

Day, the day the Allies invaded Europe to suppress the Nazis.

**Benny Wolfe
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Opposition to Bill C-6

Dear Editor:

For natural health enthusiasts, March 17 was their lucky day. Constitutional lawyer Shawn Buckley came to Penticton!

Mr. Buckley warned the audience of 200 at Cleland Theatre of diminishing freedoms for natural health consumers in Canada. He advised that there is a critical and urgent, but invisible, dilemma facing the natural health industry.

In 2004, inappropriate regulations were created for natural health products (NHPs), which will eliminate the majority of NHPs in Canada.

Bill C-51 and C-52, which were dropped when parliament prorogued last year, drew attention to this hastening catastrophe. Now there's Bill C-6, which has passed first reading, which gives unreasonable enforcement authority to government for all consumer products.

Bill C-6 contains losses of freedoms that Shawn says are shocking, and that he never expected to see in his lifetime. For Shawn's legal opinion on this bill, go to www.nhppa.org under Discussion Paper for Bill C-6.

While Bill C-6 may be a step back into medieval times, there are other, more appropriate ideas for what consumers might want.

Shawn Buckley proposes something else, which is a breath of fresh air and welcoming to people who prefer a nutritional or non-drug approach to health care; the same people who take responsibility for their own health.

He proposes something modeled af-

ter the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, namely, the Charter of Health Freedom. The Charter of Health Freedom is a positive solution for all government officials, regulators, and citizens.

It creates a Ministry of Wellness for the approximately 75 per cent of the population that uses natural health products. This constituency does not fit into the drug paradigm currently employed by Health Canada and the Ministry of Health.

The Charter is dedicated to keeping people well, but also fully accountable to government, and regulated separately from the Ministry of Health.

It could be a first for the world. We appreciate Shawn's dedication and encourage everyone to learn more about pending legislation and how that may affect your rights to health freedom.

If you are concerned, write to your MP, the Health Minister and the Prime Minister and let them know.

**Jane Shaak
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SOEC – bring on MMA

Dear Editor:

I would like to give kudos to the South Okanagan Events Centre for looking at bringing in mixed martial arts. I am a 45-year-old male who has been a fan of MMA for many years.

I do not watch it for the "bloodletting" as some people have called this sport, nor do I want to go and look for a fight after watching an event. The reason I watch has to do with the skill and the training. The athleticism involved is unbelievable. The UFC welterweight champion, George St. Pierre, was named Canadian Athlete of the year.