

JONASSON for Governor

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CONTROVERSIAL PHOTOGRAPH LIKELY DOCTORED

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA (CRAP: Canadian Regional Associated Press) – Unconfirmed Reports indicate that a photograph purporting to show gubernatorial candidate Stefan Jonasson romping through the waves with actress Sharon Stone may have been doctored. Although no firm conclusion can be reached without further scientific study, a preliminary examination by an independent laboratory brought to light several apparent discrepancies.

While Californians anxiously await the results of more detailed testing, the candidate's wife is standing by her man. "I never had any doubt at all that the innuendo about my husband and Ms. Stone was unfounded," said Cindy Jonasson, the candidate's teenage sweetheart and wife of 22 years.



Several apparent discrepancies can be observed in the controversial photograph of Sharon Stone and Stefan Jonasson. (1) The photograph shows the gubernatorial candidate with a mullet in his hair, although he is known to have kept the back of his hair neatly trimmed for at least the last two decades. (2) There is a gray blob on the sleeve of Jonasson's blazer that is inconsistent with seagull droppings. (3) The shadow patterns on the exposed skin of Stone and Jonasson are inconsistent. (4) Sharon Stone is clearly smiling, although the candidate's wife observed, "I can assure you that, if Ms. Stone has been with my husband, she would not have been smiling. She would have looked disappointed, or else she'd have been laughing out loud."

"Ms. Stone is an intelligent, sophisticated, beautiful woman who could have any man she wanted. But my husband is like an olive – he's something of an acquired taste." When a reporter pointed out to the candidate's wife that she was also seemingly bright and quite attractive, she humbly dismissed the observation and noted that, when she was younger, she had often returned home with wounded animals and other strays. "Even today, our household has a couple of rats as pets."

Asked what possible motive there could be for anyone to concoct a

fabricated picture of the candidate, Mrs. Jonasson said, "Ever since he first entered public life, there has been a vast right-wing conspiracy to undermine my husband's career."

The candidate's mother was also quick to leap to his defense. "He was never very popular as a boy," she is quoted as saying, "and as near as I can tell he hasn't improved any with age. When he got married, we asked Cindy to sign a prenuptial agreement promising that she wouldn't try to return him. She's pretty much stuck with him because of the agreement, but I can't imagine why any woman would bother with him if she had a choice in the matter." When reminded that she had earlier suggested that her son had a rich sense of humor, the elder Mrs. Jonasson responded, "You misunderstood me. I didn't say he had a sense of humor, I said he was kind of funny ... like, odd!"

Although close personal friends of the candidate concede that he has a magnetic personality, they seem to agree that his magnetism is like the end of the magnet that repels others. When asked whether there was any truth to the rumors about the candidate's relationship to Sharon Stone, her publicist asked, "Who?"

For now, voters seem prepared to give Jonasson the benefit of the doubt. While their obvious affection for him might lead his wife and mother to either misrepresent the truth or succumb to psychological denial, the testimony of friends and acquaintances, coupled with the photographic analysis, seems to exonerate the candidate.