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BADGER BULLETIN



Scapegoat Jones?

SCAPEGOAT* JONES ?

Commentary by Gene Forte

To the Badger that is in the know, Mary Ann Jones is being thrown in front of a bus en route to run over high ranking public officials such as CIA Director Leon Panetta and Chief Justice Ronald George to soften the impact before it hits them.

The bus is driven by yours truly, powered by nine years of investigative work, and my coming to the aid of Mr. Marion Santos. Santos, once the largest payer of city sales taxes says he was under attack by Merced County public officials "trying to muscle him."



Citizens are about to be treated to a real vote getting Roman Sunday crowd pleaser. The pageant is to redeem the public's faith in public officials and the press. It's planned that the sins of all public officials will ride away on Jones' back. Well, the play normally works.

But, that was before the Man from Badger Flats arrived on the scene and posed some questions for folks to think about.

**See Pg. 4, Definition of "Scapegoat"*

DARE TO THINK!



Don't be a bunch of scared-y cats who refuse to think about what they're seeing! Pull the blinders off, think and talk about it with others.

Even the few, who have not yet read a Badger Bulletin or two, that may think me crazy for "fighting city hall," still agree it is bizarre that no newspapers are writing about it. Look at the facts.

I'm a former Candidate for Governor (coming in second to last) who ran on the platform of exposing the link between the media and public official corruption.

I'm also a publisher of a newspaper who has been arrested twice in the last 6 months for three alleged felonies of obstructing justice and out on \$135,000 bail. (There has not, and will not be any charges filed against me.)

The Los Banos City Council was metaphorically proposing a public burning of me at the stake for the use of the "N" word on June 3rd, 2009. The fire was being fueled by Councilman Faria and African Americans Mayor Tommy Jones and Mr. Corey Pride of the Los Banos Enterprise.

Gene Lieb, editor of the LBE demanded a public apology in a lengthy LBE Commentary about my conduct that they didn't even report upon. The flames of my intended funeral pyre were permanently doused when the NAACP affirmed I was not a racist.

My use of the "N" word was not considered racist in the context I used it according to the non-response affirmation by the NAACP.

In fairness to myself, family and other citizens, including my African American family members the Galloways who stood up for me, the NAACP giving me a clean bill of health should be made

known to the public by the LBE. It hasn't.

The NAACP should have gone after Jones and Pride as they did in demanding the resignation of Atwater Councilman Frago. They didn't.

When the racist smut ball washed away, they came up with a brazen new one intended to get the religious folk riled up at me. Recently, I was accused of being akin to the anti-Christ for allegedly trying to throw God and prayer out of city hall.

The Reverend Steve Hammond stepped down from his pulpit at Bethel Community Church to break the Ninth Commandment by bearing false witness against me for Pride in the article, "Prayer questioned at City Hall meetings".



Guess Who?

I never gave a rat's butt about prayer at city hall one way or the other. I brought it up so that the city could avoid a costly lawsuit by Freedom from Religion out of Wisconsin.

Both Hammond and Pride knew that because they were present when I said it.

All these things were said about me, yet why haven't I been interviewed by any media for my side of the story? Now, that doesn't sound right, does it?

I'm not saying Jones is innocent or guilty of embezzling what we are told is \$1.7 million under public officials' vigilant noses. Take a moment to consider that our public officials want all of my evidence of crimes by them to ride away on Jones' back as a scapegoat. The answers as to why are within the letters highlighted in Badger Bulletins for those who dare to read and think.

Nothing that is told to you by McClatchy Newspapers, or your public officials can be trusted. If McClatchy would lie to you about what has happened to me, they would certainly lie about anything else. (END)

Monday, August 3rd, 2009

Mr. Gene Lieb
Mr. Kim Yancey
Mr. Corey Pride
McClatchy Newspapers/Los Banos Enterprise
1253 West "I" Street
Los Banos, CA 93635

DEMAND FOR RETRACTIONS/CORRECTIONS/DISCLOSURES

(CERTIFIED MAIL)

Re: Statements of False Facts, i.e., reporting to the public at large and Recall Committee that Gene Forte is a known racist and should be "shown the door," and statements of false facts, incorrect picture in article, Los Banos PD Officer Parker, CHP Officer theft/tampering of digital recorder/evidence

Dear Mr. Lieb, Mr. Yancey, and Mr. Pride:

I write this letter to request/demand that you immediately post corrections and supplements to your article of July 24th, 2009, "Man arrested after courthouse confrontation" and inform the public that such report was an almost verbatim reprint of the report from the Merced County Sheriff's Department who are subjects of a claim filed by me against them for a previous assault upon my person by the same Deputy Picinich who I say assaulted me on February 24th, 2009.

