

WAITING CHILDREN



Maurice



Sammy



Melody



Mark

Maurice, Sammie, Melody and Mark, the four children pictured above, are three brothers and a sister who are waiting for parents who are willing to give them a family of their own.

Sammie, who will be 13 years old in August, is a quiet and well behaved boy who likes the outdoors and is beginning to like girls. Sammie enjoys playing with other children, but his brother Mark is his favorite playmate. They make a good basketball combination.

Sammie showed great improvement in the fifth grade in school last year. Though he tests in the low average range, the quality of his responses indicate a higher potential and it is felt that a permanent family

might give him the security he needs in order to reach that potential.

Melody, the only girl in this foursome, is a pretty 10 year-old who loves to listen to music and to dance. Usually quiet and submissive, she gets along well with both other children and adults. She did well in the third grade at school last year.

Cute, appealing Mark who is always on the go, will be 9 years old this month. He is an excellent basketball player and loves all outdoor activities. Having progressed well in the second grade last year, he tests in the average range. However, his attention span is erratic and he may have a perceptual problem. Like his sister Melody, Mark

can be stubborn and he is quick to fight. He needs to know that someone loves him and perhaps a secure family could help him deal with and learn how to control his feelings.

Maurice, who just turned 8 years old in May, is an appealing boy like his brothers. Having an unusually high interest in people for his age, he gets along well with other children. He can be a rough child and does not hesitate to express his feelings. Maurice did fair work in the first grade at school last year.

The children described in this column are waiting for adoption. Currently, Sammie and Mark are waiting in the same foster home, while Melody and Maurice are waiting in other homes. AASK (AID TO ADOPTION OF SPECIAL KIDS) would like to find one adoptive home for all four of these children, but is considering splitting these delightful children up because no family has come forward which is willing to take all four of them

Sammie, Melody, Mark and Maurice want to be together with a "forever" family. They have already lost their parents - they don't want to lose each other. Do you have room in your heart and in your family for these children.

They are waiting and hoping that somebody does.

Nationwide, there are over 300,000 children, who for various reasons have not found permanent parents. Some have physical, mental or emotional handicaps; some are of mixed racial background; some are older. Others are siblings.

The Las Vegas SENTINEL, working with AASK, hopes to find homes for these children.

AASK is looking for people who can give love and nurturing to hard-to-place children. Prospective parents may be single or married.

Subsidies (payment to the adopting family each month and medical expenses) are available for many of the children. Subsidies may depend on the financial situation of the adoptive family or the child's needs.

If you'd like more information on how to adopt a special child or how you can help to financially support the AASK program, please call 876-7420, or write AASK Adoption Agency, 3305 W. Spring Mountain Road, Suite 92, Las Vegas 89102.

Adoption is a specific legal matter, and the Las Vegas SENTINEL can answer no questions concerning the children.

ED BROWN ***** *****AROUND TOWN

We saw Elijah Green, proprietor of the NEW TOWN TAVERN, last week and he revealed that the famed casino should be ready for reopening in about 90 days. Fire gutted the landmark about a month ago causing an estimated \$200,000 in damage.

The remodeling work just completed at Ruben Bullock's WESTSIDE STORY has certainly added a new and attractive dimension to the over-all layout. Bigger things are foreseen for the future.

"Let Me Off Uptown," the revue currently playing at the Tropicana Hotel's new Cabaret, is drawing great raves these days. It is a show of good chemistry and vibes that everyone can relate. The show is a memorable treat that should enjoy a record run at the Trop.



Ed Brown

The owners of the PEOPLES CHOICE have done themselves proud with the remodeling and expansion of their facility on West Owens at "H" St. When the work is finally completed it will be one of the finest in the area.

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL welcomes State Senator Joe Neal's new weekly column which starts with this issue. It should draw many new curious readers. Neal will certainly "tell it like it is."

Kappa XI Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity hosted the 12th District's 36th Annual Conference at the Hacienda Hotel early last week drawing over 500 college students, professionals, businessmen and their guests. Participants from throughout the states of Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, California and Alaska convened for a four-day period to discuss goals and objectives of the fraternity as well as new approaches essential to the expansion and implementation of the local and district-wide programs.

Singer Loretta Holloway is now appearing at the Top O' The Dunes. She returned to The Dunes after a successful tour of the Phillipine Islands. Holloway performs three shows nightly.


The projected date for the Sugar Ray Leonard-Tommy Hearns matchup is Sept. 16 at another especially-constructed 25,000-seat outdoor arena at Caesars Palace spanning the tennis court-parking lot area. The parking lot site for the Larry Holmes-Muhammad Ali fiasco will be used as a parking area for the cars to be used in the October 17 Formula One Grand Prix.

The Family Arcade, "H" and Bonanza, and Lulu Belle's Family Arcade in the Cheyenne Square Shopping Center are drawing heavy youth activity these days. All are enjoying good wholesome activities and the facilities certainly need the community support . . . our hats off to the new operators.

Lola Falana, known as the "First Lady of Las Vegas" and who was crowned the Female Entertainer of the Year a couple seasons ago, is now appearing at the Aladdin Hotel with the Smothers Brothers. She will be there through July 8.

Lovelace Watkins, smooth Creole singing ace who has become the darling of Londoners and Parisians, and his orchestra are now appearing in the Continental Theatre at the Silverbird. His local stand ends on July 2 and will be followed by the Fifth Dimension.

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