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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

## MENTORING PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION

The president and founder of Committed 100 Men Helping Boys, Muhjaid Ramadan, recently received the United To Serve America USA Diamond Award for "Outstanding Service to America," from national co-chairman, Dr. Donald N. Sills, at a recent symposium held at Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas where Mr. Ramadan was a guest speaker and panelist.

On May 9th, at the Palace Station Hotel, Committed 100 Men Helping Boys will offer its own award as it presents its First Annual Humanitarian of the Year Award to Larry Bolden, Deputy Chief, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

United to Serve America is a project of the American Freedom Coalition which began its campaign in late 1991 with events in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and New York City and has expanded its program to include 250 American cities over the coming months due to the reception that it has received as a national program.

The project was prompted by the alarming increase in juvenile crime, teen pregnancy, teen suicides, youth homicides, school drop-out rate and a host of similarly disturbing and socially disruptive identifiers across our nation. U.S.A. has taken the initiative to call for a grass roots support system that is committed to a return to the moral, spiritual and ethical values that characterized the American family spirit over past generations.

The project seeks leadership and volunteer participation in our communities that will promote those values and provide a surrogate support

system to those youth who are lacking such guidance in their personal lives. Committed 100 Men is being recognized as such a program.

"The dysfunctional family and the single-parent home have become all too common as identifiers of family life in the closing decades of the twentieth century. Nurturing and a strong support system that offers comfort, love, encouragement, moral and spiritual instruction and asylum from the stress of the extended world are indispensable to a healthy life-style for every child," said Mr. Ramadan who also serves as the state coordinator for substance abuse programs in Nevada.

"I agree with the philosophy of the Coalition that law enforcement and social programs cannot do the job in the absence of the very human needs of our children. We must begin to assume a community responsibility for those children in our society who cry out for attention and love. Our children become the victims of a society that places too little value on those traditional roles of parent and child. In the absence of a secure and worry-free home life, we must be willing to extend the assistance necessary to lend a hand to our neighbor and our neighbor's children. It is an investment in the child's future and in our own.

"These escalating statistics are surely indicators of an underlying social problem that needs our immediate attention as a nation. Single parent homes - too often the rule rather than the exception today - are ill equipped to deal with the immediate problem of a roof and food for the table  
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Muhjaid Ramadan receives Diamond Award for "Outstanding Service to America" from Dr. Donald N. Sills.

## GOVERNOR INSTITUTES NEW SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR TEENS

Governor Miller announced at a press conference Wednesday that he, along with the help of the Nevada Resort Association, has instituted the "Nevada Partners Program," to help keep disadvantaged youths between the ages of 14 and 17 off the streets during the summer, and give them the opportunity to receive job training and summer employment.

"There is a great concern for the lack of jobs for youngsters, as well as adults, because of what happened recently," he said, adding, "We hope to get them off the streets and get them active in the community, and show them how to become adults."

Governor Miller, who was joined at the press conference by State Senator Joe Neal, and Assemblymen Wendell P. Williams and Morse Ar-

berry, has been told by community leaders that economics was at the root of the problems West Las Vegas has faced recently.

Currently the only problem the program may face, according to officials, however, is deciding who is disadvantaged and who is not.

Still, the Governor feels that "Nevada Partners" will be successful and may help alleviate any potential future problems.

Miller is depending on the help of private business, as well as the resort industry, to make the program work.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information on "Nevada Partners" is urged to call, toll free, 1 (800) 828-4155, which has been set up to answer all necessary questions.

## NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETING



JOHN RHODES, SHOWN BEING SWORN INTO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETING

Photo by Savoy LVS-Voice

Rhodes was appointed to the board last month to fill the vacancy created when Yvonne Atkinson Gates resigned to run for the Clark County Commission. His term runs through December 31, 1992. He plans to seek election to a full four-year term on the board.

Residents in District C of the Clark County School District will have an opportunity to meet their new School Board trustee and provide input on educational concerns at a town hall meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14.

The meeting, hosted by newly appointed trustee John Rhodes, will begin at 7 p.m. at Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade Center, 950 N. Tonopah Drive.

School district administrators are also scheduled to attend, including, Superintendent Brian Cram; Elise Ax, assistant superintendent of compensatory education; Vern Burk, associate superintendent of facilities and transportation services; Ralph Cadwallader, associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction; Kay Carl, associate superintendent of elementary education; Ray Morgan, associate superintendent of secondary education; and area superintendents from the elementary education division.

## NAACP FUNDRAISER



Due to the recent fire at the Nucleus Plaza, in which all files and office equipment were burned, the Las Vegas Branch of the NAACP will hold a fundraising rally at the Moulin Rouge, 900 West Bonanza, on Monday May 18, 1992 at 7:00 P.M.

The local branch will be accepting individual donations for \$5.00 and up, and corporate donations for \$500.00 and up.

The scheduled speakers will include: Governor Bob Miller, Mayor Jan Laverty Jones, City Councilman Frank Hawkins, Jr., and special guest, NAACP National President Benjamin L. Hooks

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