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Biden expands internet access

By Aamer Madhani and Will Weissert
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced Monday that 20 internet companies have agreed to provide discounted service to people with low incomes, a program that could effective-

Program makes service free for 48M homes

ly make tens of millions of households eligible for free service through an already existing federal subsidy. "High speed internet is not a luxury any longer. It's a necessity," Biden said at a sun-drenched rose garden

event with representatives from participating companies, as well as members of Congress. The \$1 trillion infrastructure package passed by Congress last year included \$14.2 billion funding for

the Affordable Connectivity Program, which provides \$30 monthly subsidies (\$75 in tribal areas) on internet service for millions of low-income households. With the new commitment from the internet providers,

some 48 million households will be eligible for \$30 monthly plans for 100 megabits per second, or higher speed, service — making internet service fully paid for with government assistance if they sign up with one of the providers participating

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Touchstone Living is building a new 1,600-home community called Independence at the site of the former Royal Links golf course. *Bizuayehu Tesfaye Las Vegas Review-Journal @bttesfaye*

Circa Sports to enter Ill. market

Stevens 'fired up' to begin operations

By Richard N. Velotta
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Circa Sports, the sports-wagering arm of Derek Stevens' downtown Las Vegas sportsbook operations, will enter its fourth state later this year. Stevens, founder and CEO of Circa Sports, and representatives of Full House Resorts on Monday announced plans for Circa to open a retail sportsbook at the planned American Place resort in Waukegan, Illinois, and to offer online wagering through apps within the state of Illinois.

Under terms of the agreement, Full House is paying a \$5 million access fee that will be amortized over the initial eight-year contract with Circa, starting when the sportsbook goes live.

'Fired up'

The agreement signed by the two companies puts Circa in the American Place for eight years with two four-year options at the discretion of Circa. It's a revenue-sharing agreement with Full House assured of a minimum \$5 million annually.

"For anyone who has seen that beautiful three-story sportsbook at Circa in downtown Las Vegas, I'm looking forward to having the best sportsbook in the Midwest," said Dan Lee, CEO of Full House Resorts in the company's first-quarter earnings call with investors on Monday.

"Our goal is for people to walk into our sportsbook

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Builder targets 1st-time buyers

Shuttered golf course to become housing tract

By Eli Segall
Las Vegas Review-Journal

With the grass torn out and heavy construction equipment on-site, Las Vegas' former Royal Links golf course is on its way to becoming a sprawling housing tract.

Touchstone Living founder Tom McCormick, who acquired the now-shuttered course last year, said Monday that he hopes to start building model homes in the third quarter at the new community, called Independence.

Located in the eastern Las Vegas Valley — an area that accounts for a fraction of builders' sales in Southern Nevada — the project is slated to feature 1,600-plus homes



Dozens of people in blue-and-white Independence shirts attended Monday's ceremonial groundbreaking of Touchstone Living's new community in east Las Vegas.

as well as parks, pools and playgrounds.

McCormick held a ceremonial groundbreaking Monday, saying that Independence, along Vegas Valley Drive east of Nellis Boulevard, is targeting

first-time buyers and will have homes in the \$200,000 range.

The event was attended by dozens of people in blue-and-white Independence shirts that declared "Why rent?" as

well as a coyote trotting along the west side of the property far from the people gathered there.

According to McCormick, this is the only new-home project in the valley in its price range.

Clark County Commissioner Tick Segerblom, whose district includes the site, told the Review-Journal that when people think of east Las Vegas, their thoughts turn to "older neighborhoods" and "rundown streets."

Independence, he said, is "bringing vitality."

"East Las Vegas is a great place to live, and hopefully this project will show that," Segerblom said.

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