

NEWS CLIPS

TODDLER HAS FIRST DAY MIX-UP

Jessie James Sloan, a 3-year-old local special education student, was reportedly misidentified to a Clark County School District bus driver on his first day of school last week and rode around town for more than an hour. The youngster, who cannot talk, was coming home Sept. 10th from his first day of classes at Madison Elementary School when his teacher misidentified him as another child in the class, who was out for the day, school district transportation officials said. The mishap was discovered when the driver reached the wrong bus stop and no parent was waiting. After several telephone calls, Sloan was delivered safely to the custody of his grandmother, Lucille Bryant, later that afternoon. The school's special education students now wear name tags to avoid a repeat of the situation. The incident came as a surprise to officials who invested about \$286,000 into a computerized tracking system before the start of this school year to eliminate these types of mishaps.

COUNCIL GIVES MOULIN ROUGE MORE TIME

The Las Vegas City Council voted Wednesday to give the owners of the Moulin Rouge, West Las Vegas' historic hotel casino, more time to meet 14 conditions in order to qualify for a \$3 million in loan guarantees first approved in March. The money is to be used to revitalize the facility which celebrated its 41st anniversary last month. Co-owner James Walker told the council the owners have not found a \$1.6 million in private financing, as the city required. The Mashantucket Pequot Indian tribe, which owns the Foxwoods High Stakes Bingo and Casino in Ledyard, Conn. - which earned \$860 million in 1995 - is still considering a deal to buy the hotel or partner with the current owners and finance the rehabilitation themselves. Walker said the group is expected to make a final decision soon.

VOTE DELAYED ON WLVS LIBRARY HAY IDEA

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District trustees postponed action on a proposal to expand the West Las Vegas Young People's Library with a revolutionary building procedure using bales of straw. Trustees wanted more information before they made a final decision on the straw bale proposal, which proponents claim could be fully funded through federal grants, said Darrell Batson, district director. The matter could come before the board again as early as next month if the measure's supporters, the Friends of the West Las Vegas Library, have their information organized, officials said. Otherwise, trustees have already agreed to discuss making the requested 3,000 square foot expansion using traditional construction methods. If traditional methods are used the earliest construction could start would be 1998, Batson said.

OFFICIALS CLEARED IN MOVE CIVIL ACTION

Philadelphia- Litigants in the MOVE organization's civil suit against the city of Philadelphia, are argy at U.S. District Judge Louis Pollack's ruling clearing two top officials of any liability in connection with the 1985 bombing of the group's home, reports the Philadelphia Tribune. A jury had ordered former Police Commissioner Gregore Sambor and former Fire Commissioner William Richmond to pay \$1 a week for 11 years, for their roles in the disaster that killed 11 persons, including five children. An outraged Romona Africa, the only adult survivor of the bombing, told a reporter she wasn't surprised, "but mad as hell" about the ruling. "What it tells people is that government officials can bomb you, burn you alive, whatever they want, and their colleagues - other government officials - will protect them, will back them up, and let them get away with it," she said. Barring an appeal, the ruling frees both men from making the payments to Africa and other litigants in the civil case, as the jury decided in June.

SPIKE LEE PLANS FILM ON 1963 BLACK CHURCH BOMBING

Birmingham, Ala. - Jefferson County, Ala. Commissioner Chris McNair said Spike Lee has wanted to make a film about his 11-year-old daughter, Denise McNair, for a long time. Lee is planning to film a documentary about the life of McNair, one of four young black girls killed in the 1963 bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, according to the Florida Photo News. Three other children - Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson - died in the Sept. 15 blast at the church. Their deaths prompted outrage that many credit with bringing about passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. "He's a businessman, but I think he's given new slants on doing things when it involves black people," McNair said in a recent edition of the Birmingham News. "I've gotten to know him (as a) person and I believe in him," he said.

Reese promises Doolittle Center rehab

By Carl Chamberlain
Sentinel-Voice

Las Vegas City Councilman Gary Reese held a "Council in the Community," forum at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre Sept. 10.

Reese promised he would fully renovate the Doolittle Community Center, support the expansion of the library and even make sure the Westside business areas receives some of the City-sponsored Christmas decorations this holiday season.

