

## Pamela Atkins' Arraignment Set For NLV Embezzlement

Pamela Atkins, accused of embezzling more than \$110,000 from the city of North Las Vegas, will be arraigned Jan. 9 in District Court.

Atkins, 3535 Cambridge St., was bound over following a Monday hearing before North Las Vegas Justice of the Peace James Kelly.

was embezzled over a 2½-year period with the amount of the thefts escalating as time passed, according to City Manager Michael Dyal.

The embezzlement occurred between September 1980 and March 1983, Dyal said. During fiscal year 1980-81, it ap-



PAMELIA ATKINS: Charged with embezzlement

Atkins, a secretary in the recreation section of the city's Department of Library, Parks and Recreation, was arrested by North Las Vegas police in March on an embezzlement charge. She was suspended from her job pending the outcome of the case.

The missing money

pears \$8,000 was taken, according to the city manager. Approximately \$30,000 is missing from fiscal year 1981-82, while another \$62,000 is missing from July 1982 through March 1983.

The division handles fees for numerous recreational activities sponsored by the city.

### NBCC Holds 3rd Workshop

"Where Are You Going With Your Business" is the title of a series of six workshops for business owners, who are interested in acquiring additional information and skills needed to ensure business growth and success in these uncertain economic times.

The third workshop will be held Thursday, Dec. 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce office, located at 1048 W. Owens Ave. in the Nucleus Plaza Shopping Center. Conducting will be Jerry Lockhart, CPA and Swayzine Fields, Special Agent for the IRS.

This workshop will be designed as a "hands-on" approach to examining the IRS requirements and reporting.

A nominal fee of \$5 is payable upon attendance. For more informa-

tion call 648-6222 or 648-6223.

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## ACCIDENTS DON'T TAKE HOLIDAYS

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The holiday season is joyous and bright, but the happy spirit can be marred by accidental injuries and deaths that might have been prevented.

In addition to good cheer, the holidays bring more traffic accidents, more home fires, more accidents with toys, more falls, and more accidental poisonings.

In fact, there are about 9,000 accidental deaths in December every year.

Holiday traffic can be horrendous . . . more cards, more people, more confusion. Make safety your Number One job. Be courteous and allow extra time for heavy traffic. Watch out for drivers who have "over-celebrated." Expect anything from other drivers and remember to use your seat belts.

If you're leaving town for a shopping spree or celebration with family or friends, be sure your car is ready for the road. Check brakes, lights, tires, and wipers and defrosters. If you will be traveling to a climate where snow and ice are likely, make sure you have the right kind of tires and check the battery, and cooling sys-

tem for winterization.

If you are giving a holiday party, be a friend first and then a gracious host. Don't let a guest drive away from your party under the influence. Ask someone else to drive him home or call a cab. Better yet, provide non-alcoholic drinks or plan to close the bar at least an hour before the party breaks up. Over half of all fatal automobile accidents involve at least one driver who has been drinking. Do your friends and everybody else on the road a favor by keeping the intoxicated drivers off the road.

Your heating system is also a potential trouble spot. Have your furnace cleaned and checked by professionals.

Check chimney pipes and flus. They should be clean and there should be no loose mortar.

Use a screen or glass front on your fireplace. Never leave a fire unattended and don't burn gift wrappings, tissue or evergreens. Keep portable heaters away from curtains and furniture and make sure yours has an automatic shut-off if the heater tips over.

## Johnson Found Guilty In Mary Tabat Death

One of the two defendants in the July 20 traffic death of Mary Tabat pleaded guilty Tuesday in District Court to an involuntary manslaughter charge.

Judge Charles Thompson scheduled Jan. 17 as the sentencing date for Lee Johnson, 38, of 2051 Linn Lane.

Thompson told Johnson that if he chooses to handle the case as a gross misdemeanor, Johnson could be sentenced to one year in the Clark County Jail. If the case is handled as a felony, however, Johnson faces a maximum of six years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Johnson's guilty plea resulted from negotiations with the district attorney's office.

In return for his plea, the state has agreed to

dismiss the enhancement charge of use of a deadly weapon and the additional charge of coercion with the use of a deadly weapon.

Tabat was the wife of North Las Vegas Township Constable Lou Tabat.

Johnson was allegedly beating on the dash-

board of his girlfriend's car with an ax when the vehicle ran a red light at East Lake Mead Blvd. and Civic Center Drive, hitting the Tabat vehicle at a speed of 60 mph to 70 mph.

Johnson told the court he was so drunk at the time of the incident that he does not remember swinging the ax.

The girlfriend, Dixie Bennett, is awaiting arraignment in District Court.

## Alleged Heroin Kingpin Posts \$60,000 Bond

Alleged Las Vegas heroin kingpin Manuel Baker was released from federal custody Monday on \$60,000 bond.

Baker, 51, 1644 "D" St., was taken into custody Thursday on charges of conspiracy to evade paying income taxes on more than \$160,000 of alleged illegal drug income for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981 and conspiring to distribute heroin.

A hearing was held before U.S. Magistrate Philip Pro to determine that the bail money did not come from illicit sources. Baker was the target of the controversial "Boss Hog" narcotics raid conducted last January by Metro Police in the Westside community.



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