

Did you work out of the Star Phoenix Newsroom in the 1990's and early 2000s?

When did you cease working out of the Star Phoenix newsroom?

As you worked out of the Star Phoenix newsroom would you say you were you part of the "newsroom culture" of the period?

How would you describe this newsroom culture?

Was it something you would say you understood?

Actively participated in?

Enjoyed?

Did you have any interactions with the columnists the Star Phoenix published at the time?

Did these columnists or any of them regularly interact or socialize with reporters like yourself?

If you did not regularly interact with them did you interact with them at special events such as staff parties?

Did these columnists or any of them regularly interact or socialize with management?

Would you say the columnists were part of the newsroom culture?

Were there any of these columnists you got on well with other the Cam Fuller, God rest his soul?

Regularly socialized with?

Would you aware of how the columnists were remunerated?

Were they drawing a salary, paid on a column inch or article basis, something else, or a combination thereof?

Were you aware of the reputations of the columnists?

Did they or any of them have reputations for their doggedness, ethics, work ethic, and such at the Star Phoenix?

Were any of the columnists disliked, distrusted, worried about, looked down upon or considered suspect, unreliable or worse?

Or were the columnists popular and highly regarded?

Were any of the columnists avoided and ostracized by your co-workers or some of them?

Or were they lionized, looked up, and considered above the reporting staff?

Or did that depend on the columnist and if so, how? (please provide examples)

Was there much interaction between the columnists and the management?

Were any of the columnists disliked, distrusted, worried about, looked down upon or avoided and ostracized by management?

Or were the columnists popular and highly regarded?

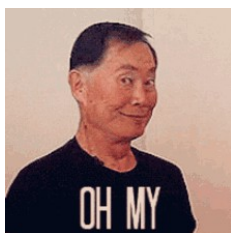
Or did that depend on the columnist and if so, can you describe how and provide examples?

Do you still maintain ties with some or any of the Star Phoenix management team of the time?

If so, would you be prepared to identify them and provide their email address contact information?

I look forward to your reply and advise that based upon your responses there may be several follow-up questions.

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*The Crime Reporter declined and refused to answer the above questions so additional questions were sent.*

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Did you as a working reporter for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix in the 1990's know one of the people the Star Phoenix regularly published the columns of was a convicted stranger rapist who nearly stabbed his victim to death and who gave perjured testimony regarding his victim and otherwise at his trial for the crimes he perpetrated on her? [Note: this question and the related questions that follow using the words "rapist" and "raping" contain error – the columnist was convicted of aggravated sexual assault not rape. Research was conducted

subsequent to the questions being asked of the crime reporter. As a result of this research it was discovered that the columnist could not penetrate the young woman he kidnapped, unlawfully confined, and nearly stabbed to death. As a result of this subsequent research it was also discovered the columnist was a slasher, had an extensive criminal record with multiple parole violations and that an Edmonton Crown Prosecutor who was later appointed to the Alberta Court of Appeal made an application to have the columnist declared a dangerous offender]

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Did you as a working reporter for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix in the 1990s know that this person whom the Star Phoenix regularly published the columns of and was sentenced to 14 years in prison after his conviction for raping, unlawfully confining, and nearly murdering his victim had previously also been convicted of participating in a prison riot, taking a hostage during the course of this riot and deliberately wounding that hostage?

Did you know as a working reporter for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix in the 1990's that this person whom the Star Phoenix regularly published the columns of and was sentenced to 14 years in prison after his conviction for raping, unlawfully confining, and nearly murdering his victim and whom had previously been convicted of breaking into the home of another young woman, positioned himself as a defender of women in his columns that the Star Phoenix was then publishing?

Did you know as a working reporter for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix in the 1990s that this person whom the Star Phoenix regularly published the columns of and was sentenced to 14 years in prison after his conviction for raping, unlawfully confining, and nearly murdering his victim and who had had previously also been convicted of breaking into the home of another young woman and of participating in a prison riot, taking a hostage and deliberately wounding that hostage and who positioned himself as a defender of young women in his columns was known by others at your place of work to have committed the horrible crimes or some of the crimes he had been convicted of?

If you did know of others at the Star Phoenix in the 1990s who were aware of the horrible crimes this columnist who positioned himself as a defender of women in his columns had been convicted of, can you confirm the names of the people employed by the Star Phoenix who were then aware of the horrible crimes or some of the crimes this columnist had been convicted of?

Were any of these people management?

Other journalists?

Can you confirm the names of the people in management at the Star Phoenix or other journalists who were employed by the Star Phoenix in the 1990s, who were aware of the crimes that had been committed by this columnist whose columns the Star Phoenix regularly published?

What are those names?

Whether you knew or did not know as a working reporter for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix in the 1990's that this person whom the Star Phoenix regularly published the columns of and was sentenced to 14 years in prison after his conviction for raping, unlawfully confining, and nearly murdering his victim and who had had previously also been convicted of breaking into the home of another young woman and of participating in a prison riot, and who had previously also been convicted of taking a hostage and deliberately wounding that hostage and who positioned himself as a defender of women in his columns, can you advise or confirm that this columnist was avoided by some of the staff of the Saskatoon Star Phoenix particularly those of the female gender, around the office or at staff events?

