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Editorial

Election fever has reached its peak although it was curious to catch a remark on the CBC the other morning that a recent poll showed a significant number of Canadians are unaware that an election had been called. Not so on the Discovery Islands, here we are well informed and aware that the upcoming Federal election is of great importance to us. Issues such as funding for the aforementioned CBC, Fisheries, Native land claims etc are all topics at the forefront of Islanders minds as we head to the polls.

This issue features an article compiled by Tanya Storr on the responses or views of all the candidates on a set list of subjects. The method by which each candidate responded was very different and resulted in answers of varying length. The space allotted to each candidate was thus due to the nature of the responses and does not in any way reflect this paper's relative support for the candidates. We hope our readers find the article informative and help make these national issues have a local spin.

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Forest Development Plan
Public Viewing

Notice is hereby given of a public viewing of the 1997-2001 Forest Development Plan for Woodlot License 025 located on Quadra Island. This draft FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting and road building for up to 15 years. The plan also includes information on maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area (for example biodiversity and recreational usage). It is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests.

The Forest Development Plan will be available for viewing at the Quadra Island Forest Resource Committee meeting on My 28, 1997 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Quadra Island Elementary School. The licensee will be available to discuss the proposed plan and receive comments. Those unable to attend the QIFRC meeting can contact the licensee at 285-3148 or 287-6540 or by writing to Box 25, Heriot Bay, BC, V0P 1H0 to arrange a viewing. This plan can also be seen at the Ministry of Forests office, 370 Dogwood St. Campbell River. The deadline for written comments is July 9, 1997.

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Island Forum

Greetings to Quadra & Cortes Islanders from Smokey

As the cycling season is definitely upon us this is a good time to review the rules of the road so that motorists and bicycle riders can coexist safely on our roads. I'm addressing Cortes Islanders here too because you folks rush down two of our main roads to catch the ferries. A few stalwarts among you may even ride these routes every day on your bicycles.

First, everyone should know that a bicycle is a vehicle under the M.V.A. Section 185 which means that besides **not** doing certain things such as riding on sidewalks or across pedestrian crosswalks, cyclists on the road have the "same rights and duties as drivers of vehicles." This means we are allowed to use the road like all other vehicles subject to the same rules of the road as others, as long as we use our brains also. It is also helpful if motorised vehicle drivers respond appropriately.

Being the slowest vehicle on the road means a bike must stay near the right side of the pavement *when it is practical to do so*. Some of the potholes and other obstructions common to these islands mean that it's not always practical to do so. At those times we are allowed to move to the centre of the traffic lane if, we look behind us (this is known as a shoulder check), signal with an outstretched arm that we are "changing lanes", and only execute the lane change if there isn't a vehicle too close behind. Once we occupy the centre of the lane, we can only stay there till the obstruction is passed, but cars cannot pass us unless it is legal and safe to do so. This is where I've run into problems on Quadra. Drivers pass all the time across the solid yellow lines. They also pass on a solid yellow line on a sharp curve where they can't possibly see oncoming vehicles. When that oncoming vehicle comes swooping out of the curve, rushing on its way to the ferry you can guess where the passing car is going to go. And a cyclist will end up in the bushes or in the hospital. If

drivers could slow down and wait 10 seconds to pass us 'till we both get around the corners we'd all breathe a little easier.

A cyclist is allowed to pass a car that is moving slowly or is stopped. The same rules apply as for any other passing vehicles. It's done all the time in the city by competent cyclists. It's not as likely to happen here in a 60 kph speed zone, but it does happen in slower areas like the ferry parking lot for instance. Cyclists! Just make sure you look over your shoulder before passing, and car drivers be aware that you could be passed on the left by something skinnier than a motorcycle.

A bike lane is just like a car lane only narrower. Once you understand this principle, all other rules apply. If it is obstructed, with a stopped vehicle, or loose gravel from all the dirt driveways and side roads, or all of that wonderful logging debris and windblown tree matter that the 90 kph winter winds bring, the cyclist is entitled to change lanes as outlined above. I can do this quite easily on all the downhill stretches of our roads and I won't slow a car down very much unless it is speeding. If it's an uphill stretch though and if the road debris goes on for quite a while, don't honk at me please. Pick up your pen and write to: Mike Proudfoot, District Highways Manager, 550 Comox Rd., Courtenay, V9N 3P6. If a lot of car drivers write he might decide it's worth having the roads swept more often than the annual spring cleanup, which just happened. If you want to write before you run into a cyclist in "your" lane, then start writing to Mike as soon as you see the gravel sticking 'way out from the Community Centre entrance again. You can be sure that cyclists with skinny road tires are going to avoid this stuff.

Night riding. Ouch! Many cyclists here don't seem to have the barest minimum of night equipment while the odd person stands out like a neon sign. Which one would you like to be when you have to dodge a deer

or an unexpected pothole while the car driver behind you tries to figure out if you're just another shadow or his next road kill? From one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise you must have: a front light visible 150 meters in front of you, a red reflector and a red rear light. Not either/or. Reflective strips on your bike seat stays as well as reflective material on your helmet and clothes are also recommended by the nationally accredited CAN-BIKE Program. Your stock three-sided rear reflector should be replaced if you can find a flat round one and mount it low on the left side of your bike so it can be picked up by car headlights sooner. Your three-sided front white reflector is garbage and should be treated as such. Your wheel reflectors are also useless. By the time a car's headlights illuminate them you are directly in its line of travel. Only a strong headlight will tell a driver in advance that you are approaching from the side. The wheel reflectors also add extra rotating mass to your wheel and slow down your emergency steering response. A court case is being pursued in the U.S. to get rid of these reflectors which are installed on all new bikes, because they give cyclists the false sense that they are safely equipped for night riding. It was discovered that the way these four reflectors were decided upon by the bike industry was to drive a cycle around in circles in front of a parked car's headlights. This, of course, has little to do with how most sober people ride at night. If you'd really like to see how visible you are at night then get a friend to ride your bike while wearing your reflective gear, if you have any. Then drive up behind them in a car with low headlight beams on form a half kilometre away. See how close you get before you can clearly identify them as a bicyclist.

A warning note. When coming down the hill on Heriot bay Road towards Quadra School there is a sign advertising a 30 kph speed limit. Guess what? It applies to bicycles too. So do the stop signs at the bottom of the hill and at the corner in front of the gas station. Some cyclists here don't think this is the case. If you want to

save yourselves some stiff fines and even lost points, please stop. Then take the fine money you'll save and register in the CAN-BIKE II Course available from North Island College or call Sandy at the Community Centre. You'll be a better skilled and safer rider, guaranteed. As soon as 8 people over 16 sign up with the Community Centre I can teach a course on Quadra.

