

TIMES

WAITING CHILDREN

HOW YOU CAN ADOPT

tion and discipline but it has happened before. Some of my best friends have lost weight. Some things can be changed.

Those same fellows who stand around having their pictures "took" in the striped shirts and the sweat suits and the three-piece outfits all seem to have something else in common. Not on-

marks of distinction. I'm certain that they can. Some of my best friends fit that description to a "T."

It doesn't affect me too much because my father is dead — thank goodness. He doesn't have to put up with this crap anymore. Were he yet alive, those stores who are too ashamed of

settle for the kidney stones and the rotten tasting coffee. If it were not for poor little Juan Valdez down in Colombia picking that coffee by hand I would give up coffee. When was the last time you saw a cocoa colored man selling cocoa? Sure, popcorn has got to be white but not all of the people who are selling it. I haven't seen a brown or tan or red or yellow butt in Jordache, on television, in my entire life. Have you?

We're becoming extinct. If we don't do something about it we're going to disappear.

Yes, quite a lot has happened in the last several weeks and it has all been the same as in any cluster of weeks we've ever had. Now is the time — if ever there were a time. You've got the ball . . .

Liz considers her spina bifida and moderate mental retardation to be an inconvenience, but not a handicap. Born in February 1968, Liz is a lovely fourteen-year-old black girl. She is an avid swimmer, plays a good game of kickball and has been cheerleader at her special school for the past three years. She is a master of mobility on her crutches and with the support of her foster parents, she manages her personal hygiene needs.

Liz is involved in all activities of her foster family, but that isn't the same as having a family of your very own. Underneath this happy, energetic surface, Liz is really wary of emotional involvement and possible rejection. Liz needs a loving and supportive adoptive family, one that will allow her to open up at her own pace

and who will let her maintain contact with her foster family. Liz can appear shy and distant, but she shows compassion and sensitivity



toward the younger handicapped children in her foster family. An understanding black family could give Liz the room to blossom and the encouragement she needs as she moves into adolescence and adulthood.

Liz is just one of many children who have special needs and lack a "forever" family.

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.

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.



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ly are they all handsome, suave and debonaire but they are also white. This is particularly true in those advertisements which are locally produced.

I can see it now. Some idiot is going to say that I'm prejudiced. How in the world can a person who has African, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Scotch-Irish ancestry be prejudiced? Frankly, I don't know and I wish I could say what Rhett said to Scarlett but I won't. On top of that, some of my best friends are white. There's nothing wrong with people who are white. There is something wrong with people who are one thing or another and think that there is something wrong with people who happen not to be the same one thing or another that they are. Now you've done it. You gotten even me confused. Don't worry about it right now. Worry about that tomorrow.

Unlike the person who can change the weight, a person cannot change the color. Some things cannot be changed. What can be changed is the look of some of the models. I'm sure that they can find some black guys who are slim and trim, suave and debonaire, of the same height and same weight and with the same

how he looked to have anyone who resembles him model their wares could forget about me as a customer during Father's Day spending spree time. They should definitely forget about me as a possible customer during the remainder of the time because my father taught me that I should like myself more than anyone else. That being the case, if I would not patronize those businesses for his sake then surely I would not demean myself by patronizing them for me.

As I've said time and time again: "Anyone who does so is subsidizing racism." You would still be amazed at how much you can save by not doing so. Let's take a bite out of unemployment. Let's let them know that if they do not hire us in their stores, their movie theaters, their fast food factories, their advertising agencies, their newspapers and all of the rest of those things which we've been supporting, that we are not going to spend our money there. Let's tell the Girl Scouts that if they want us to buy their cookies that some of those "Brownies" had better be brown. Let's tell Sparkletts that if we cannot work for them then we'd just as soon

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