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"The Truth"

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FOREWORD DONE BACKWARDS

Preface: During the writing of this Badger, a close relative of mine, Mr. Tony Cozzi, passed away on May 27th, 2007, and I needed to make some last minute adjustments to permit space for a special tribute to him. Therefore, if some article appears to be left hanging in mid air, please bear with me. I will follow up in the next edition.

As my regular readers know, when I start writing the Badger, it takes on a life of its own. Somewhat like a narrative afterthought, I try to explain in my forward done backwards what trails this Badger went down and what you might see along the way.

In this issue, you are going to learn about what "journalists are suppose to do" according to the Code of Ethics of The Society of Professional Journalists. I interspersed some of the codes into my commentary about The Los Banos Enterprise's article, "1\$ Million claim filed against City of Los Banos/Mayor Jones." You will find my reasons why I say it is

(FOREWORD, see page 12)



THANKS FOR THE MATCH!

Commentary
by Gene Forte

Just about anyone you talk with that is not a public official says our government is corrupt. In fact, many public officials will admit the same and then add hurriedly, "but there is nothing I can do about it." People say our country has gone to hell in a hand basket, and you can't trust what you read in the newspapers. When asked what proof they have, they look at you with a blank stare with no response.

Or, they say something ridiculous like "I read it in the newspaper recently.....". People are so brainwashed that they forget that they already stated you can't trust what you read in the newspaper! Before I move off of brainwashing, I want to break the image of The Los Banos Enterprise as being a small town newspaper run by Mr. Gene Lieb.

(THANKS, see page 11)



MCCLATCHY GANG RIDES AGAIN!

FOR THE GOOD OL' BOYS

by Gene Forte

"This Badger is Dedicated to my cousin Tony Cozzi"



Preface: There are two facts you must be aware of: 1) McClatchy Newspapers owns the Los Banos Enterprise, and 2) McClatchy Newspapers is currently a defendant in the lawsuit of Forte v. Knight Ridder in federal court by myself. See Fig. 1, pg 2.

There are a number of ways that I can prove to a reasonable person The Los Banos Enterprise is pulled the wool over your eyes in their front page article of May 18th, 2007, "\$1 million claim filed against mayor, city", allegedly written by Ms. Minerva Perez. It may be hard to imagine, but the least effective method would be paragraph by paragraph. The overall continuity of their propaganda, (see Fig. 2, pg. 2 for definition), would be lost.



Digging For The Truth

Remember, propaganda is a well-honed communication trick.

For propaganda to be effective, half-truths need to be mixed into the story along with truths.

A four-sentence paragraph may contain three sentences of true statements tricking you into believing the fourth sentence, which is not true to lead you in the wrong direction.

Discreet omission of facts, statements left hanging in mid air, obvious questions not asked of potential witnesses, and the misquoting of statements were some of the propaganda techniques used by the authors.

I am going to jump around through the article to establish that the overall propaganda theme was to direct the attention away from Mayor Jones' slanderous comment with what is called "positioning statements" to give the impression that:

1. Mayor Jones did not have any conversation with me *at all* at the parade.

2. My African American friend and I just made the whole incident up.
3. There were no witnesses at the parade that can verify that a conversation took place between Mayor Jones and myself.
4. Mayor Jones is a good Christian that respects everyone.
5. I am angry because Mayor Jones will not interview with me for The Badger.
6. The Badger Flats Gazette *is only* a self-published newspaper and not important.
7. Mayor Jones has not said he believes I am a dangerous member of the KKK, or not.
8. I could be a member of the Ku Klux Klan.
9. The Ku Klux Klan would accept a person that is married to a non-white, has non-white children, fraternizes with non-whites, and is a Catholic.
10. I am only suing to get money for my children with a phony sounding excuse that I am doing it for my country.
11. Mayor Jones had been proven innocent of being arrested for having a bag of narcotics in his possession because:
 - a. There were no fingerprints on the bag of narcotics to prove it was his.
 - b. The DA did not prosecute the case due to insufficient evidence.
 - c. Jones sued the city for false arrest and received an out of court settlement of \$75,000.
 - d. Jones was re-elected as City Councilman and then elected as Mayor.
12. I refused to tell my side of the story and only gave The Enterprise a number of issues of The Badger Flats Gazette.
13. The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Company is a neutral reporter.
14. The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers doesn't have any axe to grind one way or the other.
15. Ms. Minerva Perez wrote the article with no input from the attorneys of McClatchy Newspapers that owns The Los Banos

(MCCLATCHY GANG, see page 2)

(MCCLATCHY GANG, from page 1) Enterprise.



I suggest you get a copy of The Enterprise and follow along. You should also get a copy of the last Badger Flats Gazette so you can verify for yourself the truthfulness of my statements regarding what The Enterprise did not tell you in order to mislead you.

I am going to intersperse in this edition excerpts of my letter to the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Company demanding that they correct the errors in the article and disclose what they omitted that substantially states "my side of the story".

TRAPPING RATS



On May 10th, 2007, I was contacted by Ms. Minerva Perez, reporter for the Los Banos Enterprise asking for "my side of the story" concerning the \$1,000,000.00 claim I filed against the City of Los Banos/Mayor Tommy Jones. (Note: I want to clarify that I am not calling Ms. Perez a rat at this time by any stretch of the imagination, she just works for some.)

Ms. Perez then came to my house within thirty minutes. At the door, my wife Eileen and I greeted her. I presented her a copy of The Badger Flats Gazette, April-May Issue that contained the articles:

- 1. Mayor Jones viciously states Forte is Dangerous KKK Member.
2. \$1,000,000 Claim filed against Mayor Jones.
3. A Foreword done Backward.
4. Hershey's Kiss Award Recipient, Gene Lieb of the Los Banos Enterprise.
5. Enterprise heading for Deep Space.
6. Preview of The Nut Cracker.

Each article contained my direct statements "telling my side of the story". I also gave Ms. Perez/Mr. Lieb a cover letter with The Badger. (See Fig. 4, pg. 3).

The cover letter states,

(MCCLATCHY GANG, see page 3)

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5 Plaintiff, In Propria Persona

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

11 EUGENE FORTE,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

McClatchy Newspapers, a corporation;

14 Knight Ridder, a corporation;
15 The Monterey Herald, a corporation;
16 McClatchy Newspapers, a corporation;
17 California Attorney General Bill Lockyer;
18 California Office of the Attorney General;
19 Deputy AG Paul Hammerness; Deputy AG
20 James Schiavenza, Deputy AG Tyler Pon;
21 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger;
22 California Chief Justice Ronald George;
23 Monterey County DA Dean Flippo;
24 Monterey County ADA Terry Spitz;
25 Chief Investigator Sue Stryker;
26 Monterey County Counsel Charles McKee;
27 Monterey County Sheriff Michael Kanalakis;
28 Monterey County Judge Robert O'Farrell;
29 Monterey County Judge Stephen Sillman;
30 Lee Cooper, Assigned Retired Judge;
31 Richard Rutledge, an individual; Jayne Speizer,
32 an individual; Royal Calkins, an individual;
33 Virginia Hennessy, an individual; George
34 Sanchez, an individual; Caroline Garcia,
35 an individual; Tony Ridder, an individual;
36 Gordon Yamate, an individual; Craig Smith,
37 an individual; FBI Agent James Burrus;
38 and DOES 1 - 100, incl,

Defendants.

Forte v. Knight Ridder C06-3948RS

Second Amended Complaint

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SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND DEFAMATION

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Fig. 1--Cover Page of the lawsuit Forte v. Knight Ridder, et al filed on Nov. 3, 2006

Propaganda

Propaganda is information. This information has been designed to make people feel a certain way or to believe a certain thing. The information is usually political.

It is hard to tell whether the information is true or false. Very often, the information is confusing and unfair.

The word 'propaganda' comes from Latin. At first, it meant 'ideas to be spread around'. But in First World War, it came to mean 'political ideas that are supposed to be misleading'.

Propaganda is like advertising in some ways. But advertising is usually trying to sell something and propaganda is usually political.

Propaganda is often used during wars. There it can be very useful. It can take the form of posters, TV advertisements, and radio announcements. Sometimes it keeps the people of a country happy - telling them that their country is fighting well and telling them how important it is that the enemy is defeated. Sometimes it tries to begin hatred to the enemy. The information could tell people that the enemy is evil or making them seem not human. Sometimes a government gives propaganda to the enemy - telling them that the war is going badly for them and that they should stop fighting.

When a country is not at war, propaganda can still be used. The government may use propaganda to change what people think about a political situation. A group may try to change the way people act towards an issue.

Propaganda is similar to censorship. While propaganda tries to give people false ideas, censorship tries to stop people from seeing the truth.

Propaganda is also used to win people by tricking them. Some people say that cults use propaganda to get people to join them.

Fig. 2-- Wikipedia's Definition of Propaganda

Shill

A shill is an associate of a person selling goods or services who pretends no association to the seller and assumes the air of an enthusiastic customer. The intention of the shill is, using crowd psychology, to encourage other potential customers unaware of the set-up to purchase said goods or services. Shills are often employed by confidence artists.

