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WHAT POPULATION DENSITY DO WE WANT?

For weeks now a petition has been circulated in Cordova Bay in favour of conventional gravity sewers. We heard that a high percentage of residents has signed the petition. Some residents have complained that they were put under heavy pressure to sign. This petition, like other pro-sewer material in the area recently, is being circulated anonymously, but one canvasser told a householder that it was initiated by four people who wish to subdivide their land.

We do need upgrading of the Cordova Bay sewage disposal systems. The Association has, over the last three years, called on the authorities to put the Claremont School sewage disposal system into shape and to ensure that septic tank systems throughout the area are properly maintained. We have urged Saanich to study modern sewage handling methods which would solve the problems without creating pressure for high density.

Saanich has indicated that population density will be determined as the Local Area Plan is developed and that "Planning by Sewers" is not supported by Saanich Planners. It appeared that the high densities foreseen in Saanich's "Cordova Bay Background Study" might not materialize; that the doubling or trebling of population in Cordova Bay might not take place; that the consequent extension, widening and straightening of Lochside Drive and the Cordova Bay Road might not occur and that Cordova Bay might retain its semi-rural character. These possibilities are encouraging to many of us who chose to remain or came here to enjoy the natural surroundings.

To those residents or landholders who favour subdivision and increased density, the installation of sewers, before future population densities are determined, becomes very important. These people attempt to discredit any possibility of solving pollution problems by anything other than the old-fashioned gravity sewer system with its insatiable capacity. The fact is that in many other places conventional gravity sewers will not be financed unless it is shown that modern alternative methods are unsuitable.

Let's get the population density settled first and then take whatever steps are needed to ensure that all pollution problems in the area are solved systematically and quickly.

Eric Robinson, President, C.B.A.

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UNDER PRESSURE FROM LANDOWNERS

Only one alderman stood firm under repeated attempts to expand the Urban Containment Boundary around Cordova Bay before key planning decisions are made. Council gave in under the latest barrage even while Planners asked residents' opinions on such matters in the Store Front Office. The Urban Area was changed to include well over 100 acres more of rural and agricultural land.

It is stated Planning Policy that changes to the Urban Area - the area to which municipal services will be provided - will not be made until completion of Local Area Plans (Local Plans are supposed to reflect residents' goals for their community).

The Council vote was:

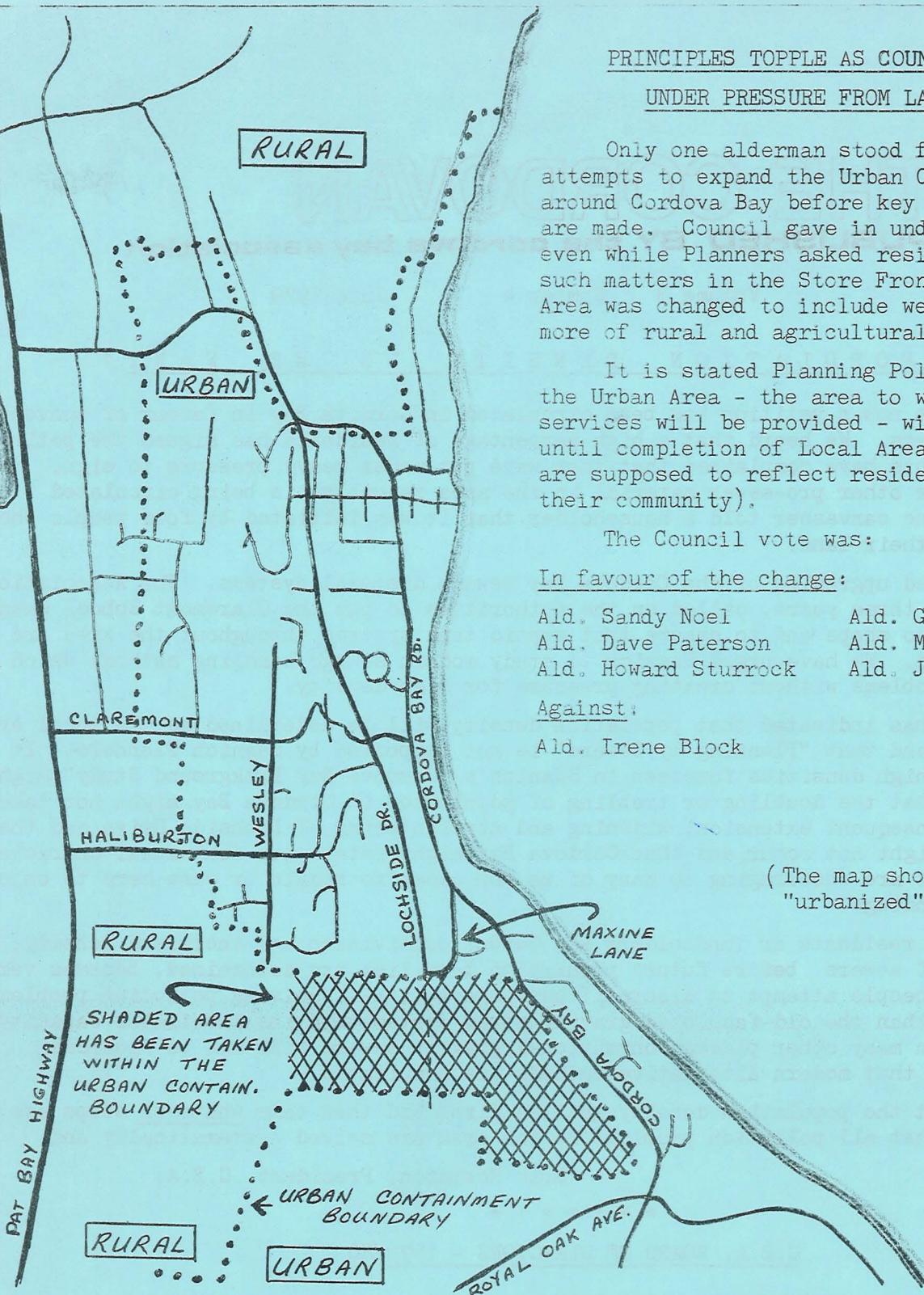
In favour of the change:

