

THE NAACP AND YOU!

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Give NAACP Memberships As A Present For Your Future

During this 1985 holiday season, the season of loving and giving, wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if every person who reads this column would decide that he or she is going to give the gift that means so much in your present and future NAACP memberships.

There is no gift that has so much quality in importance except the coming of the Christ Child to this earth as the redeemer of our sins.

NAACP membership cards say something positive about the caring concern and commitment of the holder. Your NAACP membership card is your identification badge signifying the fact that you believe in and are committed to the "Fight For Freedom."

NAACP Annual Renewal Month

Everyone is requested to recognize the month of December as the annual renewal date of his or her NAACP membership beginning with 1985.

If everyone agrees to this plan then there is no need for anyone to call or be reminded when their renewal date comes.

The adoption and compliance of this concept would save time, effort, energy and money for the Branch in its renewal notice

given to you, the public.

Just as everyone knows and remembers April 15 of each year as the time to pay taxes, we want you to also remember the month of December as the time to renew your NAACP membership.

If you agree, then send us your name, address and phone number and a ten dollar check to the NAACP, P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, Nev. 89127.

NAACP Sets A Goal To Enroll 2,000 Members In 1986

If you read or learn about the appeal made in this column relative to NAACP memberships you can help us make our goal by complying with it and encouraging others to do the same.

First you can begin by renewing your own membership then your family members and friends and so on.

This kind of gift will make Civil Rights provisions not only relevant for you today but in the future as well which will also include your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Freedom is not free, it costs sacrifice, money and lives.

A special NAACP election will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the branch office located at 940 W. Owens. Bring your membership card or receipt.



PHILIP MORRIS PRESENTS CONTRIBUTION TO NBCSL — State Senator Clarence Mitchell of Maryland (second from right) accepts a check for \$20,000 from Guy L. Smith IV (center), vice-president, Corporate Affairs, Philip Morris U.S.A. at the annual convention of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) held recently in Washington. Accepting the gift with Senator Mitchell are Wilhelmina Delco, NBCSL Vice President, and Calvin Smyre, NBCSL Secretary. Also representing Philip Morris is Manager, Constituency Development Programs, Allene Roberts (far right). The NBCSL, with headquarters in Washington D.C., represents 370 minority legislators from 43 states. Philip Morris has actively supported the NBCSL since the Caucus was founded in 1977.

A STEP

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vouchers will endanger public schools, turning them into "dumping grounds." They say the most motivated parents will pull their children out of public schools and send them to private schools. Supporters, on the other hand, say that many inner-city schools are already dumping grounds. It's here that young people are chained to the treadmill of underachievement. Furthermore, children eligible for Chapter 1 funds make up 70 to 90 percent of the enrollment in most of these schools.

If some of the children should leave the public system, the present congestion would be alleviated. The needs of those who remain could be more adequately met. For many families, being able to "get away" would be a major breakthrough, stopping the cycle of underachievement by their

children. Chapter 1 students would be welcomed by many private schools. Some of these young people just need an environment where they can have a chance to succeed.

The second argument of the critics is that parents don't need or want to exercise choice. According to a 1985 Gallup Poll, however, Blacks are among the strongest supporters of tuition vouchers. They favor the concept by over 2 to 1. Big city residents also favor vouchers. The recent trend toward private schools primarily located in inner-city neighborhoods supports these figures. Many low-to-moderate income parents are making tremendous sacrifices to send their children to parochial or other independent schools.

This new voucher plan seems like an excellent way to increase community involvement in education.

STAGE

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Chandler, the theater's artistic director. "It's great fun because their reactions are so honest at that age."

Reservations are required for the performances to be held at the Space Theater Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Dec. 13 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 10 a.m.

Tickets, available at the theater, are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and \$1.50 for groups.

The Space Theater will also present the musical version of Charles Dickens' seasonal classic "A Christmas Carol."

Curt Simpson directs a cast of 20 children and 10 adults in this song-and-dance story of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and his holiday lesson of love.

The curtain will rise on "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 19 at 7 p.m., Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 21 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.

Tickets, available at the theater, are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors and \$3 for children 12 and under. For information call the Space Theater, 120 Hubbard Way, at 827-5002.

In an offbeat choice for a holiday play, the Actor's Project will be presenting the award-winning "Lilies of the Field."

The story concerns Homer Smith, the Negro handyman who wanders into the dilapidated farmhouse of five refugee nuns. The Mother

CCCC Spring Registrations Set

Registration for the 1986 Spring Term at Clark County Community College will start at the Boulevard Mall on Jan. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and at the Meadows Mall on the 9th and 10th of Jan. from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on the 11th of Jan. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instruction will begin on Jan. 27, 1986.

Class schedules are available at the Cheyenne and Henderson campuses. For additional information about the college, please call 643-6060. LEARN AND LIVE AT CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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Superior, believing Smith is a big, strong gift from God, coerces him into building their new chapel.

"The intrinsic message of the play is actually the Christmas message," said director Patricia Mathews. "It's an inspirational piece with a message of cooperation, tolerance and one man's individual achievement despite thinking he can't do it."

As the play progresses, so will the construction of the chapel on stage.

"We're building the set in an old, second-floor gymnasium, which is also a pigeon's roost," Mathews said. "It's very interesting — and very dirty."

Greg Binion, recently seen in the Actor's Project's "Medal of Honor Rag," will play Homer, while Jan Starnes-Flagg will play Mother Maria Marthe.

Show time at Old College's Laxalt Theater is Dec. 20 and 27 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 21

and 28 at 2 p.m.

Tickets, available at the Sierra Arts Foundation, Old College and Ticketron, are \$7, \$5 for groups of 20 or more and \$4 for children under 12. For information, call Old College, 401 W. 2nd St., at 348-7760.

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