

Fashions

TOPS TO GO WITH YOUR SPRING PANTS AND SKIRTS . . .



A kimona sleeved pull-over sweater, cabled front and back, is made from a silk/wool blend yarn. It is stunning topped with a suede mini-skirt or a pair of culottes.



An easy-going cotton-polyester blouse, flowing with a tiered yoke. It's perfect worn with a prairie skirt.



The "sailor" look is the news in tops. Here is an updated blue and white striped midy sporting a starched white collar and a big red bow, which is perfect over pants or a skirt.



Elegance and simplicity are a perfect pairing just like this matching ecru haltar and cardigan, whose puffed three-quarter length sleeves have a ruffled edge that matches the haltar's high collar. The pair, crocheted in cotton and a blend of cotton and linen yarns, is smashing with a matching linen skirt.

WAITING CHILDREN

Eric is a beautiful bi-racial (black/white) child. He was born in July 1981 and will be nine months old this April. Eric has been in foster care since his birth and a search is being made to find an adoptive family for this delightful little boy. A black family is preferred for Eric; one that can find joy in watching Eric grow while providing love and security as he develops.



Eric is a special child who will require some extra care and patience from adoptive parents. Eric was born with a birth defect called spinal bifida. This involves damage to the spine and nervous system. The vertebrae of the spine and spinal cord were not formed properly and Eric required surgery immediately after his birth. The long-term effects on Eric may include weakness and/or paralysis of the legs and problems with bowel and bladder control.

Eric was also born with hydrocephalus. This condition involves the accumulation of fluid within the brain. Eric had a shunt operation shortly after his birth to relieve the fluid pressure. Early tests indicate that Eric has above average intelligence and there is no apparent brain damage

as a result of the hydrocephalus.

Currently Eric requires approximately the same amount of time and attention as any other baby. His only special care involves keeping a daily evaluation of his fontanelles (soft spots on the head) and massaging his bladder about every eight hours. Eric's potential and prognosis is unknown, but very hopeful. The early treatments which he has received have greatly increased his chances for a more normal life. All Eric needs now is a "forever" family of his own to love and encourage him. All Eric needs is you!

HOW YOU CAN ADOPT

The children described in this column are 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; 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.

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, 98102.

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



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