

## James Chaney sentenced for embezzling federal funds

James Chaney, the former director of the Las Vegas Opportunities Industrialization Center, was sentenced to three years in prison Friday for embezzling federal grant money received by the anti-poverty agency.

U.S. District Judge Lloyd George also ordered Ernestine Boyle, a secretary whose handling of OIC



James Chaney

checks implicated her in the crime, to three years' probation. She also must pay a \$1,000 fine and serve 500 hours of community service.

James "Night Train" Nelson, one of several people who received federal money for consulting services never provided, was sentenced to six months' probation. He also must make restitution of \$1,100 and serve 250 hours of community service.



Robert Hill

Each of the three had pleaded guilty to charges associated with the embezzlement of \$28,000 in grant money from the federal Economic Development Administration. Federal

prosecutors say money was paid to bogus employees and consultants, with most of it returned to Chaney as kickbacks.

Robert Hill, the former EDA regional administrator, was convicted in June of accepting a \$1,000 gift from Chaney but was acquitted of bribery and conspiracy charges. He is appealing.

Chaney had faced up to 15 years in prison for extortion and up to five years for suborning perjury. However, federal prosecutor James Erbeck recommended that Chaney receive a maximum of three years imprisonment in exchange for pleading guilty and for testifying against Hill.

## NEDCO gets funds to help minority firms

The Nevada Economic Development Co. of Las Vegas has received its 12th annual contract with the Commerce Department's Minority Business Development Agency for assisting the formation and expansion of minority-owned firms.

This year's contract award totals \$185,442.

William Bailey, president of Nevada Economic Development, said the company assisted about 60 firms last year. Services include help in marketing, finance, construction management, bonding, inventory control and personnel management.

The company provides its services to businesses for a fee of \$10 per hour for firms projected to gross under \$500,000 a year.

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## Leonard Morris Appointed County Housing Commissioner

Leonard Morris, a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Vice President in charge of Operations for Wild West Electronics, was recently appointed by the Clark County Commissioner to the Board of the Clark County Housing Authority. He became the first black to be appointed to that Authority and will have a four-year term. Morris was nominated by County Commissioner Dr. William U. Pearson.

For the past 8 years, Morris has been working in private enterprise in related business activities (construction and real estate) and once worked with the Southern Nevada Economic Development Council (SNEDC).

Married with a family of two children, Morris desires to continue working toward the betterment of the community.

## Black Business Plays Role At World Mayors Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Second Annual Convention of the World Conference of Mayors at the Paradise Island Resort Hotel, Nassau, Bahamas, from August 25 - 28, 1985 will examine the possibilities of international trade and investment opportunities for small and Black Businesses.

"We need to realize that international trade is the way of the future," said Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, Alabama and President of WCM. "Trading dollars can impact very positively on our Black businesses and local economies. The more investments we are able to attract leads to creation of more jobs for minorities."

## Four injured in youth gang NLV shootings

NORTH LAS VEGAS - Four people were injured by shotgun fire late Monday night in what North Las Vegas Police said Tuesday was the result of retaliation by one youth gang against another.

One man suffered a wound to his cheek in one incident, while a man and two juvenile males suffered pellet wounds in a similar incident nearly an hour later, NLV Detective Lt. Dorin Goudreau said.

At 9:45 p.m., a couple sitting in a car on Gowan Avenue was surprised when some teenagers pulled alongside them in a car and blasted pellets from a sawed-off shotgun into their car, striking the 19-year-old man in the cheek, Goudreau said.

About 45 minutes later, an adult and three teenagers were walking near Alma Drive and Lockwood Avenue when two teenagers armed with sawed-off shotguns opened fire on them.

One youth was struck in the left arm and right leg from the three rounds fired, while a 24-year-old man and another juvenile suffered minor pellet injuries and were treated at the scene, Goudreau said.

The most seriously wounded youngster, believed to be the target of the attack, was taken to Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery and was in stable condition Tuesday.

"I believe this was an incident between two rival gangs," Goudreau said, adding that it

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The general purpose of the Conference, with its theme — "Building Local Economies Through International Trade and Foreign Investments," will be for Mayors from around the World to share information and ideas on common municipal development problems and to develop organizational programs to address them. The four-day working session is expected to attract delegations from United States, Canada, Great Britain, Africa, China, Japan, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The World Conference of Mayors was organized with mayors from the near and far

east, the Continent of Africa, Caribbean Islands and twin cities. For more information contact Sam Tucker, (202) 331-7532.

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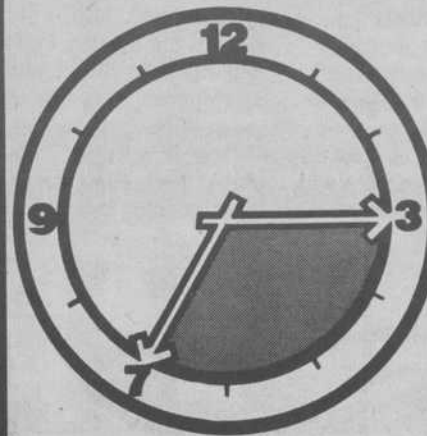
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