

As Colorado County Attorney...

Moore seeks re-election

Incumbent John Julian Moore is seeking re-election as Colorado County Attorney, a position he has held since 1994. "I seek your vote and support based on the record of my accomplishments in office and the improvements achieved in the past five years," Moore said.

Moore has had felony jurisdiction since Sept. 1997. Local law enforcement, citizens, State Rep. Robbie Cook, Senator Ken Armbrister and Commissioners' Court got the ball rolling to change the law to give his office full felony prosecution powers.

Moore gave up his private law practice to become Colorado County's first full-time county attorney with felony prosecution powers.

He graduated from high school in Colorado County and completed his undergraduate studies at Wharton County Junior College and the University of Texas where he received a degree in business. He earned his law degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, where he practiced criminal law for 22 years before returning to Colorado County in 1992.

Since taking office in 1994, Moore states that the case load has more than doubled, producing revenue in fines, costs and fees that rises well above the county's cost of maintaining his office.

"In addition to making the criminal element pay for the county's expense of running the office, I have sent so many sex offenders, burglars, dope and drug dealers and various felons to the penitentiary, that at times I have exceeded the capability of my staff to keep up with the paper work involved," Moore said.

Moore attributes the above accomplishments to the following improvements in operations of the County Attorney's office:

The creation of intake procedures. "These procedures were necessary to assure filing of cases in the proper courts," Moore explains. "My office prosecutes everything from traffic tickets in the four Justice of the Peace courts to capital murders in our two District Courts. In addition, my office represents the state of Texas in child protective cases, mental health matters, asset forfeiture proceedings arising out of criminal activity and all juvenile cases. These intake procedures insure a smooth flow of all our cases to the right court."

The introduction of modern technology. "I had to update operations to prepare for the 21st century," Moore adds. "When I first came to the office there were no automated procedures, no computers and only two telephones. We now use computers to do all word processing, docket control and data storage. Hot checks are quickly and accurately collected for our merchants with a computer program and the aid of a full-time investigator to hut down the scowflaws



trying to cheat our businesses out of their hard-earned monies."

Assembling a competent staff. "I've worked hard to build a competent staff of attorneys, investigators, clerks and secretarial help," Moore says.

"Investigator Davenport is a Master Peace Officer. Investigator Fleming has more than 20 years of experience with the evidence lab at the Houston Police Department. Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling has worked for the county for over 10 years, six of those as public defender. He has amassed a great deal of experience evaluating cases as they are filed in the office.

Upon evaluation, cases are either presented to the grand jury seeking felony indictment or are filed in County Court as misdemeanors. Otherwise, they are rejected as being non-prosecutable.

Assistant County Attorney Carolyn Olsen came to the office after serving as general corporate council to a corporation. She is well versed in civil matters and handles all civil litigation in the office. Mrs. Olsen is responsible for all juvenile matters and also assists me in criminal trials, as does Mr. Fling."

In addition to the above procedural, staff and office technology changes, Moore adds that grand juries now meet monthly. "The County Attorney's investigators assemble the required documents for presentation to the Grand Jury," Moore says. "The investigative staff is available to local law enforcement upon request and often aids agencies in obtaining evidence for their investigations through the use of subpoenas."

He also cites as an improvement the strong stand he has taken against drug and alcohol-related crimes. His office has a "no dismissal" policy on family violence, Moore says, "I have made it a priority to work with law enforcement to optimize our efforts for fair and just prosecution of all crime in the county."

"In addition" Moore adds, "The County Attorney's office utilizes the 2nd 25th Judicial Narcotics Task Force for maximum drug and narcotics interdiction." Moore believes nar-

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District Judge Strauss files for re-election

District Judge Gus Strauss has filed for re-election for his fifth term of the Second 25th District comprised of Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca Counties.

Strauss and his wife, the former Susie Nelson of Columbus, are lifelong residents of the District live in Hallettsville where they are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He is a lector at Sacred Heart and a member of the KC Council 2433.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Center for the Judiciary and is Chairman of the Tri-County Juvenile Board, as Chairman of the Community Justice Council and recently led an effort to bring the CASA program for abused and neglected children into Gonzales, Lavaca and Colorado Counties.

He served as past president of the Yoakum Lions Club, served on the Board of Directors of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, active in Little League both as a sponsor and coach and has been a volunteer football coach. He feels blessed to have been able to serve as Judge the past sixteen and a half years, being able to

be a part of the community of the 25th District and looks forward to another term should the voters elect him again.

During his tenure in office, society and the role of District Judge have changed. Through the efforts of many we have established the Intermediate Sanction Facility in Gonzales, a lock down for non-violent probation violators, and the Juvenile Boot Camp in Eagle Lake. The Judge has become charged with the administration of these and various other programs along with the judicial duties of the

courtroom.

Strauss feels he has fulfilled the

responsibilities in a fair, conservative, common sense manner.





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23 Lives lost during Christmas 'Operation Motorcide' period

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) estimated that as many as 30 people could lose their lives on Texas roadways during the Christmas Operation Motorcide which began at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, and ended midnight Sunday, Dec. 26.

As of 3 p.m., Dec. 27, law enforcement agencies across Texas have reported 23 fatalities to the DPS, seven less than estimated. While this is a final press release for the Christmas holiday, the fatality count may increase if crash victims later succumb to their injuries.

Alcohol use had been a factor or possible factor in at least seven crashes and speed contributed to at least three fatal collisions. Where seat belt usage was a concern, reports indicate nine people died with safety belts on, six people have been killed not wearing safety restraints, and it is unknown whether two were wearing seat belts.

In addition, five pedestrians and one unhelmeted motorcyclist were also killed.

It is estimated that as many as 32 people could lose their lives in automobile crashes during New Year's Operation Motorcide which will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, to midnight, Sunday, Jan. 2. Last year's final fatality count for New Year's was 43.

All available DPS troopers will be patrolling our Texas highways to help insure traffic safety. Troopers will be watching for drunk drivers, speeding, aggressive drivers and safety belt violations.

Stranded or disabled motorists can call the DPS for help at 1-800-525-5555 to have a trooper for other law enforcement officer come to their aid.

Don't become a statistic! Don't Drink and Drive! Buckle everyone securely and drive defensively this New Year's weekend.



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