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Los Banos man arrested after reportedly lunging at judge

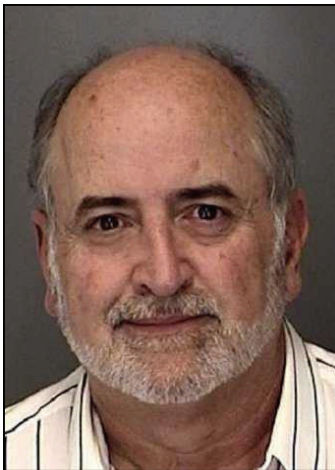
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Los Banos resident and publisher of the Badger Flats Gazette, Eugene Forte, was arrested after lunging at a judge during a civil case in Merced County Superior Court on Tuesday morning, a Merced County Sheriff's Department spokesman said.

In an e-mail, Deputy Tom MacKenzie said Forte started arguing with a pro-tem judge who was hearing Forte's civil case in Merced.

"He was late for the appearance, so they continued it and he got mad," MacKenzie stated.

In the e-mail MacKenzie said that Forte kept yelling at the judge, "wanting him arrested for obstruction of justice."



The confrontation went on for some time.

"After 45 minutes of trying to calm him down, the deputies had to arrest him when he lunged at the pro-tem," MacKenzie wrote.

According to MacKenzie, Forte also blocked the doors several times, refusing to let anyone in or out of the courtroom.

Forte was arrested on suspicion of assault, obstruction of justice, resisting arrest, preventing witnesses from testifying and disturbing the peace. Forte is free on \$100,000 bond, a Merced County Jail spokeswoman said.

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Fig. 1—Same article printed in the Los Banos Enterprise on February 27, 2009, but entitled, "Local Man Gets Arrested in Merced, Man posted bail same day as arrest." Compare news article to the email from Mackenzie (Pg. 12). Note: No mention in article case could not be heard in Merced County. Why?

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...and eye-witness to Mayor Tommy Jones saying he knew for a fact that I was a dangerous member of the Ku Klux Klan.



In memoriam, there will be a dinner setting for Dr. Carl A. Galloway, who has a special message for Dan Rather/60 Minutes which is "Up Yours!"



Gino & Carl

The Badger Flats Gazette is hoping to have a eat and run appearance by the one and only Mr. Red, White and Blue Mr. Corky Sherwood.....



.....and perhaps those angelic voiced bee charmers, Mr. Gene and Christine Brandi.

It should be a very provocative evening.

I want to sincerely thank the OLF Parents Club, Ms. Connie McGhee, and all others that have helped in putting together such a wonderful and important event for our children's school. **THE END**

ABOUT THE PICTURES

The pictures are embedded within actual letters in the Badger to get your mind to think about what you are reading.

We play subtle tricks with your mind. Not every picture is a slam dunk...I know what it is.... or what it means. As they say, pictures are worth a 1,000 words and certainly different things to each person. If any of them offend you, well.....I'm sure there is someone that it does not. Therefore, have fun and enjoy the fruits of our labors that we consider our art.

—Gene, Eileen & Redd

