



AL NEIL

## Neil gets bad review

Some people just don't know how to take a compliment.

A recent review in The Vancouver Sun's entertainment pages suggested that legendary writer, musician and artist Al Neil is getting some well-deserved attention from the Vancouver Art Gallery. Within days, Spectator received the following message, in pencil:

*"In regards to EVE JOHNSON'S review of Making History: Recent Art of the Pacific WEST I have known Al Neil for 30 years and he is one big threat to our children, a dope fiend, probably a closet Nazi and giving him so much ink and praise in your paper passes all grounds of decency.*

*Oblique or not, his stuff is fake, he didn't make that art, it was already there.*

*Seamus Finn  
General Delivery  
North Van*

Strong stuff, and libellous too, if it weren't for the fact that Seamus Finn is Al Neil.

"I've got 500 reviews from here to Amsterdam and every single one is good," Neil said. "I've been waiting years to get a bad one, so I thought I'd do it myself."