

JONASSON *for Governor*

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PUTTING AN END TO JUVENILE CRIME

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA (CRAP: Canadian Regional Associated Press) – Rejecting claims that he is soft on crime, California gubernatorial candidate Stefan Jonasson today unveiled his plans for addressing juvenile crime, describing it as a blend of traditional values and innovative methods. Critics charged that the plan would only duplicate the failed liberal policies of the New England states here in California but Jonasson rejects the accusation. “My plan brings together the compassionate ideals of our Puritan ancestors



Stefan Jonasson's daughter, Heather, who like President Bush's daughters sometimes misbehaves, demonstrates one of the solutions proposed by the candidate for curbing juvenile crime. Jonasson rejects suggestions that deployment of pillories and stocks in public parks will do little more than glamorize crime among young Californians.

with a more realistic assessment of probabilities for rehabilitation,” said the candidate. In a thinly-veiled allusion to one of his opponents, Jonasson said, “We can’t just ‘terminate’ criminals, you know. Let’s have a little compassion.”

Simply stated, Jonasson plans to give the courts legislative access to a wider range of punishments, including pillories, racks, and dunking – although water torture would be expressly forbidden. Already on record as opposing capitol punishment, Jonasson appears to reject the death penalty as well. When asked about ending the practice of lethal injection and returning to the electric chair, the candidate said he would be willing to consider the possibility but only if the intention was to inflict great pain on convicts rather than kill them. In response to critics who claim that extreme punishments have little or no deterrent effect, Jonasson says, “Since when was our justice system about deterrence rather than entertainment? Who would go see

a movie or watch a television show where the protagonist was being deterred? Let's get real, folks! Deterrence only serves to prevent crime, it isn't a realistic way to react once a offense has been committed. But vengeance and retribution help to bring the community together in the aftermath of crime. That's all I'm trying to do – bring people together in community.”

Jonasson's proposals to deal with juvenile crime have been criticized by groups as diverse as the Victims of Crime Alliance (VoCAL), Kids In Distress (KIDs), the Society for the Use of Vehicular Vengeance (SUV²), the National Gun Association (NaG), and the California Association of Assistant Deputy Chiefs of Police. However, his proposals have drawn support from the California Coalition for Bondage and the Orange County Chapter of the Marquis de Sade Society, both of which described his plan as “stimulating.”