# Letters to the editor Let's be frank

# Reveal 'plan' or resume talks, reader challenges Kimberly-Clark

Dear Editor,

Kimberly-Clark of Canada's 700 woodlands workers, members of IWA Canada Local 2693, went on strike May 9, 1988, when Kimberly-Clark refused to sign a job security clause in their contract negotiations.

Picket lines have been set up at the Terrace Bay Pulp Mill.

Weeks have passed since the strike began, and although the union is willing to return to the table to talk with KC, the company has made no move to contact the union.

Workers on the picket line are peaceful, displaying only placards in protest. They stand frustrated on the picket line as trains with carloads of wood chips, engineered by C.P. Rail staff, ignore their protest in order to replenish the supply of chips the mill needs to produce their pulp product.

The workers are only asking for security of their jobs. They would like to provide a guaranteed per centage of the wood KC requires each year. There are no wage or benefit disputes — only JOB SECURITY.

The strike is frustrating for the workers and their families, who receive only a small sum of money each week from a strike fund supplied by the union. This amount of income hardly puts food on the table or pays the rent.

I feel that when Kimberly-Clark constructed their mill here they made a committment by doing so, to the people who came to live and work here and to the town they helped create.

There is no doubt that Kimberly-Clark has been a good corporate citizen. They have been instrumental in: the expansion of Terrace Bay; in helping employees buy and build homes; in helping with personal problems and making firm committments to solve environmental problems that arise from the production of pulp. For over 40 years, they have provided trades and jobs at comparable

# Thank you

Thank you to all who attended the Stag and Doe in our honour. Special thanks to Cindy & Marc Tremblay for organizing and all their hard work.

Also thanks to Pat Bourguignon, Shane Riley, and all the girls of the family for all their help to make it such a success.

Darlene & Mike Bourguignon

wages and benefits for the residents

However, if K-C won't guarantee our woodlands workers their jobs by giving them a per centage of wood supply — instead, buy it from outside sources — then they are hardly generating any economic growth for this town, or providing food and homes for those of us who live here.

Speculation abounds as to whether this strike situation is simply a ploy to shut down woodlands as part of their "survival plan," for the operations here.

Only the decision-makers at Kimberly-Clark know the answer

to this question as they continue to manipulate our lives with their plans.

personally challenge Kimberly-Clark to come forward with the truth about their plans, or return to the negotiating table with the union to settle this dispute, so that we can get on with our lives and Kimberly-Clark can continue as a good corporate citizen.

Sincerely, **Mary Deschatelets** 

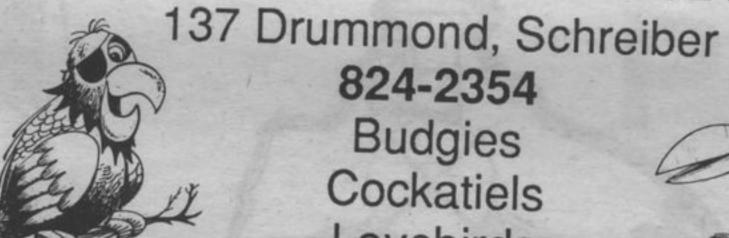
P.S. I personally thank all those people who have shown their support during the strike.

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To all who attended and worked at the Shower held in my honour. Also thanks to everyone who donated to the lists at the Bay, Spadoni's, Western Tire and Cebrario's. Thank you to Carole Ferland, and Bonnie Scott, for organizing and putting on the shower for me.

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We have again entered uncertain times with the local strike of Kimberly-Clark woodlands workers. The strike has been ongoing for approximately one month, and not only are the workers affected, but all residents are becoming influenced in one way or another by this strike.

Tension and surmise are beginning to increase. As uncertainty grows stronger "about how things will go and when they"ll settle," so does fear of loss of control over our lives and livelihood. This is a natural feeling, and one that is to be expected.

Some, however, have transferred that fear or uncertainty to other things. Events, and even the actions of individuals or groups take on greater meaning, and sometimes become twisted. Gossip or harmful lies about innocent individuals might be a way for some to transfer some of the ill feeling, fear or uncertainty they might be starting to experience and in some way thereby lessen their own for a while.

There is one thing that is for certain; one mustn't think that things will completely fall apart. They won't.

To ensure that things don't get out of hand, it is important to keep in mind that some people are beginning to get apprehensive. They should realize this and deal with it effectively. As family and friends, others should help them deal with any problems that arise. But all must make a conscious effort to stop rumours from happening and spreading. The pain and humiliation they bring to their victims only add to their specific suffering.

Let's be frank about it; in small towns like Terrace Bay, Schreiber and Rossport, people labelled by rumours might as well have a large sign on their forehead stating their apparent "crime or indiscretion." Or, events real and imagined might blow up before the truth is unearthed.

In the case that one is uncertain of an event or situation, why not simply call the police? If they are able to release information, they will. If not, they will say so. The important thing is to go to the proper sources instead of 'Uncle Mervin' who either drove by before or after something supposedly happened.

There is an old German saying: "The echo always has the last word." Remember that you and others must live in the same town. If you want to whisper something to another, be careful how the wind carries it away. You never know how it will come back to you.

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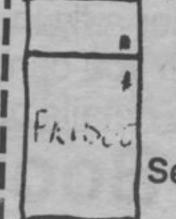
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