



EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW

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Eureka Moments

There comes a time in one's life that eureka moments seem to flow in with the consistency of the tides. If only these moments came earlier in life. Why is it that our children are not receptive, as a rule, to our counselling, to the conveying of our life experiences? The answer is probably for the same reason that we were not very receptive to our parents' advice. Unfortunately we seem to have to go thru the process of learning by our own and make the same mistakes that our parents did when they were our age. The same situation is seen in the business world and the government. I see the

same mistakes done in the logging and sawmilling industry as was done 35 years ago. The same situations in our government arise decade after decade. This continuous cycle of unreasonable behaviour along with procrastination ends up being a liability for all involved. As a society, we might as well admit that we have ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

The media generally acts as the people's watchdog but governments still manage to misinform the public and has done so for decades. If it wasn't for the likes of Bob Fife or Glenn Greenwald of this world, where would

we be? Edward Snowden should be regarded as a hero for denouncing the U.S. government for spying on citizens. On this occasion, the media has led us to believe that this man is a menace to society and he now resides in Russia. Propaganda?

Social media, although somewhat deficient in accuracy, can be used to speed up the process of pinpointing wrong doings in our governments and society. Stephen Harper is obviously fed up with social media and the media in general. He created his own TV series called 24 Seven. After watching one

episode, I was reminded of the war time Soviet propaganda reels that were put out in the forties or the more recent scenes of the population applauding North Korea's Kim Jong-Un. Just waiting for him to blame the Senators fiasco on Paul MacLean! Spezza is a Senator. Is he being investigated? Sorry, just confused! Probably remnants of a nightmare that I had about our Prime Minister writing a book on hockey, on our time regardless of what he says, and then handing out 66 million dollars to Palestinians while an estimated 30,000 Canadians are homeless and most "normal" Canadians are struggling to pay their tax, electricity and gasoline bills not to mention the irresponsibilities displayed towards our Canadian soldiers. I also dreamt that Rob Ford had quit drinking. I should stop procrastinating and get my priorities in order.