

Multinationals win without firing shot

Dear Editor,

In the early history of North America, Canada was invaded militarily by the United States on several occasions without success. But now, the Liberal government of Jean Chretien has given complete control of our economy, natural resources, environment, culture and health to the multinational corporations under the terms outlined in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The biggest lie of the Liberal government was the promise it would not ratify NAFTA unless it was substantially changed. To our great regret, when Chretien was elected after the Brian Mulroney fiasco, he meekly signed the agreement on behalf of Canada without one word of change.

A prominent Vancouver lawyer, Constance Fogal, has started the Defence of Canadian Liberty Committee and intends to challenge the power of NAFTA as being unconstitutional. She faces a long and rocky road, considering the courts being loaded

with political appointees. She needs all the help and support she can get in her valiant effort to get Canada out of the tragic mess our elected government has created. May God bless her.

*Henry Metke,
Kelowna*

Autistic children deserve better

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Penticton's Jeremy Rodrigues in his struggle to overcome autism.

Although I do not know Jeremy, I too have a special interest. I have a grandson with the disorder. He is five years old and has no language.

It has not been easy for my daughter and her husband to have a child with a disability, especially autism. Life is always a day-to-day struggle, but all the added pressures that are placed on a family on top is almost unimaginable.

One is having to deal with a government that turns its back on the children of B.C.

and neglects the facts. It is not providing medical treatment that is proven to work. Yet the government is saying, "Here, try this. There's no data or research to back it up, but it's cheap."

These children deserve better. They deserve quality of life just like anyone else. They do not turn away cancer patients because treatment is expensive. Jeremy deserves an education and a quality life. He is a little boy who can't speak for himself.

Our daughter has been blessed with family support, good friends and a wonderful group of supporters.

Also, our region of the Ministry for Children and Families has supported us in our fight to help our grandson's battle of autism. He has been improving more and more over time, more than we could have ever hoped for and significantly more than doing all the other "flavour-of-the-month" treatments.

We are in full support of the Rodrigues family and their courage to stand up and fight. They will go to the ends of the earth to help their son, just like any other parent would do for their child.

*Cheryl Grosset,
Langley, B.C.*