

Don't let kings, queens of negativity rule your lives

To the Editor:

Building an Empire. Now really.

What I thought I was doing was taking a shot at the Empire of the Fourth Estate. Andy Caldwell states our founding fathers did not envision the fourth branch of government.

He further states there is not constitutional remedy to check its power. He feels we are all at the mercy of these non-elected bureaucrats. So do I.

Many of the people who lost in the last local elections for either elected positions or failed causes, turned right around and got themselves appointed to advisory boards and a whole host of committees and groups.

They continue to echo the same message. Whatever you want, the answer is, 'No.' I just thought I would throw a 'Yes' into the sea of negativity.

A will-serve from NCS D will not allow you to build much before about 2003 anyway. To me, this is the real empire. The Empire of Negativity. Who the king and queen is, I have not yet figured out. But, they are out there.

Examples: No you can't run your power plants at full power, or build a new one. Yes, you can pay higher utility bills. No to new roads, but buy more cars. No to using your property. Yes to keep paying higher property and gas taxes. No to farming. Yes to frogs and salamanders. The list goes on and on and on.

Deceit about water rates and the high school's water — not hardly. Water rate increases to provide for replacement costs were the subject on many public meetings prior to the election.

The high school is now getting water for construction and will continue to receive water. Some engineering and policy issues still need to be resolved.

Do I disagree with Mr. (Doug) Jones? Yes, and on more than one issue. I was the sole voice against AB 3030. A water management plan that I felt would hurt people on wells outside the district. Nipomo from the freeway to the ocean is about 32,000 acres. We get an average rainfall of 1.4 feet or 16-plus inches per year. That is about 45,000 acre feet of water that falls in Nipomo. Add to this the runoff from our watershed (east of the freeway) and Twitchell Dam recharge and all of NCS D's sewer recharge.

In '91-'92, my well was failing. Wells on Callender road were down four inches or less. Some areas of the mesa are better water areas than others, but I personally do not believe we are in a dangerous overdraft situation. I never have.

Look at what I have stated and written in the past.

Over time, more flows in then is pumped out. If we use recharge from the Five Cities area and Tosco's 2000-plus acre feet that goes to the ocean yearly, we can make our balance even better.

We need positive planning, to negative procrastination. Our population increase by 40 to 50 percent in the next 15 to 20 years is forecasted by the state. A no, no, no approach is not going to handle it. Neither is yes, yes, yes.

We will need more balanced housing or the poor, young people, and seniors on fixed incomes will be forced out of our community. I know I do not have all the answers either, but the 'no' road we have been going down has been one way towards a dead-end.

The \$10 billion bail-out for the utilities is just the tip of the iceberg. Everything we buy and use is going to go up and be affected. Other states are asking our businesses and jobs to move. If your job goes to Nevada, are you going to say no, no, no, or yes, yes, yes?

A community needs to grow by about 5 percent a year to allow its young people to stay and its businesses flourish. We are not doing that. We are slowly becoming a sort of Sun City with only older retired people moving in and bright, young people moving out.

My idea in the last article was only to stir up some thought. I would like to see more of the silent majority show up at these meetings and get involved. Until you do, you will remain at the mercy of the Fourth Estate of Government and the kings and queens of negativity will continue to rule your life.

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