

WAITING CHILDREN

Michael is a handsome black boy who turned twelve years old in July. He is an intelligent youngster with a natural curiosity about things. This year he is in the seventh grade. Michael loves school and has always been a good student.

Michael's foster mother has always found him to be a normal, healthy, and manageable child who is well behaved. He appears to be shy and uncomfortable around adults, but is otherwise very outgoing. Michael has developed good friendships in the neighborhood and at school. He has always been popular with other children.

This past summer Michael has spent his time riding his bike and cutting grass around his neighborhood. He has especially enjoyed attending summer camp.



His current foster family is a stay-at-home type, however Michael is a child who would enjoy a more adventurous adoptive family.

He has been in his current foster home for the past nine years. Michael has a difficult time discussing his feelings about adoption and he is obviously nervous about getting a family of his own. Can you imagine not ever knowing what it is like to have a "forever" family and then suddenly getting

HOW YOU CAN 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.

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

one? It is a bit frightening! Yet Michael is adaptable and willing to try, so he should adjust to an adoptive family with few difficulties. Michael needs the chance to experience a permanent and loving family. He has been waiting for twelve years. Isn't that long enough to wait?

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.

BRYAN CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES OFFICIAL LAS VEGAS KICK-OFF

LAS VEGAS — Richard Bryan's supporters are planning for a crowd of several thousand at the attorney general's official campaign kick-off in Southern Nevada.

The event has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, at 1200 South Maryland Parkway.

Bryan, who served 10

years in the Nevada Legislature and four years as the state's top law enforcement officer, is currently campaigning for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Food and drink will be available to all, and various types of entertainment are planned.

The candidate will be on hand to meet people and discuss the issues.

Department of Education Seeks To Block Federal Reductions In Funds

Governor Robert List today directed the State of Nevada Department of Education to begin legal action to block the U.S. Department of Education from using 1970 census data to calculate the federal aid to

education in the state. Under Chapter 1 of the Education Consolidation & Improvement Act federal assistance to the states for the education of economically and educationally disadvantaged children is based on population counts.

According to the 1970 census, Nevada had 10,890 such children and if these figures are used Nevada could lose as much as \$1.2 million dollars. In the current year, Nevada is receiving \$3.563 million, but only \$3.241 million would be received for next year if the 1970 census figures are used as compared to an estimated \$4.404 million the state would be eligible to receive if the 1980 figures are used.

Nevada is one of 18 states to show an increase between 1970 and 1980 in the number of children between 5 and 17 years of age who are from families below the poverty level.

Nevada's 36 percent growth in eligible children was the largest in the nation.

Budget cuts to date have already resulted in Nevada school districts having to cut special services to economically and educationally disadvantaged children.

A further reduction in these funds, coupled with the decline in financial resources being experienced in the state at this time, would result in even more severe reductions in staff, services, and students being given an equal educational opportunity.



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