As of this date, you have not yet revealed to your readers that McClatchy Newspapers and some of its reporters are defendants in the lawsuit of Forte v. Knight Ridder so that they can take your writings with a grain of salt. The Los Banos Enterprise/McClatchy Newspapers continues their assault upon me while covering up public official corruption. Please inform readers that you are defendants in a lawsuit with me.

Notwithstanding the fact that you were aware that statements from individuals could be biased, such as the department I have the claim against, you made no attempt to get my side of the story. Instead, you did as I alleged in the complaint against McClatchy Newspapers et al. You are continuing to assassinate my character in order to detract away from the public officials' bad conduct that you are in league with to cover the truth.



Forte had injuries to his head. The LBE only reported a minor one to his neck. Why didn't they tell you?

As example, your report states, "Forte suffered a minor injury to his neck" and provided the arrest picture from February 24th, 2009 leading citizens to believe that was what I looked like when I left the hospital to be booked on July 21st, 2009. You did not tell citizens you used an old photo. Admit to what you did publicly and put the correct photo of my arrest in the newspaper.

If you would have included the actual photo of my arrest after leaving the hospital, it would show clearly that I suffered a major contusion to my forehead. It was caused from my head being intentionally slammed against a solid wood door by Deputy Picinich while I was handcuffed behind my back and willingly going with him.

You will find attached complaints filed with the California Highway Patrol, the Los Banos Police Department, the City of Los Banos, and claims filed with the County of Merced that are self explanatory. The complaints and claims derive from the incident of my arrest of July 21st, 2009 that you reported upon. Therefore, since you reported upon the matter, you

should continue to report upon it. See attachments.

Several times, you refer in the article to "the deputy" and fail to inform the public that there were in fact several law enforcement officers involved in the incident of July 21st, 2009.

Inform the public that you did not do anything to verify the veracity or accuracy of the report provided you by the Merced County Sheriff's Department and that you did not inform the public that the arresting officer who wrote that report, Deputy Picinich, was the subject of a previous complaint by me for assault.

The audio recording that I have in my possession of the event of July 21st, 2009 contradicts virtually all of the statements in your story and in the report issued by the Merced County Sheriff's Department. The audio itself is the best evidence which shows in part:

1. Upon arriving at the security entrance at the Los Banos courthouse with my wife and son Jordan I was told that I could not bring my hand held digital recorder into the building and that I would have to go and put it in my car.
2. I did not become agitated and begin yelling when the security personnel told me such.



(DEMAND FOR RETRACTIONS LETTER TO LOS BANOS ENTERPRISE, from page 2)

3. I told the security ladies that they were incorrect and they told me again that I could not bring the recorder in the building and I asked to see the court rules they were referring to.
4. They said they were going to get a deputy.
5. I then chatted with them about how good the ice coffee at Circle K was.
6. Deputy Picinich then arrived.
7. I then told Picinich that if I had the recorder the first time he arrested me, he would be in a lot more trouble than he is now.
8. Picinich said that he didn't know who I was.
9. I refreshed Picinich's recollection by telling him of his prior arrest of me in February 2009.
10. I did not refuse to go through the metal detectors.



11. I requested Deputy Picinich not to come towards me.
12. I requested Picinich not to invade upon my personal space.
13. I requested Officer Parker and others to observe what Picinich was doing to me.
14. I did not resist arrest.
15. I was never told I was under arrest.
16. An unknown CHP officer was trying to delete recordings and destroy evidence off my recorder.
17. The officers were laughing about doing so.
18. Picinich assaulted me in front of Officer Parker, my wife and son and others at the courthouse that morning.

19. I never told deputies or any deputy that they were not going to stop me.
20. California Rules of Court does not prohibit a hand held digital recorder to be in the courtroom, and only specifically states that a party who wishes to turn on and use the recorder must ask the judge of the courtroom if he may do so. The rules for allowing television cameras, etc., are different in that a formal motion must be made and granted by the court. I was not bringing in film and audio equipment to broadcast a courtroom hearing..



Stock photo of man being arrested.

I was in fact not even going to a "court" but to a probation hearing office for my 16 year old son who had received his first traffic ticket. The other audio recording in my possession evidences a loud thud against a door with an excited utterance of "OW!! You hit my head against the door!"

I request/demand that the Enterprise begin running public statements and apologies for stating that I am a "known racist" and issue a written statement to the Recall Committee that you have no evidence that support your statements that I am a known racist.

