# **Commissioner, judge positions contested**

#### by Tricia Ciaravino

The county commission is the policy-making body of city government. It also governs those areas which are not in the city. The commission serves as the board for McCarran Airport, the city sanitation district and University Medical Center among others and has control of all the regional boards such as the boards of health and transportation. It passes local ordinances and policies.

There are three candidates running for county commission District A. This is the largest district in Clark County stretching from Bunkerville to Laughlin. The seat has a four-year term.

#### **Bruce Woodbury** Republican

Incumbent: three previous terms

Political Past: Chair of the regional transportation commission, senior member of the regional flood control district board, former commission chair, private law practice for 20 years

**Objective:** Will make sure plans, such as master transportation, clean air and flood control plans, are implemented. He also wants to improve parks and recreation services and add cultural aspects. He is concerned with growth management.

#### Mel Clark Libertarian

**Occupation:** Construction Consultant, former city employee

Political Past: Past president of local Jaycee chapter

**Objective:** Will fight for freedom and less government. He is opposed to special interest and the use of tax dollars for these issues. He is opposed to tax dollars for building schools, new communities for those just coming in and primaries. He wants privatization of city jobs,

a voucher system for medical District Court system. The famcare and a better water system.

# **Dolores Santi** Independent

Occupation: Homemaker, businesswoman

Past Experience: Director of Security, Chicago Board of education government-funded special programs, systems analysis and department of curriculum, real estate associate

**Objective:** Wants better water strategy, industrial safety and air quality programs. Conflict of interest is also an area of concern. Does not want out of state contractors. **District Court Judges** 

#### Lee Gates

**Occupation:** District court judge

Past experience: Municipal court judge, private law practice, deputy public defender, had a bankruptcy clinic and divorce clinic in Texas, was a deputy district attorney in Colorado.

Objective: Wants to stop the rise of violent crime and see a reduction in the number of drug-related cases. Wants to see treatment programs implemented instead of sending addicted teens or mentally ill residents to prison where they won't receive help.

#### **Gary Redmon Occupation:** Attorney

Past experience: Over 19 years practicing law, appointed special prosecutor with 100 percent conviction success, former deputy district attorney

**Objective:** Wants to be tough on crime while being fair and patient. Wants to keep people who have been convicted of violent crimes off the streets.

# District Court judges-**Family Division**

Six family division departments have been added to the

ily courts will have jurisdiction over 17 areas of law including divorce, domestic, guardian, custody, termination of life, juvenile and abortion cases.

The judges are specifically trained in handling these types of cases.

The family courts are replacing domestic referees who, for over six years, made recommendations to the district courts on cases. The old process could be problematic because if either party appealed the case or the district court judge didn't agree with the recommendation the process could stretch out for months.

The new family courts will shorten the process while taking some of the burden off the district courts and ensure quality time is spent on these cases.

All the judgeships are sixyear terms and are divided into six departments.

# Dept. A

# **Terrance Marren**

Occupation: Senior domestic relations referee, eighth judicial district court since 1986

Legal Experience: Deputy city attorney (N. Las Vegas), deputy attorney general, special assistant to Governor O'Callahan, law clerk, has taught college-level courses for 10 years in the areas of civil procedure, criminal procedure and domestic relations

Objective: Make the family court as friendly a place as possible and use mediation in child custody cases as often as possible (enabling parties to settle their own disputes with a mediator-it costs less and promotes more amiable post-divorce behavior).

**Cynthia Dianne Steel Occupation:** Bookkeeper for law firm since 1980

Legal experience: Valdosta State college graduate, Cal-



graduate

**Objective:** Wants to bring an objective and neutral eye into the judiciary. Plans to work with the community to help youths stay out of trouble, stop repeat offenders and protect children who are involved in cases.

#### Dept. B

Douglas R. Pike Occupation: Lawyer, general practice

Legal Experience: Has practiced law for 38 years

Objective: Wants to eliminate divorce costs through mediation.

#### **Gloria Sanchez**

**Occupation:** Domestic relations referee, eighth judicial district court since 1988

Legal Experience: Hearing master, eighth judicial district court, domestic relations attorney, attorney/head of research department and law clerks, domestic relations attorney, law clerk

Objective: Wants to formulate a citizens advisory group compromised of one member from every group that has expressed an interest in the family court. The group would meet with family court judges every month and advise them with respect to issues of concern. Also wants to formulate "check-thebox" forms to be utilized in situations where litigants cannot afford to hire attorneys, i.e., when a party loses their job and needs support temporarily modified.

# Dept. C

# Steven E. Jones Running unopposed

# Dept. D

**Bill Freedman** Occupation: Lawyer, private practice since 1975

Legal Experience: Partner in law firm, chief criminal deputy prosecutor for the dis-

ifornia Western School of Law trict attorney's office, chief counsel-department of highways, attorney general's office in Carson City

> **Objective:** Wants to speak to children in kindergarten and grammar school in an effort to keep them out of gangs and off drugs. Wants to stop violence, child abuse and sexual abuse through education. Will utilize mediation and counseling.

#### **Gerald Hardcastle**

Occupation: Lawyer, primarily practicing family law

Legal Experience: Deputy district attorney, district attorney in Esmeralda county, special prosecutor in Nye County.

Objective: Find ways to lessen the emotional and financial impact on parties and hear cases as quickly as possible.

# Dept. E

#### **Frances-Ann Fine**

Occupation: Sole practitioner since 1991

Legal Experience: Attorney since 1985, law clerk

Objective: Wants expedient and individualized handling of family court matters. Wants an on-site mechanism to access resources quickly, establish a computerized registry of domestic violence offenses, advocate for legislative changes, establish a rotating system of judges to hear emergency cases and coordinate efforts to identify foundation and federal funds.

#### Fernando Guzman **Occupation:**Juvenilecourt

referee for 12 years

Legal Experience: Deputy district attorney, civil practice and experience

**Objective:** Has proposed a mandatory program to sensitize parents to children's feelings in divorce cases and custody battles. Takes a firm stand against gangs and violence in schools and the community.

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