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For my brother here, Carl Galloway here's what he's said and my brothers...you look here folks (holding the V for Recall flyer up). You all will see who I am with these black people.

They (the Galloways) said, you know, what we'd call you, as we sit around as a bunch of home boys.... "you're one lying nigger Tommy Jones".

And that comes from you lying on another black man.

Go ahead and hiss all you want, that's what it is (to the audience).

If that doesn't hit national TV with channel 47 over there (motioning to camera in courtroom.... Well, it won't because we're going to show why no one wants to have me going in to court with you guys 'cause I'm going to take all you guys down.

Thank you very much. You people don't know nothing.

Mayor Jones: Thank you very much for your comments.

Forte: Yeah, sure.

THE END

POLICE

Reporter subject of complaint

Resident claims he was assaulted

ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

A police report was filed following Wednesday night's City Council meeting in which a Los Baños resident claims to have been assaulted by an employee of the Los Baños Enterprise.

Local resident Eugene Forte, publisher of the Badger Flat Gazette, alleges in the report he was assaulted by Enterprise reporter Corey Pride as he attempted to interview Pride inside the council chamber following the Wednesday meeting.

Pride was not arrested but was interviewed by police Thursday morning at the Los Baños police station.

Police officials said the report will be forwarded to the Merced County District Attorney's Office once it is completed.

Pride has been employed by the Enterprise since November, 2004.

- Kim Yancey

OPINION

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LOS BAÑOS ENTERPRISE

OUR VIEW

Mayor owed an apology

That Eugene Forte, the publisher of a local newspaper, should stand at a televised public meeting and call the mayor of Los Baños the "N" word is abominable.

The word is beyond disparaging, beyond reprehensible. It is the ugliest, most hurtful word in the English language and holds the full measure of the hatred and bigotry of which this country has been trying to rid itself for generations.

What is even more disturbing than Forte shouting the word in public is that not a soul attending Wednesday's meeting, including the other



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members of the City Council, stood at the podium and specifically condemned it. Does that mean everyone agreed with Forte's remark? Were they intimidated by Forte's demeanor? What reason could they have for not publically objecting?

It doesn't matter what one may think of mayor Jones'

politics or of him as a person. No one deserves to be called such a name - no one.

Sure, Forte has the right to use such a word but he should be ashamed of himself for doing so. No matter what he thinks of Tommy Jones or the status of his lawsuit against him, he owes the mayor a public apology. So do the rest of us who said nothing to condemn the outburst.

Mr. Mayor, please accept our apology.

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