



CITY HALL & POLITICS

Strange Bedfellows Indeed:

Checkerheads check out, we don't mind who stays

We at *The Ravensgate Mercury Weekly* have had our issues with the Checkerheads from Day One.

Maybe it has something to do with all those racist wackos and unrepentant criminals Superintendent Philip Snow would have loved to fire outright were it not for the Ravensgate Police Guild. It is Snow's predicament that has placed us in an odd position.

Well, it has placed us in **five** odd positions:

- We are a pro-union newspaper, but the RPG is so corrupt it must be broken by any means necessary.
- We are all staunch Democrats—except our friend Vic Charlton—but Phil Snow clearly is the better mayoral candidate.
- Snow's pet Street Crimes Unit, or Hawaiians In Jackboots, has left a trail of cracked skulls all over town. However, they're equal-opportunity skull-crackers who have busted more dirty cops in the last two years than IAD ever did in ten. Keep up the good work, boys.
- Judge Inakimoto "Mad Moe" Ishii is an unhinged wing-nut, but he's in the right place—chairing the Sinclair Commission and putting away dirty cops. At least it keeps him off the bench, and, for that, we are thankful.
- Vic Charlton also is a wing-nut, but he is *rational* and not afraid of the ugly truth. His employers at KRGO aren't, either. Wish we could say that about *Journal* publisher Jean-Pierre d'Aubaine, but JP's loss is our gain. Screw you, JP.

As you may guess, we take the typically Ravensgater pleasure in the small victories.

We are thankful The Foundry responded to the "shots fired" distress call and saved Phil Snow's life.

We are thankful DA Delbert Yoakham resigned and spared us the debacle of yet another elected official campaigning from jail.

We are thankful that stupid cracker Dan Swill, Ravensgate Police Guild president, decided to lead his loyal lemmings off a cliff and most likely into the state pen in Salem. (Five words, Dan: Don't sleep on your stomach.) Who'd have thought he'd ever perform a public service?

We can—and will—say the same for the 31 chiefs, deputy chiefs, inspectors and captains who resigned en masse at the stroke of midnight. They played chicken with Phil Snow, Mayor d'Aubaine and City Attorney Bryan Sinclair—and expected them all to blink.

They showed their true colors in the face of the threatened police strike and an invasion by out-of-town nihilists. Good riddance.

Those officers who remained on the firing line have displayed unfathomable courage in the face of verbal and physical attacks from so-called anarchists, fugitive striking cops, and the desperate minions of the Ravensgate Crime Commission.

We harbor no illusions about the Checkerheads, or their corporate culture, but we are glad those remaining on duty are honest, capable of reason and unafraid of change.

And we are glad they're there for us.

V.L. Wilson, Editor and Publisher

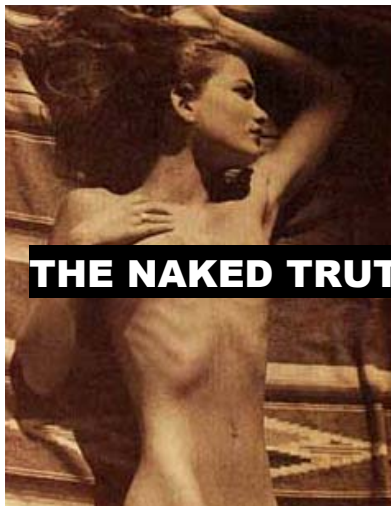


Today's violence has been cancelled due to snowfall

The above portraits of the Longview Avenue Bridge over Sacajawea Channel and of the Zion AME Church on normally-busy Ferndale Ave. N are in stark contrast to early Monday's Downtown rioting. Uncharacteristic April snow cancelled school Tuesday and did what martial law might not have done—enforce peace and quiet.

Word to the anarchists, cops, striking *ex*-cops and RCC mobsters: How about a snowman-building contest? Just leave your artillery at home, OK? Peace.

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THE NAKED TRUTH

ABOUT OUR MAYOR

WHAT THE JOURNAL WON'T TELL YOU

We almost named this ad "The Mayor's New Clothes." Then we read her dad's hatchet piece in Monday's Journal.

Yes, this is our mayor. The photo was taken in 1996. Why are we using it?

To get your attention. And to demonstrate what it has to do with her qualifications for office—absolutely nothing, just like the lies *The Journal* is disseminating about Superintendent Snow. It takes time for a reformer to assemble the team necessary to enact those reforms from within.

Yesterday morning's assassination attempt speaks volumes: Philip Snow is getting the job done cleaning house. He's made progress for community-based policing and against youth gangs, and it is interesting to note that the city's power elites never opposed him until he turned his sights inward to the brethren who have betrayed both their legal oath and our sacred trust.

Mayor Salome Throckmorton-d'Aubaine recognizes effective leadership when she sees it. Why else would she work with the very same man her father has gone to great lengths to trash?

Our mayor has set aside politics and stands by Superintendent Philip Snow during this crisis. Her father's libel machine should shut the hell up and do the same.

Signed,
The Officers of Maka'i Ohana, Community Diversity In Policing,
African Police Brethren, and the Asian Police Benevolent Association:
Your New Ravensgate Bureau of Public Safety

