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Resource officer is changing positions

By Jeannine Fearing, Publisher

Contrary to the snide "statements" made in the Oct. 22nd issue of *The Colorado County Citizen* concerning Colorado County Resource Officer Mike Schleider leaving his position, Schleider has been named investigator by Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied.

Those "other newspapers" that reported Schleider leaving were our own publication and *The Banner Press Newspaper*. Both of us use the same "stringer" for the school board coverage, so naturally both papers reported the same thing.

And, as to why Rice CISD thought Schleider was leaving his position, it was because that's what they were told! Do you really think our superintendent would involve board members in a discussion about replacing Schleider with the district's own officer if he hadn't gotten his information from a reliable source?

Knowing Dr. Gott, even as little as I do, I don't think he would involve the board until he was sure it was time. In the *Citizen* report of Schleider still being on duty, Wied said he was accepting applications for two full-time positions. Wied didn't tell the *Citizen* that Schleider had applied for one of the positions like Rice CISD knew he had.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS

Jan. 4, 1973

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Causey of Eagle Lake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Lissie United Methodist Church last Sunday. Many friends came to pay their respects to this couple who have made their home in Eagle Lake and Lissie throughout their years of marriage...

office to take care of your tax needs... On Monday, Jan. 1, County Clerk Lester Schneider administered the oath of office to County Judge Lester J. Crane, re-elected for a new four-year term...

Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Paschall announced the arrival of a baby boy, born at 2:46 a.m. Christmas Day. The proud parents chose the name Clayton Michael. Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Alley of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Alvin Paschall of Altair are the grandparents... Mr. & Mrs. Charles Morgan of Eagle Lake announced the marriage of their daughter, Marilyn, to John T. Schild, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. William Schild of Waller...

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for supporting the youth of Colorado County at the Colorado County Fair Youth Livestock Sale:

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Insurance Commissioner drops 'benchmark' rates

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week lowered benchmark rates for automobile insurance.

The new rates, which become effective Jan. 20, are used as a price-setting guide by state-regulated insurers, who presently cover about 75% of the market. "This is good news for all motorists, especially drivers who buy only the insurance they need to obey the law and those who are concerned about being hit by the large number of drivers who carry no insurance at all," Bomer said.

Under Bomer's order, individual benchmark rates will decrease 19% for bodily injury and 28% for uninsured motorist coverage, but collision coverage will increase 8% and comprehensive coverage by 9%. Insurers are allowed by law to charge up to 30% above or below benchmark, so rate decreases are not guaranteed. It's up to the insurer. Bill Lambe, state program director of Citizens Action, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "Texas consumers will welcome this news of rate reductions with caution, to be sure. They have heard these promises before and failed to see insurers follow through with lower rates." Still, Bomer's order was the first reduction in the benchmark rate since the rating system was created in 1991. Benchmark rates inched up 3% in 1995 and 3.2% in 1996.

HUB Contracts Decrease

Businesses owned by women and minorities got much less state business in 1997 than they did in 1996. Figures compiled by the Texas General Services Commission - the agency that oversees most state contracts - reveal the first decline in contracts since the "Historically Underutilized Business" program was launched seven years ago.

In 1996, state agencies spent \$936 million with 6,311 woman and minority owned businesses, or about 16% of the \$5.8 billion awarded in contracts. In 1997, about 13% of the \$6.1 billion in state contracts - \$784 million - went to 4,474 HUBs.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who battled against attempts to cut the affirmative-action program in the last legislative session, said, "It's amazing



By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

me that in a state the size of Texas, some state agencies are unable to find qualified HUB vendors."

Teacher Standards Vote Set

The State Board of Educator Certification voted in favor of proposed standards requiring teachers to renew their licenses every five years. Certification under the proposal, would require 30 hours of training per year or 150 hours every five years. A final vote on the proposal, which will affect some 250,000 classroom teachers, is scheduled for March. Teacher organizations rallied against the proposal before the vote and convinced the board to tentatively agree to reduce the number of training hours from 200 to 150 every five years.

No Confidence Led To Firing

Texas Lottery Commissioner John Hill said lack of confidence led to the firing of the lottery's executive director Lawrence Littwin two weeks ago.

Hill told the *Houston Chronicle*, "We had just concluded after careful evaluation that we didn't have confidence that he was the right person to lead the agency."

Littwin investigated the lottery operating company, GTECH Corp., to see if improper political contributions were made to legislators.

Littwin said the commission - which includes Harriet Miers of Dallas and Anthony Sadberry of Cypress - fired him because of political intimidation resulting from his investigation.

But Hill, who was not specific about the reason for the commission's lack of confidence in Littwin, said, "It had nothing to do with political issues or political pressures. It didn't have anything to do with him looking at the financial records of legislators. It was our conclusion that he wasn't working out."

The new interim lottery executive (See Highlights, Page 3)

Moore introduces new staff

By Colorado County Attorney John Julian Moore

The last few months have been especially busy ones in the Colorado County Attorney's office as we have undertaken the duties of the District Attorney to go along with all the responsibilities our office was already mandated by the State Constitution and Statutes.

Getting House Bill 3572 passed by the legislature and approved by the governor were just the first steps. We have spent much of the summer setting our budget and assembling a staff of people to handle the extra responsibilities of the office.

I want to take this time to introduce you to the new members of the County Attorney's Office staff.

Many of you may have already met our criminal investigator, Sonya Besch. Ms. Besch was hired the first of Aug. with funds recently made available from the courthouse security fund. Sonya had been working in our office one day a week since the spring of this year as one of three reserve investigators.

Her duties include juvenile investigations, preparation of juvenile docu-

ments and liaison between our office, the juvenile probation department and the Colorado County Re- (See Staff, Page 4)

Corrections

In last week's *Headlight*, we had the picture of Frieda Kubesch with Bernice Heinssohn name underneath it. We're sorry about that, Frieda. We hope to have your article and picture with the right name in soon.

Also, in the story a while back about the St. Mary Centennial we had the photo was courtesy of Betty Leopold. Well, wrong again. Annie Malek Schneider had the only photo in the whole town of Garwood of the old church. Sorry about that Annie, but Betty brought them to us, so...

Thanks to LaJuan Braden for bringing this to our attention.

But, we're not the only ones who mess up. In the Rice FFA story last week, not by any fault of ours, Ryan Henske was left out as an exhibitor. By the way, Ryan exhibited a heifer.

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