

Westside Infant Drowns

A nine month old baby boy drowned in the bathtub of his Las Vegas home last Tuesday when a four year old playmate attempted to give him a bath, Metro Police said.

The body of Emmanuel Thomas, 1416 F St. Apt. 7, was found on a water-soaked bathroom floor by a neighbor shortly before 10 a.m.

Metro homicide detectives said Emmanuel's mother left her son in the custody of two women

last Monday night. At about 5 a.m., one of the women began having labor pains.

She was rushed to a local hospital by the other woman after they asked a neighbor to watch over the children left in the apartment. Left behind were Emmanuel, the little girl and a two year old boy.

According to police, the four year old girl, told them she had laid the boy on the floor because he

appeared to have fallen asleep. The girl told police she attempted to give the boy a bath because no adult was home to give him one.

She told police she ran water and put the body in the bathtub. When the tub was slightly more than half full, she attempted to turn the water off, but couldn't.

Emmanuel slid underwater. She said the boy appeared to be asleep but she managed to pull

him out of the tub and put him on the floor.

A neighbor checking on the children's welfare found Emmanuel dead on the bathroom floor, the water in the bathtub spilling over.

Las Vegas Fire Department paramedics tried to revive Emmanuel, but it was already too late. A subsequent autopsy confirmed he had drowned.

Police said no charges had been filed in connection with the incident.

A Letter To The Editor

Visitor Lauds Our Community

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Realists who attended the convention of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, I would like to thank the Westside community, and particularly the local board of NAREB, headed by Ms. Verdia Jackson, and several Black businessmen — owners of the Westside Charter Service, Moulin Rouge, Love's Cocktail Lounge and Westside Story — for the warm welcome extended to us last Wednesday night.

The Westside Charter Service provided three buses to pick us up at the Aladdin Hotel for a tour of the Vegas Black community. Our drivers took us over the expressway to Jackson Avenue, Highland and "D" Streets where we saw many churches, schools, housing projects, new subdivisions and businesses. As real estate brokers, we were particularly interested in housing: types of construction, relative prices of homes, land costs, etc.

We were impressed by the cleanliness of the community and the evidence of neighborhood pride which was demonstrated by the care that residents took of their homes. Men and women watered their lawns and cut the grass, while teenagers washed cars and little children played on the sidewalk.

Our first stop was the "Rouge" where the owners provided a feast of fried chicken and potato salad, as we danced to the disco music of one of the well-known D.J.s. From there we went on to

Love's where the owners spread a table of hors d'oeuvres and champagne; we toured the premises and felt right at home in the "get down" atmosphere of the disco. Our final stop was Westside Story where Sherrie and the Other Brothers got us all in the mood, as Reuben Bullock mixed drinks. The night was truly a treat, and we were all reluctant to return to our hotel.

As a columnist and a businesswoman, I was particularly interested in your local Black newspaper and the articles by Professor Fitzgerald on the rise, fall and resurrection of Black businesses in Westside. You can be very proud of your more than 150 Black businesses, and of the progress that your community is making in spite of the movement of capital away from the minority community (as evidenced by the condition of the Cove Hotel) and the neglect of the Black community by the city government (with the dump at Highland and Carey as a case in point).

These are conditions with which we all struggle and with which we from other communities can identify. But your brightly colored political posters dramatize the fact that Blacks are demanding a place in the local political arena, and that Westside will continue to be an important sector of Las Vegas. Keep up the good work!

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Election Department

The Clark County Election Department needs additional help on Election Day!

George Ullom, Registrar of Voters, advises that over one-thousand Election Board Workers are required to staff all of the polling places. The number of people who have come forward this year is short

of the number required.

If you are community minded and don't mind working long hours (6:15 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.) for small pay (\$30) — please call the Election Department at 386-4070 or 386-4077.

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Registrar of Voters

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