

## FISK NAMES ETHEL PAYNE TO JOURNALISM CHAIR

Ethel Lois Payne, the noted columnist and political analyst, has been named by Fisk University as the first recipient of the Ida B. Wells distinguished journalism chair. Miss Payne, at 70 years old, is a columnist for the St. Louis Sentinel and Miami Times. In addition, she is the associate editor of Dollars and Sense Magazine.

For more than 30 years Ethel Payne has reported to and about Black America. Winner of several national awards as a columnist, news writer, and former associate of the Chicago Daily Defender, Miss Payne also delivered weekly commentaries for "Spectrum," the CBS television net-

work opinion program, from 1972 to 1978. She recently served as writer-in-residence at George Washington University and Jackson State University. Currently, Ethel Payne continues her more than



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30-year affiliation with the Afro-American newspaper. Miss Payne has described herself as having a "boxseat on

history." She has covered every major political campaign, democratic and republican, since 1956. Her travels have taken her on virtually every continent, including Vietnam where she distinguished herself as one of the first Black persons and one of the first women war correspondents. In addition, from the White House, Miss Payne has covered every American President since 1953, from Truman to Reagan.

The chair is named for Ida B. Wells, a courageous Black newspaper editor, who covered the lynchings of the south and discrimination of the north, and a founder of the NAACP. Established in honor of

Miss Wells, it will be Black America's first fully funded chair organized by Black journalists. The Fisk chair will serve as a repository for works by and about America's Black journalists and provide an outlet for research, writing, and publishing.

In support of this effort, a Fisk/Payne Fund has been established. The executive committee of the fund will host a tribute dinner to Ethel Payne to be held on June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Hilton Hotel, Presidential Ballroom, Washington, D.C. At the dinner, a 30-minute documentary, videotaped especially for this occasion, will outline the distinguished career of Ethel Lois Payne. People from across the nation will be there to pay tribute to Miss Payne.

## WAITING CHILDREN

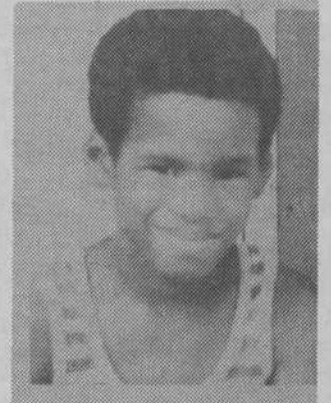
Almost any activity will captivate seven-year-old Kenya. He loves to play with toy cars, watch television, go to movies and swing on park swings. His greatest love, however, has been the lessons in Kung Fu which he has attended with his foster family's children. Kenya is a healthy, energetic youngster.

Kenya, an only child, has been in foster care for about two years. Prior to that, this handsome, slimly built black boy virtually lived on the streets. He has had very poor relationships with the adults in his early years. Currently Kenya needs a strong father figure in his life and a mother who can cope with his rather rough and tough "street" behavior.

Kenya tested in the borderline range intellectually and he has attended a kindergarten class for the Educable Mentally Retarded. However, Kenya does not appear to have any medical cause for his low test scores. It is believed that the cause is the lack of early stimulation Kenya experienced as a young child. Kenya loves school and a good program of intellectual stimulation should extend his potential to much higher levels.

Kenya needs adoptive parents who can help him build a more positive mental image of himself. Kenya also needs both stimulation and firm limits. Adoptive parents will discover that Kenya is inexperienced in forming relationships with adults and slow to attach himself in affectionate bonds. But in a strong and loving family, Kenya's progress

should be remarkable. A two-parent black family or a black single father is preferred for Kenya.



## 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. Prospective parents may be single or married.

Subsidies (payments to the adopting family each month and medical expenses) are available for many of the children. Subsidies depend on the financial situation of the adoptive family.

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.

## LOWRIDER CONTEST ENDS IN STABBING OF TEENAGER

A teenage boy was stabbed Sunday afternoon at Cheyenne Field in North Las Vegas, just

following the awarding of contestants who had been participating in a lowrider car contest. He

allegedly was stabbed by opposing gang members.

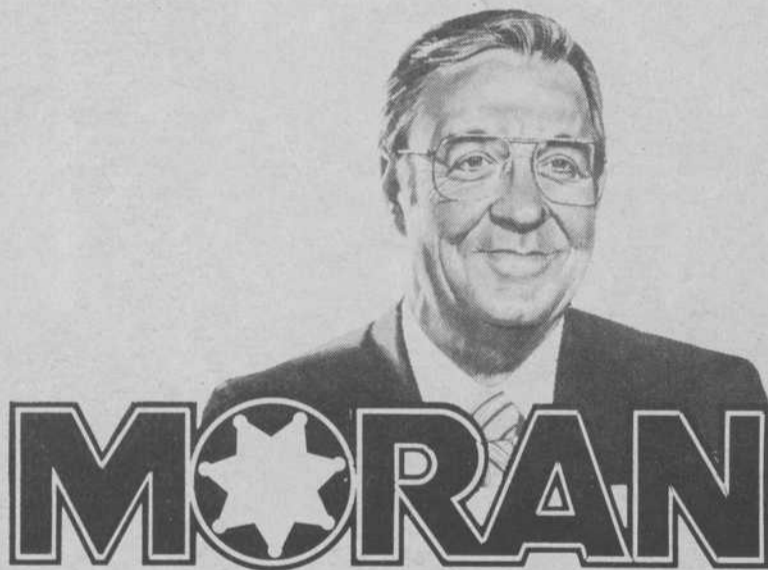
Greg Londoria, one of

the organizers of the gala afternoon event, said the boy was caught up in the violence between two opposing gangs. "It had nothing to do with the car club," he said.

The boy was taken to the North Las Vegas Hospital shortly following the stabbing, where he was reported as being in satisfactory condition.

North Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Department Supervisor Tony Taylor said the incident spoiled an otherwise great day. "There's always somebody who screws up a good time," he said. "We had over 1,000 people here. There were blacks, whites, Mexicans and Chinese and the police were peaceful, but somebody had to ruin it because they couldn't leave politics at home."

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