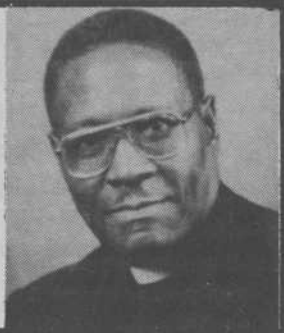


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**THE CARNES NOMINATION
PART II**

The following are more arguments FOR and AGAINST the Senate confirmation of Attorney Edward Carnes to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

1. Argument For

Carnes testified that there is no racial discrimination in the imposition of capital punishment in Alabama or the nation.

2. Argument Against

Six of the eight persons executed in Alabama while Carnes was head of the Capital Litigation Division were African American. Carnes has personally defended egregious instances of racial discrimination by prosecutors in capital cases, including cases such as the Patricia Jackson case in which 12 strikes were used by prosecutors to get an all-white jury, the Jesse Morrison case in which 20 to 21 jury strikes were used against black citizens, and the Cornelius Singleton case in which a mentally retarded African American was tried by an all-white jury after the prosecutor used 12 jury strikes to eliminate black citizens from participation. Many other cases involving similar discrimination have been handled by Carnes and attorneys in his Capital Litigation Division.

Carnes also said in his answers to questions from Senator Biden that exclusion from juries on the basis of race does not necessarily deny fundamental fairness.

While reasonable people may disagree as to the solution for such discrimination, Carnes does not even acknowledge the problem and its impact on the quality of justice in the courts.

3. Arguments For

Carnes and his supporters claim that he was only doing his job when he defended racial discrimination.

4. Argument Against

Carnes took an oath as a lawyer and as an assistant attorney general to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States. Even though racial discrimination in jury selection has been unconstitutional and illegal since at least 1875, Carnes never questioned his office's policy of routine defense of even the most egregious instances of illegal racial discrimination by prosecutors.

Quite apart from what Carnes may have perceived as his job, he was not in an advocacy role when he asserted, despite this personal experience in defending discrimination, that there is no racial discrimination in the infliction of the death penalty in Alabama or the nation and that exclusion from juries on the basis of race does not necessarily deny fundamental fairness.

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BRING CULTURE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

On Saturday, September 19, 1992, Gates Bar-B-Q and community youth organization StreetWise Alive are co-sponsoring another culture in the community campaign - A Blues and Bar-B-Q Festival.

StreetWise Alive (SWA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving Las Vegas children a positive environment in which to develop. We offer activities youth can attend without the intimidation of gangs and drugs. By uniting young people around constructive entertainment outlets and avenues of opportunity, we can allow them to express themselves in a healthy way," says Dorothy Martin, Vice-president of Public Relations for SWA.

Gates Bar-B-Q, although still relatively new to the Las Vegas area, is part of a close knit family-owned chain of restaurants started in Kansas City. Owner

George Gates chose barbecue dining because of the many fond memories of the family business. "The idea of having a blues and barbecue festival seemed a natural," Gates expressed. Blues music has been stable in the entertainment industry with its home-hitting lyrics. Blues has

always represented a harmonized tale of real-life emotions and reflections. Today, life presents so many emotional challenges not only for adults but for our youth. Drugs and gang involvement are critical choices children make everyday. StreetWise Alive is a group that

strives to provide young people with positive alternative choices and their programs need financial foundations. Gates wants to extend and open hand in support of providing these options for Las Vegas families.

A Blues and Bar-B-Q Festival (See Culture, Page 17)

NEW AREA SCHOOL NAMED AFTER LONG TIME AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATOR

The Westside's first new school in 27 years is expected to open in the fall of 1993.

The school will be named after H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald, who was the first Black principal in the state, and who also has written for the Sentinel-Voice, as well as the old Vegas Voice newspaper since its inception more than two decades ago.

"Fitz," who also has a City of Las Vegas Dept. of Parks and Recreation park named after him, is a 40 year veteran educator, community activist and business man, and has resided in West Las Vegas since migrating here almost a half century ago.

Groundbreaking for the new school is scheduled to be held on October 2, 1992, at Theron Swainston Middle School, 3500 West Gilmore Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.



H.P. "Fitz" FITZGERALD

BLACK HERITAGE THE FOCUS OF A NEW LOCAL BOOK READING GROUP

Appreciating Books in our Community (ABC), a new afrocentric book reading society, was recently organized to promote Black awareness.

Each month an afrocentric book will be introduced to participants to read with selected excerpts discussed on KCEP radio's "Straight Talk" community affairs program.

At the end of the month, ABC participants will meet to review and discuss the book-of-the-month.

The first book to be read and reviewed is *The Ways of White Folks* by Langston Hughes.

The book will be discussed at the West Las Vegas Library on September 30.

The following books have been assigned to corresponding months: October, *The Souls of Black Folks*, by W.E.B. Dubois; November, *Malcolm X*, by Alex Haley; December, *Kwanzaa*, by Madhubuti.

A book-of-the-month reading group for students is also being developed.

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