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Mark Hendricks

Governor Atiyeh's trade mission in the middle east is in Syria, hoping that contracts made there will create new business for Oregon.

Plans later this week are for Governor Atiyeh to visit the village of his father.

Accompanying the governor are business and political dignitaries from Oregon and for one, State Racing Commissioner Sam Kahl, a day this week in Egypt fulfilled a life long dream.

Mark Sanchez reports.

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Portlander Sam Kahl has never been to Egypt, but this morning in Cario the cousin of Governor Atiyeh is making a dream come true.

Sam Kahl left Syria and the middle east of 1949 but from his Oregon vantage point he followed the career of Egypt's president Abdul Gammel Nasser.

Sam Kahl

After nearly 400 years of Turkish occupation, and maybe 100 years or more of French and English rule in the middle east.

Nasser came to power and restore the dignity and self-respect of the average man, Egypt and the Arab as a whole.

Mark Sanchez

Millions mourned Nasser's passing in 1970 and now fourteen years later Sam Kahl lays a wreath at Nasser's tomb.

Back in the United States, Nasser is remembered mostly as the architect of Arab Unity in this part of the world and also something too, is something of a hard liner when seen through the eyes of American Self-interest.

But here in Cairo, he is considered a hero. A And a hero as well to Portlander Sammy Kahl.

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Sam - Kahl

Nasser wasn't a friend of Russia, he was a friend of Egyptian people and Egypt first to him.

Therefore, he was branded as a pro-Russian and (mumble) and so forth.

The only interest he had is just in buying arms to defend his nation and country.

Mark Sanchez

By defense, Kahl is talking about Israel. Over here the popular Arab view Israel with the American military aid has forced war onto the region.

Sam Kahl believes that the world in time will recognize that and that historians will assess Nassers role in a more positive life.

In Cairo, Egypt, Mark Sanchez reporting for Newsroom 6.

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