

SCORES CELEBRATE GROUNDBREAKING FOR WEST LAS VEGAS NEWEST SCHOOL

By H.P. Fitzgerald

More than 75 school officials, community leaders and supporters were on hand recently to celebrate the ground-breaking for the Westside's first new school in the area in 27 years; the H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School. The event took place at the Theron Swainston Middle School in North Las Vegas on October 2nd.

The Fitzgerald School will be built at the intersections of Car-

ter and Rossymone Avenues, and Revere Street, and is scheduled to open in September, 1993.

Shirley Barber, now principal of Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade Center, will be the New principal of the Fitzgerald School. H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald was the first African-American Principal in the state, and the second certificated teacher hired in the state. Mable Hoggard was the first African-American teacher hired to the state of Nevada.

According to architects, Canbeiro Corporation, and Jessica Perkins, Coordinator of the Districts New Facility Plannings, the Fitzgerald School shown in the architects rendering, shown in the photo, is the only one of its kind ever built in the county.

The facility is designed to be a complete community school, equipped with a huge meeting or assembly room, for evenings and weekend meetings by area community groups and organizations.



Community leaders break ground for new H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School. Left to Right - Virgie Fitzgerald and George Scheeler, program participants, Deborah Jackson, WAAK-UP Westside Community Action Chairperson; H.P. Fitzgerald, Honoree; Marzette Lewis, president, WAAK-UP; Dr. Brian Cram, superintendent, Clark County School District, and Shirley Barber, newly appointed principal of the Fitzgerald Elementary School.

COMPLAINTS

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Jordan, West L.V. Library administrator and Hunsberger soft-pedaled the check-out demonstration.

"If they run out of books," said Hunsberger, "we will send them more. We have 100,000 books in storage. It is wonderful to see parents and their children checking out books," he said.

Jordan said it was business-as-usual at the library. "I have only gotten two complaints about insufficient books," said Jordan. By Monday, 3600 books had been checked.

For that time period, 600 check-outs are normal, according to Jackson.

The first step at the Equal Rights Commission for Jackson and Porter will be a meeting with the commission staff and the Library District to make an attempt to resolve the complained. If the first meeting fails, according to a commission spokesman, a fact finding hearing will be held. If, as a result of the hearing, the state's attorney general finds probable cause for the complaint, then the case could be turned over to the federal government.

However, the commission spokesman could not say how long the procedure would take. "There are hundreds of cases here," said the spokesman. "We take each case in turn."

Both Jackson and Porter, who are represented by counsel, said they might make additional statements to the community in the future at a press conference. "Right now we are just talking to the lawyers," they said.

In Nevada, when a civil rights complaint is filed with the state, it is automatically filed with the federal government. The state represents the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in Nevada where EEOC does not maintain an office.

Although Jackson and Porter said they were aware the complaint procedure was slow and tedious, they vowed they

would not give up.

Hunsberger said Porter could appeal her transfer to the board's personnel committee, a suggestion Porter thought was a joke. "The personnel committee is appointed by Hunsberger," she said.

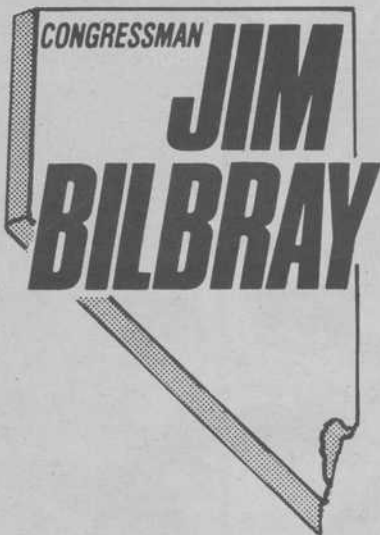
"We are trying to resolve the problems," said Hunsberger. "This (the controversy) does not do us any good at all."

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