The word "shill" is probably related to "shillaber", a word of obscure early 20th century origin with the same meaning.

Shills are illegal in many circumstances and in many jurisdictions because of the frequently fraudulent and damaging character of their actions. However, if a shill does not place uninformed parties at a risk of loss, but merely generates "buzz," the shill's actions may be legal. For example, a person planted in an audience to laugh and applaud when appropriate, see "claque", or to participate in on-stage activities as a "random member of the audience", is a type of legal shill. 'Shill' can also be used pejoratively to describe a critic who appears either all-too-eager to heap glowing praise upon mediocre offerings, or who acts as an apologist for glaring flaws. In this sense, they would be an implicit 'shill' for the industry at large, as their income is tied to its prosperity.



Fig. 3-- From Wikipedia, the online dictionary

Badger Flats Gazette

May 17, 2007

Mr. Gene Lieb
 Ms. Minerva Perez
 McClatchy Newspapers/Los Banos Enterprise
 1253 West "I" Street
 Los Banos, CA 93635

Re: Complaint Against Mayor Tommy Jones/City of Los Banos

Dear Mr. Lieb & Ms. Minerva Perez:

I write this letter to confirm that I received a phone call from your reporter, Ms. Minerva Perez today, May 17th, 2007, at approximately 10:40AM. Ms. Perez informed me that she was doing a story on the complaint I have filed against Mayor Jones and the City of Los Banos and would like to "get my side of the story."

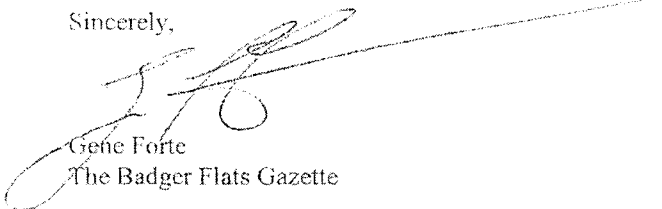
In response to such interview, I am providing to her a copy of The Badger Flats Gazette, which contains "my side of the story" to date, the declaration of Mr. Clinton E. Galloway, and the filed complaint which you were already provided copies of on May 10th, 2007, with your award.

The Badger Flats Gazette is being provided so that your reporter Ms. Perez is aware of my pending litigation against McClatchy Newspapers, parent company of The Los Banos Enterprise, of actively concealing public official corruption.

Other than what is now contained in the articles of The Badger Flats Gazette, surrounding the events of May 5th, 2007, between Mayor Tommy Jones and myself, I have no further comment at this time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Gene Forte
 The Badger Flats Gazette

Fig. 4- Letter to the Los Banos Enterprise's Perez and Lieb telling them to read The Badger given them for Forte's "side of the story."

brethren newspapers don't want you, or anyone else in the public, to know about it. The Federal case was dismissed on April 28th, 2007, not because they have been found innocent, but because Judge James Ware, did not want to take Federal jurisdiction over the case. I now have to re-file it in state court and there has already been an appeal of the decision filed on May 25th, 2007.

The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers' not telling you about the lawsuit proves they are hiding something from you. It is Attila the Hun reporting on the good nature and virtues of the Huns without telling you he's a Hun!



ENDING THE DECEPTION
 DEMAND FOR CORRECTION AND DISCLOSURE OF OMISSIONS

SPJ Code of Ethics: "Be Accountable"

Journalists are accountable to their readers, listeners, viewers and each other.

Journalists should:

- Admit mistakes and correct them promptly.
- Expose unethical practices of journalists and the news media."

After the article The Enterprise printed on May 18th, 2007, I sent them a letter dated May 19th, 2007 outlining their omissions and inaccuracies. See Fig. 5, page 4.

The following is an excerpt of the letter directing their attention to the specific articles concerning the lawsuit against them:

"You intentionally did not inform your readers that McClatchy Newspapers has been a defendant in the Federal lawsuit of Forte vs. Knight Ridder.

(See references in the last issue "Jail Time and Dominoes:

- 'What's Worse?', Pg. 2
- 'Jail Time', Pg. 12
- 'Public Officials Attack with Newspapers', Pg. 14
- 'No way for Los Banosans to Know', Pg. 16
- 'Rule 11 Motion', Pg. 19
- 'Rule 11 Motion', Pg. 20
- 'Herald', Pg. 21-22
- 'Hershey's Kiss Award', Pg. 23-26
- Fig. 18, Pg. 27-28
- 'Heading for Deep Space', Pg. 28
- Fig. 22., Pg. 30

If your readers were made aware of such fact, and the allegations that McClatchy is concealing government corruption, then your readers would need to scrutinize closely anything that you as a minion of McClatchy Newspapers write."

Do you think they just missed reading it? Of course not!



MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS NEVER TOLD YOU THAT I SWORE I WAS NOT KKK

Never once in the article is it disclosed that I have stated under penalty of perjury that I am not, nor have I ever been, a member of the KKK. The reason The Enterprise does not state this is because it gives the impression that just maybe I am, or have been.

(MCCLATCHY GANG, from page 2)



"In response to such interview, I am providing to her (Perez) a copy of The Badger Flats Gazette, **which contains "my side of the story"** to date, the declaration of Mr. Clinton E. Galloway, and the **filed complaint which you were already provided copies of on May 10th, 2007**, with your (Lieb) award."

The cover letter also stated,

"The Badger Flats Gazette is being provided so that your reporter, Ms. Perez, is aware of **my pending litigation against McClatchy Newspapers, parent company of The Los Banos Enterprise, of actively concealing public official corruption.**"

I then thanked Ms. Perez for dropping by, and she responded, "Is that it?" I then said I had no further comment at this time and "my side of the story as requested" is contained within the Badger. I then politely closed the door.

The reason I did not provide Ms. Perez an oral interview was so her bosses could not twist my words to state something I did not say. No doubt this was a major disappointment to Mr. Lieb, and Ms. Erica Craven, attorney for McClatchy Newspapers.

Also, by my providing them The Badger Flats Gazette, which went into great written detail about "my side of the story", there is documented proof of what they knew.

I can now show you what significant facts pertaining to "my side of the story" they

did not tell you and you can figure out for yourself why McClatchy Newspapers was caught in a trap.

ATTILA REPORTING FOR THE HUNS

SPJ Code of Ethics: Journalists should be free of obligation to any interest other than the public's right to know.

Journalists should:

- Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived.
- Disclose unavoidable conflicts.

The most obvious matter that should throw up a red flag for you concerning a feigned neutral position of the article is the fact that McClatchy Newspaper is a defendant in a lawsuit by me. It accuses them of defaming me to conceal government corruption that they are in bed with. Why didn't they tell you that?

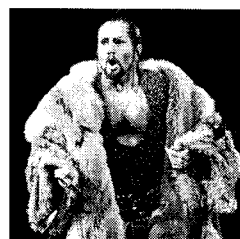
It certainly would be required of them to uphold to what is called the journalistic ethics of newspapers as described by the Society of Professional Journalists. (See Fig. 6, pg. 7)



The Badger has disclosed the litigation at every juncture so that readers would be aware that I do have an axe to grind with these lovely tarantulas. I have written over and over again that they will do anything to conceal the litigation from the public.

The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers just blatantly did it again. Ask yourself, why they are not telling you about it?

The answer is very simple; they and their



(MCCLATCHY GANG, see page 4)

(MCCLATCHY GANG, from pg 3)



It is an omission of a fact that if known to the reader substantiates my reason for being so outraged about Mayor Jones stating for a fact that he knew I was.

The letter of May 19th, 2007, to the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers quoted the statement made in the "Jail Time" issue of the Badger on page 2 which was as follows:

NOT A MEMBER OF THE KKK

I, Eugene Forte, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California on this day of May 8th, 2007 in the County of Merced that I am not, nor have I ever been, a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Eugene Forte

Do you realize how important that is to my side of the story? Of course you do. Did they? Of course they did.



NEVER REPORTED WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE A KKK MEMBER

The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspaper knows full well that the KKK does not only hate African Americans, but also Catholics, and any other person that is not white.

The Los Banos Enterprise wanted you to operate from the premise that what you may not know about the requirements of KKK would not hurt Mayor Jones, but it certainly would hurt my side of the story.

It would be about as possible for me to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan as it would be for you to pass an elephant through the eye of a needle. If Mr. Lieb wants to plead ignorance of such common fact, it still does not work. The Gazette given to Ms. Perez pointed such fact out with a reference to the KKK.com website and their membership requirements.

Excerpt of May 19th, 2007, letter to Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers:

"You omitted from informing your readers that only whites can be members of the Ku Klux Klan and that members cannot be married to non-whites. As an intelligent person should reasonably know such fact. If you would rather claim stupidity, you were informed in The Badger of such fact.

(Badger Flats Gazette, "Jail Time" Issue, Pg. 17, 'What Kind of A Donkey' Reference material www.kkk.com. Pg 18, 'Where's the Cup?').

Such material fact is crucial to supporting the truthfulness of 'my side of the story' as you had requested I provide when coupled with the fact that you were aware that my wife is Chinese American."

