

NEVADA PARTNERS

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minorities.

Mujahid Ramadan, Executive Director of Nevada Partners and Nedra Cooper-Scott, Supervisor, Clark County Juvenile Court Services, had started a summer jobs program that caught the attention of Maxie, Kerkorian and Governor Miller. Cooper-Scott is one of five of Nevada Partners Board of Directors which also includes Governor Bob Miller; Mayor Jan Laverty Jones; Robert R. Maxie, President and CEO, MGM Grand Hotel and David Griego. Kerkorian committed the funding to Nevada Partners from the Lincy Foundation - a non-profit, family foundation - after the three met with Ramadan and others.

Ramadan's commitment to disadvantaged youth spans nearly three decades from working at the Boys Club a number of years, and as a probation officer for Clark County Juvenile Court Services, until his appointment by Governor Bob Miller to be the State of Nevada Substance Abuse Coordinator - a post that brought national and international attention to his untiring efforts requiring him to crisscross the state and the nation to draw attention to the need for substance abuse prevention, education and treatment.

Aside from his stately duties,

Ramadan is the resident Imam (Minister) of Masjid As Sabur (formerly Masjid Muhammad) - a post he has held for nearly ten years - (which is one of three Islamic communities in Las Vegas).

Ramadan sits on several boards and has received numerous plaques and certificates of recognition for his efforts, and he is Founder of 100 Committed men Helping Boys - a mentoring program he felt was needed in Las Vegas due to the high numbers of single-parent homes without a father and/or father-figure present.

He is married to Sameesha Ramadan - founder of Muslim Women of Nevada - a local chapter - (AMWON) - and father of two children; Shasta Ramadan - former "Miss Black Teenage Nevada" and Pre-Med student at Morris College in Atlanta, Georgia, and Sumayah Ramadan, a ninth grade class president at Faith Lutheran School.

As Chief Executive Officer, Ramadan brings a wealth of wisdom and talent to a long neglected need in the Las Vegas Valley - jobs and employment.

Maxie said that he observed a similar effort in San Jose, California and believed that Nevada Partners could lead the

way in opening up job opportunities for at-risk and disadvantaged youth as well as adults who are seeking gainful employment.

Nevada Partners has two offices; Nevada Partners Life Skills Training Center, located at 1066 North Rancho in the Twin Lakes Shopping Center, this is the first step for those who are interested in employment - the emphasis at this facility is 1. intake, 2. pre-screening, 3. life skills training, 4. job readiness training and STEP classes for those who are serious about getting a job and staying on the job. The training offered here, is invaluable. The final step in the employment processing is the Nevada partners Administrative Office located at 608 South 8th Street.

It is at this facility that the job development and placement process takes place. Two highly skilled and trained job developers, Robert Wilson, with previous experience in program planning grant writing, crisis intervention counseling and drug counseling; and Glenn Alexander, who had the awesome task of job developer for the City of Las Vegas Task Force to place all dislocated workers from the Nucleus Plaza Shopping Center after the Rodney King uprising when numerous businesses were torched and burned,

stressed the need for job applicants to be aggressive in their own job search and not to depend solely on their counselors for employment.

"We are not an unemploy-

2 LOCAL YOUTH MEMBERS OF A.I.M. TRAVEL TO ROMANIA TO PERFORM

By Muhammad Abdullah

On Tuesday, July 6, 1993 thirty, members of Ambassadors In Missions (AIM) - a Christian youth group departed Las Vegas for two weeks of performances in Bucharest, Romania.

AIM is affiliated with the Assembly of God Church (AOG) and were joined in Bucharest with four other AOG groups who staged about seven performances in public areas throughout Romania. Performances included gospel singing, mime and religious teaching.

Kurtrand Wright 17, a senior at Western High School and his sister Ilayna Wright, 18, a recent graduate from Western High School - both children of Clinton Wright, a local photographer - were among the thirty AIM members from Nevada who joined in the performances.

Kurtrand said that the people of Bucharest that they met were warm and friendly and that they treated Americans like royalty.

"We were in Bucharest on a



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mission for spreading the gospel. I was somewhat surprised at how the Romanian people treated us. Most of the towns were on mountain sides and the environment was luscious and green. The townspeople who came to see us perform in the public areas were surprised that we all spoke the same language," he said.

"Our leader was Mexican-American and by us being African-American, and our interpreter, who was 15 years old, expected us to be communicating in our ethnic language and not in the English language."

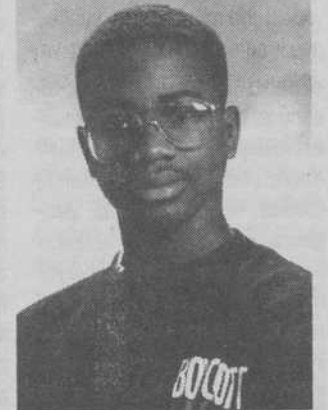
Kurtrand remarked that the farm machinery and other industrial facilities were outdated by America's standards as if the groups were in a time warp."

"They were a contented people even though their technology was not as advanced as ours."

"The young people were mesmerized by our presence and tried to imitate the American

since we have been in operation, so it's obvious that we have been doing a pretty good job," Alexander said.

Ramadan stressed that be- (See Nevada Partners, Pg 11)



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standard of dress with jeans and loose fitting dress styles," he said.

When asked about what was the most significant part of the trip, Ilayna responded that it was the people's willingness to accept the gospel.

Ilayna also talked about how while living in the Union Hotel, she observed some bullet holes on the building.

"The building that we stayed in was riddled with bullet holes from the toppled regime where the revolution took place," she said.

Kurtrand and Ilayna also talked about an experience they had with some orphans who appealed to them for help.

"We discovered two orphan children who had no place to go and we took them into our room and fed them and it was an extremely heartening experience. I'm just thankful to the Lord for blessing us to travel there and share our experience," related Ilayna.

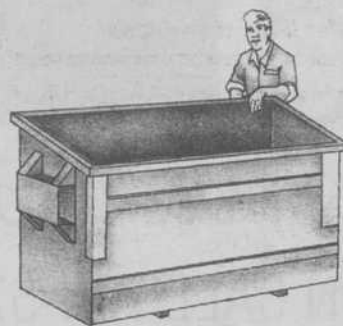
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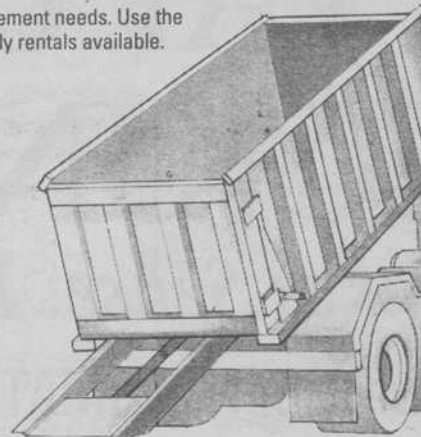
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