

Justice Earle White Wins Fees From County

Justice of Peace Earle White won his battle against the Clark County Commission charging in his lawsuit that they violated the law in its distribution of a \$10 administration fee earmarked in part for Justice Court.

After a two-hour hearing, Judge Paul Goldman ruled immediately that Assembly Bill 44, approved by the 1983 Legislature, "is clear and unambiguous" and that the county has been interpreting it wrong.



Justice of Peace Earle White, Jr.

In his ruling, Goldman approved a writ of mandamus compelling the commission to approve White's request for more than \$6,000 worth of equipment for Justice Court.

He also ruled that \$3 of the \$10 administration fee designated for the use of Justice Court is to be an addition to the court's regular yearly budget from the county, and not part of it as county Budget Director Guy Hobbs and the commission had originally determined.

White said he felt "great" about winning the decision. He said he took it upon himself to take the issue to court because the county was "doing wrong, and I decided to get it settled in a court of law."

Judge White said the fee will mean about \$150,000 a year for Justice Court, and Las Vegas Municipal Judge Seymore Brown, testifying for White, said the fee means about \$100,000 a year for his courts.

The \$10 fee is assessed against all defendants who plead guilty or are found guilty of a misdemeanor or traffic violation.

White said in his suit: "The defendants are treating the money generated by fees as being subject to their control and are not available to the uses of the Justice Court, unless the requests are made part of the general budget. The defendants have exceeded the jurisdiction of their offices and there is no appeal nor is there any plain, speedy and adequate remedy at law."

NLV Councilman Kincaid encourages shopper center at Black Chamber meeting

NO. LAS VEGAS — Members of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce were told last Friday by guest speaker Mary Kincaid, a city councilman, that a prerequisite of the city is the need for a major shopping center.

The monthly membership meeting attracted about 70 members and guests at Louisiana Lenny's Cajun Restaurant on Lake Mead Blvd.

"I encourage all in attendance here to work hard and encourage other people to shop in our city," Kincaid said. "Once residents do the bulk of their shopping in our city, then we can really work on attracting a major center here."

Kincaid said the vast majority of city shoppers go elsewhere "because they want to do all their shopping under one roof."

Police seek man in fatal stabbing

Metropolitan Police are searching for a man suspected of stabbing his roommate to death Saturday night.

Chester Lee Bell, 41, 1658 George Place, died in surgery at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, about two hours after he was stabbed in the chest at his home.

Investigators are looking for Willie Lee Driscoll, 55, about 5 feet 5

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NAACP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

The Las Vegas Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its regular monthly meeting of the Board at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Second Baptist Church, 500 W. Madison Avenue.

A Black History Month Program will be presented before the regular meeting begins.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

NLV Democratic Club To Host Installation Dinner

The North Las Vegas Township Democratic Club will host its annual Installation Dinner on Feb. 15 at the Silver Nugget Town Hall Room. The in-coming president to be installed is Robert Duckett.

Scheduled to begin with No-Host Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., the Buffet Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m.

Gov. Richard Bryan, who is tentatively scheduled as the Guest Speaker, will be presented at

9:00 p.m. Entertainment and drawings for door prizes are also on the program.

Cost of the event is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. It is open to the public.



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