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CLOSES NUCLEUS PLAZA ACCOUNT AT BANK EDMOND BLASTS BANK OF AMERICA

By Lee Brown

Charging a lack of sensitivity on the part of Bank of America regarding West Las Vegas' small business community, John Edmond, owner of Nucleus Plaza, Inc., Wednesday announced he was closing his business account with the bank.

Edmond stated his decision was based on several other business owners in the community voicing their concerns of not being able to receive business loans or any other financial assistance from Bank of America.

"After the civil unrest one year ago, supposedly \$2 million was allocated to provide business loans to those businesses stricken by the riot. However, to date, none of the businesses I have



Dissatisfied with the number of loans being given to minority businesses, John Edmond (L) of Nucleus Plaza, Inc., closed his account with Bank of America Wednesday.

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spoken with or referred to Bank of America for these loans were funded. Therefore, I question the concern and responsibility Bank of America has shown for this business community, as well as the surrounding area's small business operations," stated Edmond.

It was last October when the Sentinel-Voice reported that Bank of America had established the \$2 million loan (See Nucleus, Page 10)

WINDSOR PARK RECEIVES GRANT

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan have announced that a \$1,000,000 federal grant will be going to the City of North Las Vegas to repair homes in Windsor Park.

Senators Reid and Bryan earmarked the \$1 million last year in the Senate FY93 Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Appropriations Bill. The grant is being distributed by HUD to the City of North Las Vegas.

North Las Vegas will use these

funds to assist residents of Windsor Park in a plan developed by HUD to mitigate damage to homes that have sunk as a result of ground failure. Ground movement beneath the 30-year old subdivision has destroyed foundations and left many homes condemned.

"The residents of Windsor Park are innocent victims of circumstances beyond their control," Reid said. "They deserve help as much as any other

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U.S. Senator Harry Reid attends the ground breaking on January 14, 1993, for the Windsor Park relocation site. Reid and Bryan recently announced that another \$1 million in federal funds is on it's way to the City of North Las Vegas for Windsor Park homes. More than 50 homes are planned for relocation, many more are being repaired.

CHARGES AGAINST STRIKERS REDUCED

LAS VEGAS—All felony charges filed against seven Culinary Union strikers involved in a fight with two tourists on the Frontier Hotel picket line were reduced to misdemeanors by the District Attorney's office Tuesday.

The DA's office dropped charges of coercion, assault with a deadly weapon and felony battery charges it had originally filed against the Frontier workers.

None of the six defendants, and a seventh who did not appear in court, will receive jail time for their part in the assaults on Sean and Gail White, unless they do not fulfill the conditions of their probation, according to the district attorney's office.

"When the District Attorney's Office put this incident in it's proper perspective—without taking into consideration the media hysteria surrounding it—they reduced the charges to a reasonable level," said Culinary Secretary-treasurer, Jim Arnold.

Four of the defendants pleaded guilty to misdemeanors and received \$500 fines, 40 hours of community service and 120 days probation from

District Judge Stephen Huffaker. Two others pleaded guilty to misdemeanors and will be sentenced in July.

Arnold added that the union believes that Tuesday's action will "refocus the union's effort in resuming the strike." A fact finder appointed by the governor will begin hearing on June 7 to hear and review information from the owners of the Frontier and the five unions striking the Vegas Strip property.

Sean White, who along with his wife was punched and hit with placard sticks outside the strip hotel on April 25, said Tuesday he wasn't surprised by the plea bargain.

"It upsets me a little bit," said White of Moorpark, Calif. "I kind of expected that."

The unions have agreed to pay for extra police protection for strikers and citizens during a 45 day period from the start of the fact finding and have offered to accept the final recommendations of the fact finder in advance if the Elardi family, owners of the Frontier, will do the same, to settle the strike.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ANNOUNCED

The second annual community Juneteenth celebration will be held June 12 and 13 at the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North. The celebration will conclude June 18 at the Second Baptist Church, 500 West Madison, with "Juneteenth Gospelfest 1993." Call 382-3445 for museum ticket information.

Juneteenth is the African American holiday that recognizes the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Originally widely-recognized in the South, the holiday is celebrated in all parts of the country with parades and community picnics. "We're very pleased to take part in this traditional holiday," said Suzanne Leblanc, Museum Executive Director. "We invite Las Vegans to come out, enjoy music, performances, and activities, and learn more about Juneteenth."

Events kick off on Saturday, June

12 at 1:00 with "The Story of Juneteenth" by Edward Chipps Taylor III and storytelling by Alfred Gourrier; God's Determined Gospel Ensemble and Kids For A Better Society (KFAB), a group of children who write and produce original music, will perform at 2:00. Katherine Duncan will present a talk, "The Moulin Rouge," at 7:00, followed by a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation and a performance of the Alpha Phi Alpha Stepping Group in the museum parking lot.

Sunday, June 13, activities begin at 1:00 with "The Story of Juneteenth," followed by performances by the Simba dance group, KFAB, God's Determined Gospel Ensemble, the Southern Nevada Queenettes, and other drill teams.

Other activities offered throughout the weekend celebration include workshops in mask-making and African pouches, a "Float of Freedom" work-

shop, and sampling of traditional foods prepared by Lois Mack. Two exhibits, "Black Nevadans: Yesterday and Today" and "Black Women: Achievement Against the Odds," will be displayed through June 27. A radio documentary, "Las Vegas: Mississippi of the West or Promised Land," is also available.

Community Juneteenth activities conclude at 7:00 pm Friday, June 18, with the Second Baptist Church's presentation of "Juneteenth Gospelfest 1993," a music program featuring invited choirs and singing groups.

Juneteenth programs are sponsored by the Juneteenth Committee, KCEP Radio, and the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice.

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