Why did The Enterprise/McClatchy omit from telling you such fact? As long as they didn't tell you what the facts were, then you could be led to believe that just maybe I could be a member of the KKK. It helps to defame me and supports Mayor Jones'

Badger Flats Gazette

May 21st, 2007

Mr. Gene Lieb
Ms. Minerva Perez
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1253 West "I" Street
Los Banos, CA 93635

(CERTIFIED MAIL & DELIVERED)

Re: Omissions of Fact/Corrections/Not a Fair and True Report of "my side of the story"

Dear Mr. Lieb & Ms. Perez:

I write this letter to inform you that I have reviewed your article of May 18th, 2007, entitled, "\$1 million claim filed against mayor, city." I direct your attention to the many omission of facts by you, and the main points of my side of the story which you did not disclose. I now demand that you disclose these facts to the public immediately.

Your article was comprised from information you took directly from the one issue (not "issues") of The Badger Flats Gazette, "Apr-May, Jail Time & Dominoes." I informed you it would give you "my side of the story" as requested by your reporter Ms. Minerva Perez for the preparation of the article.

Your article reports, "Forte, who would only provide issues of the Gazette as his comment, wrote that he filed the claim because 'it was the right thing to do for my children and my country's future' ". As you know, I have never stated that was the reason for filing my claim against the City of Los Banos, but notwithstanding such fact, you intentionally mis-attributed a direct quote of mine concerning a different matter in order to make the public believe that I did.

The purpose of you doing this was to give the impression that I was seeking money for my children. You set the stage for such impression and misrepresentation of my position in the reader's mind by the fifth paragraph of the article. The quote you deliberately misapplied was taken out of context from, Pg 14, "Not a Laughing Matter" which read:

"For the past few years, I paid the price (and continue to do so) for having caught some corrupt public officials, judicial officers, and newspapers involved in the obstruction of justice. The price has been having to defend, alone, an attack upon my good name that has caused me to put aside my professional career and forego my family's financial security. I suffered a heart attack in the courtroom and underwent open-heart surgery.

All has been done because I know it is the right thing to do for my children and my country's future."

As you know, and as anyone can see, the phrase "all has been done" referred to my **having caught some**

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Fig. 5—Page 1 of 4 of Letter to Los Banos Enterprise.

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vicious statement.



MY WIFE IS CHINESE!

Nowhere in the Enterprise's article are you told in their reporting "my side of the story" that my wife of 19 years is Chinese American. It was a major point I made continually through The Badger, which I gave them. There was even a wedding picture of my Chinese wife and my African American best man.

Excerpt of May 19th, 2007, letter to Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers:

"You intentionally omitted from informing your readers that my wife is Chinese American and you knew such fact from The Badger Flats Gazette you were provided.

(Badger Flats Gazette, 'Please Help Me , Help Us, Now!', Pg. 12, 'Not a Laughing Matter', Pg. 14, 'Photo, Chinese American bridesmaid', Pg. 16, 'What Kind of A Donkey?', Pg. 17, 'Sworn Declaration of Galloway', Pg. 17, 'Where's the Cup?', Pg. 18.)

You did not inform your readers of such material fact of 'my side of the story' that establishes the reason as to why I could not be a member of the Ku Klux Klan."

The propaganda by omission of facts to malign me was in two phases on this point.

First, they had to intentionally omit from telling readers that to be member of the KKK a person cannot be married to a Chinese American.

Second, for any reader that was aware of the "not married to non white requirement" of the KKK, they had to omit from the article that I was married to a Chinese American.

If either of those two facts were disclosed, their butts along with Mayor Jones would really be sucking canal water.

Frankly, anyone that tries to justify The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers omitting such information as it being just an innocent mistake, or not germane to telling "my side of the story" are either really out of touch, a Mayor Jones groupie, or complicit member of the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers.



MAYOR JONES INCREDULOUS STATEMENT LEFT UNCHALLENGED

A communication technique of propaganda is to allow a statement by the favored party

(MCCLATCHY GANG, see page 8)

HEAVEN WELCOMES BADGER FLAT ICON

A Tribute to Tony Cozzi by Gene Forte

On May 27th, 2007, a cousin of mine, Mr. Tony Cozzi, passed on and became a new resident of heaven. Tony and his young bride Genny would have celebrated their.....well..... I'll let what was written so eloquently by his loving son-in-law, Jim Rydingsword (married to Tony's daughter, Marlene), speak to that below.

I would like to share with you some thoughts as the son of Johnnie Forte, who chose Tony, as his best man to the wedding of his young bride Mabel, my mom.

When I was growing up, my mom and dad always told me to refer to Tony as Uncle Tony and Genny, as Aunt Genny. I remember racing with my friend Dave Daguerre from Our Lady Of Fatima down to their Los Banos Grocery and Meats Market across from the Crest Theater. Tony made sure I gobbled down enough cupcakes and candy bars to keep me going. I am sure I have more than a few still stored in my fat somewhere today.

As I grew older I used to carry my accordion from the old Odd Fellows Hall and store it behind his meat counter, and Tony and Genny used to let me bend their ears with what I am sure with plenty of sour notes.

Tony was special fella and I would say an icon to Badger Flats where I also was raised. He would always tell you what he thought of you, or what he didn't think of you as the case may be. Tony was always quick to give you a look like he thought you were crazy if you said something stupid, or a wink and a grin if he thought you were right.

I know that Tony will be missed, and

never forgotten by loving wife Genny and his daughters Marlene Rydingsword, married to Mr. Jim Rydingsword, and Ms. Toni Nelson, married to Malcolm Nelson and of course all of his grandchildren.

I wish Tony much happiness as he now returns to a place absent of pain. We should all be so lucky, and I believe we will if we follow the path Tony rode.

Tony's part of heaven is full of sprig with wings set gliding in low. There are pheasants jumping from cut cotton cut low setting the perfect shot and he always has a tag. There will never be a buck that is not legal.

I have no doubt that the God Tony respected on this earth will make sure his ammo pouch is always full. Tony's gunny sack wrapped canteen will always be wet, and the water within cold and crisp. Tony will never be thirsty.

You know, I can see, as I did when I was just a little Badger down the road on a hot summer night.....the lights of trucks and jeeps surrounding the roping pen behind his mom and dad's house. The wind used to carry the yelps of ridem' and rope'm from the clans of Badger Flat.

Right at this moment while I type I even hear Tony's voice yelling the loudest.

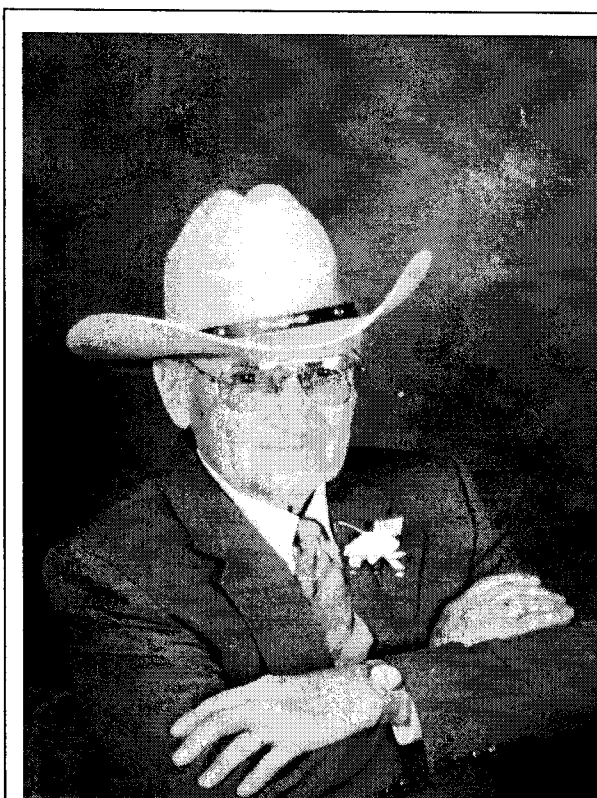
Tony is the newest resident being welcomed by some old and dear friends who have been patiently waiting for him in a place I like to think of as.....Badger Flat Heaven.

I'll be seeing you later Uncle Tony!

(FAMILY TREE, see page 6)



Tony and Genny's 25th Wedding



By Jim Rydingsword

As a native of Los Banos Tony Cozzi was steeped in Italian heritage. His early life on the farm in Badger Flat instilled a work ethic and a philosophy of life that helped to mold his independent spirit.

He excelled in school, both in academics and athletics, but always put his family chores first. As he approached his own independence he met a young woman

in Gustine and on June 25, 1939 Tony joined Genevieve (Genny) Sproviero in marriage. Together, the two of them embarked on a life that spanned almost sixty-eight years and produced a lasting legacy in Los Banos.

Their home in Los Banos became a gathering place of friendship, food and conversation for more than sixty-five years. Seldom did a day pass when you would not encounter friends and family sitting around the kitchen table. And, seldom did a Sunday pass without the gathering of the Cozzi clan over Sunday supper. To this day, the Cozzi home is a welcome repast in Los Banos.

