

ST. NICHOLAS EVE FAMILY CELEBRATION AT LIBRARIES

Holiday celebrations at three Las Vegas-Clark County Library District branches will include stories, poetry and music about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas, with a special candle-lighting ceremony to conclude the program. Those who wish to participate in gift-giving may bring a wrapped present for a child, ages infant to 18 years, to donate to Child Haven. The most needed gifts are for ages 10 through 17, and the age of the child should be marked on the gift.

The least familiar tradition may be *Kwanzaa*, an African-

American celebration based on African harvest festivals affirming the principles of unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

The ceremonies will take place on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. at the Charleston Heights branch, 500 Brush Street; Thursday, December 3 at 7 p.m. at the Clark County branch, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd.; and Wednesday, December 9 at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise branch, 5400 E. Harrison. For more information call 733-3657.

METPRO Offers Two-Year Newspaper Internship For Minorities

The Los Angeles Times newspaper is looking for minority college graduates interested in beginning careers as newspaper reporters or photographers through its METPRO program.

METPRO (Minority Editorial Training Program) is a two-year internship that combines classroom training with practical experience in reporting and photography. Trainees are provided paid furn-

Kerry Files Legislation To Make the Minority Business Development Administration Permanent in Dept. of Commerce

Sen. John Kerry today filed legislation to provide a permanent home in the Commerce Department for the Minority Business Development Administration (MBDA) which has been the victim of repeated attempts by the Reagan Administration to reduce its stature.

The Reagan Administration has tried to transfer the MBDA from the Dept. of Commerce to the Small Business Administration. Such a move would reverse the progress made by the agency over the past 18 years in promoting and assisting the nation's minority business community, according to Kerry. Sen. Pete Wilson (R-CA) is a co-sponsor of the

legislation.

Kerry, chairman of the Subcommittee on Urban and Minority Business of the Senate's Small Business Committee, said he filed the bill to preserve the MBDA's "special role in ensuring the success of minority businesses in the mainstream of American business."

"The MBDA should receive the status of a permanently-authorized federal agency," Kerry said. "In Massachusetts alone, the agency has created 7,000 new jobs, provided assistance to thousands of companies, and generated over \$30 million of contracts and \$60 million in financing." Kerry said.

ished housing in Los Angeles and a weekly stipend of about \$235.

The program is open to Black, Latino, Asian-American graduates of four-year colleges, regardless of major. No journalism training or experience is required, just determination, writing ability, a sincere desire for a news-

paper career and overall smarts.

METPRO begins at the Los Angeles Times each June with 10 trainees selected from among applicants from across the country. After the first year, trainees are placed for their second year in jobs with Times-Mirror newspapers like the Baltimore Sun, Newsday in New York and the Hartford Courant.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 1. Information and applications are available by writing the Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or calling 1 800-LA-TIMES, ext. 74487.

Money Available To Help Low Income Families Pay Energy Bills

CARSON CITY — Governor Richard Bryan announced today that \$2,040,597 is available to help low income families and individuals pay their energy bills.

Governor Bryan said, "The Low Income Energy Assistance program is designed to assist low income Nevada residents with the high cost of heating and cooling by paying a portion of their fuel or energy bills. Last year, the state was able to help more than 12,000 Nevada families through this program."

Like many social programs, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has suffered in recent years from reduced funding due to budget cuts in Washington. Fortunately, Exxon oil overcharge settlement funds in the amount of \$2,40,597 are available to supplement the reduced federal appropriations. Exxon monies totaling \$5.57 million will be used for energy assistance over the next two years.

The program is open to anyone who is at or below 150% of the poverty level guidelines. Nevada uses poverty level figures established by the federal government to determine the maximum allowable income for

the program. A single-person household must be at or below \$687.50 for the previous calendar month, while a family of four must be at or below \$1400.00.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program has been operated by the Nevada Office of Community Services since 1977. Each year the agency makes a special effort to target the state's elderly and handicapped. Many elderly and handicapped persons, who are returning clients and who live in a one or two person household, are encouraged to update their previous year's file by mail and need not go to their local intake center to apply.

Applications for the Energy Assistance Program will be accepted until February 29, 1988. Renters, as well as home owners, are encouraged to apply. Total gross income is the only criteria for qualifying. If you think you qualify, check into the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. For further information, call in the Reno/Carson City areas 885-4420, in the Las Vegas area, call 387-6006, extension 85-4420, and statewide toll-free call 1-800-992-0900, extension 85-4420.

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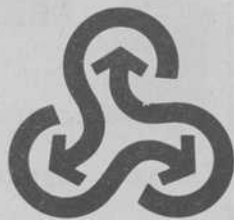
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BLACK PRESS HONOR ROLL — Stanley S. Scott, Vice President, Philip Morris Companies Inc., second from right, greets descendants of heroes of the black media during the recent Black press Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies sponsored by the Afro-American Newspapers. With Scott are, from left: Christopher Perry IV, great-grandson of Christopher Perry, the founder of "The Philadelphia Tribune"; Nettie Douglass Morris, great-granddaughter of Frederick Douglass, abolitionist and founder of "The North Star," and Alfreda Farrell, granddaughter of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, co-founder of "The Memphis Free Speech" and a co-founder in 1909 of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Scott, who was the guest speaker for the Black Press Hall of Fame's induction ceremony, began his career as a journalist for America's first black-owned daily newspaper, "The Atlanta Daily World," a publication founded by his father Lewis A. Scott.