

RENO HAPPENINGS

Eight Las Vegas apply for judge's post

CARSON CITY—Eight Las Vegas with legal backgrounds, including former Lt. Gov. Robert Rose, applied before Monday's deadline for the Clark County district judge's post made vacant by the death of Howard Babcock.

Applying for the vacancy were Rose, now a private attorney; Clark County Deputy District Attorney Thomas L. Leen; Juvenile Court referee Fernando Guzman; Municipal Court Judge Stephen C. Webster; District Court Domestic Relations referee Terrence P. Marren; and attorneys Victor L. Miller, R. Ian Ross and William E. Freedman.

Each is seeking to succeed Babcock, who died in August after a long career as judge for the Eighth Judicial District Court.

The candidates will be interviewed at a future date in Las Vegas by members of the Commission on Judicial

Selection. The commission will nominate three top candidates and submit their names to Gov. Richard Bryan for the final selection.

State Supreme Court Justice Charles Springer serves as chairman of the selection committee.

Other commission members are Las Vegas attorneys Neil Galatz and Bill Hammer, Reno attorney Frederic Starich and Elko attorney Robert Vaughan. Citizens on the selection committee are Lester Swensen and Rafael Vega, both of Las Vegas; Marsha Deming of Reno and Jack Araza of Carson City.

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Centel gets OK to withdraw from phone fund

CARSON CITY -- The Public Service Commission voted unanimously Monday to allow Las Vegas based Centel to pull out of a statewide fund that obligated its customers to subsidize telephone users in other parts of the state.

"It may lead to lower telephone rates in Southern Nevada," said Don Innes, Centel general regulatory manager. "We are pleased the commission is looking favorably on our efforts."

Innes contended several months ago that Centel paid \$2 million more into the statewide telephone fund than it received back last year. He said the commission in effect was forcing Centel to charge its customers an additional 56 cents per month in order to keep charges 77 cents lower for customers of Reno-based Nevada Bell Telephone Co.

Centel asked the commission in July to raise

its residential telephone rates by \$1.50 per month starting in 1987. At the same time, Nevada Bell filed for a \$2.32 per month increase, while Continental Telephone Co. sought a \$2.93 per month increase.

Because of the commission action, Innes said Centel may be able to postpone an increase in residential rates for another year.

Other companies, however, may have to revise their earlier request. Rex Mitchell, an attorney for Nevada Bell, said his company will submit proposals by Oct. 15 to lessen the impact on telephone users.

Rates are not expected to rise so dramatically that rural Nevada customers no longer will be able to afford a phone, said Michael Pitlock, director of regulatory operations for the commission.

"We simply don't think we need one (a statewide fund) now," he said.

The higher rates will replace toll revenues that local companies received from AT&T before courts



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Governor named to tourism panel

CARSON CITY—Gov. Dick Bryan has been named chairman of the National Governors' Association tourism subcommittee by the NGA's incoming chairman, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

"Nevada is the most tourism-dependent state in the country, and Nevada, like all states, benefits tremendously from the steady employment and significant tax revenues generated by the tourism industry," Bryan said.

Nevada's tourism industry employs one-third of the state's total workforce and generated almost \$7 billion last year excluding gaming revenues.

ordered the long-distance carrier to break away from the Bell Telephone System.

Federal regulations allow telephone companies to recover lost toll revenue from their local networks in annual installments through 1993.

At the same time, AT&T has been cutting its long-distance rates, including a 13.8 percent reduction in June.

Some telephone industry authorities claim that net effect of the changes will be an overall lower telephone bill for customers who make a moderate number of long-distance calls.

Before the federal regulations went into effect, Centel had not increased its local rates since 1965.

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