If you did not know while a working reporter for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix in the 1990's that the Star Phoenix was then regularly publishing the columns of a man who positioned himself in his columns as a defender of women who in reality was a stranger rapist who nearly murdered his victim, a perjurer, and a violent man, when if ever did you become aware of this?

You are the CBC's crime reporter.

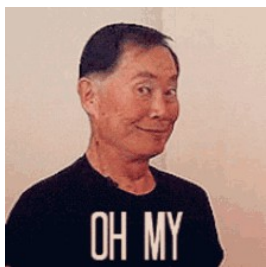
When did you become aware of these facts, if ever, prior to receiving these questions?

Did you ever file a report through the CBC or some other news organ so the public would be made aware of the dangers to the community and its women in particular, that your former employer, the Star Phoenix, was causing or had caused, as the case may be, by making payments to this columnist for his columns so he could afford to reside in Saskatoon?

If you were ever made aware of this columnist's crimes, did you not think them, in light of the content of his columns and the danger to the community he represented, newsworthy?

Or would you say, given your acquired expertise as a crime reporter for the CBC that people change and the columnist was no longer when residing in Saskatoon and having his columns published by the Saskatoon Star Phoenix, a violent man, stranger rapist and near murderer and perjurer and proven liar and was not at all a threat to the community of Saskatoon or its residents when the Saskatoon Star Phoenix published his columns in which he wrote of his heroin addiction and time in the big house, or positioned himself as a defender of women, but never once truthfully wrote about what he had actually spent time in the big house for?

Were you aware, or did you ever become aware, that this columnist actually at some point changed the spelling of his last name in his columns, presumably to reduce the chances of the public finding out about the serious, horrific crimes he had been convicted of and his veracity?



*The Crime Reporter declined and refused to answer the above questions too. The RiversdaleReporter acquired additional information and evidence and published its first articles on this deeply troubling scandal then sent the Crime Reporter some final follow-up questions. These questions were:*

**Did the reporters the Star Phoenix was then employing simply not know nor care to find out what crimes the "columnist" whose columns the Saskatoon Sun was publishing and published for years and who had alluded to time he had spent in a penitentiary -- what the columnist had actually been sent to the penitentiary for and for how long?**

**Did the reporters simply take the "columnist's" word that his stay in the big house was due to his heroin addiction?**

**Were the reporters the Star Phoenix was then employing unaware the "columnist" had threatened the life of the young women he victimized at knife point multiple times, slashed at her forcing her to dodge his knife swipes while naked, and almost stabbed her to death missing her heart by less than .4 of an inch?**

**Were the reporters the Star Phoenix was then employing unaware the "columnist" the Star Phoenix was then publishing and allowing to create a false persona in Saskatoon wherein he masqueraded as a normal albeit heroin addicted fellow and defender of women -- deployed**

various means and language one night in early January of 1984 that caused his female victim to fear for her life multiple times and eventually conclude she had to get the knife he was slashing at her with away from him or she was going to be murdered and that when she did so, took a swipe at him and ran to an adjacent room and slammed the door shut and screamed and screamed in terror for help as she held the door closed with all her might as the "columnist" tried to force his way into that room until the police arrived?

Were the reporters the Star Phoenix was then employing unaware that the "columnist" had an extensive criminal record with multiple parole violations and if so, why were they unaware of this?

Were the reporters the Star Phoenix was then employing unaware that crown prosecutors filed an application to have the man whose columns the Saskatoon Sun was then publishing designated as a dangerous offender so he might receive an indeterminate sentence?

Were the reporters the Star Phoenix was then employing unaware of the reasons the prosecutors gave for filing an application to have the man designated as a dangerous offender?

Was there a verbal, written or oral arrangement between the Star Phoenix management and its reporters to keep the remarkable criminal record and reputation for veracity of the columnist the Star Phoenix was publishing who had committed stranger aggravated sexual assault, unlawful confinement, and nearly murdered and then libelled his female victim at his trial [for these crimes] a secret?

Do you, as CBC's go to crime reporter, not think a major news outlet, Saskatchewan Justice and the parole system allowing a man who was a legitimate threat to the safety of women and men in Saskatoon to create a false persona that kept innocent people and his victims and potential victims from being aware of his past and the real and present danger the man presented at that time, very out of the ordinary?

Would you not agree this is probably the biggest Saskatchewan news story of the 21st century to date?

Or the last half century?

Do you believe news organizations [should] be held to the highest standards of conduct and integrity?

Do you think that in allowing a career criminal, thug, would-be stranger rapist, attempted murderer, unlawful confiner and slasher to present himself to the Saskatoon community as an addict, defender of women and otherwise wonderful human, the Star Phoenix met these standards of conduct and integrity?



*The former Star Phoenix journalist and working crime reporter seems to have emailed the RiversdaleReporter after the above questions were sent. However the email bounced so the RiversdaleReporter does not know if these questions were answered or whether the crime reporter once again declined and refused to answer the questions. Several subsequent emails asking the crime reporter to resend the original bounced email were not responded to.*