For over twenty-seven years Tony and Genny worked together as the owners of Los Banos Grocery and Meats. During that time, Tony was active in the community as a volunteer member of the Los Banos Fire Department and one of the founders of the Los Banos Sherriff's Posse. He was a member of the Natives Sons of California and actively involved in the Los Banos Golden Agers, both as a member and adding his Italian cooking skills to the kitchen. After closing his business he spent the remainder of his career with the Roads Department of Merced County. Along the way he never gave up his love of the butcher shop and, even to this day, people travel hundreds of miles to sample the unique flavors of his home-made Italian sausage.

His crowning achievement in life was his family. His pride in his two daughters, Marlene and Toni was known to all. Marlene and Toni

blessed Tony and Genny with seven grandchildren, seventeen great grand-children, and three great-great grand-children. It is hard to envision Tony without seeing pride well up in his eyes as he shared his personal passion of life with his daughters and the ensuing three generations of the Cozzi clan. If a man is measured by his ability to instill a strong work ethic and an independent philosophy into the generations that follow him, Tony was the model for those who knew him. In particular, his family always knew they would find energy, purpose, strength, and wisdom in every moment they spent with their father and "Grandpa". He never failed them and expected as much in return. It was his lesson for the generations.

On Sunday, May 27, 2007 Tony's life moved on. He said good bye to his family and friends. As was his spirit he did not go gently into the night, but remained vigorously engaged in life to the end. And, while the life of Tony has moved on, his spirit will remain in the generations that arose from his lifelong love shared with Genny.

This article was written in loving memory by Jim Rydingsword of Corvallis, Oregon. Jim joined the Cozzi Clan in 1994 through marriage to Tony's oldest daughter, Marlene. His memories come from numerous times at the table of Tony and Genny Cozzi.

THE END

FAMILY TREE

Brief Family Tree To Get You Started:

Tony Cozzi was son to Dominic and Mary Cozzi and brother to Art (married to Ludie) and Howard (married to Alvina) who I always remember worked for The California Cheese Co. Tony had two sisters, Rosie (Cozzi) Mussotto and Jessie (Cozzi) Cavalla, who now reside in Merced.

Tony's father Dominic was brother to Joseph, Bernard, Danny, and Sicily Cozzi and his sisters were Mary (Cozzi) Ferro (mother of Willie Ferro), Angie (Cozzie) Sousa (mother of Edna) and Rosie (Cozzi) Forte (mother of Johnnie Forte, my dad).

The Cozzi Family at one time all lived in the house on the corner of Badger Flat and Henry Miller Road down from the Old Monroe school house. As the Cozzi boys and sisters married and left the house (except for the bachelor Joe Cozzi), they bought property on Wilson Road, Monroe Road, and what is known as China Camp.

Many days were spent at the old homestead killing pigs, making sausages, and blood pies under Tony's watchful eye. Easter pies were cooked in the old Dutch oven for days.

Old Time Badger Flats Locals: The other names that I can now remember connected to Badger Flat area were those of Pisano, LaGrutta, Fonseca, Gallichio, Cardoza, Baffunno, Ohlendick, Forte, Ferro, Latronica, Leonard, Bove, Montemurro, Sarbo, Rocha, Vierra, Argentierie, Rodriquez, Negra, Valentine, Germino and Lewis.

NOTE: If I left anybody out, it wasn't intentional. I also want to give a special thanks to Mr. Eddie Gallichio for assisting with the names and whose memory is as good as it was when he was a little younger Badger pup.

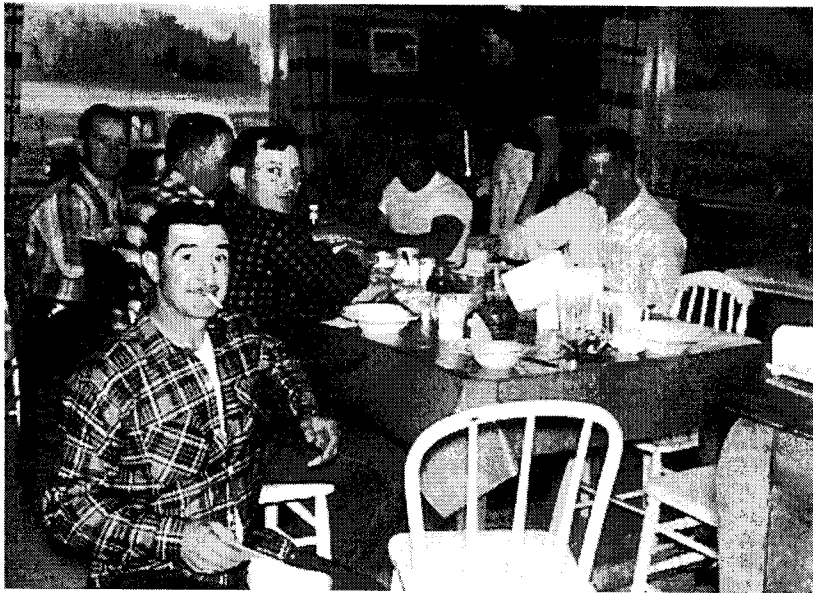
THE END



Proud Daddy of little Toni and Marlene



Uncle Bernard Cozzi and the Boys waiting for Tony.



Brother Art Cozzi and some of Tony's other hunting buddies.



So what's for dinner?



Marlene looks the same today, doesn't she?



Is that Tony in the back left? Johnnie Forte got a beer.

Light A Luminaria For Tony Cozzi (See pg. 7)



Isn't that Tony with one of his hats? You know he is around camp somewhere. Johnnie Forte is walking toward him in the white tee-shirt.



Was Tony taking the picture of Brother Art?



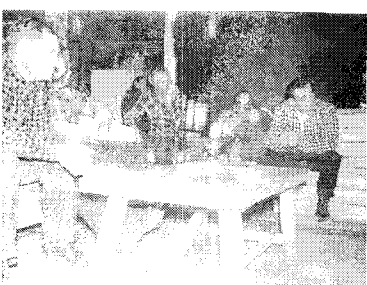
Uncle Bernard Cozzi still waiting but the jug is getting a little low. I bet you Tony will recognize these folks!



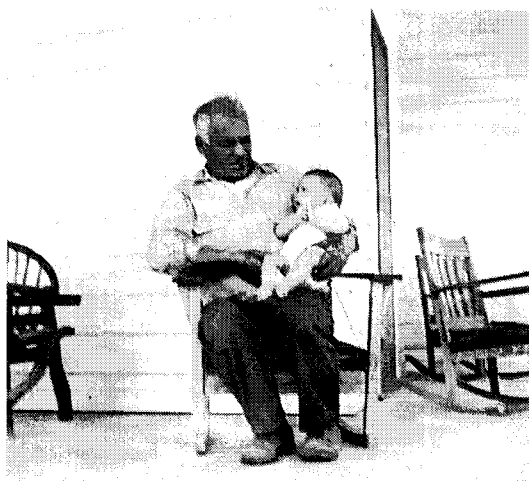
I think this is the Pedro Azul deer club.



Tony making sure it's done right.



Brother Art & Cousin Johnnie Forte

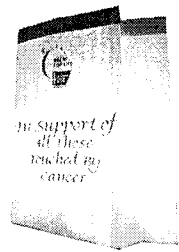


The Bachelor, my great-uncle Joe Cozzi holding the baby Badger (circa 1952). You know he held his nephew Tony too!



No doubt Tony spent some hot days working with his Cozzi uncles.

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
RELAY FOR LIFE
JUNE 2ND-JUNE 3RD**



**Do it in
Memory of Tony Cozzi
or any other loved one
of yours.**

by Gene Forte

I am the chairman this year for Our Lady Of Fatima School's participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life being held Saturday, June 2nd, 9:00am-June 3rd, 9:00AM. What this means is that I am required to put "the bite on you" for a very good cause, and you get to see my impression of a zombie while I try to stay up for 24 hours at the football stadium.

Tony graciously timed his

departure impeccably to permit all of you to commemorate him in a very special way.

Please, I urge all of you that would like to help fight cancer in Memory of Tony Cozzi, or any other person you know who fell victim to, or battling cancer now. Make a suggested donation of \$10.00 for the purchase of a luminaria. It will be lit at 8:00 pm on Saturday, during the 24-hour marathon at the Los Banos Tiger's Football stadium this weekend.

The luminaria will include, as example, "Memory of Tony Cozzi," written on it indicating the dedication from you, or for those who have survived, "In Honor of _____".

There is no time to waste to take action. The 24-hour marathon reminds us that cancer never sleeps.

Call (209) 829-1116 so we can fill out the paperwork, and of course get your money. **THERE IS NO TIME TO**

WASTE, PLEASE CALL NOW.

For any of you night owls, or those with kids and grand kids, great grand kids, etc. that have the energy, Our Lady of Fatima is hosting between 3:00AM-3:30AM "Angel's Flight" a walk around the track. If you're up please stop by, or send your friends down to me at the OLF tent at the stadium.

I'll have plenty of coffee and you can help prop me up.
Thank you.

