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# Ex-premier mobilizes anti-HST battle across B.C.

### Canvassers have just 90 days to gather 300,000 signatures

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Thousands of volunteers brought together by former premier Bill Vander Zalm have fanned out across British Columbia to gather petition signatures with the aim

of killing the controversial Harmonized Sales Tax, set to go into effect on July 1.

Seventy-five-year-old Vander Zalm, who has said the HST is "the wrong tax at the wrong time for the wrong reasons," is attempting to take advantage of The Recall and Initiative

Act, a piece of legislation he helped draft back in the early 1990s.

Under the act, in order to oppose a piece of government legislation, petition signatures must be collected from 10 percent of the registered voters in each of B.C.'s 85 electoral districts within exactly 90 days.

That amounts to about 300,000 signatures in all, although Fight HST lead organizer Chris Delaney says they're aiming for more.

"We're going for 15 percent so we'll probably be in the neighbourhood of 450,000 signatures, just so that we've got a buffer zone in case there

are signatures that aren't correct and any of a number of things."

Delaney says the response to the campaign, which began in Premier Gordon Campbell's Point Grey riding on April 6, has been "absolutely overwhelming."

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## More church sex scandals likely in Canada, says victims' advocate

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A victims' rights advocate in Ontario says many more people are likely to come forward with allegations of abuse by clergy as a result of the current wave of scandals rocking the Roman Catholic Church. "Whenever someone comes forward and it makes it in the newspaper, then other survivors do come out. So every time there's a report in some newspaper or in some magazine, you have more survivors that do have the courage to speak up," says Robert Bérubé of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP).

Bérubé, 54, says he knows of more than 400 men and women who say they, too, have been abused

by members of the clergy from various churches, including Catholic, Anglican, and Mormon.

"Of the people that usually contact me, I would say 90 percent have been abused by priests, or members of clergy, which is not limited to Catholic."

Bérubé, a former school principal and co-founder of International Days: Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence, says he himself was sexually abused by a Catholic priest in the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie over a period of three years starting when he was 12.

After suffering a debilitating depression in his late forties, he decided to break his silence. "I came out because someone else had spoken out," he says.

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## Eyes turn to Pope's role in abuse scandal

By STEPHEN JONES  
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LONDON—Senior clerics in Rome could have hoped for a better Easter. Over the last three months, the Catholic Church has been shaken to its foundations by revelations over the role of its leadership in covering up cases of sexual abuse by its priests.

In Ireland, Germany, Rome, the United States, and now Britain, over 700 harrowing stories of abuse dating back decades have come to light. In many of the cases, serious failings have emerged in how senior priests balanced the need to protect victims against the fear of negative publicity.

Following a series of recent revelations, a question mark now hangs over Pope Benedict XVI himself

for allegedly failing to act swiftly in disciplining priests who have been convicted of child abuse.

Many of the allegations against the pope refer to a time when he was still a cardinal called Joseph Ratzinger and was serving as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has responsibility for tackling abuse by clerics.

DELAYED DISCIPLINE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Stephen Kiesle, a San Francisco priest, was sentenced to three years probation in 1978 on charges of lewd conduct after he abused two young boys in a church rectory.

After returning to pastoral work in 1981, Kiesle asked to be removed from the priesthood.

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## TRAGIC HISTORY REPEATED



A woman holds a picture of late Polish President Lech Kaczynski during a march to commemorate the victims of Saturday's Tupolev Tu-154 aircraft crash near Smolensk, in Szczecin, April 13, 2010. As the country grapples with a loss so like the very deaths the president and his entourage were travelling to commemorate, the names of the deceased start to be released. See World P5. REUTERS/CEZARY ASZKIELEWICZ/AGENCJA GAZETA



HARDLINERS: Members of the Islamic militant group Hisbul, which controls large parts of Somalia. The group has forced 14 private radio stations to stop airing music, deeming the music to be un-Islamic. ABDIRASHID ABDULLE ABIKAR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## DJs face threat of death in Somali music ban

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Fourteen private radio stations in the Somali capital of Mogadishu were forced to stop airing music on Tuesday, following orders from

Hisbul Islamic insurgents.

The hard-line Islamic group that controls large parts of Somalia gave the stations a 10-day ultimatum to implement the ban, labelling the music as un-Islamic.

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## Tweets, cookies, and wall posts Cyber campaigning in the U.K. election

By STEPHEN JONES  
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LONDON—It was dubbed "cookie-gate," and soon became the talking point for thousands of women on online chat rooms.

The apparent refusal of Prime Minister Gordon Brown to discuss his biscuit preferences or whether or not he "dunked" in his tea was one of the biggest items of news to emerge from a live Web chat that the prime minister recently held with female voters.

Welcome to the world of Mumsnet, a social networking site for 800,000 British women which is increasingly becoming a key battleground in the upcoming U.K. general election.

So much so, in fact, that the May 6 election has already been described by the chattering classes as a "mumsnet election."

"Mumsnet is totemic of the modern mothers who will be the key political battleground at the

election," Deborah Mattinson, a pollster for Brown, told the Times newspaper in a recent interview.

However, Brown's Web chat is merely the tip of the iceberg in terms of politicians' attempts to re-engage with a generation of politically disenchanted Internet aficionados.

Barack Obama's 2008 election campaign, which utilized highly targeted e-mail canvassing and new media, has been held up by Labour, Conservative, and Liberal strategists as the ideal model of how best to engage with modern voters.

Aside from adverts on Mumsnet and Facebook, politicians are also using viral campaigns to pour scorn on the opposition. The Liberal Democrat spoof Web site, Labervative.com, has circulated satirical advertisements lambasting the front-running Labour and Conservative parties for being practically identical.

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