

# MINISTERS' ALLIANCE CALLS FOR UNITY TO HELP DEFENDANTS IN UNDERCOVER OPERATION

More than 200 area residents attended the rally last Thursday night at the True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 1940 N. "H" St. where the Black Ministers' Alliance urged support for the score of defendants arraigned on charges of food stamp trafficking.

Rev. Albert Dunn spoke before the group and called for the ouster of Sheriff John McCarthy. "We've got to put McCarthy out of office. I saw him smiling in a picture when a 68-year-old woman and

her 72-year-old husband were arrested for selling a precious radio for foodstamps to buy something to eat."

Rev. C. Lee Murray, arrested along with his wife for allegedly selling two tanks of gas for food stamps, said he thought it was funny that the undercover officer would entrap him.

"If he had asked me, I would have given him the gas," Murray said. "I had not done one thing that I feel guilty about."

Among those speaking at the rally were

Rev. Willie Davis, Elder Jim Cox, Rev. I.W. Wilson, Rev. Ted Cuveston, Rev. S.P. Parks, Rev. Roy Wilson, Rev. James E. Allen, Raymond Blankes, School Trustee Virginia Brooks Brewster, Assemblyman Lonie Chaney, State Senator Joe Neal and others.

Scores of members of the black community formed a sea of support last Friday in U.S. District Court for 43 persons arraigned on food stamp "trafficking" charges.

More than 200 spec-

tators overflowed Courtroom 1 at the Federal Building while U.S. Magistrate Phillip M. Pro ordered the charges read to the defendants and asked them for their pleas. All defendants who appeared in court pled innocent or had innocent pleas entered for them. Trial dates for those cases assigned to U.S. District Judge Harry E. Claiborne were set for Aug. 24. All cases given to U.S. District Judge Roger D. Foley were set for Sept. 14.

## WAITING CHILDREN

Twelve-year-old Brian is an affectionate and responsive black child who is waiting for a family to love him enough to adopt him. He is an energetic child whose level of activity is usually high and he is eager to please those around him. Brian loves music and enjoys singing and playing the guitar. He also finds time for baseball, puzzles and coloring books.



Brian is a Down's Syndrome child and is currently attending classes for the trainable mentally retarded. His self-help skills, learning skills and com-

municative skills have increased significantly. Brian also shows good vocational skills potential. Brian communicates both verbally and by signing (sign language). Brian has an outgoing personality and has the ability to relate very well to both his peers and adults.

Like all children, Brian needs a family to love him and give the encouragement that everyone needs in their life. Brian is an amiable and fun-loving child who would be a joyful asset to any family willing to accept him as their own. It is believed that Brian will do best in a low key and accepting family. A black, two-parent family would be preferred.

### 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.

## "Who's Who In Black Corporate America" Published

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The financial community recently welcomed a networking publication listing corporate Americans.

"Who's Who In Black Corporate America," a biographical publication of business executives, contains over 250 pages of facts on

black business people, including background data on executives from Mobil, IBM, Eastern Airlines and other Fortune 500 corporations. Busi-

ness owners and blacks on boards of major corporations are also identified.

"Who's Who In Black Corporate America" nominees were selected according to their active roles in the development and ownership of black businesses, and their significant impact within the U.S. corporate structure.

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