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| Ald. Sandy Noel | Ald. Geoff Vantreight |
| Ald. Dave Paterson | Ald. Mary Casilio |
| Ald. Howard Sturrock | Ald. John Mika |

Against:

- Ald. Irene Block

(The map shows the area "urbanized" as shaded.)



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

"They tear down "No Trespassing" signs and tear down barbed wire and wooden fences and ride over with motor-bikes deliberately day after day when we go and repair same - they steal crops and they destroy our hay crop when it is up . . ." - from a local farming resident at our All Candidates Meeting, May 3rd.

This is an opportunity for those of us who care about the preservation of Saanich farmlands to take some action locally.

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

By the time you read this Cordovan, the YEAR OF THE CHILD in Cordova Bay will have been celebrated with a beach barbecue at Agate Lane Park on Monday, June 4th. The new T.A.G. (Teen Activity Group) were setting up the bonfire and selling soft drinks and other goodies. A great community effort!

In the event of rain on the afternoon of June 4th, the barbecue will happen on the following Monday, June 11th, from 4 p.m. on.

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More I.Y.C. news . . .

What a fantastic organization went into the camp for 43 Cordova Bay Brownies at Shawnigan Lake. Whole families were included in a genuine pot-luck dinner that worked on the first night. Seeing their little ones around the campfire - singing in only the way Brownies can, and playing games around the globe, parents were able to leave in a grateful state of mind. Eleven leaders and camp mothers shepherded this little horde of elves, sprites and what-have-you through nature trails and litter clean-ups and cabin sleeping.

Thank you, you devoted people! Two Quiet Books were composed during the weekend to be presented to a children's hospital.

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PLAY BALL!

As the softball season draws on to the final stages, it seems fitting to pay a special tribute to those dedicated families who take on the responsibility - not only year after year, but day in and day out during the season. The operation runs so smoothly - registration gets going, the black and orange uniforms appear, the friendly coaches hustle their teams together, the concession flourishes and schedules proceed.

If you look carefully as you watch your children play over the years - the faces will become familiar too of these devoted neighbours who have organized and coached generations of squirts, seals (?), etc. You can tell they still really care about the game, and each little hitter and catcher who comes their way. Not only can we thank these people but we hope that when they need more help and ask us for it, we will show our support by jumping in.

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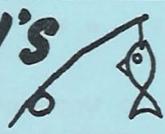
CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS to the Cordova Bay KIWANIS who have taken a promising initiative - T.A.G. is with us again.

A new Teen Activity Group has started, organized, sponsored and supported by their Youth Committee. Meetings are held twice weekly at the former Elk Lake Firehall on Hamsterly Road on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There are two youth leaders - one a volunteer - Norman Lebus and Sandy Clark. Membership open to people 13 to 17 years in our community.

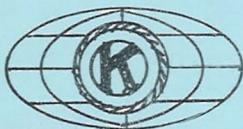
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Your \$1 RAFFLE TICKET for a magnificent \$3,000 Quasar Video Recorder will help support the new T.A.G. (For those who don't know, this piece of equipment complete with colour and sound, records television films. At last a way to catch those late night movies you couldn't stay awake for!)

Support T.A.G. and buy a ticket from your friendly KIWANIAN - among whom are Ken Craig at the Variety Store, Paul Eror at his restaurant and Lyall Steer at the Texaco Station.

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From another resident of Cordova Bay involved in projects concerning I.Y.C. . . .

Cablevision Channel 10 is devoting one hour a month to a special programme called "THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD". Let's get our children interested in some of the special activities. Arts and crafts, Exhibition, Kaleidoscope, the Arts Festival. Children are very important people. We dedicate 1979 to them.

Lochside School has played an active part in Channel 10 programming. Pupils from that school will be seen on three different programmes. For further information, call Kay Dakin - 658-8894.

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Take another look at those YEAR OF THE CHILD ladies in the canteen and those coaches on the field. a BIG THANK YOU to all the sports organizers in Cordova Bay who have volunteered their services over many years.

