

# Bee/Media

Some people appreciate us.  
Plenty more hate us.

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 6:03 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** great article 11/14/04

I have just read your article that you wrote on November 14th about the Peterson case. There were startling things that were never in the San Diego Union Tribune. You are a really a very good writer. thank you for such a interesting article.

I was wondering if you could possibly send me a copy of the closing argument by the Prosecution Team? After reading your article I have realized I have read very little about the closing.

I was shocked to read that in his closing he mentioned that most likely Laci was strangled. I had no idea that there was a chance that Laci could have scratched him from him strangling her. It makes sense.

This case has affected me in such a serious way. I was married to an alike Scott Peterson affair and all. Before my ex-husband almost killed me I filed for divorce and I now realize I am lucky to be alive.

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**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2004 11:42 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley; John Cote  
**Subject:** Peterson coverage

I live in Santa Paula, and I've been following the Peterson case online for a long time. Your coverage in the Modesto Bee is by far the best. I read it online every day. It's interesting and speculation is limited. High praise to both of you and keep up the good work.

By the way, did Scott Peterson have a history of extramarital affairs? His territory was very large. I heard that it even covered the city where I work, Oxnard (famous for its Strawberry Festival and Cowboy's training camp), and all the way to Mexico. I'm curious about this because he seems to have the seduction routine down to an artform. That's a red flag for me.

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**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, September 27, 2003 10:51 AM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** peterson case

you are the voice of reason.

## Garth Stapley

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 05, 2003 8:56 PM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** nice article



Thank you for the article. It's nice to see good reporting. Keep up the good work. Today, I read the article here in Columbus, Georgia. Thanks again!!!  
P>S> I am an old woman 61 years of age, not hitting on you. (ha ha)



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**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2003 4:43 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Peterson Coverage

You and the remainder of the staff need to be commended for your honest, unbiased reporting of the testimony in the Peterson preliminary hearing.

Most of the talking heads on TV only want to report the Prosecutor's side of the case. Not the response on cross-examination.

A short time ago I heard on Fox News that Peterson had traveled to the Berkley Marina on three days during the early part of January. If I had not ready read the story on the Bee internet, I would not have known that it was also testified to that the trips happened after the Bee published stories that the Bay was being searched.

I am one of those that thinks a mass injustice is under way in this case and it is going to be more important than ever that the facts are properly reported. A man's life is on the line.

Thank you.

(former Ripon resident)

[REDACTED]  
Las Vegas NV 89133  
[REDACTED]

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2003 9:53 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** YOUR PIECES

THIS IS [REDACTED]. I AM WRITING YOU TO LET YOU KNOW HOW HIGHLY I  
THINK OF YOUR PIECES ON THE LACI PETERSON CASE. I LOOK THE MODESTO BEE  
UP ON  
THE COMPUTER EVERY MORNING TO SEE WHAT IS THE LATEST NEWS. I HAVE BEEN  
FOLLOWING THE CASE FROM THE START. I BELIEVE IN YOUR PIECES AND IN YOUR  
KIND  
YET INFORMATIONAL WORDS YOU WRITE. THIS CASE HAS TOUCHED US ALL IN SO  
MANY  
WAYS. I KNOW BEING THE WRITER OF SOME OF THE INFORMATION MUST REALLY GET  
TO  
YOU, I KNOW IT WOULD ME.. IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON OR PEOPLE TO DO THIS  
SORT OF THING AND I CONGRATULATE YOU HIGHLY ON BEING SO ACCURATE AND  
PROFESSIONAL.

[REDACTED]  
KOUNTZE, TEXAS

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**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2005 11:47 PM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** From New Zealand

Hi,

About five days ago I watched the movie about the Laci Peterson case, starring Dean Cain. Immediately after, I logged on to find you papers web site at which stage it was just before the verdict. I am so glad that this man got convicted of these crimes, it was reported on the radio here today and stated that they would now decide over the death penalty or not, I hope that this happens. We do not have the death penalty in New Zealand, often I wish we did.

Anyway, just wanted to pass on that your website has been great from 1000's of miles away.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

## Garth Stapley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2003 8:18 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Peterson living life of letters, TV, chess

Dear Garth:

This is about the laziest, stupidest piece of journalism I have ever read concerning this case.