At any intersection, you should be in the right most lane going in your intended direction. Don't make left hand turns from the bicycle lane. You must make left hand turns from the left lane, no matter what the car drivers think. If car drivers have a problem with the way you ride when you are doing it properly, then try and be patient with them. The more we all do it properly, the sooner they will get used to us. But cyclists should remember that most car drivers haven't ridden a bike since they got their driver's license. So even if you are entitled to "your lane", don't always assume that a vehicle driver will recognize your rights and leave you some space. Many will honk at you, swear, and I've had cabs come behind me and butt my rear wheel while I was waiting to execute a legal left turn. I've also been hit from behind by a driver who "didn't see me" while I was stopped at a red light in broad daylight beside a streetcar which was also stopped. That's why the most popular bike license plate in Ontario reads: "VEHICLE under the Ontario HTA"

Good luck to all of you and to all a good bike, *Smokey George*.

The Animal Farm Trail which, when finished, will provide a short cut from Animal Farm Rd. to the Community Centre has stalled in construction. The trail was mostly cleared during the winter. If you are interested in a cycling & walking shortcut to the Community Centre Trail phone **285-2447 to be part of a trail crew**. We have most of the necessary tools here already. Bring two or three friends and you can be a work at the time most convenient to you.

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dweller like me, but on the weekend of May 2, she did herself proud. On Friday afternoon while picnicking with a friend at Rebecca Spit, and gazing over Drew Harbour, we were treated to a special event. A large grey whale blew and surfaced right in front of us - it sounded like an explosion across the bay. We saw the blow, then its huge smooth back as it arched gracefully up through the water, followed by its huge tail flukes. Neither my friend nor I could believe what we saw. We looked in utter amazement, hardly believing in our good fortune. Two other couples having a bite to eat at the picnic tables confirmed, indeed, it was probably a grey whale. It was perhaps thirty feet in length and only fifty feet from shore. I wonder if this whale will be around for a few weeks or if this was just a rare sighting? In any case, I'm glad we were there for such a special event. Kudos to Quadra!

Eleanor Coulthard, Vancouver, B.C.

Why Vote Liberal?

Prime Minister Jean Chretien
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario
Dear Sir:

I understand you plan to call a federal election this spring, probably early in June.

As a life long resident of the BC coast I would like to know if there is any reason at all why I should vote for your party.

The things the Liberal Party has done to BC during the present term do not inspire much confidence.

1. Justice Minister Alan Rock's so called gun control law works against the rights of law abiding British Columbians while doing nothing whatsoever to prevent criminals and drug dealers from obtaining weapons from the United States.

2. The Mifflin Plan for BC's salmon fisheries privatizes the common property resource while refusing those with less cash reserves the right to earn a living.

3. Minister of Transport, now Defence, Doug Young's plan to de-staff lighthouses and cut the brightness of individual lights is a case of penny wise and pound foolish at best and criminal disregard for human life and

safety at worst.

4. The plan to combine Department of Fisheries duties with Coast Guard responsibilities is another short sighted money grabbing move which will result in much reduced protection for fisheries and could result in loss of life when a patrol boat has to leave a salmon opening and take off in a rescue mission.

5. Sheila Copp's silly and ill conceived plan to give away "free" flags used up tax payers money that would have been better spent on staffing lighthouses and retaining Coast Guard.

So in conclusion Mr. Chretien, can you please tell me why any reasonably intelligent British Columbian would be so foolish as to vote Liberal in the upcoming Federal election ?

Sincerely,

Harry Allen, The little guy from Quathiaski

No to APEC!

I commend Rob Bell-Irving for his article in the April 26th North Islander, entitled "China's Abuse of Tibet must be Stopped". He gives a clear picture of "China's outrageous behaviour in Tibet, a gentle country not deserving this abuse". Bell-Irving says we must "strongly protest any economic interaction with communist China" and states that "hopefully, our federal government and all western powers will really make this an issue, before doing any business in China."

Unfortunately, the Canadian government has every intention of continuing to trade with China, but other notorious human rights abusers such as Indonesia, Burma, South Korea and the Philippines. This is evident through the promotion of the 6th annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation or APEC summit which will be held in Vancouver this Fall.

Canada is involved in APEC with 17 other Pacific Rim countries. Leaders from these countries have been meeting for the past 6 years with the intention of imposing a free-trade zone upon the region. APEC is being touted as a way of "strengthening Canada's economic ties with the world's most dynamic trading region." According to the opposition groups,

this means dismantling all barriers to business in Asia Pacific so that less developed APEC member states can exploit workers to offer foreign corporations the cheapest labour possible. Developed APEC nations then take advantage of this cheap labour. The resultant social dumping hurts companies based in Canada, which abide by standards that do not exist in many Pacific Rim nations, and leads to the loss of Canadian jobs. APEC will mean more unemployment and cuts to our nation's social services. Many people opposed to APEC refer to it as Anti-People Economic Control since its repercussions will negatively affect working people, youth, women, and indigenous people. Last year's summit was held in Manila where 15,000 poor squatter families were evicted from their homes as part of a "clean-up" to prepare for the summit.

We are already beginning to see an onslaught of propaganda promoting APEC through the media and mail (see your last telephone bill). The upcoming federal election presents an opportunity for raising these important issues. APEC is not a good deal for the protection of human rights, labour standards or the environment. It is for big business. We need to be aware of the ramifications of APEC and its affect on all of the people of the countries involved. We must ask questions. I agree with Mr. Bell-Irving that we should not tolerate abusive behaviour in Tibet, or should we tolerate it in any country. He sombrelly ends his article by reminding us that, "Silence is tolerating it."

Carol Foort

(The People's Summit, an opposition group with trade union

backing, will be staging a parallel conference during the APEC summit this November. The No To APEC Coalition will be staging counter conferences at that time. A No to APEC! Women and Childrens' pre-conference will be held in Vancouver from June 13th-15th. Conference fee is by donation, for more information call Carol at **285-3035.**)



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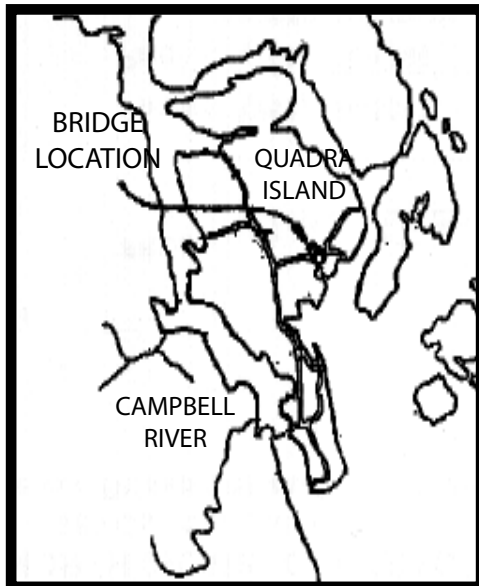
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May Day Schedule & Information

“Myths, Fantasy and Fairytales” is the theme of May Day 97’.

Join your friends in a big community picnic at Rebecca Spit, May 24, 1997. [The first May Day on Quadra was 99 years ago.]