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Society of Professional Journalists
(Excerpts from the Code of Ethics)

Preamble

Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. The duty of the journalist is to further those ends by seeking truth and providing a fair and comprehensive account of events and issues. Conscientious journalists from all media and specialties strive to serve the public with thoroughness and honesty. Professional integrity is the cornerstone of a journalist's credibility. Members of the Society share a dedication to ethical behavior and adopt this code to declare the Society's principles and standards of practice.

Seek Truth and Report It

Journalists should be honest, fair and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information.

Journalists should:

- Test the accuracy of information from all sources and exercise care to avoid inadvertent error. Deliberate distortion is never permissible.
- Make certain that headlines, news teases and promotional material, photos, video, audio, graphics, sound bites and quotations do not misrepresent. They should not oversimplify or highlight incidents out of context.
- Distinguish between advocacy and news reporting. Analysis and commentary should be labeled and not misrepresent fact or context.
- Recognize a special obligation to ensure that the public's business is conducted in the open and that government records are open to inspection.

Minimize Harm

Ethical journalists treat sources, subjects and colleagues as human beings deserving of respect.

Journalists should:

- Show compassion for those who may be affected adversely

by news coverage.

Recognize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than do public officials and others who seek power, influence or attention.

Act Independently

Journalists should be free of obligation to any interest other than the public's right to know.

Journalists should:

- Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived.
- Disclose unavoidable conflicts.
- Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable.
- Deny favored treatment to advertisers and special interests and resist their pressure to influence news coverage.

Be Accountable

Journalists are accountable to their readers, listeners, viewers and each other.

Journalists should:

- Clarify and explain news coverage and invite dialogue with the public over journalistic conduct.
- Encourage the public to voice grievances against the news media.
- Admit mistakes and correct them promptly.
- Expose unethical practices of journalists and the news media.
- Abide by the same high standards to which they hold others.

The SPJ Code of Ethics is voluntarily embraced by thousands of writers, editors and other news professionals. The present version of the code was adopted by the 1996 SPJ National Convention, after months of study and debate among the Society's members.

Fig. 6 - Excerpt from the Code of Ethics from the Society of Professional Journalists

corrupt public officials, judicial officers, and newspapers (your parent company McClatchy Newspapers) involved in the obstruction of justice.

Another reason why you misrepresented what the quote referred to was because you did not want to bring attention to the fact that McClatchy Newspapers has been sued by me for not only concealing public official corruption but for actually being involved in obstructing justice with corrupt government officials.

The Badger issue also points out that your attorney, Ms. Erica Craven, was about to have her tongue nailed to the floor in the Federal Court case of Forte vs. McClatchy Newspapers, et al. for cutting and pasting quotes to intentionally misstate evidence. See "Preview of the Nut Cracker", pg. 18. I am sure that you have had the dubious honor of having her guide your pen as you wrote the article. Rest assured she is going to be copied this letter also so she can have her neck kept in the same proverbial noose that yours is now in.

Some of the other material omissions of fact that you *intentionally left out* from your article in order to malign me and mislead the public are as follows:

1. You omitted from informing your readers that I stated under penalty of perjury that "I am not, nor have I ever been a member of the Ku Klux Klan". (Badger Flats Gazette, Pg. 2, Highlighted box). ***My statement is material to "my side of the story" as you had requested I provide. No where in the article is my direct denial of being a member of the KKK.***
2. You omitted from informing your readers that only whites can be members of the Ku Klux Klan and that members cannot be married to non-whites. As an intelligent person you should reasonably know such fact. If you would rather claim stupidity, you were informed in The Badger of such fact. (Badger Flats Gazette, Pg. 17, "What Kind of A Donkey" Reference material www.kkk.com, Pg 18, "Where's the Cup?"). ***Such material fact is crucial to supporting the truthfulness of "my side of the story" as you had requested I provide when coupled with the fact that you were aware that my wife is Chinese American.***
3. You intentionally omitted from informing your readers that my wife is Chinese American and you knew such fact from The Badger Flats Gazette you were provided. (Badger Flats Gazette, Pg. 12, "Please Help Me, Help Us, Now!", Pg 14, "Not a Laughing Matter", Pg. 16, "Photo, Chinese American bridesmaid", Pg. 17, "What Kind of A Donkey?", Pg. 17, Sworn Declaration of Galloway", Pg. 18, "Where's the Cup?". ***You did not inform your readers of such material fact of "my side of the story" that establishes the reason as to why I could not be a member of the KKK.***
4. You intentionally did not inform your readers that McClatchy Newspapers is a defendant in the Federal lawsuit of Forte vs. Knight Ridder, McClatchy Newspapers, et al. (Pg. 2, "What's Worse?", Pg. 12, "Jail Time", Pg. 14, "Public Officials Attack with Newspapers", Pg. 16, No way for Los Banosans to Know", Pg. 19, "Rule 11 Motion", Pg. 20, "Rule 11 Motion", Pg. 21 - Pg. 22, "Herald", Pg. 23 -26, "Hershey's Kiss Award", Pg. 27-28, Fig. 18, Pg. 28, Heading for Deep Space", Pg. 30, Fig.22). If your readers were made aware of such fact, and of the allegations that McClatchy is concealing government corruption then your readers would need to scrutinize closely anything that you, as a minion of McClatchy Newspapers, write.

Fig. 5—Page 2 of 4 of letter to Los Banos Enterprise.

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that could be easily verified as being true or not to slide by unchallenged by not asking any questions of those that would reveal the statement to be a lie.

The Los Banos Enterprise reported,

"Jones, who is black, said the allegations are not true. He denies that he talked with Forte during the parade but does acknowledge the two men have a testy relationship and said he tries to avoid Forte",

"I try to be a Christian person and treat everyone with (respect). I just don't talk to him and he is angry that I won't interview with him." Jones said, referring to Forte's self-published publication the Badger Flats Gazette".

When the Enterprise reported this, they knew that information provided to them in The Badger "telling my side of the story" revealed that city council members, Tom Faria, Mike Villalta, Joe Sousa, Anna Ballati, Fire Chief Chet Guintini, Supervisor Jerry O'Banion, and "a lady sitting in the passenger seat of the car carrying Supervisor Jerry O'Banion", were all near where I said the conversation took place between myself and Mayor Jones.

The following are a few excerpts from The Badger given to reporter Perez:

"As with most parades, it didn't start on time. Clinton Galloway, along with my son and all the other parade participants, ended up mulling around for about an hour and a half. During the wait, there was a cavalcade of public officials passing by my car. Even though it's pretty hard to miss a Classic Rolls Royce Convertible, my car and I were oddly invisible to the Los Banos City Council members. I'll talk about this more before the end of this article".



"After about a half an hour of waiting, I noticed Mayor Jones chewing the fat with the female passenger of the car Supervisor O'Banion would be riding in. At first, I thought about going up to them, but I didn't want to intrude upon their conversation. After about another 15 minutes, I thought, what the heck? I approached them and politely asked Mayor Jones if I could interview him for just a couple of minutes when he had the chance. Mayor Jones looked at me in an irritated way and nodded yes."

"I then went back to my car and waited. Another 15 or 20 minutes passed with Mayor Jones still involved in the same conversation with the same female passenger. I then got the distinct feeling that Mayor Jones either forgot, or was

planning on refusing me the few minutes he said he would give me for the interview. I felt ignored. I had been patient and courteous. So I approached Mayor Jones again and politely said, "Pardon me Mayor, but I would really appreciate just a couple of minutes for an interview."

"Mayor Jones and I walked a few feet away out of earshot of the female passenger he was speaking to."

"After Mayor Jones repeated it again in the presence of Mr. Galloway, I then noticed Mayor Jones standing in a circle with City Council Members, Tom Faria, Joe Sousa, Fire Chief Chet Guintini, Anna Balatti, and I think the City Manager. I felt some uneasy glances toward my direction.

I then approached the circle and said, hello folks! Chief Guintini, immediately turned his back. I said jokingly, 'Hey Guintini, don't you turn your back on me'. He turned back around smiled and said, 'Hey, Gene!'

In the middle of his handshake, I said loudly enough, addressing all those in the circle, 'So, has Mayor Jones told you all that he knows for a fact that I am a dangerous KKK member?' Chief Guintini jerked his hand away high in the air as if he was shaking hands with a rattlesnake. There was a dead silence. I then said, 'I thought so!', smiled and walked away."

According to the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics, a journalist should:

----Test the accuracy of information from all sources and exercise care to avoid inadvertent error.

---- Deliberate distortion is never permissible.

----Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable."

QUESTION: Did The Los Banos Enterprise test the accuracy of Mayor Jones statement by asking questions of potential witnesses in the vicinity of where the alleged conversation took place that Mayor Jones adamantly denies took place, i.e. City Councilmen, Chief Guintini, etc?'

Answer: NO.

QUESTION: Was the Los Banos Enterprise vigilant about holding Mayor Jones who has power accountable for what he said did not take place?'

Answer: NO.

Upon my fourteen-year-old son Jordan reading the article in The Enterprise, the first thing he said to me was, "What? I saw you talking with Mayor Jones." I asked him if he thought the city councilmen standing in the area would have also. Jordan said he thought it was very likely that they had because they were all standing around within a few feet of where Mayor Jones and I were talking.

