students from

relatively wealthy families with well-educated parents do not typically perform as well as white and Asian students from similar backgrounds."

Surveying data going back to the 1960s, the report found that academic underachievement among black and Hispanic students begins in the earliest grades and persists all the way into higher education.

Even among students whose parents had Ph.D's and high incomes, some black and Hispanic students tended to get lower test scores and grades than white and Asian students. The wealthier minority students' "patterns of academic achievement tend to

(See Students, Page 4)