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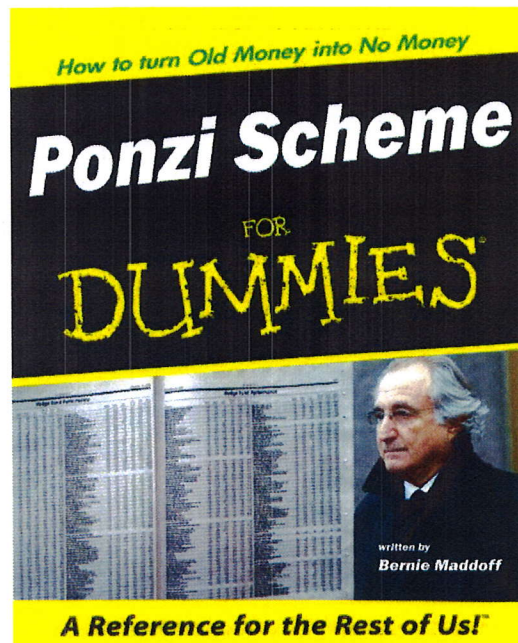
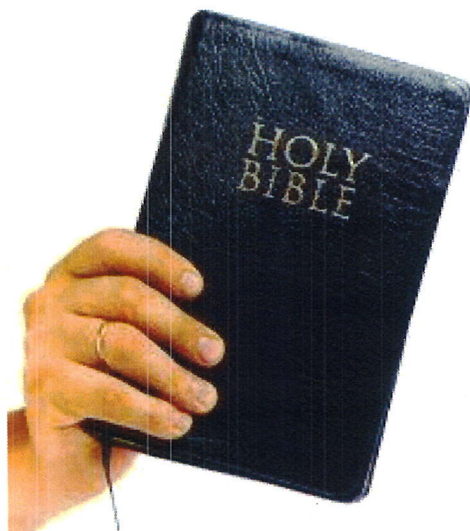
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LaHood did not disclose business interest

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Democratic District Attorney candidate Nicolas "Nico" LaHood talks Friday Jan. 17, 2014 to the San Antonio Express-News Editorial Board.

When Richard Thum met with Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood about FourWinds Logistics in July 2015, nearly a year had passed since LaHood walked with a business partner, Gary Cain, into the FourWinds office to recommend that the frac-sand company retain Trinity Global Funding & Consulting LLC.

LaHood is co-chairman of Trinity Global. Its owner is Cain, a former client of LaHood's whom FourWinds retained in September 2014.

Thum, an investor in FourWinds, came to the district attorney's office to complain that the company had swindled him out of more than \$1 million. Yet the district attorney did not mention his connection to the business, which now is in bankruptcy and under investigation by the FBI.

San Antonio Express-News Staff Writer Patrick Danner chronicled the allegations against FourWinds in a [recent Sunday article](#).

LaHood also did not disclose his business interest in Trinity Global to the Texas Ethics Commission as required by state law. Ballistic Crossfit is the only business interest that LaHood listed on his personal financial statement for the calendar year 2015.

According to the Texas Government Code, a district attorney in Texas "has a substantial interest in a business entity" if he or she "is a member of the board of directors ... of the business entity," and a financial statement must include "a list of all boards of directors of which the individual is a member."

A Trinity Global document touted LaHood as "a highly respected and revered" district attorney whose "vast knowledge of finance and law

have (sic) proven to be a successful combination in the pursuit of business endeavors. ... His role as co-owner in Trinity Global Funding and Consulting has enabled his involvement industries (sic) such as, oil and gas, water purification, medical devices, finance and much more."

This week, LaHood stated through email that he never was an owner of Trinity Global. The business document "was not a final draft," he wrote. LaHood sent me a "final draft" of the biography, which named him as co-chairman of Trinity Global and still touted his status as district attorney.

"Ballistic Crossfit is my only current business interest," LaHood wrote. "It has been in existence for several years and has been properly reported."

He also should have reported Trinity Global, said Buck Wood, an Austin elections lawyer and Texas ethics expert.

"District attorneys have a broad range of areas that they and their office can look into," Wood told me. "And that includes corporate misconduct. So it's definitely something that needs to be disclosed. ... If the company that you're involved with is doing business with a company that's under investigation, that's something that the folks should know about."

Late Wednesday, LaHood sent me an email: "Due to oversight, nonprofit and corporate board memberships had not been reported," he wrote. "I have since electronically filed a Corrected Financial Statement and Good-Faith Affidavit ... adding all nonprofit and corporate board memberships.

"I have never received any financial benefit from serving on any boards," he added.

Shortly before LaHood was elected district attorney, he defended Cain in a criminal trial from charges of theft in connection with a land deal involving Rackspace Hosting Inc. A Bexar County jury cleared Cain of the charges in July 2014.

Two months later, Cain and LaHood met with FourWinds CEO Stan Bates, who retained Trinity Global to raise funds for his operation, according to Bates's testimony in December in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

"Nico LaHood walked (Cain) into my office," Bates said.

Bates had met LaHood through state Sen. Carlos Uresti, who steered his own former client to invest \$900,000 in FourWinds in exchange for commissions. That investor lost most of her money.

An attorney for Thum has called the FourWinds operation an illegal Ponzi scheme.

"If I remember right, Gary Cain was the one who helped me set up an appointment with Nico LaHood," Thum told me. Cain "had already left" FourWinds.

At the meeting, LaHood did not mention his connection with FourWinds through Trinity Global, but he "listened," according to Thum.

"He just made it sound like being in the oil industry, he hears this a lot, and there's a lot of fraud out there," Thum said. "He was concerned, directed me toward the FBI. ... He made it sound like there was a limited amount of resources that his office had."

LaHood insisted his connection with Trinity Global posed no conflict in his meeting with Thum "because I had no connection to

FourWinds.” He wrote that he has pursued outside business opportunities “because I knew I was taking a considerable pay cut in leaving private practice to serve as DA.”

Addressing Danner’s story on his Facebook page, LaHood wrote, “I don’t play by different rules. I actually hold myself to high standards. To Gods (sic) first then man’s.”

At the least, though, LaHood must hold himself to the standards of state law. He is a powerful elected official whose public office will earn him \$242,000 in the next fiscal year.

If he has nothing to hide about his business interests, why did he fail to disclose them for so long, and not until his Trinity Global connection was revealed by Danner?

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