

New homes popping up in old westside

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Along a stretch of land between Van Buren and Harrison Avenues, and F and G streets, 13 new homes have been built for first-time home buyers. The Westside New Pioneers Community Development Corporation and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) sponsored the development in the old historic westside area.

"Dedicated residents have joined together with local businesses and the City of Las Vegas to transform vacant blocks and crime-ridden abandoned buildings into quality affordable homes for our hard-working families," said Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman. "With these homes, supported by local business and government, we are creating new hope and new opportunities in communities long thought beyond repair."

Each new home will have three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage, and will be for sale to families for 50 percent or less of the median income for the area- or approximately \$25,000. The first four homes that were built were available to the housing market in August of last year.

"With these homes, we have begun the process of transforming and rebuilding this neighborhood, the oldest in the city," New

Pioneers President Michael S. Jackson said. "We wanted to focus our efforts to develop currently vacant and trash strewn lots, and to acquire and rehabilitate buildings now being used to sell and use illegal drugs."

"We all know about the explosive growth of Clark County," County Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates said. "What is less well known is the work going on in Las Vegas' older neighborhoods, to reclaim properties and ensure that no one gets left behind as we grow."

LISC came to Las Vegas several years ago to help revitalize old neighborhoods and communities in the valley. The revitalization program operates in 38 cities across the nation and works with 66 rural communities nationwide. "Van Buren Homes represents the coming of age of community-based development in Las Vegas," chair of the LV LISC Local Advisory Committee Charlene Peterson said.

LISC has raised and invested from the private sector some 3 billion dollars in community refurbishing initiatives. Their financial endeavors have raised in excess of 4 billion dollars for assisting 1,800 communities, 100,000 homes and apartments, and 11.2 million square feet of commercial, industrial, and retail property.

Local lawyers celebrate Law Day with "ask-a-lawyer" event

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Monday, May 1 is "Law Day" in the valley, with local attorneys preparing mock trials at high schools and a free legal consultation at one of the malls.

Attorneys from the Clark County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Nevada are hosting the events to recognize the jurisprudence holiday.

An estimated 45 attorneys will hold mock trials at Chaparral, Cheyenne, Clark, Durango, Indian Springs, Las Vegas, Valley, Vo-Tech and Western High Schools, Las Vegas Academy and the east, south and west campuses of the Community College of Southern Nevada. The fake trials will be

based on a DUI case.

Trial by Peers, a juvenile first-time offenders' program for misdemeanors, will be one of the legal tools discussed by attorneys as will be "Coming of Age," booklets which are published by the Young Lawyers section of the bar, which talks about the responsibilities and legalities associated with turning 18.

On Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Boulevard Mall on Maryland Parkway, attorneys will provide free legal advice at an "Ask-a-Lawyer" event.

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman will be present to hand out awards for a student essay and poster contest.

Career Day-Job Fair this weekend

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The Southern Nevada Enterprise Community will hold "Career Day/Job Fair 2000" this weekend. The event, a collaboration of public and private sponsors, takes place Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Organizers say career information, job listings and assistance with finding financial aid will be available.

Said Maurice Reid, a county management analyst who also serves on the enterprise community's organizing committee, "The purpose of the job fair is to provide jobs for people who live in the enterprise community. These are businesses recruiting residents for jobs."

Governmental agencies supporting the event are the

State of Nevada, particularly its Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; Clark County, including the Library District, and the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas.

Career Day/Job Fair 2000 will take place at Owens and H Street, in the parking lot of the Von's supermarket, one of the more than 20 private sponsors.

Others include ATC Vancom, Enterprise Rent-a-car, Ethel-M-Chocolates, Fitzgerald's Hotel and Casino, Harrah's Hotel and Casino, KCEP-FM ("Power 88"), Kelly Services, Kentucky Fried Chicken, LUXOR, M&M World, McDonalds, Nevada Business Services, Sprint, Sunrise Hospital, Wendy's, and Wet N Wild.

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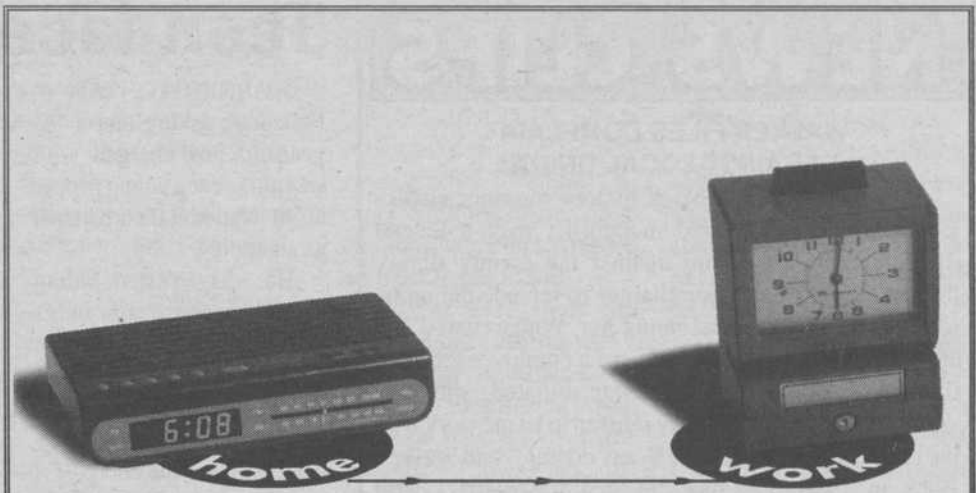


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