Peterson living life of letters, TV, chess By GARTH STAPLEY BEE STAFF WRITER  
*Published: June 15, 2003, 07:58:37 AM PDT*

<ABSTRACT>

Chris Young, 29, as a jail trusty -- an inmate who can be trusted for special work details

<ABSTRACT>

The file includes a report by a police psychiatrist noting that Young experiences "auditory hallucinations," or imaginary voices,

## Garth Stapley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 22, 2003 6:00 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Sorry reporting

The article on Sabatino was about as poor journalism as I have read. Did not anyone think that the mayor made this "unbiased" observation to help his own case. I also did not know that Sabatino was a therapist or expert in emotional behavior.

This was beneath your paper to allow so much verbage to a non-issue.

[REDACTED]  
Fredericksburg, Va

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2004 12:00 AM

**To:** Garth Stapley

It will be interesting to know if you pay as much attention to a fallen soldier as you have to a domestic violence case. We are sick of hearing about the Scott Petersons.

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## Garth Stapley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 09, 2004 2:51 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** peterson survey story

Granting anonymity to those five CSU student was unethical for what they did.

You, your fellow journalist and editor should resign.

You're an embarassment to all journalists.

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## Garth Stapley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2003 7:49 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Opinions

I found that you embellished your article to get a response from your readers. You numerous times exaggerated your findings or just felt like commenting on those, as the whole issue were a topic at an art museum exhibition or a previewing of a film.

I also took your survey, did rather well, and did not take my opinions lightly. Perhaps you should do local news on the weather or local events of interest in your area, as your comments would generate interest in the hype of local insignificant news.

NO one takes what is happening lightly, but, no one needs to make money or get noticed for sensational incorrect stories, either.

This is a tragedy, plain and simple.

I did take the survey, just to see how incorrect my thoughts were, which I am happy to report weren't so off, (and I printed all just to look back in 5 years). I am from northern Indiana, and I don't grow corn and meet down at the local coffee dive to get the latest gossip, and I do read your online paper so that my facts are straight, and I resent your article. What's with you in California, is it true what they say about you people needing to come up for air?

Feel free to comment.

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## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2003 12:23 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: "much grief" is very misleading

Your story strongly suggests that (not) "much grief" is quoted from a memo regarding the mayor's January 10 meeting with Peterson.

I suppose that this kind of journalism headline will sell a few more newspapers, but some of us out here would prefer our information straight up and not tricky. Especially now, when a great many of us are extremely concerned with whether or not our "free press" has been fatally compromised by the Bush administration.

Please, PLEASE give us real information.

[REDACTED]  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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**Stapley, Garth - Modesto**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 06, 2007 5:30 AM  
**To:** Stapley, Garth - Modesto  
**Subject:** RE: 'I got Scott Peterson thrown off the golf team'

Garth,

Hmmm...is it a slow news day? Is this crap really necessary? What does this have to do with Scott being a murderer?

Perhaps you should write about the 'real' issues that happened in this case that NEVER got out for the general public to ponder.

There are a lot of other more important issues that were never brought to light...here's a suggestion...**READ THE TRIAL TRANSCRIPTS**. Perhaps then you will gain the guts to write what is really important and that is 'an innocent man sits on death row'. It is all because of the senseless articles you dredge up when you should be tackling the real issues in this case.

[REDACTED]  
North Carolina

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TV dinner still cooling?  
Check out "Tonight's Picks" on Yahoo! TV.

**Stapley, Garth - Modesto**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:11 PM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** Scott Peterson

I think it is awful when people can be put to death and they can't even tell us how he killed his wife and child. I thought Scott might have killed his wife but I am not 100 percent sure. The Media is what put Scott Peterson on death row and 12 people that didn't like his personality. This case is an embarrassment to our system.

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2004 5:56 AM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** Scott Peterson

Your town is the laugh of the USA. Have you been watching the talking heads? They are saying the ModestoBee is discussing. Again.

There is untested evidence in this case Garth. Believe me, it is being tested now.

As for the jury tampering, you won't see a death penalty phase with this jury. The papers have been filed. The verdict will be overturned.

Do you think we didn't see this coming?

[REDACTED]