My son Jordan wondered why the Los Banos Enterprise didn't ask any of the city councilmen, Chief Guintini, or even the female passenger of the car, who I have now identified as Ms. Dollie O'Banion, if they saw myself and Mayor Jones speaking?

Mr. Lieb, I should also remind you of what you told me in an email (Pg 25, Fig. 16) your mother told you,

“being honest is best, because each morning all of us have to look in the mirror and see ourselves for what we truly are. She said if you look in the mirror and you know in your heart that you are honest, then it doesn’t matter what others say about you. Some people will always be looking for the bad. Life is short. Focus on what’s important -- family, friends, health.

Anyway, that is what I try to do. I have to remind myself of those words from time-to-time”

It appears that the reason as to why you need to remind yourself from time-to-time of those words is that other people have said you are a dishonest person. I concur with them.

As you know, when I first contacted you in regards to The Monterey Herald, I was not looking for the bad in you. I was actually looking for the good. Now I see that your unethical actions speak for themselves.

There is no way that anyone could possibly rationalize that what you have authored in your article is an accurate report of “my side of the story” when you:

1. Did not disclose that my wife is Chinese American as I informed you.
2. Did not disclose that the Ku Klux Klan does not admit individuals that are married to non-whites as substantiated by the reference material.
3. Did not disclose that McClatchy Newspapers is a defendant in a lawsuit by me.
4. Mis-attributed quotes concerning a material issue of the article.
5. Did not disclose that I am a Catholic, which the KKK hates as much as non-whites. (Pg. 4, OLF Class of 1966).

It was not an innocent mistake or just your incompetence. If you had printed these facts, the reader would know for a fact that I am not and have never been a member of the KKK. As it is, you deliberately left the question open.

If you seriously think I believe that Ms Perez authored that article without you going through it and substantially re-writing and editing it to the satisfaction of Ms. Craven, attorney for McClatchy, you must think me an idiot. Ms. Perez should also take heed that she had been brought into something that her career will not recover from if she attempts to play the stooge.

I certainly am not going to allow Ms. Craven to hide under that rock she resides and a copy of this letter is being sent directly to her and also, her partner in crime, Mr. Paul Hammerness. What you have now done with The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers is nothing more than aiding the continuation to defame me publicly in conspiracy with the defendants in the Federal Complaint C06-03946-JW.

In the Badger you were told, “Remember, Mr. Lieb, even though I don’t have the money to pay you, you’re welcome if you would like to join the fledgling Badger Flats Gazette where

his car without his fingerprints on it. You were told that the District Attorney did not prosecute due to lack of evidence. You were told that Councilman Jones sued the City for wrongfully accusing him of possession of narcotics and he was paid an out of court settlement of \$75,000. You were also told that he was voted back onto the City Council and then elected Mayor in 2006.

Hip! Hip Hooray for Mayor Jones! What a saint!

Ask yourself why, since The Los Banos Enterprise knew about all of this drug fiasco and Mayor Jones feigned “SELF-ADJUDICATED” innocence, THEY DID NOT BRING THIS UP DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN?

The answer of course is obvious in that they didn’t want to bring it to the attention of anyone, and Mayor Jones was not adjudicated in a court of law of being innocent of anything. It was nothing more than an out of court settlement between public officials that will not hold each other accountable in exchange of political back scratching.

Think about this for a moment. Did the DA not prosecute because they couldn’t prove that councilman Jones had crack cocaine in his car? No.

The police found it in his car.

Did they not prosecute then Councilman Jones because there were no fingerprints on the bag with the crack cocaine in it? Well, that wouldn’t make any sense!

If that was the law, all a smart drug dealer would have to do is make sure that the 50 kilos of cocaine he was transporting didn’t have his fingerprints on it, and he he’d be off the hook!

I hope we haven’t given all of those speeding crack smokers and drug dealers out there a loophole called the Tommy Jones alibi!

PERHAPS?

Perhaps, you would like to believe that The Enterprise is just a bunch of keystone cops reporters innocently and consistently messing up a story?

Perhaps, you would like to believe they didn’t think it was important to inform you that I had a Chinese American wife and that members of the KKK cannot have non-white wives?

Perhaps, you would like to believe that their omission in not telling you they are defendants in a Federal lawsuit I have against them for concealing government corruption and defaming me was just an oversight and it doesn’t make any difference?

Perhaps, you would like to believe their omission in not telling you that I signed a sworn statement saying that I am not now, nor have never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan is not important to telling my side of the story?

Perhaps, you would like to believe that they didn’t contact any of the city

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I explained to Jordan the obvious. The Enterprise was not going to be asking any questions seeking the truth when the truth discredited Mayor Jones.

“WELL, HELLO DOLLIE!”



If the Enterprise wanted the truth, all they had to do is speak to one of the councilmen. Or, Ms. Dollie O’Banion, who I have now identified as the woman whose face I looked into while politely interrupting her conversation twice with Mayor Jones, and who I reasonably believe most assuredly saw me speaking with Mayor Jones.

It will be seriously disappointing if when this matter reaches the discovery stages that Ms. O’Banion develops lapses of memory during a deposition. For this reason, The Badger will be sending her a copy of this article to keep her memory fresh on the topic.

The citizens of Los Banos should ask themselves in how many other articles reported upon has The Enterprise over these past 30 years used the same propaganda techniques so that they “do not hold those with power accountable” to the citizens?

WHITE WASH ONE FOR



THAT GOOD CHRISTIAN, CRACK COCAINE CARRYING, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MAYOR JONES?

The Enterprise immediately wanted to let you know that Mayor Jones knew why myself and another African American would accuse Mayor Jones of stating that he knew for a fact that I was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and dangerous.

Mayor Jones was quoted as saying, “I try to be a good Christian and treat everyone with (respect). I just don’t talk to him and he is angry that I won’t interview with him”.

Really? Let’s take a closer look at that statement.

How is the self proclaimed good “Christian Mayor Jones” treating everyone with respect while at the same time not respecting my request to be interviewed?

The Enterprise took two long paragraphs to muddle through explaining that the now positioned Good Christian Mayor Jones had been arrested for the possession of “narcotics”, without telling you that it was crack cocaine.

They carefully placed together how Councilman Jones was stopped for speeding and a plastic bag of “narcotics” were found in

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you could hold to your journalistic canon of ethics and beyond. How much is that worth?" (Pg. 26, "Kiss Award")

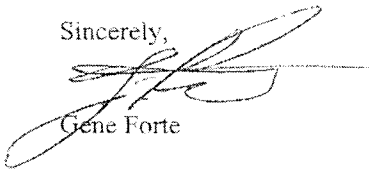
Based upon your article that now leaves absolutely no doubt in my mind as to your complicity in maligning myself and endangering my family.

There is no excuse for your conduct. Your saying you were "only following orders" does not release you from culpability. The prisons guards at concentration camps attempted to use that same escape route at Nuremberg to no avail. Think about that the next time you look in that mirror of yours.

I demand that you immediately print a full front-page article disclosing the information you omitted that was relevant to telling "my side of the story" which has been again provided you and outlined in this letter. *You are to also admit that you mis-applied the quote concerning my reason for filing the claim and tell the readers what the quote was made in reference to.*

If you are not going to do so, I demand that you respond to this letter within forty-eight hours and tell me specifically each and every reason as to why you are not going to do so. Mr. Lieb, you are way out of your league.

Sincerely,



Gene Forte

cc: Ms. Erica Craven, Mr. Paul Hammerness

Fig. 5—Page 4 of 4 of letter to Los Banos Enterprise.

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councilmen to inquire if Mayor Jones told them that I was a member of the KKK, or if any of the councilmen saw me speaking with Mayor Jones on May 5th, 2007?

Perhaps, you are as gullible as The Los Banos Enterprise thinks you are?

I personally hope and believe you are not that gullible. I submit that you simply have put your trust in the wrong place if you believe anything further you read in The Enterprise.

DELIBERATELY MIS-APPLIED QOUTES

If you still doubt that what the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy did was nothing more than malicious propaganda in an effort to smut me up and mislead you, I would like for you to focus upon the quote they stated I said was my reason was for filing the claim.

It was placed by the fifth paragraph of the article and right behind the paragraph that Mayor Jones proclaimed to be a good Christian. It was strategically placed there to set the stage in a reader's mind that I was just out for the money against a good Christian Mayor Jones and he was battling a money grubbing heathen.

The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers reported,

"Forte, who would only provide issues of the Gazette as his comment, wrote that he filed the claim because 'it was the right thing to do for my children and my country's future'".

First, I provided a single copy (30 pages) of The Badger that went into great detail about my side of the story. Mayor Jones provided two or three say nothing sentences.

Second, I did not say I filed the claim because "it was the right thing to do for my children and my country's future". The Los Banos Enterprise lied right to your face by saying I said such and it is proven in black and white below.



What I actually wrote and what the Los Banos Enterprise lifted the quote from was:

"For the past few years, I paid the price (and continue to do so) for having caught some corrupt public officials, judicial officers, and newspapers involved in the obstruction of justice. The price has been having to defend, alone, an attack upon my good name that has caused me to put aside my professional career and forego my family's financial security. I suffered a heart attack in the courtroom and underwent open-heart surgery.

