

February 5, 2010

Re: Darrin Krally and the Valley News - Power of the Press!!!!

Situation:

1. I submitted a credible "Letter to the Editor" to the Valley News Dispatch regarding activities at PISA (see [www.darrinjrally.com](http://www.darrinjrally.com) – district news tab)
2. The VND received my letter, did some investigating and found my letter to be "inaccurate"
3. The VND stated that they would only print my letter, as they saw the facts, and would use my signature

Key Findings:

1. The VND Editor would not allow me to review and approve a letter that they were revising and attaching my name to
2. I would not allow the VND to print the revised, unapproved letter on my behalf.
3. Jeff's behavior and tone was not professional at all. However, no harm, no foul as we all have bad moments.
4. I will not renew my subscription anytime soon

What does this say about the VND and letters to the editor? I believe that these letters are to come from people who have a legitimate concern. I stand behind my letter about PISA. If printed and noticed by PISA Management, they would have the opportunity to refute my letter.

Bottom line - The VND will only print letters that "they" find to be "factual." Perhaps it is their policy? Either way, nothing fair or balanced here by the VND!

See Key Findings - #4

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**From:** Krally, Darrin  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:00 PM  
**To:** Jeff Domenick  
**Cc:** Mike Aubele  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to the Editor

Jeff...You sound stressed and I hope you feel better tomorrow. Do not print your version of my letter as it is not fair to either me or my constituents. As the originator, I have every right to either approve or disapprove 'your' version of my letter. Thank you and again I hope you feel better. Have a good weekend.  
Darrin

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**From:** Jeff Domenick <jdomenick@tribweb.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:58 PM  
**To:** Krally, Darrin  
**Cc:** Mike Aubele <maubele@tribweb.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to the Editor

Nope, not going to happen.

We've already put more time into this letter than we care to. And now I'm still here dealing with it. I have zero inclination open a debate. It will run as edited or not at all. Your call.  
JEFF

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**From:** Krally, Darrin  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:45 PM  
**To:** Jeff Domenick  
**Cc:** Mike Aubele  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to the Editor

Jeff: I want to both review and approve your edited version of my letter before you print it. That way we are in agreement of the facts. Thank you. Darrin Krally

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**From:** Jeff Domenick <jdomenick@tribweb.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2010 7:29 PM  
**To:** Krally, Darrin  
**Cc:** Mike Aubele <maubele@tribweb.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to the Editor

Darrin,

Your letter probably would've run already, but due to the allegations it contained – illegal activities at the bar, improper zoning -- it had to be fact-checked. That took some time on Michael's part. At it turns out, there is no record of anything illegal occurring at PISA, the property is zoned commercial and the Harnar supervisors basically have no say over the opening of a bar. Seeing how your allegations are -- at best-- rumor, it's a good thing we did our due diligence before publishing this. It saved all of us from looking reckless and foolish.

Your letter will run – probably over the weekend – but will be edited for accuracy. Please feel free in the future to check your facts before submitting them for publication in this newspaper.

Best,  
JEFF DOMENICK  
Editor  
VND

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**From:** Krally, Darrin  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2010 3:28 PM  
**To:** Jeff Domenick  
**Subject:** Letter to the Editor

Jeff:  
Can you please print my Letter to the Editor? (see attached) It is very important that we get these issues out in the open and addressed asap.  
Thanks,  
Darrin