

**Gene Cubbison and Mike Aguirre in a recording of the show "Politically Speaking," set to run at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008 on NBC 7/39.**

*(Well into the interview, Cubbison played a clip of a recording of Aguirre speaking to Alex Roth, a reporter from The San Diego Union-Tribune.)*

**Gene Cubbison:** So here you are telling a member of the media, who could have quoted you and hasn't so far saying that he ought to see a psychiatrist that he has a screw loose.

**Mike Aguirre:** No he quoted me and what I said I meant. He has harrassed our staff. Called people at home. Completely misrepresented over and over and over again in article after article after article. It's unprofessional. The U-T essentially, is a political organization with a printing press. And this young man, who is not a bad young man, not a bad person, has gone out and intentionally -- many of the facts that you just regurgitated earlier in which you saw some of these people articulating, he has gone out and over and over and over again irrespective of what the truth is has written a story.

**GC:** We we will need to get a response from him, which we will do. This raises a question here you must recall that former City Manager Lamont Ewell said on the record to me, and I called you for comment and you did not respond that you were a megalomaniac, that you are paranoid that you were bipolar that there's nicknames that you're Yosemite Sam, the Emperor Mike "Nifong" Aguirre. What up with this -- your mental competency is in question here? Have you sought counseling? Have we seen anything along those lines in domestic papers?

**MA:** Well I mean, I'm sorry, I don't understand what you're saying.

**GC:** Well, here you are telling a young man, as you put it, to go seek psychiatric help. Have you? Should you? A lot of people think you're whack.

**MA:** I don't know what you're saying to me. Those two things have nothing, no relevance. You have one situation where a young man is over and over and over again writing something that that is false and untrue and, I don't know, then you're attacking me and I don't know why.

**GC:** Attacking no no. This attack has been quoted from Lamont Ewell. A lot of people share the view that somehow that you ought to seek counseling if you have not already.

**MA:** Well I mean I find that kind of a, I'm surprised that you would say that.

**GC:** It's on the record and we can demonstrate that. And we will be revisiting the city's race ...

**MA:** I'm not contesting that Lamont Ewell didn't say something. I'm just surprised that you would take that kind of attack right now.

**GC:** I'm questioning you here as to what you would say to that.

**MA:** Well no, I just think the public should realize you know how people conduct themselves and watch how you analyze and how you question the other candidates and see if you do the same thing. Let's see if you approach the candidates and ask them the same kinds of, I would consider to be irresponsible kinds, of questions you've just asked me.

**GC:** Very well. We will be revisiting the city attorney's race in upcoming editions of "Politically Speaking" we will invite you to come and confront these candidates directly if you'd like. Is that going to happen?

**MA:** Well, no but I'm just saying that for you, just what you did right there I mean, that is about as irresponsible of a thing as a journalist can do. And I don't understand why you did that. Seriously, I mean, we're here to discuss the issues and you're acting more like a candidate.

**GC:** Up next on "Politically Speaking" a look at how the race could play out from the perspective of local political consultants not involved in any of the campaigns. We will be right back.