8:30 a.m. Gates open for parade entries
9:00-10 Free shuttle service from HBI to the Spit
10:00 Parade starts from beginning of Spit to Parking lot.
11:00 Official ceremonies.
12:00 Box lunch auction.
12:30 ish Afternoon entertainment and activities start: Juggling with Laura Appleton-Jones, Ramona and Melissa Aston, and kid’s theatre games with Karen Carmen; facepainting with Barb Mindell and friends; Sunday Dennis’ Dance class perform; bellydancing with Lolly, Barb, Tasha etc.; musicians bring your instruments and jam on the stage.
1:00 ish Driftwood structure building begins. (5-17 year olds)
1:15 ish Foot races begin.
1:30 ish Sail boat races begin.
2:00-3:00 Shuttle back to HBI
3:00 Prizes for driftwood sculptures. ** Please leave your dogs at home.
8:30 Doors open for Community Centre Dance. Dance to “SPECTRUM” from Quadra Island. Beer,

May Day is a volunteer-powered, traditional community event, first held on Quadra in 1898. The recreation Society Board of Directors thanks the many dozens of people who contribute to the event in big and little ways and wish everyone a happy, joy filled day! Special thanks to the coordinating committee: Sara Enns, Katie Gregg, Jeannie Miller, Scott Elam and dance organizer Robyn Mawhinney.

Parking: On arriving at Rebecca Spit, please do not park beyond the park gate as the parade floats, etc. need room to set up. All floats will end up in the parking lot after the parade instead of on the grassy area, so please don’t expect to follow the parade up to the parking lot! It will already be full. Thank you Paul Ryan for gate control.

Shuttle Service: This is donated by the Heriot Bay Inn. The van will make trips to and from the Spit from 9-10 and then from 2-3:00. If you are walking down the Spit road and have a box lunch, small children or are a senior citizen etc., just give a wave. They’ll pick you up. (Thanks HBI)

Parade: Jeannie Miller is the parade marshal. There are the Credit Union Trophy for best float and Clandenning trophy for best kid’s costume; prize money for costumes, bike, walker, horses.

Greasepole: Mike Griswold greases the pole and monitors the contestants. No pyramids please. Note at the top tells the winner to collect \$50 from the M.C.

Grade 6 Picnic: May Day is a time to honour the Grade 6 class which will be leaving for Campbell River next year. Check out the last picnic table with the balloons. Barb Frank organized this.

Giant Cake: New this year and an experiment for next year’s 100th May Day is Vernon Price’s initiative of “the giant cake table”. Bring a cake to the table as the parade ends and join it with many more to form a “community cake”. Phone Vernon for more details at 285-2586.

Logger Sports: Scott Elam is organizing “log sawing the old fashioned way”...check it out and see how you do.

Queen and Court: Speech contestants in Grade 6 deliver a speech at the Community Centre 2 weeks before May Day. The winner is the May Queen and runners up are in the court. This is done in the spirit of honouring the Grade Sixes’ transition to high school next year and having the whole age group being “special” at May Day. Big hugs to Donna Dennis for being the “Queen Mother” of protocol,

(since year ‘77?)

Stage: Special thanks to Mel Doaks for supplying and setting up the stage year after year! Thanks to the various volunteers who decorate it too.

M.C.: From fabulous down town Heriot Bay, Katie Gregg shines as M.C. for the day.

May Day Dedication: Each year the coordinating committee seek suggestions of citizens who have given positive service to the community over a lengthy period of time.

Sound: Supplied by our favourite techies...Brett Johnson and Wes Hartford.

May Pole Dancers: Barrie Calverly, Sue Marcoux, Ellie Chadwick and Sharon Clandenning are preparing the Grade 3 dancers for the traditional May Pole dance. Thanks Barrie for doing this year after year as well!

Box Lunch Auction: Please support all the local businesses who donate magnificent “box” lunches each May Day. This is a big fund raiser for next year’s May Day. Get your friends together to bid and have a marvellous banquet. Jeannie Miller is organizing this.

Concession: Verna Macklin and Sharon Brereton are coordinating the skateboarders and CCAP volunteers. Potential volunteers, please phone Pat Lowes at 285-3790.

Races: Jack Mar is coordinating the races. (Thank you Quadra Elementary teachers again!)

Entertainment: Sara Enns is coordinating various events. (see schedule)

Driftwood Sculptures: Kids 5-17 years in teams of 4 build a fort or structure using only what is found on the beach. The public is encouraged to vote with coins at each building. [Participants are asked not to solicit the crowd!] The money is divided at the end amongst all the participants but the group who collects the most will win the bonus \$20 to split with their group as well. Look for Barb Mindell and Laird Frederick on the beach at the “sculpture building sign”.

Sailboat Races: There will be two races this year, one for big boats to

Whaletown and another for small boats within Drew Harbour. Start times are 1:30 and 2:30. Contact Dave Wellman at 285-2494 or talk to Lovin' Oven Paul Horner.

Volleyball: Pat Field will start you off.

Credit Union Display Window: Enjoy art by Candace Holmes

Photographer: Look for pictures by Philip Stone

Information Tables: Please register at the Q.C.C. for a table before May Day. No commercial activities please! This is information display for community groups only.

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Island Calendar

At a glance...

May 24, Sat. 99th May Day Parade Dance-"Spectrum" Dance	Rebecca Spit Community Centre Legion	10am-3pm 8:30pm 8:00pm
May 28, Wed. All Candidates Meeting	Community Centre	7:00 pm
May 31, Sat. Old-Time Country Dance Waldorf Open House	Community Centre 1092 Heriot Bay Rd.	8:00 p.m. 10 am - noon
May 30, Fri. Co-op self sufficiency	Gorge Hall Pot Luck	7:00 p.m.
May 31, Sat. Birdwatching-Museum at CR am- 3 pm	Woodhus Slough	8 : 3 0
June 3, Tues. Artsfest Meeting	Community Centre	7:00pm
June 4, Wed. AGM	Museum at CR	7:00pm
June 7, 8-Sat&Sun Mitlenatch Island Tours	Register-Museum at CR	
June 11, Wed. Fibromyalgia	CR Sportsplex	7:00 pm
June 21, 22 Quadra Garden & Studio Tour	Quadra Island	10 am - 4 pm
Sept. 26, 27 Keeping Quadra Healthy	Community Centre	
June 29, Sun. Family Bike-A-Thon	Community Centre Start	2-4pm
July 7- 11 West Coast Hoop Fest pm Weekly Farmers' Market - Sat Meditation-Sundays 12 noon Folk Song Group-Wednesdays Hatha Yoga- Saturdays	Cape Mudge Gym Credit Union Community Hall Lovin' Oven II Community Centre	9 am-3 10-1:00 p.m. 10 am - 5:30 - 8 p.m. 9:00 a.m. start
10:45a.m.start 6:20 a.m. Tai-Chi-Tuesdays	Aerobics-Mon,Wed,Fri Community Centre Community Centre	

Notice Inviting Applications For Woodlot Licence 1610 Forest Act (Section46)

Take notice that interested and eligible persons, corporation and Indian bands are invited to submit applications to the District Manager for Woodlot Licence 1610, over an area which includes 398 hectares of Crown land in the vicinity of Heriot Bay and Open Bay on Quadra Island. The initial allowable annual cut of the Crown land is approximately 1500 cubic metres. Applications in sealed and properly designated containers must be received by the District Manager, Campbell River Forest District, at 370 South Dogwood St, Campbell River, BC, V9W 6Y7, on or before 11:00 am on May 29, 1997. Applications are not to include a bonus bid. Weighting of the evaluation factors shall be: private land 30%, application qualifications 35%, and management intent 35%. Applications will be opened at 11:00 am on May 29, 1997. Application forms and further information may be obtained from the District Manager, Campbell River Forest District, address above, telephone 286-9300.

