

Elementary school works on diversity program with Las Vegas songwriter

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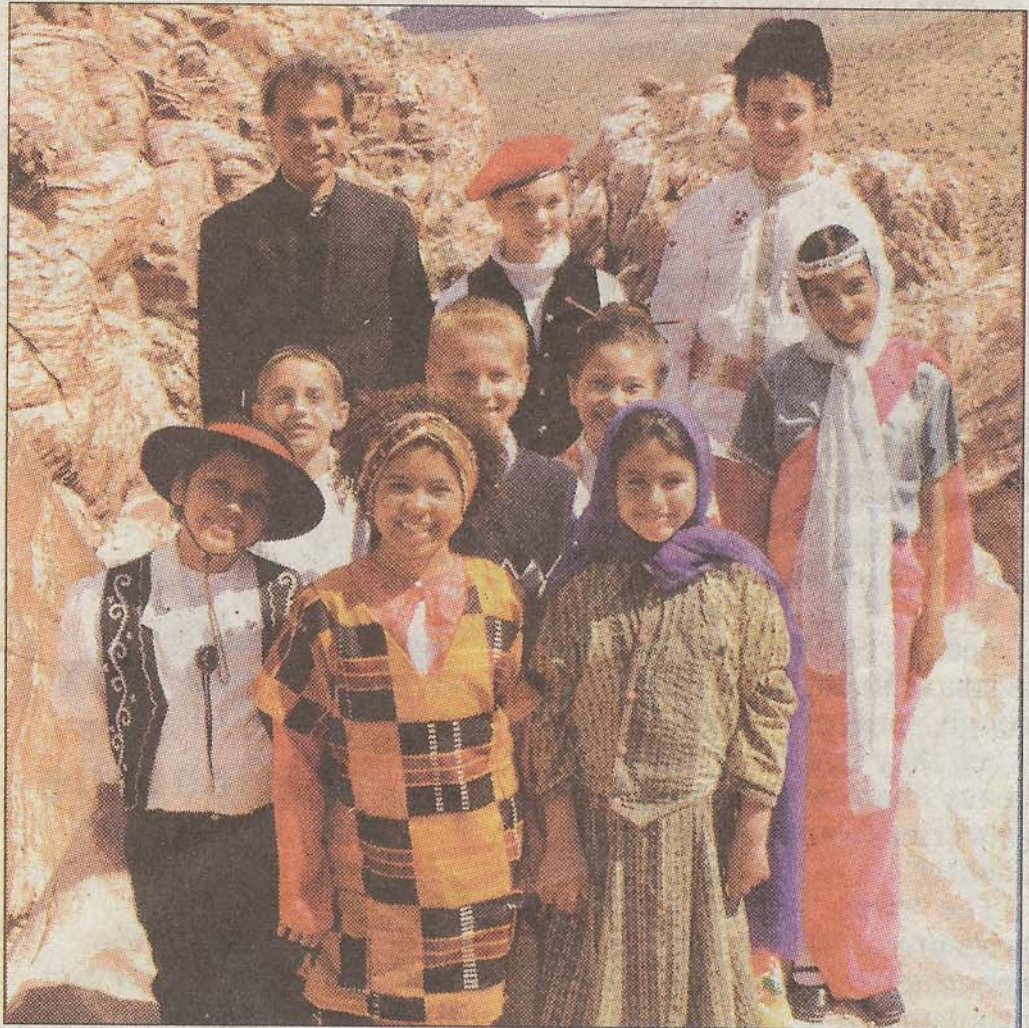
Singer-songwriter Fred Nassiri, the Public Education Foundation and Antonello Elementary School are developing a pilot program that will introduce Nassiri's title track and debut album, "Love Sees No Color," into the ethnic diversity curriculum at the school.

The pilot program will be funded by a grant from Nassiri, founder of Nassiri Music and Entertainment, to the Public Education Foundation.

"Love Sees No Color" is a compilation of 12 original compositions that speak musically and lyrically to the common bonds of the races.

Antonello Principal Linda Reese and 14 teachers have been working with Nassiri for several months on the pilot program. The school is one of the Clark County School District's "empowerment schools," which gives the principal more autonomy in considering curriculum and other matters.

Once the program has been developed and tested



Fred Nassiri, rear left, poses with children wearing ethnic attire from various Clark County schools.

at Antonello, the Public Education Foundation and Nassiri Music plan to make it available to other district

schools.

Nassiri then hopes to take the program statewide and beyond.