

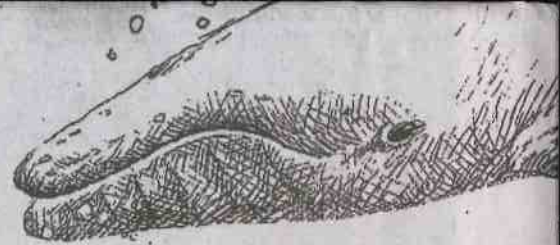
Ratepayer-funded Invercargill City Council, the Community Trust of Southland and the Invercargill Licensing Trust for yet another massive bailout following the previous one. Remember that? The one that came with all that this-the-last-one rhetoric?

In hindsight it was curiously inapt that Invercargill City Council manager Richard King had called Monday's meeting "D-Day" for Rugby Park.

After the actual D-Day the Allies promptly went public.

And not just in significant speeches from the nations' leaders. For the benefit of those directly affected in France they even dropped proclamation/warning leaflets from the skies.

The Rugby Park bailout must be a matter of greater complexity.



YOUR | VIEW

Cyclists' kindness will be remembered

Through your paper I would like to thank a lot of people who helped me recently.

I am part of the Phoenix Synchro Southland Synchronised Swimming Club and we are fundraising for the National Synchronised Swimming Championships in Wellington.

On Sunday, March 23, I sold a scratchie board at the Southland women's football opening tournament and I thank everyone who bought tickets from me.

Later that day I was struggling to sell another scratchie board outside my house when Eddie Dawkins and Brehan Cairns came and offered to sell my board at a party they were at.

They took my board and sold all the tickets on it to their families and Cycling Southland friends in only a few minutes.

I felt very thrilled and happy in my heart that so many people at the party showed me lots of kindness.

I have told lots of people what Eddie and Brehan did for me and they are very happy too.

I will remember what people did for me on Sunday when I become a famous synchronised swimmer like Eddie is a famous cyclist.

Thank you Eddie and Brehan for being my friends.

I am 8 years old.
LOUISE SUTHERLAND
Invercargill

ETS a nonsense

It is not often that I agree with ACT Party policy so don't tell my sister-in-law.

The whole issue of the ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme) and decreasing our carbon foot print is a nonsense which we should abandon. We should have our energies in child welfare and poverty.

If the United States, Brazil, China and India have not committed, then why waste our time?

It is like spending time and energy to do your section up for the "best street" award, when all the others in the street can't be bothered.

We make up 0.2 per cent of the world's emissions, so if we could take our emission down 50 per cent to 0.1 per cent, what difference would that make?

I hear the ETS supporters say that we should lead the world.

Well, we took the stand about nuclear ships in our waters (which I did not support) and several decades later, has any other country followed our lead?

Other say the ETS supports our 99 per cent pure image and that helps exporters. That only has some minimal impact in some minor European markets while the big markets, China, US, India and Brazil, don't care less.

As the ACT Party president said, we should just accept that in 100 years (that is right, 100 years)

the seas will be half to one metre higher and we should use our local authorities to manage coastal buildings.

NOBBY CLARK
Invercargill

Worth fighting for

In response to Carl Stapleton's letter about undaria (March 31), while we respect his expertise we do not agree with his conclusion.

Though it may be too late to stop the spread of the Asian seaweed from around New Zealand's shores, the eradication programme in Sunday Cove in Fiordland has made significant strides, with no plants found for nearly a year.

The recent discovery of one plant was disappointing, but the pristine environment of Fiordland is worth fighting for and aiming to eradicate undaria from this unique and internationally significant place is worth a shot.

WARREN TUCKEY
Director of operations and environmental information
Environment Southland

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DAY BY DAY

A simple saver: A 14-year-old suggested a prosaic method to United States Government speed switching type fonts on all com in a move that he claims would US\$370 million (NZ\$426m) a year printing costs. Suvir Mirchanda Pittsburgh, began his research struck by the number of printed was handed by his teachers. He that computer printer ink is cost more expensive, by weight, than French perfume. Realising that used much more ink than other deduced that his school district US\$21,000 a year by switching typeface called Garamond from Roman. He found that the US could save US\$136m on its US\$ annual printing budget by doing thing. An additional US\$234m saved annually if state government the same switch, he reported. Government Printing Office has his research as "remarkable" promised to examine whether its methods.

BIRTHDAYS

- Charlemagne, Emperor of the (742-814)
- Hans Christian Andersen, Danish (1805-1875)
- Buddy Ebsen, US actor (1908)
- Sir Alec Guinness, British actor (1914-2000)
- Emmylou Harris, US country (1947-)

THOUGHT

"Life is short. Live it up." - **Nikolai Khrushchev**, Soviet leader (1894-1972)

SCRIPTURE

"Nothing is impossible for God"