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## WLVDC BIDS FOR MERCEDES BENZ PLANT TO BE BUILT IN WEST LAS VEGAS AREA

By Muhammad Abdullah

In an unprecedented move to secure jobs for qualified residents in West Las Vegas and other workers currently employed at the Nevada Test Site - which is closing and putting an estimated 9000 people into the job market - the West Las Vegas Development Center Consortium (WLVDC) recently submitted a bid to a German manufacturing firm, Freightliner/Mercedes Benz, to locate and build a plant in the West Las Vegas area.

The WLVDC is a group of Nevadans which includes, businessmen, state and

local officials and community leaders committed to improving the economic conditions and quality-of-life in the Las Vegas area.

In a bid proposal and a telephone interview with Edward L. Watson, President and Trish R. Gray, Coordinator, West Las Vegas specifically, and generally the Las Vegas Valley, have numerous tax incentives, geographical and economic benefits that will heighten the feasibility of the



EDDIE WATSON

plant being constructed locally.

According to Watson, the Consortium has been actively pursuing every angle possible to respond to preliminary site location and other concerns that the firm has requested.

"This would be a win/win situation for the manufacturing firm and for Las Vegas. We have been responding to whatever concerns the firm has requested and it is our hope that they locate the plant in West Las Vegas because we need jobs and we have many test site workers that have the technical skills necessary to be an asset to the plant," Watson said.

"The production of these vehicles is not for domestic consumption. These automobiles will be produced here or elsewhere and then shipped to Germany where they will then be sold. The plant, if located here, will cut down on production costs, overhead, taxes and will be provided with a competitive labor-force comprised of technically skilled, semi-skilled and some unskilled workers," he said.

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## REID HONORS DAVID M. LEAZER II WITH CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

WASHINGTON— Nevada Senator Harry Reid this week conferred a United States Senate Achievement Award to David M. Leazer II of Las Vegas for outstanding leadership and academic accomplishment.

In 1989, Senator Reid nominated Leazer to the United States Air Force Academy. Competition for the four-year Academy scholarships is fierce, but Leazer's intelligence and capabilities outshone thousands of other nominees. He was awarded one of the prestigious

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DAVID M. LEAZER II

## "VEGAS FOUR" WIN STATE TRACK TITLE



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## PRINCE HALL SHRINERS TO HOST CONFERENCE



L. to R. Seated: Dt. Alice Woodard, Noble Cranford Crawford, Dt. Gladys Collick-Palmer. Standing: Noble Ernest Hudson, Noble Harold Miller, Noble Norman Lewis, Dt. Delores Moore, Noble Charles Searcy, Noble Frankin Briggs, Noble John Woodard.

Alexis Park Hotel will be headquarters for the 1993 Region VII Gala Days Convocation of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and it's jurisdiction, Inc. and the imperial court daughters of the Isis, Auxiliary - A.E.A.O.N.M.S. of north and south America and it's jurisdictions, Inc. Nevada Shriners and Daughters of Isis from Ophir Temple #211 and

Ophir Court #201 will be the host for the weekend of festivities being held Thursday through Sunday, May 27 - 30, 1993. Region VII consists of Prince Hall Shriners and Daughters of Isis from six western states. The majority of those who will be in attendance will be from Nevada, California, Arizona, and Washington State. There will be a number of national officers in attendance.

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## NEVADA PARTNERS PREPARES TEENS FOR WORK

By Bonita Armstrong

More than 300 teen-agers and young adults turned out Saturday, May 22 for Nevada Partners job readiness workshops.

The workshops were designed to teach young people how to look for work including how to dress, present themselves to potential employers, and conduct themselves in interviews.

Mujahid Ramadan, executive director of Nevada Partners, said "This is very encouraging. We think that 65 to 70 percent (of the participants) are up to speed. We feel that we will place all 500."

The workshops featured several speakers who shared experiences with the groups and gave them advice for landing a job.

Eric White, regional trainer for Cities In Schools, was one of the speakers. "I think it's fantastic," said White. "I like the fact that people are telling them what to do. We so often assume that they know



Nevada Partners Executive Board Member, Nedra Cooper Scott, speaks to the hundreds of participants for the Y.E.S. Program, Youth Employment For Summer, as Executive Director Mujahid Ramadan, center, and Board Member David Griego look on.

(Photos by Savoy/LVS-Voice)

what to do. I like the fact that we are teaching the inherent value of working."

Joycelyn Oats, coordinator for Nevada Partners summer program, said that the sessions were designed to teach discipline and responsibility.

"We purposely set these sessions

for 8:00 in the morning. Some made it on time ... some didn't. But these office jobs start at 8 o'clock and they've got to be on time," Oats said.

Oats said she also told the participants to come to the sessions dressed

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