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Ms. Jayne Speizer
Monterey Herald
P.O. Box 271
Monterey, CA 93942

FAXED ONLY

Re: Possible Publication?/Flip Side to Recall Candidate Jailed for Contempt

Dear Ms. Speizer:

I write this letter in response to your following email to me of December 22nd, 2004, which read:

“Carolina Garcia, our executive editor, has a reporter investigating this. Once we get the documents, she'll review for possible publication.”

I do not think I have ever witnessed someone say so much to hang themselves when they were trying to say so little to avoid getting in the mud deeper. The adage “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt” applies very well.

Let me explain in detail.

You refer to an “unnamed reporter”, investigating a vague “this”, connected to an ambiguous point in time of “once”, linked to somehow “getting” from who knows where and how, unspecified “documents” that are not quite clear, “she'll”, by some undefined criteria of “review” to a yet to be determined “*possible publication*”.

I have little doubt that your legal counsel thought long and hard to structure that bunch of phooey, but it backfired and just threw your newspaper into a deeper mess.

In trying to dance on the head of the pin, you have provided further evidence to support my contention that the article entitled "Recall Candidate Jailed For Contempt", was nothing more than a "hit piece" orchestrated by members of what I call the "Good Old Boys" in collusion with your "unnamed reporter" that wrote the article. Peekaboo Royal, I see you!

The article, "Recall Candidate Jailed For Contempt" was done to help propagate the cover up of the assault upon me by Judge Robert O'Farrell on December 19th, 2003, and rev up the "spin machine" as a pre-emptive defensive strike. That was then.

Your sentences of today though establish you have no depth to the levels you will sink below

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ethical journalistic standards to conceal what you have already done wrong.

What your paper has done on the surface wreaks at the very best of "yellow journalism." However, lurking not far below the surface is what truly scares the wits out of your unnamed reporter, your legal counsel and his local cronies. Look at the file, ladies and gentlemen, of all of the information you had in your possession prior to your doing the article of December 19th, 2003.

The evidence is all there for reasonable people to see and reach a reasonable conclusion if my allegations contained in Forte vs. Robert O'Farrell, et al., are rantings or business as usual for "Good Old Boys" and their minions.

My question to you was a very simple one. Are you going to write a follow up article to the "Recall Candidate Jailed For Contempt"?

It would have been appropriate for you to respond something to the effect of, "We will be doing a follow up article on this matter, and look forward to a time to interview you. Thank you for your bringing this to our attention."

Instead, in twenty words or less, you communicated that you, as being the person "Who's In Charge"¹ (that should know better), see no reason that a follow up article is "possibly" not necessary to be done for fairness and to hold to ethical journalistic standards.

Further, you allude that the Superior Court complaint of Forte vs. Robert O'Farrell, et. al, alleging that Monterey County DA's, Monterey County Counsels and Monterey County Sheriffs, by ignoring, and thereby ratifying the false imprisonment of me which was done to intimidate me from exposing the Monterey County Law Firm of Fenton & Keller and Monterey County Superior Court Judges "fixing trials" for Alain Pinel Realty is not important or even newsworthy.

Who are you trying to kid? Why is it not important in your opinion?

Is it because I am just an ordinary run of the mill American and do not have the title of ESQ to legitimize my complaint? Very few attorneys in their lifetime can say they ever won an appeal. Even though I am not an attorney, *I did*. It means I know the law.

When all of the facts are laid out a person not even as bright as yourself would consider it an important story of actually national importance. You certainly must be an intelligent person and I

¹This is what you have on the inside of your newspaper putting on the spin that your paper is a responsible organization where you can find "who is in charge".

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don't believe you got to be head of a newspaper without being a bright connect the dots type of individual. You should have instinctively as they say "a nose for news".

Therefore, the reason for your being obtuse to the matter is far worse than claiming to be just negligent or "not the sharpest tool in the shed". You are trying to continue to run damage control for the "Good Old Boys" who in their very worst nightmares never thought it would get to this point.

In the present case, I am an American fighting for my rights because no attorney would have the intestinal fortitude to do what I have done. There is recorded audio evidence that they "fear reprisal if they do from the local 'Good Old Boys' and that 'they had to throw me to the lions to save themselves'. It is a racketeering of the judicial system here in Monterey, California, and it is no secret to the other judicial communities throughout the state.

Therefore, given the fact that the Monterey Herald has already exhibited a reckless disregard for journalistic standards, and whose reporter, Mr. Royal Calkins, with the approval of Ms. Carolina Garcia, and yourself as being "Who's In Charge", violated a court ordered deposition subpoena, I need to ask the following questions for the record.

1. Who is the reporter investigating "this"?
2. What is "this"?
3. What documents are you waiting "to get"?
4. What local law firm represents your newspaper?

Prudence on my part must also take into consideration that your Mr. Royal Calkins rudely ordered my wife and I from your premises when we had done nothing but stop by to leave off some documents as requested to do so by a prominent local businessman that had in advance spoken to Mr. Calkins about it. The prominent businessman was shocked when I told him what had happened. The incident is commemorated in writing to your paper.

You will see also that a courtesy copy of this letter is being provided to community leaders such as Mr. Leon Panetta of the Panetta Institute, who also writes for your newspaper, and whose son, Chris, works for the Fenton & Keller Law Firm, one of the defendants.

A courtesy copy is also being sent to ex-mayor of Carmel, Mr. Clint Eastwood, via his attorney, Mr. Anthony Lombardo of Lombardo & Gilles, who was witness to the battery of me on December 19th, 2003, and who has been deposed in the case of #M54914.

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The intent of this letter is to make it abundantly clear that this old horse is not going to be run around the track any longer and put all the cards up on the table.

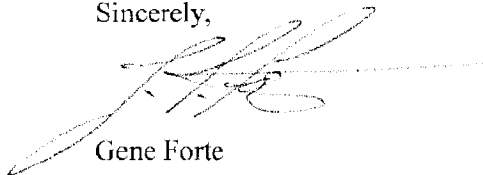
Since my false arrest, battery and prolonged stress resulting in my heart attack from the forces exerted upon me by the defendants and others implicated but not yet named in the case of Forte vs. O'Farrell, in holding true to the "sacred covenant" to my children that Mr. Panetta wrote about in the Monterey Herald, I have instituted a zero tolerance to nonsense, word playing, the "Good Old Boys" and *their minions*.

Quite frankly, my heart will not take it. As I sit here and type this just days before Christmas, I realize that a few years have been taken off of my life already due to the outrageous conduct of public officials here in Monterey, and your newspaper contributed to it. You continue to do so when you send me such a slap in the face response.

I look forward to your answers to my questions 1-4 above.

Thank you and I hope you have a pleasant Christmas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gene Forte', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gene Forte

cc: Leon Panetta, Mr. Clint Eastwood c/o Mr. Lombardo of Lombardo & Gilles