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In addition to perennial garden favourites, be prepared to visit the studio of a world-class, award winning creator of dolls. The delicate precision of her hand-made porcelain creations must be seen to be properly appreciated. Also a winner of many awards is the carver of wooden decoys, whose charming home setting is enhanced by the presence of some delightful farm animals. Other newcomers to the Tour include an organic vegetable garden, whose hard-working owner is also a much admired landscape artist; a fresh, young garden by the sea, and a pottery studio surrounded by a lovely old orchard. An old favourite is set in a classic estate garden, and displays paintings, sculptures and clay work of the resident artists.

All of this and more awaits your visit, so be sure to mark your calendar for June 21st and 22nd. The \$12 ticket price provides you with a ticket/map including garden and studio descriptions; this year your ticket will be stamped at selected gardens - one visit per ticket per garden. **Gardens will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Proceeds from the Garden Tour will go to the Quadra Island Community Centre Additions Project.

The tour can be done in one day or in two, so if you have the time, why not try one of the beautiful resorts or B&B's right here on Quadra, or on neighbouring Cortes Island or in Campbell River? Tickets will be sold from May 1st: In Campbell River, at Page 11 Books on Shoppers' Row, Trappings in Merecroft Village, the Campbell River Garden Centre and Farquharson's in Willow Point; in Courtenay, at The Garden Gate and Laughing Oyster Books; On Quadra Island at Joanne's Country Charm

(now located in the Village Square next to the gas station) and Quadra Crafts. In addition, tickets will be available, on the days of the Tour, at the Tourist Information Booth, as you come off the Campbell River Ferry.

If you are coming for just a day, bring a picnic or enjoy one of the fine local eating spots advertised on your ticket/map. Transportation will be available through Forest Bus Tours in Parksville, (250) 248-4525 or, for complete tour arrangements from Victoria, call Island Fever Travel, 1-800-874-7937, or Adventure West Tours, (250) 923-6113. **For further information, call (250) 285-2231.**

Cycle Your Way into the Summer Holidays

Third annual Quadra Island Family Bike-A-Thon will be held on **Sunday, June 29th, 1997 from 2 to 4pm**, beginning and ending at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun, family, outdoor event. Riders of all ages are encouraged to enjoy one of several bike routes around the island. Choose from a 5 km, 10 km, and 15 km route, or a special circuit for mountain bike riders! Come and enjoy the great scenery and companionship of other riders. **This is not a race**, but a pleasant outdoor adventure. PLEASE NOTE: there is no preregistration; please register on site: \$5 for individual riders, \$15 for families of 3 or more. All proceeds this year will be donated to the Blenkin Park Tennis Association. Come early (between 1 and 2 pm) for a complimentary bicycle safety check! For further information, please call Karen Holmes (2781), or Pauline Falk (3682).

Fibromyalgia

Dr. M. Sheriff, rheumatologist, will talk about fibromyalgia and give us an update on new treatments for arthritis. Bring your questions to the **Sportsplex in Campbell River, on June 11 at 7:00 pm. Free Call 285-3859 for info.**

Blenkin Park Concession

Blenkin Park Concession is OPEN for the 1997 Ball Season! 10:30 - 4:30

on regular Slo-Pitch Sundays, and also all Blenkin Park Tournaments. Come out and support Quadra Island Minor Fastball.

May Day Concession

Come join us for morning coffee ready at 8:30 in the morning; and a cinnamon bun. We are serving a large assortment of food all day at our concession stand.

Can we tempt you with hot dogs, hamburgers, tofu burgers, chips, watermelon, popcorn, juice, pop, coffee and teas? Proceeds go to the CCAP and the Skateboarders. For information call Verna, **285-3005**.

Skateboard News

We will be working very hard over the next two months getting ready for summer skateboarding on Quadra. By the time this note paper is published we will have done the concession at the Smooth Edge Concert and will be working toward setting up the food concession stand for May Day. This is a joint effort by Skateboarders and CCAP and was very successful last year. This involves us construction the booth and helping to set it up and then taking it down after and cleaning up the site, leaving it like no-one had ever been there.

June 7 is our last bottle drive. This last effort will end our major fundraising events. So if you have any refundable bottles or cans we would sure appreciate their donation to our cause. Our collection centre will be at the Heriot Bay Store so if you are coming in from any of the outer islands you can drop off your cans there or get in touch with us and we can arrange to pick them up from the dock.

Our Buy a Yard Campaign ends on May 31st. If anyone wishes to donate to this cause cheques can be made payable to Quadra Recreation with a designation on it for Island Skateboarders. To those of you who have already donated we wish to thank you for your generous contributions. Soon We Will Be Finished.

Legion News

There will be a **dance on May Day, May 24, Music starts at eight.**

Adults only, members and guests are welcome. Some come and boogie the night away and celebrate another year on Quadra.

Have you been to the Legion lately? New blinds at the windows with new lamp shades and a new paint job. The addition of a "smoke eater" in the lounge has made a world of difference. Carpets are in the process of being shampooed, a total spring clean. And the deck! It is lovely to sit outside on the sunny deck late in the afternoon or early evening and enjoy some happy times with Lindsay.

The Stanley Cup Playoffs can be seen on the large 48" screen in a pleasant atmosphere.

The Legion wishes to thank Carol-Anne Terreberry for the donation of new carpeting for the stage. It will greatly enhance the Legion Hall.

Don't forget the meat draw on Saturday afternoons. Judging from the laughter everyone has a great deal of fun at that event. Remember that the Legion Hall is available for rent for any function. Contact Lindsay at **285-3121** after 4 p.m. for further information and reservations.

Old Time Dance

Quadra Recreation Society presents another old-time dance on **Saturday May 31, 8:00 pm** at the Quadra Community Centre. enjoy square and circle dancing to old-time and Celtic music performed by Quadra's own "Whirlwind". Dances including reels, rounds, squares and waltzes are taught on the spot by Bob Sutherland. No experience is necessary; come alone or bring a partner. The dance is for all ages; children should be accompanied by an adult. Admission is **\$5 adult, \$2.50 children**. For more information call Shawn at **285-2551** or Terry at **285-3157**.

Summer Recreation 97'

Quadra Island Summer Recreation is just around the corner and, once again, we are looking for your input. My name is Marcia Lott and I will be the Summer Recreation Coordinator for this year.

If you have any ideas or suggestions

for possible programs, or if you are interested in running a program, please give me a call at **285-3243** or drop by the Community Centre. My hours are Mon - Fri, 8-2. Any advice or feedback would be greatly appreciated!

Annual General Meeting

The Museum at Campbell River is having an Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. Meet with fellow Museum Society members and enjoy a preview of the newest exhibits in the Major Exhibits Gallery. Information **287-3103**.

