

Rendering, map special to Sentinel-Voice by John McDonald



- A. HOSPITAL**
 Lot Size 12.92 Gross Acres
 Building Size 560,900 square feet
 8 floors
- B. AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER**
 Lot Size 2.78 Gross Acres
 Building Size 81,000 square feet
 Rooms 180 Beds
 3 Floors
- C. NURSING HOME/ALZHEIMER'S UNIT**
 Lot Size 3.07 Gross Acres
 Building Size 82,800 square feet
 Rooms 216 beds
 3 Floors
- D. SENIOR APARTMENTS AND ASSISTED LIVING**
 Lot Size 10.10 Gross Acres
 Building Size 342,720 square feet
 Apartments 296 (800 sq. ft. average)
- E. OFFICE**
 Lot Size 2.93 Gross Acres
 Building Size 32,300 square feet
 2 Floors
- F. HOTEL**
 Lot Size 2.30 Gross Acres
 Building Size 36,450 square feet
 Rooms 120 Rooms
 3 Floors
- G. RETAIL CENTER**
 Lot Size 3.89 Gross Acres
 Building Size 26,600 square feet
 1 Floor

Senior facility OK'd for NLV

By Damon Hodge
Sentinel-Voice

The North Las Vegas City Council greenlighted two weeks ago a commercial developer's initial step in building what he says will be a unique senior-themed development.

Though John McDonald still needs a building permit for a hospital slated for his Park Place project, on Losee Road and Tropical Parkway, he has the go-ahead to begin site improvements on the 40-acre tract of land in the northeast portion of the valley. He said campus-type development will bring Las Vegas' senior living standards in line with other southwestern

markets. McDonald gained conditional approval two weeks ago for Park Place amid Council concerns that he find a health agency to run the hospital before it rezoned the land for commercial usage. McDonald cannot begin construction until he gets a permit for the hospital.

"There is a need for senior citizens' services in that area of town," he said last week referring to why he chose the location. "To my knowledge my plan is the only proposed campus-type development (for

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EOB matches entrepreneurs with child care

By Damon Hodge
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Ten would-be entrepreneurs in the Enterprise Community have a chance to become child care proprietors thanks to a new program by the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County.

Participants in the EOB's first Child Care Cottage Industry, set to start Oct. 13, will teach at Head Start sites, take college courses on child care and receive counsel on small business operation during the 10-month program.

By next July, program coordinator Denise Mayfield said the in-home daycare facilities should be operational. Each facility will have a 6-child limit.

A screening panel will select 10 Enterprise Community applicants who are dedicated to the 10-month program; are high school graduates or have the equivalency of a high school diploma; own their own home; can obtain a health/sheriff card; and are unemployed. Applicants must meet all the criteria.

Once selected, the participants will get months of paid, on-the-job training at Head Start sites around the valley, Mayfield said.

They will also complete 13 hours of courses at the Community College of Southern Nevada. Mayfield said the free courses can be applied to their Child Development Associates' certification - required by all Head Start teachers.

In addition, she said EOB will teach the entrepreneurs-to-be about the basics of small business including, management, marketing, accounting, licensing requirements and developing supervisory skills. They will also get start-up equipment.

Mayfield described a three-fold benefit to the program. She said the participants will gain employment and self sufficiency, the parents will receive quality child care and the small teacher-to-pupil-ratio will create for the children an environment more conducive to learning.

Report: Nevada underfunds urban highways, freeways

By Damon Hodge
Sentinel-Voice

The Nevada Department of Transportation dismissed as inaccurate a report released Monday that says most state transportation departments, including NDOT, favor constructing new roadways over improving existing ones.

The report: *Potholes and Politics: How Congress Can Fix Your Roads*, said that since 1992 NDOT has spent nearly three-fourths of its budget constructing new roadways. During the same period, state transportation departments nationwide have diverted half of all federal road maintenance funds to the construction of new highways, usually in suburban areas, the report said.

"The figures are very inaccurate," NDOT spokeswoman Jeanne Cocoran said Monday. She questioned where the report's authors - the Washington D.C.-based Environmental Working Group (EWG) and Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP), got their

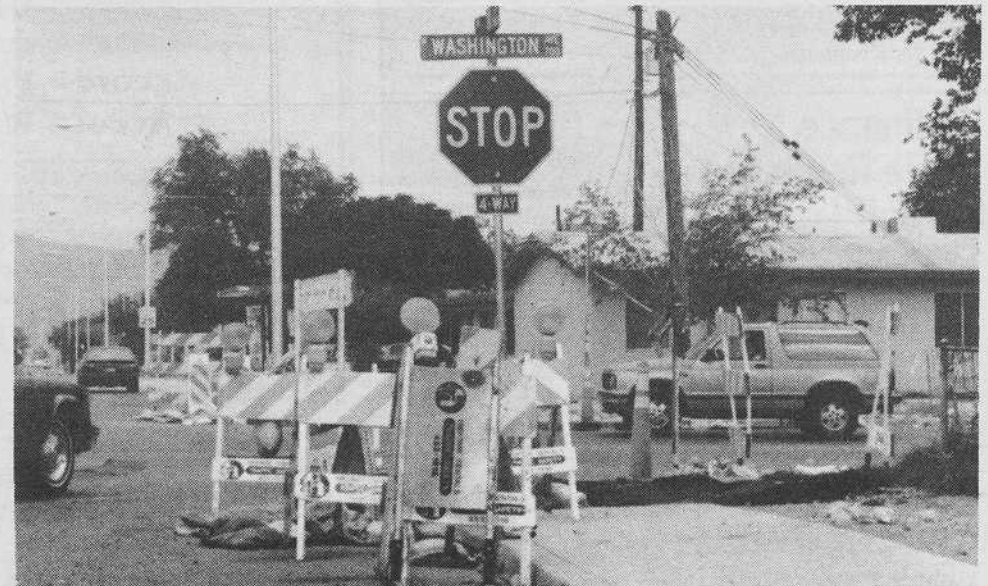
numbers.

The report said that since 1992 NDOT has spent \$145,986,667 in federal funds building new freeways, despite the fact that 44 percent of the state's urban highways are not in good condition.

"(The report) doesn't give a true picture of how much money NDOT spends (on improvements and new construction)," Cocoran said. She said the report fails to consider for other funding sources such as gas taxes, state funding and taxpayer moneys that the department uses for roadway needs.

She said NDOT has spent more than \$600,000,000 on improvements versus \$400,000,000 on new construction since 1992. She said the department has allocated nearly \$200 million for improvements to existing roads this year alone: \$15 million for the Ann Road/Rancho/Lone Mountain project (almost finished); \$55 million for Spring Mountain

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State transportation officials said construction to community streets, such as this one in West Las Vegas at "H" Street and Washington Avenue, falls under the auspices of the City of Las Vegas.