

DANNER'S List



"The most important thing for people to understand is that we have been doing the job. We're effective in protecting the community and prosecuting the criminals the people need to be protected from."

D.A. Art Danner, Mid-County Post, September 19, 1995



Art the shine artist, the self styled king of nonchalance. According to 5 term D.A. since 1978 of Santa Cruz County Art Danner, allegations of misconduct are "distortions and fabrications." No matter how well documented, how blatantly compromised, how viciously deceptive, how ruthlessly obvious, must career preservation take precedence over truth?

The Victim Of The District Attorney's Bodily Injury Car Wreck Is Blood Tested And He Is Not.



Was the D.A. out of the loop in his own drunken car wreck? Why did the *Sentinel* wait 15 days (June 24) to report the D.A.'s front end fender bender of June 9, 1987, omitting that Mr. Danner had been drinking just prior and that the victim's blood was tested and his wasn't? Beyond reasonable doubt the at fault drinking driver, Mr. Danner, cited failure to yield right of way, settles out of court 3 years later in a \$22,500 award to the victim, Sandra Larsen. The expendable victim's sustained injuries put her in the hospital, where she is field sobriety and blood tested to show no trace of alcohol or drugs.

Overlapping His Election The District Attorney Directs Timecards To Be Falsified.



What was the motive? Mr. Danner's fifth term re-election of June 7, 1994 is overlapped by the Catherine Gardner timecards falsification incident. From March 18 to July 20, 1994 Assistant District Attorney Catherine Gardner is paid nearly \$40,000 to sit at home. Her ultimate dismissal arises from confessions of "powder" snorting, is delayed 17 weeks by timecard falsification to maintain county employee status, violating county personnel policies. The story breaks well after the election when Gardner goes public. Gardner later sues for reinstatement, eventually drops her suit, is now a prosecutor in King County. Mr. Danner is procedurally exonerated a year later as Resolution No. 114-95 is passed by the Board of Supervisors April 4, 1995. No official documentation exists, including R#114-95, that mentions the election context of the incident.

Three People In A Room: One Of Them Gets Her Face Blown Off, Two Guys Walk.



Top C.I.A. agents flock to Santa Cruz, awed by Neuro-Linguistic Programming guru Richard Bandler's mind control tactics. Corine Christensen, Bandler's ounce a week cocaine rationer, bookkeeper and prostitute for hire is killed in her apartment November 2, 1986. The close range shot leaves blowback on Bandler's clothes. Bandler says James Marino did it, Marino says Bandler did it. No murder trial experience Gary Fry is assigned to prosecute. Marino is given immunity against drug charges only for his testimony. Bandler is tried for first degree murder, found not guilty January 29, 1988. Marino is never prosecuted. Case is "closed." Missing preliminary hearing official transcripts are replaced July 31, 1987 by D.A.'s office copies. "Originals" are proclaimed "found" 3 years later (August 20, 1990). There is no public comment on record regarding the case, during or after, by D.A. Art Danner.

"We Agree The Judge Was Wrong."



Mr. Danner says "we agree the judge was wrong" to an August 23, 1993 Superior Court ruling disqualifying the D.A.'s office from prosecuting Eugene Wang and Gordon Eubanks, charged with stealing trade secrets from Borland. Hearings uncover a \$13,000 payment to the D.A.'s office from Borland, and that a D.A. key case investigator went to work for Borland days after a February 1993 Grand Jury indictment of Wang and Eubanks. The state Supreme Court upheld unanimously that the payment "created a conflict of interest for the prosecutor," as reported December 24, 1996 in the *Sentinel*. Mr. Danner "was not available for comment." Mr. Danner "did not return phone calls" seeking comment for a February 15, 1997 *Sentinel* report when the trade secrets civil case was settled.

Santa Cruz, a community which gave rise to the Nixon envelope, is certainly capable of local application of values.

Coalition To Recall DANNER

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