Quadra Island Recreation Society

is sponsoring a wholistic event called "**Keeping Quadra Healthy**". **September 26th** will feature a major keynote speaker and a presentation of Quadra culture. We are planning an array of exhibits, mini-demonstrations and networking tables on physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health on **September 27th**. We are inviting all interested participants to call Diane at **285-3859**

Kids CAN-BIKE

With the cycling season starting in earnest parents may want to have their children professionally trained in safe bicycle skills, by a nationally certified C-Bike instructor. **The kids CAN-BIKE course** involves discussion about the rules of the road, the bicycle's place in traffic, safe equipment, practice of bike handling skills, and on-road training is to develop good road position and lawful bike operation, good planning skills and good decision making skills. The course is for children 9 to 13 years of age.

Course dates are **May 31, June 7, 14, 21. Classes - 9:30 a.m. - noon. \$45 per pupil. Call Jerzy Dymny at 285-2447** for more information. Adult course, beginner and advanced, are available to groups of six or more.

Waldorf Open House

All interested parents, you and your children are invited to attend a Waldorf Preschool/Kindergarten Open House, **May 31 10-noon at 1092 Heriot Bay Road**. Come and join us! Children will have the opportunity

to experience watercolour painting, creative play circle time (songs, verses, simple movement) and, to finish, a puppet play, all in a warm, home environment. We will also share a snack together. If you would like further information phone **Jean Thomas or Ramona Aston 285-3542, or Linda Link 285-3759**. There will also be an Open House in Campbell River on June 7, from 10 am - noon at 2727 South Alder in Willow Point.

Quadra Quilters

Quadra Quilters are holding an **exhibition** of quilts and quilted items at the **Fools Gallery in Heriot Bay**, from **May 16 to May 24**. In conjunction with the show a Sea-life quilt and a crazy quilt pillow will be raffled. See them in the Credit Union window until May 16th, when they'll be moved to the Gallery.

Birdwatching for Beginners

Join the "fastest growing sport in North America" by participating in "**Birdwatching for Beginners**" on **Sat., May 31 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm**. Local naturalist/ biologist Betty Brooks leads a field trip to Woodhus Slough and nearby areas, where seashore, marsh, and woodland habitats will be explored. Brooks will discuss identification techniques by sight and sound, and introduce bird guides and bird checklists. Participants will also learn how to use cameras and binoculars effectively.

Brooks believes that this fascinating hobby can be enjoyed by all ages. Brooks, who resides in Black Creek, has been birding since she was 10 years old. She has works as a park interpreter and research biologist, and has recently written a nature guide and bird checklist for the Woodhus Slough area. Participants may bring their own bird identification book, notebook and binoculars. The fee is **\$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students. The age limit is 12 years**. Museum society members receive a discount.

Pre-registration is required at the Museum Shop, 470 Island Highway, open daily 10:00 am. until 5:00 pm. Monday - Friday, noon to 5:00

pm. Saturday and Sunday. For more information call **287-3103**

Mitlenatch Island Tours

The Museum at Campbell River offers Mitlenatch Island tours during the summer. The first tours of the season are scheduled for **Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th**. Participants will board the sailing yacht T'ai Li at Heriot Bay for a day-long cruise to the "Galapagos of Georgia Strait" accompanied by expert naturalist Dennis Mense. En route to Mitlenatch, Mense discusses early coastal exploration, local bird life and marine mammals.

Mitlenatch Island has an unusually warm climate, which encourages dry-loving plant growth such as prickly pear cactus, giant mullein, and woolly sunflower. Marine life is abundant, due to high oxygen and nutrient levels in the surrounding ocean. In summer, there are probably 15,000 seabirds utilizing the island thriving due to a lack of natural predators and provincial nature park status. In the past, Native people collected gull eggs and waterfowl, and gathered the starchy root of the Camus flower. Stone weirs were used to trap fish as the tides receded. More recently, the Manson family of Cortes Island

raised sheep and cattle on the island.

Dennis Mense has led educational expeditions south to Antarctica, South America, and north to the Canadian Arctic and Greenland by way of the Northwest Passage. He graduated in Marine Biology from the University of Hawaii.

Since spaces on tours are limited, advance registration is required. Register at the Museum Shop, 470 Island Highway. For info. call **287-3103**

May Day Dance!!!

Dust off your dancin' Shoes and get ready for a rocking good time **May 24th** at the Community Centre. Spectrum will be playing everyone's favourite tunes all evening, keeping you off your seat and moving your feet!

The May Day Dance is always a great time, and this year will be no exception. **Doors open at 8:30 pm, the band starts at 9:00 pm. Adults \$10, minors accompanied by and adult \$5.** Advance tickets at Explore, Quadra Foods, Quadra Crafts and the Heriot Bay Store. Still desperately seeking volunteers to donate an hour of their evening to help make this dance a success! (Volunteers get in for 1/2 price). Please call Robyn @ **285-3465** or Sandy at the Community Centre **285-3243**. See you there!

Come Create For Art's Sake

The **Artsfest** is a chance for local artists to show their art, performers to perform, and islanders to enjoy the creative imaginings of fellow islanders. In the past we have had dancers, storytellers, jugglers, musicians, paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, and more!

Now is the time to brainstorm, imagine, envision, organize and plan the Arts Festival for this summer! We are open to new ideas and suggestions so come share what the Artsfest means to you. There is a meeting **June 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Community Centre and everyone is welcome. There are many ways to get involved so come share some creative input. For more information call Ramona or Melissa Aston at **285-3542** or call Laura Appleton-Jones at **285-2533**.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

Wed, May 28, at 7:00 pm at the Community Centre. Meet the federal candidates in the North Island riding and voice your questions and concerns.

This is the last opportunity to meet the candidates before election day on June 2. Come and let them know what Quadra's election issues are. Sponsored by the Quadra Island Recreation Society. For more information call Caroline Heim at **285-2557.**

Flood Relief

Quadra Credit Union is accepting donations to flood relief efforts in Manitoba. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please make your cheque payable to **Canadian Red Cross Society "Manitoba Relief Fund"** and we will forward it for you. For information call the Credit Union at **285-3327**.

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Island Report Election Special

The Candidates Speak Their Minds by Tanya Storr

The federal election is fast approaching and North Island riding candidates are busy campaigning. Liberal candidate David Durrant held an open meeting at Cape Mudge village on May 13, and NDP candidate Gilbert Popovich visited Cortes and Quadra on May 14. After talking to various residents and organizations and attending the meeting with Durrant, I spoke with Popovich and phoned or faxed the other candidates to find out their responses to some of the questions Discovery Islanders are voicing this election. I received responses from all but David Tingley of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Liberal Candidate Meets With Islanders



Liberal, David Durrant at Cape Mudge Community Hall meeting. Photo: Tanya Storr

Approximately one dozen people attended the meeting with David Durrant, held on the lawn outside the Cape Mudge Community Hall. "The reason I ran is because this riding has been in opposition for about 30 years now, and I think we have a better chance of getting local concerns met if we have a seat in government. Everybody on the North Island is the same—we all want what's best for our families," said Durrant, who is running for the first time in a federal election and is employed by the Municipality of Comox.

