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To THE EDITOR & YOU

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'What I've read, heard...'

Citizens of Colorado County:
What I have read in the newspapers, have heard on the streets, and at public meetings concerning the proposed Water District disturbs me. I'm not talking about losing water in my well, but the idea of metering it and allowing perfect strangers to trespass on my land to do what they want to do behooves me. My property rights are NOT open to invasion!
Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code explains fully the disadvantages of a Water District—please read it carefully—from your heart not from the lips of those who want to gain control of both our ground and surface water. Keep what is rightfully yours!
I urge you not to vote for some-

thing you do not understand. Get the true facts before going to the polls, and vote accordingly.
Joyce Loessin, Columbus

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Mr. Stein's letter concerning the GCD. His analogy is typical of those who would like to cloud the issue or put scare tactics to those whom may be concerned but not informed on the issues concerning our RIGHTS.

Mr. Stein seems to be the one who may be doing the "twisting" of facts. His analogy of the sheriff's office or

We need to read the fine print...

Dear Editor,

There seems to be a defeatist attitude among many citizens in the county. It's frequently stated, "I don't

particularly like the idea of the groundwater conservation district (GCD), but if we don't vote it in, the State will make us have it."

Now this is partially true, but one needs to read the "fine print".

Before the State can force a GCD on a particular area, they must first prove that area has a critical water shortage and designate the area as a Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA).

By the State's own figures this is not applicable of the Gulf Coast Aquifer where Colorado County is located. So the chance of Colorado County becoming a PGMA is very slim.

If by some drastic happening the

State did declare Colorado County a PGMA and forced us to have a GCD, they are forbidden by the Constitution to impose a property tax on the landowners to support the district.

Therefore by your vote on November 5th you can prevent the establishment of a GCD in Colorado County and stop another layer of government from forcing more taxes out of the property owners. So don't be discouraged. Your vote is very important!

Jerry Fajkus, Columbus

'In response to Mr. Stein's letter'

his deputies being able to come on a CITIZEN'S property with guns and use them on you, a citizen of Texas, is not only false but also ridiculous.

Check your law Mr. Stein. How many times have we read or heard about a criminal being turned loose because his rights were violated because the arresting agency did not get the proper warrant or spell out what they were after and did not comply with the law we all must abide by?

Granted probable cause is a reason and force may be used if the lives of the officers, a victim, or the suspect may be threatening or in danger. But, one does not give up his rights to have a police or sheriff's department. We would not have our Right to capture water if this GCD is voted in, and the GCD would in turn have the right of Eminent Domain to condemn ones property and build pipelines across your property at your expense.

The law we have now prohibits "pumping for wasteful purposes". Causing land subsidence from negligent pumping, slant drilling (trespass). These laws are to protect our rights but it seems that some of our "elected public servants" are trying to sell us out by not only taking our rights, but our future generations' rights. When we lose those rights, do you ever figure to regain them at a later date?

Taxes are going up at an alarming rate. City, county, property, and school taxes have all gone up. This is not to mention the price of living (i.e., insurance, utilities, food, medicine...

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 7, 1978

Cheering the Rice High School Raiders to victory during the 1978-79 school year will be, Stephanie Schneider, Pam Kallina, Brenda Rucka, Kathy Frazar and Lana Mahalitic...

Will F. Tyler, a long-time resident of Eagle Lake, opened Tyler's Barber Shop at 629 McCreary Street...

Mrs. Teresa Spanihel Briscoe received notification Sept. 2 that she had met the legal requirements and was granted her license as a Registered

Nurse in the State of Texas...

Mrs. Charles D. Stephens was honored with a birthday party Sept. 3 in the Draper Stephens' home...

The Raider coaching staff will consist of Mike Rice, Henry Garza, Clifton Darden, Gil Staubaum, Finest Axel and Bruce Brenneman...

Mr. & Mrs. J. Curtis Fling of Garwood announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lori Jan, to Johnny P. Rivera, son of Mr. & Mrs. V.C. Rivera of New Gulf. The couple is planning an Oct. 21 wedding...

The Raider Varsity and JV units will open the 1978 schedule Sept. 8 at home. On the squads are Lester Pettus, Clarence Davis, Robert Frazer, John Schneider, Ernest Fields, Trey Kell, Robert Barrios, Lenard Sims, Lewis Tillman, Roger Fry, Randy Epps, Victor Davis, Tim Woods, David Long, Lionnel Bluntson, Andy Morales, Karl Hurd, Jeff Darden, Joe Vasquez, Johnny Gonzales, Robby Cook, Keith Matcheski, Arthur Rhodes, Michael Black, David Ruiz, Jeff Pesnell, Kenny Hyek, Benjamin Fuentes, Mike Virnau, Madison Smith, Melvin Carter, Mike Rios, Henry Rodriguez, Jimmy Holt, Keith Sommerlatte, Frankie Becak and Russell Johnson.

Sept. 9, 1954

Joe Lee McCreary sold his interest in Eagle Lake Furniture Company to his partner Jack Grieves...

R.F. Spanihel and son, L.J. Spanihel, purchased the Nathan Building, housing their dry goods from Ralph Nathan of El Paso...

Young Dennis Cole, six-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Cole of Sheridan, is seriously ill with polio in Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston. Two Eagle Lake polio patients stricken week before last, Mrs. Earl Rodgers Jr. and Raymond Russell Thomas Jr., are both reportedly to be getting along nicely...

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Thomas announced the opening of Thomas Food Market in Lissie Sept. 11th...

1138 attended Eagle Lake schools on first day...

Blue Bonnet rice brings high bid of \$8.27 here last Friday...

Sgt. Burton Arnold now in Korea...

Pvt. & Mrs. Jerry Gibson are parents of baby daughter, born Sept. 4th. Susan Lynn is her name...

The Garden Club heard District Governor Mrs. C.D. Bergstrom at tea honoring new president, Mrs. A.R. Klockman...

Evelyn Zahradnick was honored on her birthday by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. David Zahradnick, and sister, Dorothy...

Cake, ice cream and prizes make party honoring Eddie Hahn on her seventh birthday a success...

Rotarians heard a discussion on Africa from South Rodesian Tony Fitt, who is presently enrolled at East Texas

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