



Sammie R. Armstrong (seated), president of Ray & Ross Transport, Inc., signs a three-year, \$10.2 million contract to provide bus service to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Nevada Test Site. Observing the contract signing are (left to right) Daryl B. Morse, director, Nevada Operations Office's Contracts and Property Division; Robert S. Garrett, district director, U.S. Small Business Administration, and Thomas R. Clark, manager, DOE's Nevada Operations Office.

### Battle against drugs, economic growth seen as NLV big Keys

NORTH LAS VEGAS -- A major drive to push dope pushers off the streets of this city ranks number one in the minds of Mayor James Seastrand, who freely predicted it will continue into the New Year with continued impressive results.

Seastrand's opinion the formation by the Police Department of a special six-unit detective team, formed solely to fight the drug situation and street gangs, and the work they have accomplished thus far rates as the single most important happening in the city.

"This squad has really just gotten started, but they

### Sen. Joe Neal's mother, Josephine Neal, dead at 69

Mrs. Josephine Neal, the mother of State Sen. Joe Neal, died Monday in Las Vegas. She was 69.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Carver Baptist Church, at 1221 N. J St., and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Westside Memorial Chapel, at 615 W. Van Buren Ave., is handling funeral arrangements.

Born in New Orleans, La., Mrs. Neal had lived in Las Vegas since 1940, and retired seven years ago from the Desert Inn Hotel and Country Club, where she had worked as a maid.

She is survived by six sons, Joe, Willie, Jerry, Charles, Clifton, and Tommy; 28 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Las Vegas.

are hitting hard and already have met with success," the mayor explained. "I am confident we will see a big decline in drug pushers operating in North Las Vegas in the coming year."

Seastrand also pointed to the complete renovation of Craig Road as a big step in attracting more industry to this city.

"With Craig (Road) ready, industrial firms are taking a hard look at setting up here and Aerojet has already taken the lead by purchasing 37 acres for a new plant," Seastrand notes. "Others have indicated they are eager to come in so we look to the coming year with eagerness."

The opening of a branch of National University at a

temporary Losee Road site, was yet another positive move, Seastrand said.

"This has given the city an added educational base for the future that will help the city achieve its goal of bringing in hi-tech industry and making more job available."

National University has already started a master plan for an area adjoining historic Kyle Ranch as its permanent North Las Vegas campus.

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### Ray & Ross received 3-year contract for Nevada Test Site

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Nevada Operations Office has approved a three-year \$10.2 million contract through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for Ray & Ross Transport, Inc., to provide bus service between Las Vegas and points on the Nevada Test Site (NTS).

Robert S. Garrett, SBA district director for Nevada, and Thomas R. Clark, Manager, DOE Nevada Operations Office, presented the contract award to Sammie R. Armstrong, president of Ray & Ross Transport, Inc., at DOE offices in Las Vegas.

The contract is the largest awarded for services at the test site under SBA's Section 8(a) subcontract provisions. Under the contract the bus firm will primarily transport test site employees from Las Vegas to various points on the NTS and return them to Las Vegas at the end of work shifts. The contract begins January 2, 1986, and expires January 1, 1989.

It is the policy of the federal government to increase the participation of small disadvantaged business concerns in government procurement by awarding contracts through the Small Business Administration under its Section 8(a) program. Under this program federal government agencies enter into contracts with the SBA. The SBA then subcontracts the work with small disadvantaged firms qualifying under the established criteria.

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## Teacher pay 36.6% of school spending

Teacher salaries during the 1984-85 school year made up 36.6 percent of total school spending — a 0.1 percent drop from the year before, figures show. Here's a look at teacher salaries in proportion to total school expenditures for 1983-84, 1984-85 school years and change:

State	1983-84	1984-85	Change
Alabama	50.0%	42.7%	-7.3%
Alaska	35.5%	35.1%	-0.4%
Arizona	36.7%	40.7%	+2.0%
Arkansas	40.8%	44.6%	+3.8%
California	34.4%	31.1%	-3.3%
Colorado	37.7%	37.6%	-0.1%
Connecticut	37.3%	37.4%	+0.1%
Delaware	34.4%	34.2%	-0.2%
D.C.	44.8%	43.6%	-1.2%
Florida	33.4%	34.2%	+0.8%
Georgia	39.8%	39.7%	-0.1%
Hawaii	31.7%	34.7%	+3.0%
Idaho	38.8%	40.1%	+1.3%
Illinois	40.0%	43.2%	+3.2%
Indiana	39.5%	33.4%	-6.1%
Iowa	38.6%	38.1%	-0.5%
Kansas	36.2%	36.4%	+0.2%
Kentucky	39.1%	37.1%	-2.0%
Louisiana	37.3%	37.1%	-0.2%
Maine	35.9%	35.9%	None
Maryland	37.3%	37.1%	-0.2%
Massachusetts	35.8%	40.1%	+4.3%
Michigan	35.7%	37.5%	+1.8%
Minnesota	38.5%	41.3%	+2.8%
Mississippi	42.9%	38.6%	-4.3%
Missouri	43.3%	42.6%	-0.7%
Montana	34.2%	33.9%	-0.3%
Nebraska	41.1%	42.4%	+1.3%
Nevada	39.4%	36.3%	-3.1%
New Hampshire	39.4%	41.2%	+1.8%
New Jersey	31.8%	33.2%	+1.4%
New Mexico	31.7%	30.1%	-1.6%
New York	36.0%	36.5%	+0.5%
North Carolina	37.8%	42.6%	+4.8%
North Dakota	36.9%	36.4%	-0.5%
Ohio	35.7%	36.6%	+0.9%
Oklahoma	32.6%	32.8%	+0.2%
Oregon	33.1%	35.5%	+2.4%
Pennsylvania	35.5%	35.2%	-0.3%
Rhode Island	39.1%	40.8%	+1.7%
South Carolina	35.7%	38.5%	+2.8%
South Dakota	39.3%	38.1%	-1.2%
Tennessee	36.3%	40.1%	+3.8%
Texas	39.5%	35.1%	-4.4%
Utah	32.6%	33.6%	+1.0%
Vermont	37.3%	35.4%	-1.9%
Virginia	39.1%	40.4%	+1.3%
Washington	32.9%	32.2%	-0.7%
West Virginia	39.6%	41.7%	+2.1%
Wisconsin	40.3%	38.3%	-2.0%
Wyoming	30.9%	30.6%	-0.3%
USA average	36.7%	36.6%	-0.1%

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