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### ***Lords: Part One* to stir up Bakersfield media controversy**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Bakersfield - The anticipated Oct. 28 release of N.L. Belardes' controversial novel, *Lords: Part One* promises to stir up the controversy over media corruption and the urban mythmaking spawned by the 2003 'Lords of Bakersfield' news stories. A fiction novel, N.L. has already promoted *Lords: Part One* on [bakersfield.com](http://bakersfield.com) in his community blog, ***Bakersfield Music Gossip and the Arts***. He has appeared twice on the frontpage of [Bakersfield.com](http://Bakersfield.com) with blogs on the 'Lords of Bakersfield' and on the Star Wars Episode III release.

N.L.'s blog also appears on **[thebuzzblogs.com](http://thebuzzblogs.com)**, another Bakersfield blog community just launched that is linked up to many sites including [Bakersfield.com](http://Bakersfield.com) and the Bakersfield Condors. N.L. has recently appeared twice on 106.1 **KRAB radio**, once during Bakersfield's leading peak morning rush hour traffic show to promote his upcoming work. He has appeared on **KGEO1230's The Puck Show**, the afternoon's leading rush hour traffic radio show, where he promoted his upcoming novel as well as the highly touted **Buck City Podcast**, the first podcast out of Bakersfield, California. He will be making further appearances on both shows to promote the release of *Lords: Part One*.

N.L. writes regularly for ***The Blackboard Free Press***, and just recently for **Mas Bakersfield** magazine. N.L.'s photos will be appearing in *Mas*, as well as in three shows at the **Empty Space Theatre: *The Exquisite Corpse, Dia de Los Muertos*** (premieres Oct. 15, 4-7 PM and runs throughout the month), and his own show: ***Bakersfield Rock Stars Exposed*** (Nov. 5-20). N.L. also writes a trash talk sports blog, ***Bobblehead on Condors*** which is affiliated with the Bakersfield Condors. N.L.'s highly anticipated compilation CD of Bakersfield bands is a major promotional venture where he will be introduced before each local band plays in-house on Saturday home games throughout the season. N.L. co-wrote many of the songs to appear on the ***CD Growing up Fighting: Bakersfield Hockey Vol. 1***. He will be noted as a local author during each game.

### **Lords: Part One Synopsis:**

In the Hollywood movie storms of 1977 where films like *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters* spawned a maelstrom of epic adventure and wonder for kids



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everywhere, such streets also spawned another breed of child. Bitter, alienated, and lost in the punk-influenced beginnings of a feel-good era of disco-enflamed junkies, such kids slunk the streets of Hollywood and Hollywood's backyard: Bakersfield, California, where they preyed equally on the hands that held them.

Based on the 'Lords of Bakersfield' news stories of the late 1970s and early 1980s, Lords: Part One is the most controversial work of fiction to ever come out of the Southern San Joaquin Valley. It's a story of media and high-profile corruption in a conservative city close to the Hollywood storm. For those who remember such a time, this story will sink its teeth into readers, just as that great dust storm of 1977 tore into the valley, spitting its own aliens onto Great Central Valley streets already taken over by unseen powers of the most corrupt kind...

"I believe this is the most controversial novel out of Bakersfield to date. The stories woven paint a dark picture of alienation and media corruption within Bakersfield in the late 1970s. This is an important literary step in my career and a work that already has a cult following, even prior to its release..." –N.L. Belardes

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