

LIST SEES DECREASE IN BLACK TOP-LEVEL HIRING

A spokesman for Gov. Bob List said Wednesday that State hiring of women and minority group members generally has increased a bit over the past few years. However, while women have made gains in seven of eight state job categories, minorities showed a slight decrease in four areas, namely: top-level administrative, para-professional, protective services and maintenance.

According to Press Secretary Bob Lewis, the current minority employment rate of nearly 14 percent overall compares to a 13 percent rate that List inherited when he took office in 1979.

In the state workforce of a little over 9,000 people, the overall percentage of women increased from just under 46 percent to nearly 49 percent over the same period.

The current figures compare to a 13.3 percent total ethnic minority employment rate and a 43.5 percent rate for women employed in private industries, according to state Employment Department statistics.

Lewis stated that List has had an affirmative action hiring policy on the books since he took office. He said, "He has quietly placed emphasis on getting minorities and women involved in all aspects of government."

TEENAGE GIRL SHOT TWICE

A 13 year old girl was shot twice in the neck and the shoulder on Sunday, as a result of a neighborhood argument. The unidentified teenager, who lives in an apartment at 2004 McGuire St. was reported in stable condition at

State Solon Sees Blacks On MX 'Short End'

Residents of the black community will find themselves "on the short end of the stick" jobwise if the MX missile system is constructed in Nevada and Utah, State Sen. Joe Neal said last week.

Neal, the only black in the Senate, said one reason residents of Utah and Nevada, especially blacks, will be denied jobs is that the states have not been able to get a commitment from the Air Force for job preference for their citizens.

Another reason is that they will be pushed aside by more skilled workers who will be

coming from Eastern states where industrial plants are closing down.

Neal said he has no doubt that the missile system will end up being built in the two states because, "Where else can it go?"

Neal said he attended an Air Force briefing in 1980 on the different possible sites for the system.

He said the Air Force, after a 13 year study, had determined that the best possible sites were in Utah and Nevada.

"But I think it's going to come here. Where can it go? Putting it on submarines is not a good idea, either," Neal said.

Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

Taken into custody at the scene and charged with attempted murder was Bernice Thompson, aged 32.

MAN FATALLY SHOT SUNDAY

Willie F. Ranches, 40, of 1225 Reed Place was fatally shot at his home Sunday afternoon. He was pronounced dead at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

Police are looking for

two brothers, B and C Williams of 1642 N.

"E" Street, as suspects in the slaying. Police reported that one brother, wearing a plastic sack over his head as a disguise, entered Ranches' apartment and fatally shot him while the other brother waited in their car. The brothers then fled in the bronze colored Cadillac.

A family dispute on Saturday night is said to have been responsible for the Sunday slaying.

WAITING CHILDREN

A big splash in a cool swimming pool is Garth's idea of summer fun. This happy, active boy is full of all the curiosity and independence which makes being two years old a delight. Not only does he love to swim, but Garth enjoys books and plays well with other children. Garth is a bright, affectionate child who is very interested in things around him. But unlike other children, Garth doesn't have a "forever" family. He waits in a foster home for someone to adopt him. He has been waiting all his life.

Garth has had some special problems. Diagnosed in infancy as having cerebral palsy, Garth has improved so much that an untrained observer could not detect any sign of motor impairment. His doctors have even switched him from corrective to regular shoes.

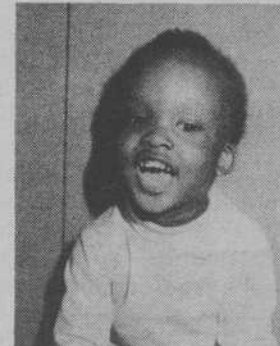
But Garth still needs some special care due to his many air-borne allergies. When the wind blows, Garth's skin develops a rash, especially on his arms and behind his knees. His foster mother uses a special lotion for washing Garth which is gentle on his sensitive skin. Garth's allergic reactions have somewhat decreased since his birth, but how fully he will improve is uncertain. Garth needs parents who are willing to control his environment as long as his allergies remain with him.

It would be sad indeed if Garth had to spend the rest of his childhood waiting in foster care for someone to want him. He needs a black family which can provide him with the love and security each of us need for healthy emotional growth. Garth would bring so much joy into any family willing to adopt him. Is there room

in your family and in your heart for this little charmer?

HOW CAN YOU ADOPT

The child described in this column is waiting for adoption. Nationwide, there are over 300,000 children who, for various reasons, have not found permanent parents, some have physical, mental or emotional handicaps;



GARTH

some are of mixed racial background; some are older. Others are siblings.

The Las Vegas SENTINEL, working with AASK (Aid To Adoption Of Special Kids) 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 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.



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