

NEWS CLIPS

TRUSTEES TO PAY CONSULTANTS' FEES

The Clark County School Board of Trustees Tuesday agreed to pay an additional \$36,000 to two consultants who worked on a critical review of the school district's special education division. In a 6-1 vote, trustees will pay the additional bills submitted by special education consultants Ed Sontag and David Rostetter, for the 140 page report which has now cost taxpayers more than 107,000, an amount that the school board never approved. With the payment, the consultants will now turn over the remainder of the records to the district, including a copy of the report's drafts and documents the consultants say will back up claims about violations of special-education law.

INSURANCE PROBLEMS EMERGE FOR BURNED CHURCHES

TENNESSEE — Insurance problems have emerged as secondary grief for many of the more than 40 black churches damaged or destroyed by fire across the South in the last 18 months. Some black ministers claim insurers have gone as far as interrogating them as arson suspects and routinely procrastinating on paying claims. Some insurers have even refused to renew policies. And as an added insult to blacks is their perception that the many white churches burned over the same period are receiving kid-glove treatment from insurers. A spot check by the Associated Press lent credence to the complaints, indicating that after white church arsons, insurers paid claims promptly and earned high marks from pastors for courtesy and efficiency.

DISPUTE CLOSES DOWN KU KLUX KLAN STORE

LAURENS, S.C. — A store that sold Ku Klux Klan memorabilia closed Monday because of a dispute between the man who owns The Redneck Shop's business license and shop owner John Howard. Mike Burden, who held the license, asked city officials to cancel it. He told WYFF-TV in Greenville, S.C., that he did so after Howard refused to help him with food and shelter for his family. Why Burden and not Howard held the license was not clear. Ministers and community leaders organized protests against the shop, which Howard opened March 1 in an old theater.

NAACP HEARINGS DISCUSS ON-BASE EXTREMISTS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Extremist group activity on or near U.S. military bases is often so secret that, unless investigators know exactly what to look for, it can easily be overlooked, civil activists said recently. The testimony, which came Saturday at a special NAACP hearing on the subject, disputed earlier statements by top military officials that their investigation showed evidence of such activity on U.S. bases is minimal to nonexistent. The North Carolina NAACP in its own investigation concluded there was "no indication of an organized skinhead movement" near the installations it visited, but reports from the Fort Bragg area "continue to be disturbing."

POWELL WON'T CAMPAIGN FOR GOP THIS FALL

WASHINGTON — Disappointing Republican leaders eager to tap his enormous popularity, retired General Colin Powell said Monday he did not plan to campaign for presidential hopeful Bob Dole or any other GOP candidates this fall. In an interview with the Associated Press, Powell again flatly said he was not interested in serving as Dole's running vice presidential mate. He said he had been in touch with officials planning next month's Republican National Convention but, "I don't know that I will play a role." Spokesman Bill Smullen said later that Powell was not interested in being a candidate or a convention keynote speaker but was open to another role.

MANDELA ENDORSES AIDE AS SUCCESSOR

LONDON — South African President Nelson Mandela has endorsed a longtime aide in the struggle against apartheid to take over as president when he steps down in 1999. Mandela, visiting Britain this week, has long been known to favor his pipe-smoking deputy Thabo Mbeki as his successor, but had not directly said so until Sunday. A skilled negotiator, Mbeki has been given greater responsibilities in the past 18 months as Mandela's workload has been cut to protect the president's sometimes fragile health. Mandela, who turns 78 this year, said he still intends to stand down in three years.

SOUTH AFRICA STRUCK BY RARE SNOWSTORM

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A rare storm blanketed large areas of eastern South Africa with snow on Monday, leaving at least three people dead and stranding hundreds of travelers. In some areas, the snowfall was the heaviest in living memory and the first time that many people had seen snow in the country known more for sunshine and semi-arid plateaus. Natal Park's Board spokesman Jeff Gaisford said 44 hikers were missing. Most had failed to fill out registers outlining their routes, making it hard for search parties to know where to look, he said.



Dr. Dexter Morris, pictured at left holding check, makes the donation to retired Judge A. D. Guy and boys and Girls Club Director Mike Meyer recently, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. joined the festivities.

A.D. Guy Unit of Boys & Girls Club recipient of contribution

The A.D. Guy unit of Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas was the recent recipient of a \$1,000.00 contribution from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. In honor of Retired Judge A.D. Guy III.

These funds will be used to purchase publications and materials to provide continual enhanced learning experiences for the children at the club.

Many of our children have and will continue to benefit from Judge Guy's personal support of education through scholarships, the arts, recreation and other organized activities, said Dr. Dexter Morris, President.

As a member of our fraternity, he has made all of us most proud of his community service. Judge Guy has had a splendid and most distinguished career as a jurist. "He has served as a role model for all of us and helping youth is one of his trademarks," said Judge Michael Douglas one of the presentors and a member of the Las Vegas Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The check was presented by Brothers Dr. Dexter Morris and Judge Michael Douglas to Judge Guy and, Mike Meyer, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas and Stanley Breland, Unit Director.

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needed to break ground.

Swisher & Hall, the architects also donated the plans, which were valued at more than \$80,000, and the Las Vegas housing authority extended the facility's \$1 a year lease on the property for an additional 98 years, according to a June grant proposal.

About \$60,000 in donations are still needed to complete the project, but "we feel real, real, real comfortable in terms of the funding," Meyer said.

High crime rates in the area of Washington Street and Martin Luther King Blvd. are a concern, however.

The group would like to close off the McWilliams Street in about a year and a half once United

Parcel Service moves out of its nearby facility. They also hope to acquire four N-Street units of the Marble Manor complex where they could expand outside programming, Meyer said.

The land would provide a buffer to neighborhood children making the facility safer, said concerned parent Marzette Lewis, who pulled three children out of the facility due to safety concerns.

"There was too much confusion because you didn't have the space," she said.

Parents would also be more likely to volunteer time in the new center, Lewis said.

"There would be a lot more interaction if they had (quiet) places," she said. "With all that noise (in one room) that runs the

parents away."

All that is expected to change once renovations are complete. Students from Matt Kelly and Madison Elementary Schools will be the primary beneficiaries, as club members usually live within a two mile radius of the school. The center will be fully supervised but the hours of operation have not been finalized, officials said.

More than 10,000 youth from ages 7 to 18 participate in the group's programs, and dues can be as low as \$2 a year. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas operate five complete and two partial programs at various locations throughout the valley.

For more information about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas call 367-2582.

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