

So Long, Farewell, It's Time to Say Goodnight...

It is with great sadness that we inform you that the writer of "The Cutting Room Floor" has left us to take up residence in LA as a correspondent for *The National Enquirer*. Our former colleague — whom we now affectionately refer to as "Deep Throat" — was snapped up by the *Enquirer* for her snazzy writing style, keen observational skills, and willingness to resort to Photoshop.

The appointment was an unforeseen result of a visit by Deep Throat to former *Newsletter* columnist Moxie Maven after the latter became suicidal over the break-up of her relationship with environmentalist David Suzuki. Suzuki, as we divulged last year, was reported by the David Suzuki Foundation as "abducted" despite having been spotted in various Texas and Hollywood nightspots with the infamous Maven. The break-up allegedly stemmed from an incident at a joint *Nature of Things*/Foundation fundraiser which Moxie attended wearing an endangered species and Manolo Blahniks. When a CBC producer was accidentally broadcast making scurrilous remarks about Maven's unfortunate choice of apparel, she retaliated by clubbing him over the head repeatedly with her sealskin purse. Horrified CBC executives immediately sprung to action, warning Suzuki to either "lose his Moxie" or face cancellation. Among their many stringent demands, senior management are reported as having ordered Suzuki to "stop working out, lose the fig leaf, and put your Birkenstocks back on or we'll schedule you opposite *The West Wing*."

But Suzuki's loss was apparently Deep Throat's gain. An insider at the Maven mansion in Pacific Palisades told the *Newsletter* that, while Deep Throat was nursing Moxie back to health, the two women apparently fell

in love. The happy couple were seen cuddling at a Hillary Clinton support rally and then later at dinner with David Crosby and a team of lawyers. Rumor has it Maven and Deep Throat intend to marry in Vermont in the spring, a belief scoffed at by opponents and supporters alike. A spokesperson for the Vermont United Lesbian Vegetarians Alliance claims the two women are "just experimenting" and "will soon show their true colors when the Lakers finish the season."

The loss of Deep Throat has come on the heels of even worse news: editors Michelle Demers and Joyce Thierry have called it quits on the *Newsletter* after five and four years, respectively, in order to pursue other projects. Demers and Thierry had been discussing handing over the reins for some time, but neither had made a firm decision until they fell into a dispute over "Desert Rose", the hit single by Sting which features Algerian-born singer Cheb Mami. The dispute erupted with an argument about who is sexier, Sting or Mami: Thierry, a long-time fan of Sting, called Mami "that short little guy with the funny accent", while Demers referred to Sting as "that over-rated stick of a man whose voice pales in comparison." The division was cemented when Demers taped a Sting concert for Thierry as a Christmas present, but muted out everyone except Mami and the PBS fundraising guy. Thierry was said to be "outraged" and retaliated by buying Demers a burqua. Neither Demers nor Thierry could be reached for comment.

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