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# Will tell-all book expose shady Albany lawyers?

**A former Albany entrepreneur has written a tell-all novel about shady lawyers, businessmen and a news media corporate giant. All characters are said to be based on famous local lawyers, businessmen and local news media.**

There's even a character based on former Journal Editor Bill Davis.

*Abuse of Process*, a novel by author Billy P. Smith, is a story about a fictitious empire brought to the brink of bankruptcy by shady lawyers, seasoned businessmen, and a news media corporate giant.

Smith said the book will be published by Erica House and should be available in bookstores by February, 2001.

The following is Smith's letter to Journal Editor Pauline Davis:

*Dear Ms. Davis,*

*Thanks for taking my call today. As mentioned, Mr. Davis was a big help during some very difficult times when*

*the Albany Herald was having its field day with me several years ago. He was infuriated over the Herald's treatment of the owner of Simon's restaurant. A week or so after the articles the man died in an auto accident on the four lane that runs through Fort Benning near Columbus.*

*Over a drink at Carr's one evening we discussed this incident as it related to my problems. He was convinced that it was not an accident, but considered the possibility of it being suicide as a result of the article.*

*Mr. Davis mentioned my problem in the "Inside Albany" section of your paper. It offered insight and later in my case and with affidavits and tape recordings, I was able to prove that he was correct in his assumption. He wanted this material, but due to ongoing matters in my case, I was unable to discuss it. He encouraged me to write a book and expose what happened and offered suggestions and advice often when we saw each other. He even mentioned that he might like to run*

*excerpts of the book in the paper.*

*The attached material explains this in more detail. Because of Mr. Davis' encouragement, I wanted to contact you with this news. Prior to now it was not something I could discuss.*

*Sincerely,  
Billy P. Smith*

## Georgia D decorated

The State Transportation Board is proud to announce that the bridge over Kinchafoonee Creek on Highway 49, between Dawson and Americus, at the Terrell-Sumter County line will be named the "Wayne T. Goode Bridge" in honor of the highly decorated World War II veteran from Terrell County.

"Wayne Goode is a true patriot and his bravery and commitment to the United States should make all Georgians proud," said W.P. "Billy" Langdale, who represents the 2nd Congressional District on the Board.

Goode served in the U.S. Army during the World War II and received the Silver Star, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Distinguished Unit