

# Vegan Charged With Rape

Metropolitan Police charged a 31-year-old Las Vegas man with two counts of sexual assault and use of a deadly weapon to commit a crime after he allegedly raped a woman at Red Rock Canyon.

The incident, police said, occurred about 8:30 a.m. last Friday as the victim was waiting

for a bus to take her to school and Watts approached in his car offering her a ride.

Charged by Metropolitan Police was Jimmy C. Watts, 1927 N. "H" St. Police said Watts, instead of taking her to school, drove to Red Rock Canyon. It was reported that Watts alleg-

edly placed a loaded shotgun to her head, threatened to kill her and raped her twice.

Police said the victim managed to flee after Watts fell asleep following the assault. She was picked up in the desert by a passenger motorist and contacted police from her home.

# PERKINS IN FOR FEDERAL POST

It was announced Tuesday that Dr. Claude Perkins, former Superin-



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tendent of the Clark County School District and the present State Director of Commerce, is in the running for the position of assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

Perkins, who has held the post of State Director of Commerce since last January, said that he enjoys the work very much. However, he feels that the possible federal appointment would be "a real honor." This division is one of the largest within the U.S. Department of Education.

The federal post, which is the assistant

secretary for elementary and secondary school programs, reportedly pays \$66,000 yearly.

Perkins reported that he has been recommended for the position by the former secretary, Vince Reed, who recently resigned to take a top position with the Washington Post Newspaper. The appointment will be made by President Reagan.

# SCHOOL TRUSTEES CONVERT HOGGARD SCHOOL

Clark County School District trustees last Thursday stood firm on their previous decision and voted 5 to 1 to convert Mabel Hoggard Elementary School into a Sixth Grade Center.

Trustee Virginia Brooks Brewster cast the one dissenting vote against converting the predominantly black school.

The controversial decision was made despite earlier warnings from residents of the West Las Vegas community that such a decision could lead to a legal battle.

The Board decision means that kindergarten through 5th grade students who normally would attend Hoggard School, will now be

bussed out of their neighborhood to attend one of four elementary schools — Paul Culley, Ruth Fyfe, J.T. McWilliams and Howard Wasden. In return, the 6th grade students from those four schools will then go to Mabel Hoggard School.

Trustee Brewster, in commenting on the situation, said there must be some other alternatives besides taking away the only neighborhood elementary school remaining in the Westside community. She also questioned why the school district could take a year to study the establishment of a year-round Sixth Grade Center, but could not take more time to study the Hoggard School conversion problem.

One parent commented on the decision: "We need time to digest their decision. The Board will hear from us before school is out."

## ALLIED ARTS CALENDAR

"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf," Las Vegas Little Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, April 29 through May 15, with a 3 p.m. matinee May 2. 735-0167.

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"An Almost Perfect Person," The Meadows Playhouse, 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through May 8, with a 2:30 p.m. Saturday matinee. 739-7525.

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Clark County School District Art Exhibit, Boulevard Mall, April 27 through May 4. 736-5304.

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