Cutbacks to the CBC were one of the

issues raised by islanders at the meeting. Hilary Stewart said the CBC "couldn't be a greater instrument for keeping the country together." Michael Young added that the cutbacks of \$379 million to the CBC's budget made by the Liberal government since the 1993 election seem unfair, as they are proportionally higher than other cuts across the board. When asked by Caroline Heim if he would vote to restore funds to the CBC to 1993 levels if elected, Durrant replied: "I support the CBC and I'm not really happy with the cutbacks. I don't have a problem with restoring funds. I'll go after historical levels—no, I'll start above that."

Young asked to what degree Durrant would be prepared to vote against the Liberal Party if an issue didn't represent his riding, and Durrant replied, "I'm a member of the Liberal Party because I think it's best for the country, but I don't think everything they do is great. I'd like to see accounting handled a bit differently. I get extremely annoyed when

I hear we don't have any money and then all of a sudden we have a lot of money for something. I think we can work best fighting behind closed doors, but I won't come out in public and call the Liberal government a bunch of boneheads."

The difficulties commercial fishers are currently facing were also brought up at the meeting. Cape Mudge resident David Moon said that fishermen here are in "as bad a state as on the East Coast", due to U.I. cuts and other policies implemented by Jean Chretien's government. Ruth Sauder, a non-Native member of the Cape Mudge community, said people who used to have

income in the summer and some income in the winter from U.I. now have no income for eight months of the year. "This winter was the first time some people here had to depend on welfare," she said.

Durrant asked for suggestions, and Moon said more money is needed for training purposes and it should be spread out equally. Durrant replied, "Some of the training projects are wonderful but I don't see them as a long term job creation thing. We have to identify what we can do in this area. There are areas in Canada that are desperately poor, but here we have everything—tourism, aquaculture, forestry, fisheries. I suspect cultural tourism could be one of the largest industries. We have marble in the North Island better than that in Italy and sea urchins surpassed salmon in Californian markets last year. We have to take a look at what we have in the area here, get the expertise, and create jobs. We need to explore all these areas in an environmentally sensitive manner."

Michael Griswold said that the heart and soul of the people who live on Quadra Island is in the fishing industry. "Enhancement money comes in during elections. What we need is some way to maintain that money." Moon added, "If we had value-added fisheries, the community would have jobs. Right now it's mostly shipped to Vancouver." Durrant agreed, saying, "I have a major problem with B.C. logs being made into pulp in Bellingham."

"What about the Free Trade agreement? I understand the Americans could start buying water from us. Why don't you follow the B.C. government's lead and put legislation in place to stop us selling large amounts of water?" asked Moon. "I could bring that up. I think any political party that moves in that direction would be finished," answered Durrant.

"There was talk of abolishing the Senate. We've heard you guys talk about it but nothing has happened," said Moon. "I question the Senate. I wouldn't support the sale of large bodies of water to the States," said Durrant, adding that he would turn his back on the party if it voted to sell large amounts of water to the States, but he doesn't have a problem with diverting small amounts of water across the border.

Durrant was also asked where he stands on the destaffing of B.C. lighthouses. "They say in the Coast Guard that one rescue will change your whole life. I served in the Coast Guard and took part in 227 rescues, and I've worked with most of the lightkeepers up and down the coast.

We have to break the role down in terms of what lightkeepers do. It cost \$358,000 to operate the average lighthouse/year. When I worked in the Coast Guard they were just starting to automate lighthouses. We have to define what we want from them. Personally, I think all lighthouses should be looked at separately, from a search and rescue to a navigation point of view, because each has different needs. I think we should have the best technology in every lighthouse," he replied.

Heim asked about the connection between this technology and job losses. "I'm not talking about loss of jobs but about automating lighthouses. The best technology available is what's needed," said Durrant. "But the technology doesn't work all the time," said Stewart. "I say let's automate the lighthouses, get 21st century technology in there, and train lightkeepers like Jim [Abram] to run the technology," Durrant said. "That sounds like a more expensive option than before, and the Coast Guard keep saying they're destaffing lighthouses to save money," said Heim. "They're simply upgrading computer programs--lighthouses are already automated. I think there are some that could be destaffed and some that couldn't be," Durrant replied.

"What new ideas do the Liberals have for getting people to work?" asked Moon. "Value-added work is needed. Not 16-week streamkeeper programs but steady work," said Moon and Sauder said they feel it's important to focus on tourism as well. "It's true. There is so much history in this area--people are coming to find out about the area. I think we are going to see cultural tourism expand in the next 20 years," Durrant agreed.

"What is your position on aquaculture?" Heim asked. "I have concerns about the pollution from fish farms. I support aquaculture but I'm also very concerned about our environment," said Durrant. Griswold replied, "Speaking from a commercial fishing point of view, the farmed fish on the market were supposed to complement our catch, but now they are competing directly. They should be culturing species we don't have very much of. I was getting over \$6 a pound for sockeye in 1988, and last year I got \$3 a pound. That is directly related to the amount of supply on the market right now. Being a troller, I sell into fresh market venues--I've lost my markets."

"I do believe there are areas of aquaculture we could work on. We need to hear from the fish farm side. The fish on the shelf should be labeled farm or wild--people want to know that," said Durrant. "I don't think we should be encouraging

any more development in that industry until we can absorb what we're already producing. Commercial salmon fishing is the number one employer in this area and we've already gone through a heart-rending exercise with the Mifflin Plan," Griswold continued.

Durrant replied, "I'm happy with the new Canada-British Columbia Agreement on the Management of Pacific Salmon Fishery Issues. Personally, I think the federal government should be more involved with fisheries trade with other countries and the provincial government should manage the fishing fleet. Look where whaling and the fur trade went. The federal government should stick to international matters in dealing with the fishery, the province should deal with habitat, and more authority should be given to the fishers."

"I have a problem with the provincial government having more control. If there is a nice row of trees next to a salmon stream and the trees will make more money, they might cut down the trees. We've got to have watchdogs in Ottawa--we can't have the provincial guys running all of it because they will sell you short," said Griswold. "What does the bureaucracy in Ottawa know about stacking or our area?" asked Moon. "In the last two to three years, decisions have been made without regard for local fishers. I would like to see accountability. We need to have input into decisions," said Sauder. "It's a tough situation out there. I threw my name in because I just don't get it either," Durrant said.

When asked if he intends to protect Native fishing rights and how he would do so, Durrant replied: "When it comes to supporting aboriginal people, I am going to do it. It doesn't have to be in cash--it can be in so many ways." Moon said that Natives on this coast are looking for an apology from the federal government for the residential schools. "We're getting an apology from the Catholic Church, but not from the federal government."

Griswold said Native fishing rights are not black and white. "The Aboriginal Fishing Strategy under the Tories has divided Native communities on the coast because it prioritizes catches for certain Native groups over others." Sauder added that on this part of the coast, Natives have always fished as part of the commercial fleet. "The AFS is not necessarily a bad thing, but it has been implemented in the wrong way," she said. "The solution from the non-Native side is that we need one commercial fishery where everyone gets a say," said Griswold.

