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**TWO LAWSUITS STILL PENDING  
SETTLEMENT REACHED IN CHARLES BUSH CASE**

In what is believed to be the largest settlement ever reached in a Metropolitan Police Department civil rights case, the department agreed Monday to pay \$625,000 to the 18-month-old son of slain casino floorman Charles Bush, who died at the hands of Metro police officers in July of 1990.

By settling the case, which was to go to trial next April, it was reported that Sheriff John Moran hoped to begin a healing process and better relations between the community and police. The settlement was approved at a Metropolitan Police Committee on Fiscal Affairs meeting on Monday.

Bush, 39 at the time of his death, was asleep in his bed when three policemen entered his Las Vegas apartment without consent or a search warrant to question him about his relation-

ship with Terri Siddoway, the mother of the child awarded the settlement, who had been arrested earlier that day on prostitution charges.

A struggle ensued and Bush died after officer Gerald Amerson placed him in a choke-hold. The settlement will immediately pay \$250,000, while another \$375,000 will be paid next July. In return, the lawsuit filed on behalf of Charles Bush, Jr., against the three officers and Metro will be dismissed. Also, as a result of the settlement, police department internal records will not have to be turned over.

Rigid controls will be placed to insure the settlement will solely go to benefit the child, according to Attorney Walter Cannon, who represents Metro. In cases involving children, state court usually decides how the money will be

kept and/or invested.

If invested well, it's been reported that the settlement could be worth well over \$3 million by the time Charles Bush, Jr. turns 18, the age at which he can collect the money.

Even though a settlement has been

**LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES MEET IN CLOSED SESSION**

The internal investigation of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District continued Tuesday as library trustees heard an initial report from library district attorney, Gerald Welt.

However, it has been reported that the meeting, which was closed to the public, may have been in violation of Nevada's open meeting law which requires most meetings of government panels be open to the public.

West Las Vegas Library patrons have charged the district with a lack of public accountability as well as less than fair treatment of the branch.

Welt, who said he has interviewed close to 15 people thus far, has been criticized for not actively seeking information from employees at the branch.

Last month Welt was asked by the district's board of trustees to conduct the internal investigation as a result of numerous criticisms that was brought up over the course of the summer.

Criticisms of the district came to a head when West Las Vegas Library

reached, two other lawsuits regarding the case are still pending; one filed on behalf of Bush's mother, Eula May Vincent of Alabama, and the second on behalf of his 19-year-old daughter, Angela Nicole Robertson of Iowa.

Metro reported that the cost of de-

fending the three lawsuits was also a factor in their decision to settle the case. Siddoway added that she would have rather taken the case to court, but decided to accept the settlement because the ordeal had left her with little faith in the justice system.



Though opposed by Black Community Library District Director Charles Hunsberger (L), and Chairperson Diana Wilson (R), stand behind decision to allow the library district's attorney to conduct a community requested internal investigation.

Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

employee Linda Porter was suspiciously transferred to another branch.

After the closed session, Library District Chairwoman Diana Wilson stated that the investigation would continue and that trustees will hold

another special meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 4 p.m.

Though many have questioned whether Welt can conduct the investigation fairly, Wilson said she feels he has been very objective.

**COMMISSIONER — ELECT GATES  
CHOSEN AS DELEGATE TO AUSTRALIA**

Yvonne Atkinson-Gates, the newest elected member to the Clark County Board of Commissioners, was selected by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) to participate in a 15-day political study program in Australia.

Gates, who will be sworn in as County Commissioner on January 4, 1993, joins a bipartisan delegation of 10 elected and appointed officials from across the United States in the ACYPL program, which is funded through a grant from the United States Information Agency.

The delegation will gather in Washington, D.C., on November 20 for a series of briefings on the politics, economics and culture of Australia by area-specialists and officials from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Security Council prior to their departure that same day.

While in Australia, the delegation will visit Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide, and Perth. Throughout the program, the delegation will meet with elected and governmental officials, political party leaders, business and civic leaders.

Delegates for the ACYPL Study Program to Australia were chosen from a competitive field of elected and



YVONNE ATKINSON-GATES

appointed officials, between the ages of 25 and 41, for their accomplishments in political leadership. This program was designed to further U.S. relations with this region by familiarizing emerging U.S. political leaders with the internal politics of this nation, and, more importantly, by introducing these young political leaders to its emerging leadership.

The ACYPL was founded nearly 25 years ago to promote awareness and understanding of the common problems, opportunities and challenges which face all nations within the international community, and to provide common ground upon which emerging political leaders can foster personal and lasting relationships.

**REID PROMOTES ERIC JORDAN TO TOP POST**

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Harry Reid has promoted Eric Jordan to Southern Nevada Regional Manager, the top position on Reid's Southern Nevada staff. Jordan, 31, will manage Reid's Las Vegas office and oversee all local casework. Since 1988, Jordan has worked as a Regional Representative for Senator Reid.

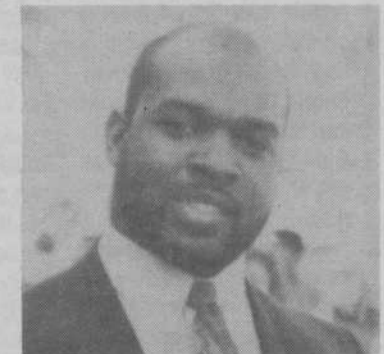
"Eric is a proven leader who has the natural ability to mobilize and empower people to get the job done," Reid said. "He will be my essential link to Southern Nevada. As a native Las Vegas, Eric understands the needs of our growing community. His business acumen, communication skills, and managerial know-how will help me make positive changes for a stronger Nevada."

Jordan grew up in North Las Vegas, attended Woodbury Junior High, and is

a 1979 graduate of Chaparral High School. He earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in telecommunications from Purdue University in Indiana, where he was an All-American football player.

Jordan went on to play four years of professional football for the Oakland Invaders and the New England Patriots. While with the Patriots, Jordan was a youth counselor in a drug abuse prevention program in Boston. When he returned to Las Vegas in 1987, Jordan worked at Westcare, Inc., in conjunction with the LV Juvenile Court System, as a substance abuse counselor.

Jordan remains active in urban affairs and community development. He currently serves on the Las Vegas Planning Commission, which monitors growth and makes recommendations to City Council; Board Member of the



ERIC JORDAN

Las Vegas Black Chamber of Commerce; Vice-president of the Committed 100 Men Helping Boys, a non-profit youth mentor organization; and Youth Pastor at Victory Baptist Church. In January 1991, he won the prestigious NAACP Micky Leland Humanitarian Award for this community work.

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