All has been done **because I know it is the right thing to do for my children and my country's future**. I'm not getting paid by anybody, and I do not have any big pocket political backers. What I am exposing is a united bipartisan front to keep public official corruption concealed from the public."

How bad is putting something in quotation marks and saying it was said about something it was not said about? Well, it is like putting words in someone's mouth that they didn't say to get them hung.

You will find below an excerpt from the ethics policies of The Monterey Herald, co-defendants with their parent company McClatchy Newspapers in the case of Forte v. Knight Ridder, et al., about the use of "quotations" :

Source: The Monterey County Herald's Ethics Policy:

"Quotations: What appears within quotation marks should be what the person said. We should never alter quotations even to correct minor grammatical errors or word usage. We should avoid parenthetical insertion of words into a quote; when the speaker's meaning is unclear, we should paraphrase or use partial quotes."

In the issue they were given, called "Jail Time & Dominoes", there was a section called "The Nut Cracker". The section provided evidence showing how Ms Erica Craven, attorney for McClatchy Newspapers, cut and pasted sentences out of three different letters to commit what is called a fraud upon the court.

It is reasonable to believe that The

Enterprise wrote the article under the direction and supervision of Ms. Craven who used the same technique before. (It is difficult to believe that that Mr. Lieb would just head on into battle without checking with the higher ups.)

READ THE LETTER TO THE ENTERPRISE



The most difficult thing to straighten out is the deliberate lie structured against you by professional wordsmiths such as newspapers reporters and attorneys. They are experts at twisting the truth. It cannot be easily explained in one or two sentences without appearing like an idiot.

You can read the entire letter sent to The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers and their attorney, Ms. Erica Craven. (Fig. 5, page 4)

THE REASON WHY LOS BANOS HAS GONE TO HELL IN A HAND BASKET

A common plot in western movies was that of a corrupt mayor, sheriff, judge, or other public official being in cahoots with each other rustling cattle. One of the first things they got control over was the local newspaper so their dastardly deeds would not be exposed to the citizens.

If the good ol' boys could not persuade the honest newspaper man to join in with them, they killed him, and replaced him with one that would play ball. You can rest assured that Mr. Lieb and his bosses at McClatchy Newspapers have been playing ball with the local good ol' boys for a long time to keep the wool pulled over your eyes.

I of course cannot go back in time to show you every incident. I can only show you what they have done directly with me. As they say, the leopard does not change its spots.

Ask yourself, how many other things has The Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers kept from you for the benefit of themselves and their public official partners in crime that you don't know about?

PROOF THE LOS BANOS ENTERPRISE DECEIVES YOU

Many citizens of Los Banos openly state that The Enterprise conceals information that would be detrimental to the image of Los Banos. There is no way that one can justify covering up dirty laundry to "keep up appearances". It is the same old song that corrupt public officials sing as to why they cannot be held accountable, and why the judiciary says that above all, the people's faith in the system must be maintained, even if it means covering up crimes against citizens.

For all you citizens that wanted solid proof that The Los Banos Enterprise conceals information about matters you should know about, the evidence is staring you in the face on their front-page article about my claim. There is absolutely, positively no justifiable excuse for their not disclosing to you that their parent company, McClatchy Newspapers is a defendant in a lawsuit I have against them.

The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers cannot pretend they have a

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neutral position reporting on matters pertaining to me.

A few months ago I submitted my membership application to The Society of Professional Journalists and have been accepted pending my submitting a payment of \$90.00. The purpose of the organization is to promote ethical journalism and be a watchdog on journalists.

Last week prior to the article of Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers coming out, I contacted the organization. I told them of the incident of Mayor Jones stating that "he knew for fact that I was a dangerous member of the KKK" to ward me off from asking questions about his being found in possession of crack cocaine. The representative was appalled and asked me to send a brief statement to one of their California representatives.

I am now going to send the representative a copy of the letter sent to The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers. Let's see what action they take, if any. If they do not take any action to publicly chastise The Los Banos Enterprise/ McClatchy Newspapers, it does not mean what the Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy was not wrong and unethical.

All it means is that The Society of Professional Journalists has a lot more paying members that are reporters for McClatchy Newspapers and other newspapers across the nation that they do not want to ruffle the feathers of. I will keep you posted as to their response.

Do you think they are going to say anything about this? We'll see, and hope springs eternal!

CLOSE DOWN THE LB ENTERPRISE AND RUN THEM OUT OF TOWN

People ask me, what is the next step to take when no government agencies will investigate, ranging from the FBI on down, and newspapers are taking no action and are silent when they should be making citizens aware of what my case reveals about government corruption?



The answer is relatively simple. Close the Los Banos Enterprise down and run them out of our city. The citizens of Los Banos have the opportunity to take action that will force the newspaper industry to its knees across the nation. It will bring attention to the case I have built against public officials and newspapers working together to conceal public official corruption starting at the local level and reaching all the way to the Governor's Office.

I have no doubt that what I have uncovered is commonplace across the entire nation but the FBI and our government is not taking action against. They justify the non-action by saying it is in order to keep what they like to say is the "domestic peace". The domestic peace they are promoting is the raping of the citizens by our government.

Don't doubt for a minute that the propaganda newspaper machines of our corrupt government will not describe ordinary citizens standing up to our own government's corruption as "an open attack" that will promote terrorism, or worse, liken it to terrorism.

At this point, it is incredible,

unbelievable, and telling that no newspapers have reported upon my case that is an indictment of top officials of our state and the major newspapers of our country.

Mayor Jones may go down in history as the public official that made the single most devastating blunder that brought my case against government corruption with the complicity of our newspapers to light.

The citizens of Los Banos have an opportunity to go down in history and mark a significant change for the betterment of our nation, or go down in history as being the example as to why our nation ultimately was destroyed.

THE WAR ON TERRORISM
NAPPY HEADED HO'S VS. DANGEROUS KKK MEMBER, NAZI TERRORISM VS. DOMESTIC TERRORISM



Don Imus, who is not a public official, walked the plank for a racist comment, and it made news across the nation. For all intents and purposes, an African American mayor now has stated that he knows for fact that I, for all intents and purposes, a member of the press, am a dangerous member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Looked at from another angle, an African American Mayor knows for a fact that he is in danger of attack from the Ku Klux Klan.

Why didn't the story even make the Merced Sun-Star? Why isn't the FBI or the local police department knocking on my door? It should be also a national news story.

Did you know that a credible threat of violence against a public official brings with it a \$10,000 fine and imprisonment?

Am I going to be carted away in the middle of the night as a suspected terrorist? If that did happen, would that outrage you citizens of Los Banos into standing up?

Or, would you cower in your homes like scared children, or go back to not missing an episode of survivor, or some unrealistic television program like LA Law to forget about me? I assure you that is what our government is counting on.

DO NOT LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT



The common saying as to why Nazi Germany overpowered everyone is because a neighbor would not stand up for the other neighbor. Eventually there was no one to stand up for the final neighbor that was taken away. In an earlier commentary, I spoke about domestic terrorism being our own corrupt public officials. I suggest you get a copy of it.

It is a fact that there is a sworn declaration from another African American (Mr. Clinton E. Galloway) confirming that Mayor Jones said he knew for fact that I was a dangerous member of the KKK. Do you really think that just because the African American that is testifying under penalty of perjury against Mayor Jones is one of my closet friends, he should not be believed?

If you do, you should go back to your fantasy world and bury your head in the sand like an ostrich. Perhaps, you can sleep well knowing that only your children and future generations of Americans will suffer.

I certainly will not stand down to such tyranny, even if I stand-alone. **THE END**

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The Enterprise is not a smiling Mr. Lieb darting around at public events and walking around town. The Los Banos Enterprise is nothing more than a puppet for its parent company, McClatchy Newspapers. Thereby, it is a shill (see definition of shill, Fig 3, pg. 2) for the political advertising bucks of the likes of Senator Jeff Denham, DA Larry Morse, and other public officials that do not hold each other accountable.

Los Banosans are going to see evidence of how government officials and newspapers make sure they are never held accountable to the public for their treasonous collusion in corruption. The propaganda machines of the Russian government, or of that lunatic Saddam Hussein are amateurish in comparison to the refined methods of our own government and newspapers.

The current mission of the Los Banos Enterprise, **directed by McClatchy Newspapers and what I call the "Good ol' Boys"**, is to coyly misinform you and discredit me. It can't be obvious, or it won't work. What you are **not told** is a key element that makes propaganda work.

During this edition I am going to pull back the curtain on the propaganda of the Los Banos Enterprise by taking apart before your eyes their front page article "\$1 million claim filed against mayor, city".



You will be able to see for yourself, that facts known to The Enterprise, but deliberately not told to you by The Enterprise in the article is the twisting of the truth and propaganda to discredit me.

The significance of a public official, Mayor Jones, boldly stating that he "knew for fact that I was a dangerous member of the Ku Klux Klan" is a heinous matter and anyone that doesn't understand why is pretty much out of touch with reality.

