

## NLV Councilman Robinson Pleased With "How-To" Brochures

North Las Vegas City Councilman William Robinson is pleased with the response to the City's new series of "how-to" brochures. "The first four were released in early June," reports Robinson. "Since that time we've had calls from the Cities of Las Vegas, Boulder City and Henderson, Clark County and as far away as Lakewood, California--all wanting copies of our brochures."



William Robinson

"The response from the general public and from developers has been overwhelmingly positive, too," said Robinson. "Our efforts to de-mystify the governmental processes for our citizens has really worked." The brochures

outline each step in requesting such things as rezoning, use permits and variances using simple, easy-to-understand language and illustrations.

"It's gratifying," explained Robinson, "that our city is one of the recognized leaders in creating new solutions to old problems and innovating ways to facilitate the development process."

A special brochure, "Expediting Your Development," was created to explain the benefits of the North Las Vegas Land Development Task Force. "By scheduling a Task Force meeting with senior staff early in development planning," explained Robinson, "processing time for projects is minimized, saving time and money for developers."

"As you can see from the titles," said Robinson, "all of these brochures are aimed at making it easier to do business in North Las Vegas. We're definitely at the top of the valley in more ways than just geography."

## Boys & Girls Clubs Benefit From Promises Kept

The United Way's 1986-87 campaign slogan, "Promises Kept -- Many Different Ways," is more than just words on a page to the four Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas.

It's the continuing fulfillment of a dream begun 26 years ago in the basement of the Silver Nugget Casino in North Las Vegas.

More than 4,500 boys and girls (90 times the original number of boys who met in the underground confines of the Nugget) between the ages of seven and 18 are currently reaping the recreational rewards of that dream -- a vision three men had primarily for disadvantaged youth throughout Clark County. For in 1960, Sam Boyd, Gen. James T. Roberts and North Las Vegas Mayor William Taylor laid the foundation for an organization "dedicated to promoting leadership, character, health and career development, while emphasizing the social, cultural and educational growth of youth."

The Boys & Girls Club is one of 54 organizations in the Las Vegas area that benefits from the United Way's money-raising efforts. Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit corporation and is affiliated with Boys Clubs of America.

With three year-round centers -- 2850 S. Lindell in Southwest Las Vegas, 2530 E. Carey in North Las Vegas, and 28th St. & Stewart at Roy Martin Junior High -- and a summer outreach program at 3850 Annie Oakley (Chaparral High) in Paradise Valley, Boys & Girls Clubs seek to help young people develop the self-esteem and self-reliance necessary to become responsible citizens.

Professional staff members and volunteers use programs

## AIDS

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To measure and identify infection among local drug users, the Health District has started an AIDS antibody testing program. All persons who have shared needles for drug use in the past five years are encouraged to participate in the confidential screening program. Information number, 383-1993, at the Clark County Health District.

AIDS has spread rapidly among drug addicts in New York City and is posing a major threat to the public

in such areas as social recreation, health and physical recreation, outdoor and environmental education, and personal adjustment to provide youth the incentive to realize their full potential.

there. According to Dr. Otto Ravenholt, Clark County chief health officer, we can expect the same trend to occur here if those who use drugs share needles. Local health officials estimate that 8 percent of Clark County's IV drug users are infected and capable of passing the infection on to needle-sharing and sexual contacts.

Health officials expect difficulty in educating drug users about the danger of AIDS.

"Across the nation, the gay community took an early and active role in acquiring and disseminating information about AIDS and preventing its spread through the use of condoms," Ravenholt said, "educating drug users is more difficult because those addicts who are at highest risk are also the most

difficult to reach with educational materials." Ravenholt added that "recreational" users of IV drugs may not recognize or acknowledge their risk, but if they share needles even occasionally they put their health in jeopardy.

Altering the behavior of drug addicts to prevent further spread of AIDS is the most difficult challenge to health officials. Concern is mounting, not only because the number of victims across the nation has increased but also because users are a major conduit for the spread of AIDS into the heterosexual, especially female, population.

Public health officials estimate that by 1990 more than 200,000 cases of AIDS will have been reported in the United States and 50,000 patients may die in 1991 alone.



PHILIP MORRIS COMPANIES CONTRIBUTE TO NUL—One of the highlights of the recent National Urban League Annual Conference in San Francisco was the raffling of a 1986 Chrysler New Yorker and a Dodge Caravan. The sweepstakes raffle was sponsored by Philip Morris, Miller Brewing Company and the Seven-Up Company. John Jacob, NUL president, pulled the winning tickets. Margie Cooke of Babylon, New York won a beautiful white Chrysler New Yorker and the Dodge Caravan was won by Theodore Payne of Stamford, Connecticut. John Jacob said that the 76th annual conference was attended by more than 16 thousand members and delegates and he was elated to accept the \$25,000 received as a result of the raffle. Left to Right: George Powell, Director of Sales Operation, Philip Morris USA; Obrie Smith, Director of Corporate Communications, Miller Brewing Company and John Jacob.

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