(DEMAND FOR RETRACTIONS LETTER TO LOS BANOS ENTERPRISE, see page 4)

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At anytime that you would like to listen to the audio recordings yourself, you may do so in my presence with another recorder on recording our meeting. I also suggest that we have civil standby Los Banos PD officers for my protection to insure that I am not again assaulted by your Mr. Corey Pride.



Please acknowledge receipt of this request for corrections and retractions, etc. and make such corrections, etc. as soon as possible and publish them in a location that is clearly noticeable to readers of your rag.

No thanks is due you bunch of scoundrels!

Sincerely,

Gene Forte

Attachments: Complaint of Public Dissatisfaction to LB Police Department re: Officer Parker
Citizen's Complaint to the CHP re: CHP Officer Melden
Claim Against Merced County re: Deputy Picinich
Claim Against the City of Los Banos re: Police Chief Fitchie

**COUNCILMAN TOM FARIA AFFIRMS
BEING FULLER OF SH-T THAN USUAL
ABOUT NON-EXISTENT
CONVERSATIONS WITH NAACP**

by **Geppetto Forte**



conversations with the NAACP. Thank you. Gene Forte

**Email: August 31st, 2009 RE: Affirmation
To: Mr. William Vaughn and City Council:**

You will find attached the email sent to you last week. There has been no response from anyone. Therefore, the information has been affirmed by you as correct.

**Email: August 26th, 2009 RE: Names of NAACP Reps
To: Mr. William Vaughn and City Council**

I have not yet received from you the names of the NAACP that Councilman Faria said he was in contact with concerning my public flogging.....or did you intend to use a pillory instead?

If I have not had a response from you providing the names by 12:00PM August 27th, 2009, I will take that as positive affirmation that Councilman Faria is fuller of sh-t than usual and there were no

"If I have not had a response from you providing the names by 12:00PM August 27th, 2009, I will take that as positive affirmation that Councilman Faria is fuller of sh-t than usual and there were no conversations with the NAACP." THX—GF



Faria, second donkey from right.



The Scapegoat by [William Holman Hunt](#).

THE SCAPEGOAT

The **scapegoat** was a goat that was driven off into the wilderness as part of the ceremonies of the Day of Atonement, in Judaism during the times of the Temple in Jerusalem. The rite is described in Leviticus 16.

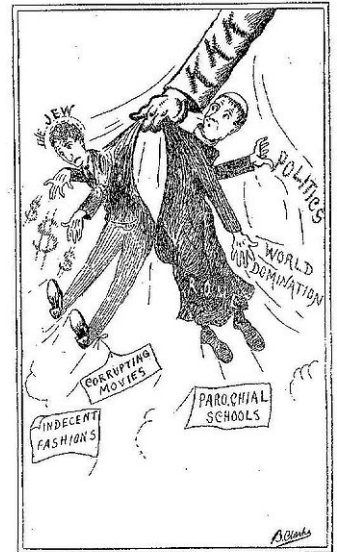
Since this goat, carrying the sins of the people placed on it, is sent away to perish, the word "scapegoat" has come to mean a person, often innocent, who is blamed and punished for the sins, crimes, or sufferings of others, generally as a way of distracting attention from the real causes.

Scapegoating is an important tool of propaganda; the most famous example in modern history is the singling out in Nazi propaganda of the Jews as the source of Germany's post-World War I economic woes and political collapse.

Scapegoating is often more devastating when applied to a minority group as they are inherently less able to defend themselves. A tactic often employed is to characterize an entire group of individuals according to the unethical or immoral conduct of a small number of individuals belonging to that group, also known as guilt by association.

"Scapegoated" groups throughout history have included almost every imaginable group of people: adherents of different religions, people of different races or nations, people with different political beliefs, or people differing in behavior from the majority. However, scapegoating may also be applied to organizations, such as governments, corporations, or various political groups. In industrialized societies, scapegoating of traditional minority groups is increasingly frowned upon.

(Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)



IN PROPER HANDS

ABOUT THE LETTER DEMANDING RETRACTIONS TO MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS' LOS BANOS ENTERPRISE

As you read the letter ask yourself as to why McClatchy does not respond? Why haven't they told you of the claims filed against the county for my arrest. Search for the answers within Badger Bulletins containing the letter to Merced County DA Larry Morse. There are several interlocking stories taking place which involve my efforts at exposing honest services fraud by public officials with their support propaganda machines, McClatchy Newspapers. Share with fellow citizens what we consider Public Service Bulletins which are letters to various individuals asking them for answers. *The actual letters do not contain pictures.* Go to YouTube.com, then search for Badger Flats Gazette. Look for the Badger Flats Mystery Theatre video series.



Gene Lieb/LE