

# CULINARY WHOLEHEARTEDLY ACCEPTS FACT-FINDER, FRONTIER ACCEPTS UNDER DURESS

CARSON CITY — Five striking unions Monday approved the appointment of a fact-finder to help settle their 21-month-old strike against the Frontier Gambling Hall and Hotel on the Las Vegas strip.

Governor Bob Miller appointed Sam Kagel, a nationally known arbitrator and mediator to determine the facts of the strike at the hotel. Kagel has served in over ten thousand cases, both labor and commercial, since 1945. He is known for handling cases from the Longshoremen to the National Football League.

The striking unions and representatives of the Frontier met for over three hours with Governor Miller and agreed to accept the fact-finder. The unions had agreed in advanced their meeting that they would accept the Governor's offer of appointing an independent fact-finder and arbitration.

"We believe the point of the fact-finder is the first step towards the settlement of the strike," said Jim Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer of the Culinary Union. "We applaud the Governor's active role in trying to settle the strike."

The striking unions — Culinary, Teamsters, Operating Engineers, Carpenters and Bartenders — agreed to split the \$1,500 per day cost of the arbitrator, requesting that the Elardi family, owners of the Frontier, agree to pay the other half.

"We are going to enter this process enthusiastically and hopefully this leads to a long overdue settlement. We can only be optimistic that the Frontier does the same," said Jim Arnold. Both the unions and the Elardi's agreed not to discuss or issue any statements to the media regarding the discussions and negotiations of the fact-finding sessions once they begin.

The first session of the fact-finding process is scheduled for June 7, 1993 in Las Vegas. The site is yet to be determined.

"We have offered to accept the final recommendation in advance and had hoped that the Frontier would do the same," said Arnold. "Unfortunately, the Elardi family and its representatives would not agree. The men and women of the Culinary Union feel that we will achieve a quicker resolution of the strike upon the presentation of the fact-finder's final recommendation."

It was announced Wednesday, however, that the unions have now requested that the fact-finding process begin as soon as possible.

The striking unions have contacted the fact-finder, the Governor, and the Elardi's lawyers, requesting a meeting sometime this week due to the urgency of getting the process started.

"We are available 24 hours a day and hope the Elardis share our same spirit of cooperation to meet immediately with the fact-finder and settle this dispute," added Arnold.

## SENATORS REID, BRYAN ANNOUNCE HUD GRANTS

WASHINGTON — United States Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan have announced 3 grants totalling more than \$9 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that will help improve Nevada's public housing.

The one HOME grant and two Community Grant Program (CGP) awards will be used to modernize existing public housing structures. Special emphasis will be placed on easing access for the physically impaired and removing lead-based paint in homes.

The HOME grant, for \$3 million, is awarded to the Nevada State Housing Division to help prospective homebuyers make their first down-payment. It will also help families make needed improvements to their homes.

The Las Vegas Housing Authority will receive one CGP

grant for \$5,407,071 and the Clark County Housing Authority will receive the other for \$1,191,826.

The money will help replace obsolete heating and roofing in the buildings, increase security with greater lighting around facilities, and improve neighborhood playgrounds.

"The very buildings that government had built to help low-income people were beginning hamper their progress," Reid said. "This money gives them a hand up by helping them meet their basic needs."

"Nevada families who live in public housing deserve to live in homes that are properly maintained and secure without fear that their children are living in an unhealthy and unsafe environment. This grant money will go a long way to make sure that this is a reality," Bryan said.

## AWARD

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Academy scholarships and will graduate this June in the top third of his class.

During his years at the Air Force Academy, Leazer displayed unwavering commitment to his academic and military responsibilities.

Following graduation, Leazer, age 22, will be going to pilot training at Sheppard A.F.B., Texas, and he looks forward to a satisfying career as an officer in the Air Force.

Senator Reid said Leazer deserves special recognition as a leader and role model for other young Nevadans. "David Leazer belongs to a distinguished class of young people who set a standard of excellence to which others can aspire," Reid said.

"We hear so many negative stories about today's youth. Too often, achievers like David who possess remarkable strength of mind get overlooked. The Senate Award is one small way of acknowledging his hard work."

Leazer is a 1989 graduate of Rancho High School in Las Vegas. At Rancho, Leazer was an Honor Roll student and prominent track and field athlete, winning the Nevada State triple jump championship. He was also a high-ranking ROTC Commander.

Leazer is the son of David and Margaret Leazer of Las Vegas. He has two sisters, Davina who resides with her husband in Las Vegas and Angela who lives with her husband in Korea.

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