

# Glueck to run for Groundwater Board

I, Charles F. Glueck of the Bernardo Community/Eagle Lake area, am announcing my candidacy for Place 4 on the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors.

I am for protecting and respecting individual freedom.

I am for protecting property rights which includes protecting groundwater levels for the present and future.

I am for fiscal responsibility in running the GCD.

As a lifetime resident of this county with children and grandchildren living here, I think the time has come for all of us to do some soul searching and ask ourselves just **how sure** are we that we will have water for future generations.

Information on how our groundwater levels respond to usage is the key to that assurance.

The first order of business of the GCD, if voted in, is establishing accurate and verifiable data as to how groundwater usage is impacting groundwater levels through varying conditions of recharge (i.e. drought). This period of gathering data is estimated to take at least five years. With

this data the GCD can determine whether the recharge is keeping up with usage.

The GCD will then address that determination in a Management Plan. Only if the recharge is not keeping up with usage will the GCD have to implement measures to bring them back into balance. "O Foul!" some say. But, who among you would disagree that we must keep our groundwater supply at a sustainable level for all the generations to come? What is the alternative? Pulling together and considering the interests of all the citizens of the county, we should be able to come up with a plan we can all live with. Water is critically important... we can't live without it.

I urge you to vote to create the GCD. I also urge you to vote FOR funding the GCD.

I give you my assurance that the GCD will be run as lean as possible and yet carry out its responsibility to the citizens of the county. Without proper funding, the establishing of accurate and verifiable data would be jeopardized.

Please vote on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Quiet signals coming legislative budget 'storm'

The approach of a violent wind and rain storm is usually signaled by thunder. But a lot of quiet, behind-the-scenes activity in Austin and at colleges and universities across the state is signaling the coming legislative budget storm.

State agencies and higher education institutions are quietly doing a lot of what-if planning in anticipation of significant funding cuts.

The scenarios are not pretty.

For some, the ongoing planning translates into major job uncertainty. One university professor, for instance, recently got the word that classes in his area could be cut by as much as half next spring. That, of course, would negate the need for his professional services.

Interestingly enough, so far this year, the number of jobs is up, despite the economy.

Overall, Texas has about 25,000 more people drawing paychecks this year than last.

### Election countdown...

The final election countdown is beginning. Early voting started Monday, (Oct. 21).

The buzz is that Republican incumbent Gov. Rick Perry is about 10 points ahead of Democrat challenger Tony Sanchez. As usual, the buzz on the private polling has the race closer.

Either way the campaign signs for the gubernatorial candidates and all the other races still are as common as rain lilies after a gully washer. The signs are predictable, as is a last minute TV blitz by the major candidates.

### Perry's spokeswoman added to suit...

An attorney for former Lottery Commission director Linda Cloud has included Perry campaign spokeswoman Kathy Walt in Cloud's slander and defamation lawsuit.

Cloud, who resigned from the commission Sept. 26 over a flap concerning statements she made to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, had previously sued Perry campaign spokesman Ray Sullivan and state spokesman Gene Acuna.

Meanwhile, Cloud was hospitalized the weekend of Oct. 12 for treatment of a blood clot on her brain. Her lawyer said she was recovering satisfactorily.

### It's a bird, it's...

A Department of Public Safety

## Players

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to it that everyone has whatever prop he or she needs at the exact moment it's needed.

Melvin Schmitt lends his experience as Lighting Supervisor while **Brian Stephens** is making his usual contribution as the Sound Consultant.

**Donna Gertson** is in charge of hair and makeup while **Ken Craig** works on stage construction. Tickets are under the direction of **Helen Craig**.

This year, **Patty Stephens** will be the musician, and **Joe Wendel** is taking care of publicity.

Finally, three very important young people (**Shawn Politsch**, **Christopher Politsch** and **Shelly Myres**) are members of the House Staff.

Mark Nov. 15 and 16 on your calendar and plan to see the comedy.

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Department has teamed with the Prairie Edge Players to make this dinner theatre production a most memorable occasion. Tickets are available from any Prairie Edge Museum board member or any member of the cast or crew.

A reminder that once a ticket is purchased, it must be taken to Wallis State Bank to select a table for seating.

## State Capitol Highlights



By Mike Cox  
Texas Press Association

helicopter. For the first time, the DPS has stationed a helicopter in McAllen to serve the Rio Grande Valley. Purchased with seized drug money, the \$1.7 million helicopter comes with a powerful spotlight, video camera and thermal-imaging device used in locating heat sources such as missing children or fleeing fugitives.

### Bad year for fires...

The State Fire Marshal's Office reports that fire deaths in Texas increased 23% in 2000 compared to the year before. One hundred forty-three Texans died in fires in 2000, the latest year statistics are available. Three-fourth of those deaths occur in the victim's residence.

Two smart things you can do to keep from becoming a statistic include installing and maintaining smoke detectors and having a fire escape plan that features at least two ways to get out of any room in your house.

### New homeland security site...

The state has a new homeland security web site up and running: [www.texasomelandsecurity.com](http://www.texasomelandsecurity.com). The site has all the security-related Internet resources currently available, from the nation's present security level to information on health matters.

### Digging the past...

In honor of those who dig the past, literally, Oct. is Texas Archeology Awareness Month. The Texas Historical Commission's Archeology Division has produced a brochure listing all scheduled activities available through its web site [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or by calling 512-463-6096.

## Misunderstood

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Mr. Barlow, when I compared the GCD to the police, I was using an analogy. This is a common technique. Here is the logic behind it. You and others exaggerate the authority of GCDs. I exaggerated the authority of the sheriff's office.

You are right to characterize my exaggerations as ridiculous. They were meant to be ridiculous. I was pointing out that your fear that a GCD will sell your water or will condemn your land is also ridiculous. The GCD will not own any water, therefore, it cannot sell it. **No GCD has ever pursued the condemnation of property.**

You are wrong to say that my statement that the police can shoot you is false. They shoot people all the time. However, as you seem to know, the police need a good reason to shoot you. What you apparently insist on remaining stubbornly ignorant about is that a GCD needs an equally good reason to condemn your land. That was the point of the analogy.

At the end of the letter, you question my motives for supporting the district. Here is why I support it. Right now, landowners or leaseholders can extract as much groundwater as their well can produce. A GCD can limit the amount they take. I think they should be limited, because I know that the supply of groundwater is limited. I certainly will not profit financially from the creation of a district. I will profit though, if it saves my water from the vultures who are coming our way.

Bill Stein, Columbus

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