

Making Waves

by Dragos Ruiu

To be or not to be. That is the question. Nah, that's been done too. But boy does it have diction! Forget it, diction is for politicians — and we all know how much they are worth. (But listen to them, they never use slang! You'll love it Heather...)

But now we will reveal some secrets of the universe:

I received some possible answers to the Patti Habib Mystery. Unfortunately, they were all anonymous, but here goes.

"Aw, come on, everyone's heard of her! Patti Habib is as big a music star as Billy Newton Davis. Didn't she win a Juno, too?"

"Patti Habib used to compete in the men's track circuit — you remember Patrick Habib? After countless failures she now runs on the women's team. That papaya in the ad is not 'Patti Habib's' snack. It is, in fact, a main ingredient in a beauty preparation she puts on her face after shaving."

"Patti Habib? I know Patti Habib! Athlete? Ha! She's a sheep — a conforming Yuppie. What a joke — papaya as a power snack? Hardly! It's all a front — she probably can't even spell papaya! And those shoes. That's a good one. Those shoes are mine — she stole them to wear to one of her pseudo-friends posh dress-down parties — and I never saw them again. Patti, if you're reading this: I WANT MY SHOES BACK!!!"

Just goes to show you, everybody gets bored in lectures.

As well, with one of these replies came another revelation of the universe. The Fixx mystery is solved — *Shattered Room* was one of the first (if not the first) Fixx album released in Canada. The released single off it was "Stand or Fall" — had a video having something to do with the futility of war or somesuch. Thanx... (somebody?)

This week's fluff:

Columbia now makes anyone coming 'in contact' with their white-trash-rap-wonders, The Beastie Boys, sign a release saying that they will not sue them. This is after the Beasties' recent banning from Holiday Inns worldwide. The reason? Well, it seems that when they were touring they asked for adjoining rooms. Closest they could get was rooms on top of each other. No problem said the Beasties, and went up to their room where they CUT A HOLE IN THE FLOOR TO CONNECT THE ROOMS. The management, not having heard the Beasties' "Fight for the Right To Party," did not take the room remodeling too calmly!

Michael Jackson recently tried to buy the remains of the famous 'Elephant Man.' The hospital refused. Truly WIIIEERD!!!

Definite winner song lyric here by a group calling themselves Zodiac Mindwarp and the Love Reaction:

"I'm the high priest of love. I'm shooting babies from the end of my dick."

Oh yeaahh baby... (don't wait for the Weird Al version folks!)

Quote of the nanosecond:

"Every film in which I had to be beautiful and sexy, I was miserable."

Jane Fonda

Yeah, I know what you mean. When I have to be sexy, I just want to scream too!

On a more somber note:

Well, it's obvious that Mulroney does not have any friends who read. If he did, I'm sure he would be busy giving them government contracts for something or other, instead of pestering the publishing industry.

Let's recap the current state of the madness. First, they decided to tax books coming into Canada. Never mind that that was one of the most insipid, asinine, protectionist, law-making bumbles of history. Now, it seems they are going to try to top it. Next victim... magazines.

Someone had his feathers ruffled when they found out that magazines received discount postal rates. So what to do? Axe it!

Keep it in mind that this is the same government that last year awarded a contract for a Coast Guard super-icebreaker to a Quebec firm (who contracted out to an European company to build it), whose ship cost twice as much, had half as much range, couldn't break thicker ice, and cost significantly more to operate than a western design that benefitted from extensive Beaufort drilling experience.

Why? Because the minister in charge used to be head honcho at that Quebec firm. The official line was that the western proposal "had no provisions for a SWIMMING POOL!" This other proposal cost HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MORE JUST TO BUILD.

But, I digress. So our government has decided to nuke low rates for publications; it obviously can't be for economic reasons, they must have money to spare. This must be meant to hurt all those U.S. magazines which are treading on our cultural identity(!). Someone should inform them that they are making a BIG MISTAKE.

To most U.S. publishers, Canada only represents four percent of their sales. In their view, all the Canadian market consists of is leaving their presses on for another few minutes to print some extra copies. Their expenses are covered by home sales.

Unfortunately, that is not the state of Canadian magazines. They very same magazines that the government is said to be protecting will be hurt the most by the postal changes. Canadian magazines like MacLeans and Cycle Canada have to sink or swim on the 50,000-60,000 copies they sell here.

So by screwing around with the postal system, all they will end up doing is pushing a few Canadian publications out of business. Hey, but then you won't have to worry about their magazines being stolen out of your new SuperMailbox.

Whether it's education cuts in Alberta, or making the postal system more inefficient in Ottawa (kinda like shooting the country in the foot, again!), the operational slogan seems to be "Less for More!"

Sleep well, we are in good hands, folks. P.S. You can send a POSTAGE FREE card or letter to:

Flora MacDonald,
Minister of Communications,
House of Commons,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6.
(Phew, what a mouthfull!)



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