Mayor Jones made a dangerous mistake that has put the Good ol' Boys higher up on the food chain at risk. It is another major domino tipping back on them. It forced the hand of McClatchy Newspapers to get deeper into hot water. You do not need to know all the details now, but they will be revealed to you as you follow the story.

Any citizen that may think the matter I am bringing forth is not significant compared to other problems the city has, frankly, just doesn't get it.

Before you can have better schools, more jobs, lower taxes, lower gas prices, or the trash picked up on the street, you need to make public officials accountable to the people. Before you can make public officials accountable to the people, you need to have accountability by the press to tell you what the government is really doing.

If the press is in bed with the government concealing the raping of its citizens, then you got squat. You are a sucker being conned every step of the way.

Corrupt government officials, with their partner in crime newspapers, are being exposed by me. The most difficult task for me of course is that you have been

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brainwashed into believing that if I did have this sensational story, the newspapers would be writing about it.

You miss the obvious point. Newspapers are involved with the corruption, and it is their job to keep it concealed.

In this edition of The Badger, I will prove to you exactly what McClatchy Newspapers is having The Los Banos Enterprise do to mislead you and discredit me.



Mr. Lieb is not calling the shots on this high stakes battle which has been on-going between myself and the top government officials of our state. Don't believe for a moment that Ms. Minerva Perez, the young, do what she is told reporter, knows what she has become involved with. I assure you that Ms. Perez did not write the article. There may have been a few insignificant sentences by Perez contained within the article so that she can technically claim she did write it, but I assure you that you would be naïve to believe it.

The LBE/McClatchy news article you read entitled "\$1 million claim filed against mayor, city" was no doubt approved by the attorney, Ms. Erica Craven, for McClatchy Newspaper minions of Chief Justice Ronald George, Leon Panetta, ex-Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and their attorney, Deputy AG Paul Hammerness.

The LBE/McClatchy Newspapers, the Good ol' Boys of Monterey County, and our state have been forced into the open and are now sitting on a bomb with a very short fuse. Thanks for the match, Mayor Jones!

THE END

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nothing more than a clever propaganda piece to discredit me.

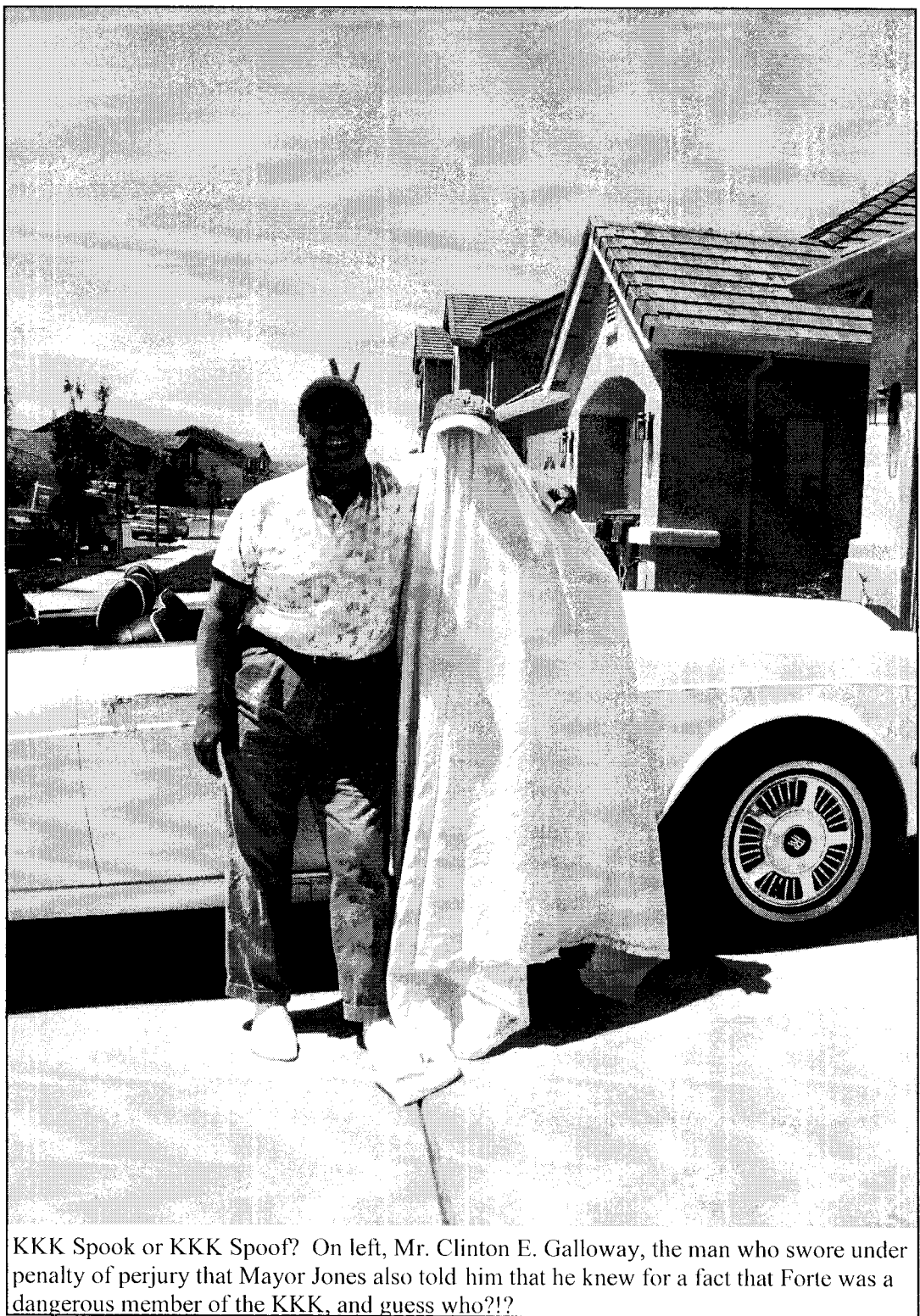


I discuss what "propaganda" is and allege that the Los Banos Enterprise article was not written by the local wordsmiths at what many *incorrectly think* is their "local small-town newspaper". There are a number of reasons why I think so, but I boiled them down for brevity's sake.

Along the Badger trail in explaining how propaganda works, I discuss the letter I sent to The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers demanding corrections to their article. The letter also demands they disclose facts they knew of, and intentionally omitted, that "told my side of the story".

I ask you to think about why they did not tell you that McClatchy Newspapers is a defendant in a lawsuit I have against them that alleges they are in bed with corrupt public officials to conceal public official corruption from citizens.

McClatchy Newspapers *may say, if they breathe a word about it*, that I have an axe to grind with them. That's fine, I welcome them to. It's nothing that I haven't been letting everyone know over and over. The newspaper industry pretends that my allegations and I don't even exist. I also say that just because I may have an axe to grind, doesn't necessarily mean I don't have every justification for sharpening it and keeping it by my side.



KKK Spook or KKK Spoo? On left, Mr. Clinton E. Galloway, the man who swore under penalty of perjury that Mayor Jones also told him that he knew for a fact that Forte was a dangerous member of the KKK, and guess who?!?

A LITTLE MORE COMMENTARY

Looks like I have to slide a little more commentary in my forward.....bear with me.....

No one is telling my side of the story. It is a huge boulder hanging over the heads of the top government officials of our state, some judges, and other public officials. The reason why "no one" is telling it is because the "no ones" are the newspapers I have caught in bed with our government pulling the wool over everyone's eyes.

You will find that I'm not saying that liberal news media is assaulting the conservative. Or saying conservative news media is assaulting the liberal. I'm telling you that what you are reading in the newspapers and in all other media from Bill O'Reilly to James Carville is a fake battle. It is nothing more than Big Time Wrestling at its slickest.

I prove my case, not by bringing you to Washington, D.C, but showing you how it is done in the trenches of our own state and our hometown. I show you with court filed documents and my winning appeals in cases what newspapers are not telling you about.

I welcome you to be skeptical of what I say, but also ask that you keep an open mind. In an attempt to persuade you to seeing my point of view, I provide documented court files and written laws or ethics codes. I provide evidence that even though laws and codes exist, they are ignored completely by those that are to enforce them, our public officials.

In actuality, the laws and codes are

written to let us know public officials, newspapers, etc., know what they should not be doing. We citizens are then supposed to feel warm and safe thinking that if they break them against us they are in big trouble. It is a con.



LAUGHING IN OUR FACES

When public officials/newspapers break every rule and ethics codes in the book they then laugh in our faces because *they*, of course, do not hold each other accountable.

My adversaries are your adversaries also; no matter if you believe you are only a neutral party, and it is not your fight. As I see it, an assault against one American is an assault against all Americans endangering the future of my American children and yours.

My adversaries provide you only one-sided smut supported by nothing, and as you will see do not fairly tell you "my side of the story". I dare them to challenge what I say. They will keep shut up.

My adversaries try to keep information concealed from your eyes to make you think I am only a "personal vendetta" against them. They would like you to think they are innocent little public official lambs protecting you from the likes of me.

I wish to take you on a great eye-opening adventure as my guest. They are trying to keep your eyes closed as their stooge. Who would you prefer to travel with?

THE END