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ON THEIR WAY TO WASHINGTON!

In an attempt to raise money and finalize plans to travel to Washington, D.C. August 26th to participate in the 30th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the Sixth Annual "I Have A Dream" National Assembly, members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Committee were very excited when they learned they had received a donation from the MGM Grand Hotel & Theme Park for \$2,800.

MGM Grand CEO, Robert Maxie (second from right), during a brief visit to the recently opened Martin Luther King Committee Center, is shown handing check to Youth



Committee members Delvin Edmonds (second from left), William Cuvington (center) and Isis Wynn (right), while MLK Committee President Assemblyman Wendell Williams looks on. Photo by Paula Irons

ROBERT W. BOGLE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BLACK NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS GROUP

Washington, DC — At its recent annual conference in Los Angeles, the members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association that represents 205 African-American newspapers across the country, re-elected Robert W. Bogle to serve a second consecutive two-

year term as the organization's national president.

Bogle, who has served as a member of the NNPA board for

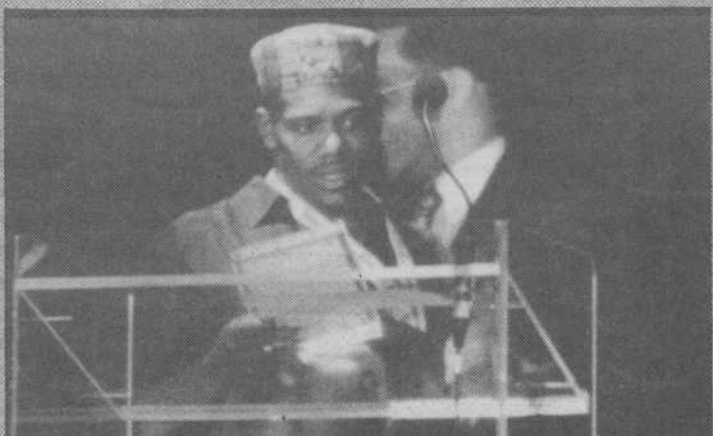


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the past 20 years, is president of the Philadelphia Tribune, the oldest African-American owned newspaper in the country.

Also elected to serve as officers of the NNPA, were Melvyn J. Williams, (See NNPA, Page 10)

ONE OF LAS VEGAS' OWN HONORED DURING RECENT MUSIC CONFERENCE



KCEP FM88 air personality Damell "D.B." Brown put the City of Las Vegas on the map as being a major market for Black radio when he recently received the O.C. Smith Award for outstanding community service during an awards ceremony while attending the 1993 Jack The Rapper Music Industry Conference in Atlanta. Brown, shown with Tony Brown, a syndicated columnist and host of PBS Television's weekly "Tony Brown's Journal," traveled to Atlanta last week to attend the conference, which has become the annual meeting place for black radio owners, personalities, radio staff, and entertainers from around the world.

CONGRATULATIONS D.B.!

Photo by Kim Bailey

FORMER PRINCIPAL OF LOIS CRAIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRANSFERRED TO FAY HERRON CAMPUS

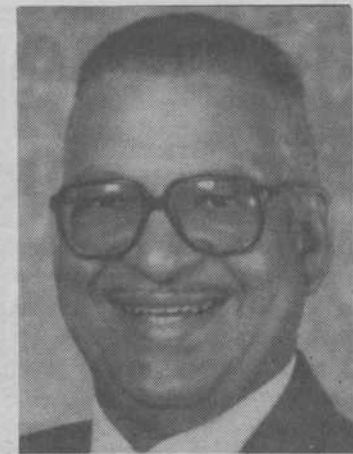
By Muhammad Abdullah

Dr. Al Gourrier, community activist and former principal of Lois Craig Elementary was recently transferred to the Faye Herron Elementary School in North Las Vegas—which is a year-round school.

Dr. Gourrier recently discussed some of the challenges that he would confront on the Faye Herron campus as compared to Lois Craig.

Dr. Gourrier began his new assignment on August 2, 1993. The Faye Herron campus houses approximately 1350 students with the school district promising to bus some of the students out this year to a new attendant school, Zel Lowman Elementary School, located on Craig Road.

"What is unique about Faye Herron School is that of the thirteen-hundred-plus students that we had here last year, none of those students were bussed. That meant that all of the thirteen-hundred-plus students



DR. AL GOURRIER

lived in the immediate area of this school. What it suggests also is that this is a densely populated neighborhood and we get some relief with the opening of the Zel Lowman School—that, with the continuous rapid growth in our community—that our enrollment will probably be up in a very short

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NEVADA PARTNERS CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF LIFE SKILLS TRAINING CENTER

By Muhammad Abdullah

On Friday, August 13, 1993, Nevada Partners invited the public to share in the Grand Opening of the Life Skills Training Center in the Twin Lakes Shopping Center on North Rancho.

Nevada Governor Bob Miller, one of five board members including Nedra Cooper-Scott, supervisor, Clark County Juvenile Services; Robert Maxie, CEO, MGM Grand Hotel; Kirk Kerkorian; benefactor, Lincy Foundation; and Dave Griego - heralded the Grand Opening as a victory for the citizens of the city, country and state and vowed to assist anyone who was ready and willing to be employed.

"We here at Nevada Partners are willing to help you if you are willing to help us help you."

"Today is really the introduction of Nevada Partners to the applicant community - those enrolled in Nevada Partners - but also to the human resources population - those individuals and human resource managers that we

anticipate hiring at Nevada Partners. It was really to give an overview of Nevada Partners Life Skills Center. Within the Life Skills Center we provide support based on the STEP program (Strategic Training and Employment Partnership) - students are referred by the culinary union for STEP. We provide the life skills and orientation for our youth program and of course, Nevada Partners' ongoing program, we also provide that here at the Life Skills Center."

These comments were made by Mujahid Ramadan, Executive Director, Nevada Partners, during the Grand Opening festivities.

Ramadan said that many of the board members present took time out from their hectic schedules to give out Certificates of Achievement to twenty-five graduates - who were scheduled to receive their certificates that morning, as well as another twenty-five graduates slated to receive their certificates in an afternoon ceremony. Ramadan

said that starting Monday, August 16, 1993, there would be another seventy-five new trainees that would advent the program with two classes involving thirty-five or more students in each class.

"We expect to have a minimum of fifty or more students to graduate every two weeks; as long as Nevada Business Services are referring them over to us," he said.

The Life Skills curriculum involves 32 hours of training in the following skills: post-employment; pre-employment; post-employment resources; drug awareness; interviewing; job readiness training and other skills that will aid the students on an off of the job.

Upon graduation many of the students are prepared to go right into employment without any technical training. STEP includes five entry-level positions: 1. guest room attendants, 2. bar backs, 3. kitchen helpers; and those who have higher capabilities have been referred to other job opportunities. Some

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