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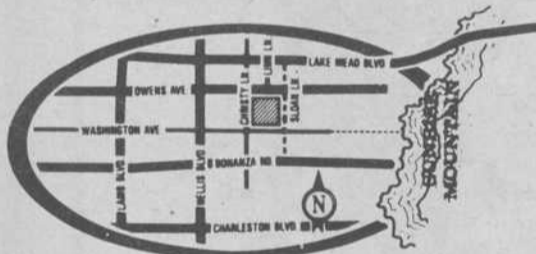
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NEDCO MAKES LOCAL AWARDS

The Annual Nevada Economic Development Company minority business awards luncheon was held last Friday at the Terrace Room of the Desert Inn Hotel and Country Club. The luncheon is held yearly for the purpose of honoring minority-owned businesses in the categories of length of tenure and most promising new business.



WINNERS - Among the winners of a national sales contest sponsored by U.S. Home are John Schnobrich, left, and Festus Freeman, center, sales consultants from the Las Vegas division of U.S. Home. Presenting a plaque to the winners is Tim Tennant, right, president of the Las Vegas division. The two also received a cash award and were honored at a banquet.



Bob Bailey

Tenure Awards this year went to Ann Bailey, owner of the Sugar Hill Bar and Grill, and Wally Romero, owner of the Romero Insurance Agency, for having businesses that have been successfully operated for over 10 years.

Awards for the most promising businesses went to the Diamond Metal Works, owned by Shirley and Henry Sanchez and D & G Enterprises, a consulting and advertising firm

owned by Diane Fontes and Genuvieva Andrade.

Awards were also presented to EG&G due to 11 percent of all of its procurement contracts going to minorities, and to the City of Las Vegas for providing more than \$10 million to procurements to minority businesses.

According to Bob Bailey, NEDCO executive director, those two agencies received the awards of merit for demonstrating the most support to minority businesses during the year 1980.

Welfare Gets Relief From Legislature

The legislative fiscal committees in Carson City were forced to add \$17 million dollars to this year's welfare budgets in order to keep the current welfare programs afloat until the beginning of the new fiscal year in July. Therefore, they gave their approval to put spending caps on Nevada's welfare programs for sick, aged and blind persons as well as those for dependent children, even though they approved an approximately 15 percent increase in welfare programs.

Under this new legislation the welfare agencies will not be able to seek additional funds unless the number of recipients in their programs jumps ahead of their projections by one thousand or more persons. However, the spending cap bill does allow welfare agencies to move dollars between programs whenever caseloads in any particular area are especially high.

During the next two years, Nevada welfare recipients, will receive

an estimated \$110 million in federal funds plus nearly \$108 million in state benefits.

School Aid Increased By State Moguls

Legislators in Carson City added an increase of \$31 million into the state education budget — a 22 percent increase over the last two years — in spite of Gov. Robert List's recommendation that school funding be increased by only 12 percent over two years. As a result, the Clark County School District trustees last week approved a final budget of more than \$273 million for the coming two years, in order to keep the school district performing at the same level over the next year.

The trustees requested a total of \$165 million dollars in the general fund, which provides for all operating costs including employee salaries.

With the additional revenue from the state, the general fund budget calls for \$191.5 million for the 1981-82 school year.

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