In reply to a question about how he

would deal with Native treaty development and negotiations if elected, Durrant said: "I think the majority of Canadians would like to see treaty negotiations and land claims settled. Do I think they should get everything they want? No. Do I think everyone else should have to give? Yes. I believe it's in everyone's best interest to solve treaty negotiations." Moon suggested that perhaps the Department of

Indian Affairs should be done away with and the money used to help Native people in different ways. "All of these things have to be discussed. We have to be careful," Durrant said.

When asked if he believes human rights should be made a priority in Canada's future trade dealings with countries such as China, Indonesia, South Korea, and Burma, where Canada has been strengthening economic ties but Amnesty International has found little or no improvement in human rights in the past few years, Durrant answered in the affirmative. "I think that should be included in any trade negotiations, but how it is done depends on the culture. It has to be done in a very sensitive and diplomatic manner." He said he would bring up the issue of human rights at the upcoming APEC summit in Vancouver if elected.

Moon asked why Canada is opening trade doors with China, a country where students are murdered for protesting. "Personally, I don't believe in trade at any cost. We've gone from a bipolar world with the U.S. and Russia and now, 15 years later, we're back to a bipolar world again with China. I don't think we should close doors. I'm not saying we should appease the Chinese government, but we have to open the lines of communication," Durrant replied.

Durrant said he wants to start working on community projects if he gets elected. "The Zeballos wharf burnt down--why hasn't it been repaired? The mine at Mt. Washington is leaking contaminants into the Puntledge River and affecting the salmon, and that should be cleaned up. If it was the Rideau River, it would have been cleaned up by now."

In answer to a question about the Foods Are Not Drugs amendment proposed by Freedom of Choice in Health Care, Durrant said he fully supports access to safe, honestly promoted nutritional supplements. "I think we're over-regulated as it is in a huge way. If there are drugs sold over the counter that are harmful, they should be reported. My understanding is that a study is then done to determine whether they should be on the shelf."

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Peter Gregg said he was recently unable to get the herbal medicine for his seasonal allergies that has helped him greatly in the past. "Surely there's some sort of a middle ground. I'm trying to educate myself on both sides to come up with a position," said Durrant.

Ray Grigg asked about Durrant's position on Free Trade and its effects on the national economy, saying "every agreement we make at the national level erodes our sovereignty to some degree." Durrant said he believes in a strong federation and a united Canada, and he doesn't think we should be moving jobs south of the border.

Noel Lax voiced his concern for the pressure on Canada's natural resources, particularly water, and Durrant reiterated that he doesn't support the sale of large amounts of water to the U.S. Grigg asked Durrant to consider the rate of environmental change and species extinction when making decisions if he is elected. "We forget in the context of daily life that things are changing so rapidly. The system is under stress and I don't know how much longer we can survive," said Grigg. "When it comes to environmental issues, I wouldn't miss a heartbeat in telling the government to clean up their act," Durrant replied.

NDP Candidate Gilbert Popovich

I caught up with NDP Candidate Gilbert Popovich when he was campaigning outside Quadra Foods on May 14. Popovich, who has been mayor of Alert Bay for 20 years and a longtime regional director, took time out from distributing leaflets to people to answer my questions.

Regarding the destaffing of lighthouses, Popovich said he has taken a strong stand against destaffing for many reasons. "I met with the Minister of Transport in Ottawa in the late 1980's about this and she was supportive of keeping the lighthouses staffed. This program was started by the Conservatives and carried out by the Liberals. I've written letters and been to Ottawa about it," he said.

Popovich said he will vote against the next federal budget if it does not increase funding to the CBC. "I've already sent a letter to a couple of people from this island saying that I would and I was quite happy to do so. The CBC gives Canadian artists a chance to display their talent and it carries programs from every region in



NDP candidate Gilbert Popovich
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Canada. I'm an avid listener to the CBC."

As for whether human rights issues should be included in trade talks, Popovich said they definitely should be. "I think it's shameful for the Canadian government to be so soft on China because it is more interested in trade than in human rights. I would certainly bring up human rights at the APEC summit."

When asked what he would do as an MP to help fishers affected by the Mifflin Plan, Popovich said he has been one of the leaders in opposing the Mifflin Plan. "I was in Ottawa with all the stakeholders—First Nations, PTA, UFAWU, vessel owners, Native Brotherhood, regional directors, mayors, etcetera—when we protested against the plan. This plan does nothing for conservation and it virtually gives control of a common resource to a few fishing companies, while displacing fishers who cannot afford to stack licences. In Alert Bay last June we had a demonstration and we extended an invitation to our MP. We received a message that he was not available on that date, but we had the Premier and Fisheries Minister Corky Evans there. We received no help in fighting the plan from the six BC Liberals and none from the Reform members."

Popovich said he would propose the elimination of area licensing, "which will automatically eliminate stacking." He said that using recommendations from the Don Cruikshank plan, the NDP proposes to decrease the seine fleet by 30% and the gillnet and troll fleets by 15%. "We would use royalties on the landing of fish to

finance the buyback—people would buy their licences back voluntarily and sell them to the government through a royalty on fish."

In answering a question about if he would protect Native fishing rights and how he would do so, Popovich said when he started fishing in 1957, Native people of this coast represented in excess of 30% of the commercial fleet. "In 1979 with the Davis Plan, licences became very valuable and a lot of the Native fishers were displaced from the industry. What I propose is not only Native fishers but coastal communities should retain the same percentage of licences as they have historically. Licences should be made available to Native fishers to exercise a way of life always known, and the same applies to fishers in other coastal communities."

When asked how he would deal with Native treaty development and negotiations, Popovich said the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Affairs cost \$60 million and came up with 440 recommendations, after consultations were held with groups all over Canada. "They found that the aboriginal people in Canada have the highest unemployment in the country, up to 90% on some reserves; that they often live in substandard housing; and that there are many social problems caused by these conditions, especially among young people. The Royal Commission recommends that by complying with the constitution over fairness in treaty negotiations, it will eventually cost less to everybody and it will give the aboriginal people of this country the opportunity to be self-sustained. They would be able to pay taxes like everybody else and catch up to average Canadians."

Popovich said the Liberals are sitting on the Royal Commission without doing anything. "As an MLA, I would recommend that we face facts and start taking some action. Canada has been criticized worldwide for its failure to reach fair and just settlements with Natives. Foreign investors are skeptical about investing because of this situation."

When it comes to the Foods Are Not Drugs amendment, Popovich said he will introduce this legislation as an MLA. "Controlling access to herbal remedies and other safe nutritional supplements just gives the rich drug companies more money. We've already given them \$6 billion more per year than we should by

expanding their patents from 7 and a half years to 20 years. The American drug companies are powerful lobbyists."

In responding to a question about what he sees are the key environmental issues in the North Island, Popovich said he has always been a spokesman for better environmental standards. "I fought against MacMillan Bloedel's proposal to put in a log dump at Robson Bight a few years ago—we won narrowly. I fought against drilling for oil in Hecate and Queen Charlotte Straits, and against the use of herbicides when it was popular 20 years ago. The issues now are the restoration of our watersheds, which Glen Clark committed \$22.7 million to a few days ago in Port Hardy as seed money. The federal government has to participate in salmon enhancement projects and in hatcheries to bring back the salmon, not only in big streams. We should get tougher with the Americans on acid rain and the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and we should restrict substances that put holes in our atmosphere."

