

# WAITING CHILDREN

The original plan for Derrick was long term foster care, but last year the foster father passed away and the family decided that it could not make a commitment to adopt this handsome 12-year-old black boy. There is an urgent need to find a black family for Derrick, a loving family that can provide a secure future for this boy.

Derrick was born in October 1970. He likes all sports and has a talent for art. He especially enjoys running track and riding bikes. In spite of his experiences in the



foster care system, Derrick appears quite socially mature and emotionally mature as well. He forms excellent peer relationships. He has completed fourth grade and he has been doing good school work.

What Derrick needs most is a stable, permanent home with a warm and encouraging atmosphere. He needs a "forever" family of his

very own. The uncertain foster care system is difficult for children at best. Your family could provide a secure future for Derrick. He is waiting and hoping that someone will care enough to adopt him.

## 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 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.

# JUNE 25 PROCLAIMED MINORITY BUSINESS PERSON'S DAY

June 25th has been declared Minority Business Person's Day in Nevada by Governor Robert List. The Governor will be joined by Las Vegas Mayor Bill Briare, North Las Vegas Mayor Seastrand, Boulder City Mayor Boston and Henderson Mayor Zike in making the official proclamation.

This represents the Ninth Annual salute to the efforts of minority business persons in the Las Vegas area.

In conjunction with the official proclamation, the Nevada Economic Development Company, NEDCO, will sponsor the Ninth Annual Business Person's Day Awards Luncheon. The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dan Smith, Senior Policy Advisor to the

President. The luncheon will be held June 25th in the Terrace Room at the Desert Inn Hotel and Country Club.

The luncheon will be co-sponsored by the Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, the State of Nevada Department of Economic Development and the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

Four awards will be presented to members of the minority business community for their achievement. Two awards will go to the federal and private sector for achieving minority enterprise goals beyond good faith effort.

For ticket information, contact Marilyn Cherry at the NEDCO offices at 384-3293.

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