



George Hostetter, 70

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George Hostetter, a former reporter at **The Fresno Bee** who covered his beats with a detective's precision and shoe-leather diligence, died May 7, 2020, at home in Fresno, **GVWire** [reports](#). He was 70 and had prostate cancer.

“George upset people from time to time,” longtime Bee colleague Bill McEwen, now GVWire news director, wrote in his remembrance of Hostetter's city government coverage. “They didn't like his questions. They didn't like the angle of his stories. But it was virtually impossible to stay mad at George because he was polite, didn't hold grudges, and his motives were pure.”

After leaving The Bee in 2015, Hostetter contributed civic coverage to local news outlets CV Observer and The Sun and served as adviser to **The Collegian** at CSU Fresno.

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