MP John Duncan

I received an e-mail message from MP John Duncan of the Reform Party, after faxing him my list of questions. Here are his replies . . .

1. On the destaffing of lighthouses: "I am opposed to the destaffing of B.C. lightstations and will continue to oppose this initiative."

2. On whether he would vote against the next budget if it does not increase funding to the CBC: "No, there are many considerations in voting on a budget and the CBC is not paramount."

3. On whether human rights should be made a priority in Canada's future trade dealings with countries that have poor human rights records, such as China, Indonesia, South Korea, and Burma: "Human rights should be a priority in trade dealings with China, Indonesia, South Korea, and Burma. I will promote this view with the appropriate Minister or critic."

4. On what he as an MP would do to help fishers affected by the Mifflin Plan: "I promote a well-funded voluntary retirement program, and the removal of capital gains taxation for disposal of boats/licences if the proceeds are placed in RRSPs and retraining."

5. On his intentions when it comes to the protection of Native fishing rights: "Native fishing rights for food, social, and ceremonial purposes are Constitutionally protected."

6. On how he would deal with Native



Incumbent Reform MP John Duncan

treaty development and negotiations if re-elected: "This question is too complex for a simple response."

7. On the Foods Are Not Drugs amendment: "Yes, I support this amendment that seeks to restore access to safe, honestly promoted nutritional supplements. Yes, I and/or my party would introduce these legislative changes. Yes, I would vote for this amendment if introduced by someone else."

8. On what he sees as the key environmental issues on the North Island: "The key North Island environmental issues are how to protect and expand a resource-based economy while maintaining the other essential values of the environment."

Green Party Candidate Hazel Lennox

Hazel Lennox of the Green Party faxed me her responses after receiving my questions, listed here in the same order as above.

1. "If elected, I would oppose the decision to move to destaffed lighthouses. I would also oppose the joining of the Coast Guard with the Ministry of Defence."

2. "Yes, I would vote against the next federal budget if it does not increase funding to the CBC. I believe the CBC to be a vital link in this vast country and I also believe the Arts to be vital to humans. I would press for increased funding to smaller, community-based art groups which usually offer participatory arts activities. In the ideal Canada, we would

have the choice of more than one radio station in the first place and that is the goal I would like to reach. Similarly for

more Canadian television and films to be funded."

3. "As an MP, I would advocate the scrapping of trade deals like APEC and NAFTA which concern themselves not a whit with the indigenous people of the countries involved in the trade deals. Human rights issues should be the starting point for any negotiations with other countries and we should not enter into trade deals until improvements are made. We should also discontinue trade with countries when the trade goods are made under conditions such as they are now in Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, and no doubt many others I don't know about."

4. "Ban all drag nets. Ban 'floating factories'; restrict commercial fishing to small, locally owned and operated vessels. Have a provincially-run Ministry which offered low-interest loans to support the local fishing industry to buy and maintain the fleet."

5. "I would protect the rights of Natives to fish for the food supply of themselves and their community. Commercial fishing would fall under the same regulations as non-Native fishers. All fishing needs to be controlled by what the bio-system can support."

6. "Recognize the Royal Proclamation of 1763 in its confirmation of original nations as sovereign peoples with inherent rights. End requirements that First Nations concede any portion of their demands or rights or give up alternative recourse before commencing negotiations. Prevent the deposit on the land of toxic, hazardous, or atomic wastes, and disallow the testing of weapons over the lands of indigenous peoples. Recognize that First Nations people can best choose the forms of governments appropriate for themselves."

7. "Yes, I support the Foods Are Not Drugs amendment and would seek to implement that legislation and support another party that introduces it. We would also stop the present CODEX legislation from being imposed on the nation."

8. "The key environmental issues facing the North Island are the attitudes and ideas that growth can continue forever, also that profits must always increase. We need much more secondary industry and that would include processing the timber that is presently exported. We would like the North Island to be controlling its own economic and social affairs by groups or committees formed from people who actually live here and have a vested

interest in the quality of life. Our ideas of 'economics' have to change and we must accept that we live in a finite planet."

Natural Law Party Candidate

Island Report Election Special

Nancy More

I spoke with Natural Law Party candidate Nancy More on the phone. Here are her responses to the questions:

1. "Whether destaffing of lighthouses would be helpful or not, the difficulties lie in the fact that government is a reflection of society and there are a lot of stresses in society, which doesn't lead to clear thinking. If the Natural Law Party was in government, we would immediately sponsor a group of 10,000 Yogic fliers, and through their Yogic flying—an advanced Yogic technique based on Transcendental Meditation—they would eliminate stress in society and thereby benefit all the groups. Yogic flying has been scientifically proven to reduce stress and in areas where a lot of Yogic fliers are practicing, crime rates have gone down. One of the things the Natural Law Party would like to do is appoint heroes of the nation to cabinet posts; the Prime Minister would just be in charge of maintaining the group of Yogic fliers. Personally, I feel it would be better to have manned lighthouses."

2. "Yes, I most likely would vote against the next federal budget if it didn't increase funding to the CBC. It's all part of the issue of cultural integrity and Canada being attacked from within as well as without."

3. "Yes, I would work to ensure

human rights issues are included in trade talks at the upcoming APEC summit. The violation of human rights is in many cases a violation of natural law. If Canada were acting in accordance with natural law because of the group of 10,000 that would raise consciousness for all Canadians, our trade ambassadors would see more clearly the solutions to human rights problems. We would have something to offer other countries."

4. "An increase in consciousness would lead to an increase in creativity and, in turn, to more entrepreneurship. This would lead to a livelihood for displaced fishers. Rather than a negative that the jobs are gone, it's a positive."

5 + 6. "The Natural Law Party recognizes the vital role of the Native people in the life of Canada and appreciates their tradition of living in harmony with natural law, so the Natural Law Party will help to establish viable life-supporting, environmentally responsible businesses and industries on reserves across the Nation. We advocate recognition of treaty rights, and the Natural Law Party will work closely with the leaders of the different Native peoples to formulate ideal systems of governance. We would bring some of the techniques of natural law to them as well, while at the same time upholding the traditions from their culture."

7. "We're most definitely on the side of health freedom. TM is only one route

to better health. The ancient Ayurvedic and Chinese herbal remedies don't need to be tested like other drugs do—they're natural and they have worked for centuries. As a party, we emphatically support preventative medicine and we would support a preventative health program for the nation. Doctors should be rewarded for preventing disease rather than just treating it. Part of the problem is mass production, a mass economy, and greed."

8. "The environment is most happily ruled in accordance with natural law—definitely some attention must be placed on our use of resources. Greed has to be eliminated. We envision an immediate repealing of the GST and implementation of the group of 10,000. The crime rate and disease would go down, and the money saved would go to support progressive things."

An all candidates meeting

for the North Island riding will be held at **7 pm Wednesday March 28 at QCC**. Organizers are urging all those interested to come meet the candidates and voice their concerns.

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