



## ED BROWN AROUND TOWN

LARRY HOLMES, — World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, during a press conference Tuesday with promoter Don King present, issued an ultimatum to top contender Jerry Cooney to either sign up for an immediate fight "or



HOLMES

forget it." Holmes has blamed Cooney's managers for setting up the delay for a fight next year. The SENTINEL has learned that Cooney will be at Caesars Palace on Thursday to discuss the possibility of a fight this year.

The Marion Bennett Youth Program and the Las Vegas Branch of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program sponsored an informational tour of the Westside and North Las Vegas last Thursday.

The purpose of the tour was to show what improvements CETA and the Marion Bennett Youth Program have made in the area.

Attempts of the executive board of the Las Vegas NAACP to resolve differences with the chapter president, Lovell Gaines, or to remove him from office, continue to run into snags.

The board appointed an ad hoc committee last Wednesday to discuss the differences with Gaines, since he has made no effort to solve these differences with

the board. Later, the committee will report back to the executive board on its progress.

The board has charges that Gaines has not followed national policies on such matters as school busing for the purpose of integration. Following a dispute with Gaines, the board then brought formal charges of malfeasance in office against him.



Ray Charles

Singer-pianist Ray Charles was ordered last week by a Superior Court Judge to increase child support payments from \$400 to \$1,500 a month for his 17 year old daughter, Sheila J. Robinson.

The recording star's former wife, Sandra Betts, had asked the judge to have the payments increased to \$1,900 monthly. However, the judge ordered Charles to pay \$1,500 retroactive to last February 1.

## WAITING CHILDREN

These two adorable kids are M'Chale (left) and Quinntez (right). Currently this black brother and sister are waiting in foster care for an adoptive family to be found. M'Chale and Quinntez are very close and should be placed in the same adoptive home.

M'Chale, who will turn eight years old this September, is a cute and appealing little girl. She has a sweet disposition, is compliant, and has nice manners. She is a verbal child who likes to talk. M'Chale gets along well with other children. She loves to play with dolls and a doll house. Recently she has expressed interest in learning how to ride a bike.

M'Chale had to repeat first grade but she is improving. Her potential appears to be good. At present, she is confused about why she is separated from her biological mother.

Adoptive parents would need to be prepared to help Quinntez understand and deal with this anger. Quinntez

also needs to get his share of nurturing and love in a secure and stable environment. Once Quinntez is a permanent member of a family, he can begin to enjoy being a little boy again.

Quinntez has an



allergy to grass for which he takes medication. Otherwise, both he and M'Chale are very healthy children. Quinntez likes to play records and dance. He also enjoys playing with toys.

A two-parent black family with a strong mother is preferred for these children. They are waiting for such a family. Don't make them wait forever.

### HOW CAN YOU ADOPT

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.

If you'd like more in-

M'CHALE and QUINNTEZ formation 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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