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Posted by [Mike DeBonis](#) on May. 29, 2009, at 11:35 am

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—"Adrian Fenty's Smart Car Got a Speeding Ticket"

Morning all. LL's gonna plug a couple of WCP must-reads here, the first being news that Mayor **Adrian M. Fenty** picked up a speeding ticket in his Smart Car earlier this month. He was on official business, but the location of the ticket raised questions in LL's mind about his assistant's personal use of the car. Secondly, do check out **Jason Cherkis'** in-depth examination of the depositions thus far taken in **DeOnté Rawlings** civil case. 'Police officials may have put the Rawlings file in storage. But [lawyer **Greg Lattimer**]'s file is active and has turned out to be a significant archive of conflicting evidence and sloppy police work.'

Behold a classic "rowback," in **Tim Craig's** [WaPo story today](#) about the prospects for a ballot referendum to overturn the gay-marriage recognition law. 'If the [Board of Elections and Ethics] allows the issue to go before voters, opponents will have to collect signatures from 5 percent of registered voters in at least five of eight wards to get the question on the ballot. The group would have until early July to collect the signatures, not 180 days as was previously reported.' Um, Tim? You're one of the folks who 'previously reported' that—probably worth a mention. BOEE GC **Kenneth McGhie** says a "special hearing" is set for June 10. "McGhie said that if board members decide that a referendum is appropriate, supporters of a ballot proposal "are going to get their petitions right away and have two or three weeks to work with to try to get signatures."..."The clock is ticking," McGhie said, "so the board wants to be able to resolve the issue." Also [Blade, NCS](#).

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST—"Council member **Yvette M. Alexander** (D-Ward 7), who voted for the bill, said she supports putting the issue before voters. "It needs to be brought to the people," Alexander said. She said she thinks District voters would support same-sex marriage.' Related: [Blade editor says 'Harry Thomas](#) can't have it both ways.'

With the writing on the wall, U.S. Attorney **Jeffrey Taylor** has resigned. He'll be taking a nice-paying job with Ernst & Young. To replace him, [Del Wilber reports in WaPo](#), there are five possibilities: Current USAO employees **Channing Phillips**, 51, and **Roy L. Austin Jr.**, 39, plus former prosecutors **Anjali Chaturvedi**, 40, now of Nixon Peabody; **Ronald C. Machen**, 40, now of WilmerHale; and **Shanon Wu**, 50, co-founder of Wheat Wu. Also [Legal Times](#). LL

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