More than 100 people attended the meeting ready to ask questions of the councilman and his staff.

When asked, Reese said there was little the City could do to speed up the rehabilitation projects on-going at the Marble Manor public housing complex.

Archie

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Commission.

In his private practice, "he did a lot of cases pro bono, and he always reached out and took chances with people no one else would ever help," Henderson said. Family friend Karen Bennett remembers watching Archie in awe as a youth.

"When I was growing up, he was the most well-respected black attorney in the city," Bennett said.

Archie was visible, took on tough cases and won them, presented himself well and commanded respect, she said.

He was also "one of the kindest, most helpful people you would ever met," Bennett said. "He was definitely an inspiration to me and was one of the main reasons I went to law school."

Attorney Andras Babero, a former employee, also called Archie his mentor and personal friend.

"We met when I was in high school, and he made an impression on me," Babero said. "He was dynamic as a person. He would always listen to you."

It was Archie who insisted that Babero come back to Las Vegas during his summer breaks from law school and work. He would even offer to send a plane ticket, his friend laughed.

But Archie did have his share of troubles.

In 1983, he was convicted of statutory sexual seduction and attempted statutory sexual

The local housing authority, not city government, was responsible for repairs.

Reese said the City Council had recently formed a Rapid Response Team to handle community concerns like graffiti, street cleaning, broken street lights and potholes in 48 hours or less. He then told the crowd about his plan to restore the aging Doolittle Center.

"I'm going to spend some money to fix up Doolittle," Reese said. "It's going to be very nice over here."

Though some nodded in approval about Doolittle, other residents complained to Reese that the new Enterprise Park being built along Martin Luther King Boulevard with no minority contractors from the Westside.

Reese's reply to a written

seduction. He was sentenced to four years in prison and served less than a year. But his license to practice law, his first love, was automatically suspended.

After the incarceration, Archie started a bail bonds company and worked as an office manager for retired judge Robert Legakes until his death in 1988.

Later that year, he went to work as a personnel director at Neptune Services of Nevada, which maintains airport and ground support equipment. There he worked his way up to vice president of administration.

In 1990, he regained his licence to practice law and left the company.

District Court Judge Michael Douglas was a member of the Bar discipline panel that allowed Archie to regain his license.

He "realized he'd made mistakes and turned his life around. He was going to be the best he could every day," Douglas said.

The judge also had a long history with Archie. Douglas conferred with him before moving here in 1982.

"He told me it wasn't going to be easy but to come here, and give it a try," Douglas said. He "always had something good to say about everybody, and he always had time for people."

Archie re-opened his private practice and eventually took in two associates, Stanley Walton and Alzora Jackson, who were handling all of his cases at the



KATHERINE JOSEPH AND COUNCILMAN GARY REESE

question from the Rev. Chester Richardson about the library expansion was that the proposal had "the City's vigorous support....and we have taken definitive steps to ensure the success of this project."

When another resident pointed out that the city was providing Christmas street decorations for other areas but excluding Westside business districts, Reese responded, "I will help."



Archie in 1958 school photo

time of his death.

Walton remembers "Mr. Archie" as an outstanding attorney, a mentor and a close friend.

"Bob was a true leader in the sense that he could get people to do what he wanted without trying," Walton said. But "he was my friend more than anything. I

will miss him immensely."

Archie lived with cancer for more than five years, but he never gave up the fight, his friends said.

"No matter how much he hurt, he always had a smile," O'Callaghan said. "I always came out feeling better after I talked to him."

More than 300 people attended funeral services for the fallen criminal defense advocate at Second Baptist Church Tuesday. He was buried at the Bunkers Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Archie is survived by his wife, Shawnalee of North Las Vegas; daughter, Marissa of North Las Vegas; sons, Jason of Los Angeles and Shaun Miller of Pahrump; and sisters Edna Marshall and Shirley Parish, both of Las Vegas and Alease Handy of Flint, Mich.

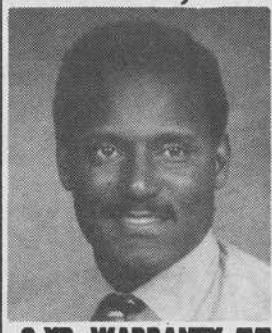
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