

EDITORIAL RESPONSE  
TO TOM PAUKIN EDITORIAL ON  
"TALKIN' WITH PAUKIN"  
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TOM PAUKIN'S EDITORIAL COMMENTS OF  
JULY 18TH CENTERED AROUND THE ANNOUNCEMENT  
THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY VIC FEAZELL HAS  
HIRED AUSTIN ATTORNEY ROY MINTON TO  
SERVE AS HIS COUNSEL IN A DEFENSE AGAINST  
INVESTIGATIONS INTO FEAZELL'S OFFICIAL  
ACTIVITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY, THE FBI AND AN ASSISTANT U.S.  
ATTORNEY. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FEAZELL  
FLATLY STATES THAT NEITHER HE  
NOR ANY MEMBER OF HIS STAFF HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY OFFICIAL  
MISCONDUCT. THE D.A. SAYS THE  
INVESTIGATIONS ARE RETALIATORY  
MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST HIM BY  
OFFICIALS OF THE DPS AND FBI  
FOR HIS INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION  
INTO THE HENRY LEE LUCAS CONFESSION  
SPREE...AN INVESTIGATION WHICH  
PROVED, THROUGH DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE,  
THAT LUCAS COULD NOT HAVE COMMITTED  
THE MANY MURDERS TO WHICH HE  
HAS CONFESSED. D.A. FEAZELL'S  
LUCAS INVESTIGATION STEPPED ON  
THE TOES OF SOME MIGHTY INFLUENTIAL  
PEOPLE, AND SUDDENLY EVERY AGENCY  
FROM THE WACO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TO THE DPS AND FBI IN TURN ARE  
INVESTIGATING THE D.A. IT'S  
SOMEWHAT REMINESCENT OF THE OLD  
SCHOOL-YARD TACTIC WHERE IF YOU'RE  
CAUGHT BY THE TEACHER DOING SOMETHING  
WRONG, YOU IMMEDIATELY POINT  
TO SOMEONE AND ACCUSE THEM TO  
TAKE THE HEAT OFF YOU.

MR. PAUKIN HAS MADE MUCH OF THE FACT THAT ROY MINTON WAS THE LAWYER WHO DEFENDED STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM MATTOX AGAINST GROUNDLESS CRIMINAL CHARGES EARLIER THIS YEAR. NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, EXCEPT WHEN YOU START LOOKING AT THE SORT OF LANGUAGE MR. PAUKIN USES TO DESCRIBE THE LEGAL WORK MINTON DID FOR MR. MATTOX AND HAS BEEN HIRED TO DO FOR MR. FEAZELL. ACCORDING TO TOM PAUKIN, MINTON "GOT MATTOX OFF" IN THE CASE AND MINTON HELPED MATTOX "BEAT A CRIMINAL CHARGE." "GOT MATTOX OFF?!?" "BEAT A CRIMINAL CHARGE?!?" NOW DOES THAT CONJER UP CERTAIN NEGATIVE IMAGES IN YOUR MIND ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THAT TRIAL? PAUKIN SAYS MATTOX "GOT OFF"...RATHER THAN "HE WON THE CASE." PAUKIN SAYS HE "BEAT THE WRAP"...RATHER THAN SAYING "HE WAS FOUND INNOCENT." MR. PAUKIN DOESN'T CARE TO MENTION THAT THE JURY TOOK ONLY 15 MINUTES TO FIND ATTORNEY GENERAL MATTOX INNOCENT OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM. HE DOES ENJOY POINTING OUT THAT IT COST MATTOX TWO-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST THESE BASELESS CHARGES. NO, YOU CAN REALLY GET THE IMPRESSION THAT TOM PAUKIN DOESN'T LIKE JIM MATTOX OR VIC FEAZELL FROM HIS CHOICE OF NEGATIVE WORDS. WHY??? WELL, AS RADIO COMMENTATOR PAUL HARVEY MIGHT SAY, LET ME

TELL YOU "THE REST OF THE STORY."  
MR. PAUKIN IS A LAWYER, NOT A  
NEWSMAN. MR. PAUKIN IS ALSO  
A POLITICIAN...AND AN UNSUCCESSFUL  
CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.  
TOM PAUKIN <sup>TWICE</sup> RAN FOR CONGRESS  
IN DALLAS ~~TWICE~~...HE WAS TWICE  
SOUNDLY, ROUNDLY DEFEATED. MR. PAUKIN'S  
OPPONENT WAS A FELLOW NAMED JIM  
MATTOX. APPARENTLY THERE WASN'T  
A LOVE LOSS BETWEEN TOM AND JIM  
BACK THEN EITHER--THEN CONGRESSMAN  
MATTOX DESCRIBED TOM PAUKIN AS  
"A YOUNG NAZI" FOR SOME OF PAUKIN'S  
CAMPAIGN TACTICS.

NOW WHAT HAPPENED IN A COUPLE  
OF ~~TWICE~~ CONGRESSIONAL RACES *IN DALLAS*  
A FEW YEARS AGO SHOULDN'T MATTER  
HERE THAT MUCH, EXCEPT THAT NOW  
TOM PAUKIN HAS A RADIO COMMENTARY  
SHOW AND FOR 5 DAYS A WEEK, HE  
CAN BLAST AWAY AT WHOMEVER HE  
CHOOSES UNDER THE GUISE OF  
JOURNALISM. NOW THAT D.A. FEAZELL  
HAS BECOME INVOLVED WITH ATTORNEY  
GENERAL MATTOX THROUGH THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL'S COOPERATION IN THE  
LUCAS INVESTIGATION, IT SEEMS  
THAT MR. PAUKIN...A RECENT IMMIGRANT  
TO WACO FROM DALLAS VIA WASHINGTON...  
HAS TRANSFERRED SOME OF HIS DISTASTE  
FOR MR. MATTOX TO MR. FEAZELL.

TOM PAUKIN HAS BEEN FLYING UNDER  
FALSE COLORS. MANY FOLKS WHO  
LISTEN TO "TALKIN' WITH PAUKIN"  
THINK TOM IS A JOURNALIST REPORTING  
THE NEWS. WRONG, FELLOW WACOANS.

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A POLITICIAN  
WHO HAS CLOAKED HIMSELF IN THE  
GUISE OF A JOURNALIST TO PROMOTE  
HIS OWN PERSONAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY  
AND ATTACK HIS OWN POLITICAL  
ENEMIES...ALL UNDER THE PROTECTIVE  
BANNER OF A NEWSCAST.

TOM, YOU WERE AN UNSUCCESSFUL  
CANDIDATE BEFORE. WHY NOW TRY  
TO REPEAT THE PERFORMANCE AS  
AN UNSUCCESSFUL JOURNALIST?