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APOLOGIES to the Cordova Bay United Church - the Cordovan appeared too late to advertise your Country Fair. We hope it was a great success!

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The ANNUAL STRAWBERRY TEA of the Church-by-the-Lake, 5363 Pat Bay Highway will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at 2 p.m. Cost \$1.50 adults, children 75¢. Stalls of various kinds. Do join us - we'd love to have you!

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Following on from meetings with the "Mayor of Cordova Bay" Mr. George Russell, and the McMorran's celebration of their 60th anniversary, this contribution is well-timed.

Some Cordova Bay residents have become interested and curious about the early, local history and times of our pioneers and early residents in the Bay area.

We thought it might be an absorbing and informative project to assemble and record on paper some of the memories and accounts of those early days here. A collection of early old photographs also would be a wonderful way to record what Cordova Bay and residents looked like in the early days.

If any of you who have lived in the Bay, or know of someone who has lived in the Bay area for 30? 40? or 50 years! and would be interested in telling us about your early life here, we'd be really keen to spend an afternoon or evening with you, sharing and recording those early nostalgic accounts with you.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of early residents or their relatives that once lived here and now live elsewhere, we'd love to obtain their names and addresses.

The phone number to get in touch with us is 658-8076, Anne Pearson, 784 Claremont.

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THE FRUITS OF UNFAIR LABOUR - PLEASE DON'T BUY THEM

It costs \$150 a month to live marginally in Chile today. But the average wage is \$30 per month. And the workers can do nothing because Chile's democratic government was violently overthrown and the country's president murdered by the military junta which now rules with an iron fist.

The junta has declared political opposition illegal. Trade unions are banned. Strikes are against the law. Those who disagree "disappear."

Ask your grocer if the apples, grapes, nectarines, pears and other fruit he's selling are from Chile. If they are, don't buy them. The fruits are exported not because Chile has a surplus, but because the people who produce them cannot earn enough to buy fruit for their own families. The fruits of unfair labour don't deserve your support!

from Canada-Chile Action Coalition,
2524 Cypress, Vancouver.

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Any volunteers to work at running the JOB BANK this summer? No government grants for us this time - we may simply have to use the neighbourhood grapevine. The noticeboard is an excellent place for job-posting.

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More on our MYSTERY HISTORY QUIZ . . .

In our last issue, question 2 of our quiz asked "Where is the oldest home in Cordova Bay?" The answer was "Across Cordova Bay Rd. from D'Arcy Lane - a little white house originally owned by Jeune Bros." For those of you who have been looking for this house, read on -

OBITUARY - "Greenwood" - Touet-Jeune Home, Cordova Bay Road

Suddenly in May 1979, this beloved Cordova Bay landmark passed into oblivion at the precious age of approx. 100 years. We are left to mourn the passing of the first home built in Cordova Bay by pioneer Phillip Wesley Touet. Ironically, in the "Islander" of May 20th, Margaret Belford writes, "One can only hope that it (Greenwood) will be declared a heritage home and thus saved from complete destruction." "Greenwood" will be missed and we are saddened at the loss of another tie with the past. R.I.P.

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How many of the following can you answer? (Answers on back page.)

- 1) Where can you find a cross and candlesticks from the time of Oliver Cromwell?
- 2) When were scouts, cubs and guides and brownies first formed?
- 3) What was known in the 30's as "Little Arctic"?
- 4) What was "Spindrifft"?

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The problem of VANDALISM is finally coming out into the open. Mayor Couvelier organized a seminar. Our A.G.M. featured a panel discussion on the subject. Better communication seemed to be the message -

- within the family itself - this from a local student.
- along the street and between generations - including the idea of adopting neighbourhood grandparents - this from a local resident.
- of the punishment to the offender and better communication between offender and the property owner concerned - from a probation officer.
- what else can Cordova Bay's young do at this age for fun? - this from a psychologist.
- between local agencies - School Board, Municipality and Social Workers - from the Saanich seminar and between residents and the police.
- neighbourhoods of smaller density are less prone to vandalism - from B.C. School Trustees Association Report.

With the recent newspaper reports of the successful Blanshard St. Elementary School program, does one answer lie in more good physical education in school programs?

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A SUMMER BOOK TO BUY AND USE

What a good idea local resident Barrie Lee has come up with! This new book, VICTORIA ON FOOT (published by Terrapin Publishing, a Cordova Bay enterprise) is most useful summer reading, very attractively done, and good value at \$2.95.

The book is sub-titled "Walking Tours of Victoria's Old Town" and it contains over 100 photographs, some of them historical, dating back into the last century, but many showing the attractive historical and architectural features of our fascinating town. The book maps and details four tours in the downtown area, which can be comfortably and enjoyably done on foot.

A book like this is a tremendous boon for tourists and should sell really well. It will be of interest, too, to anyone who lives in Victoria. It's worth having a copy for yourself, your family, and for the use of guests visiting from all parts of the world. It's on sale around town and locally, at the Variety Store.

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A 90th BIRTHDAY TEA was held in late April at the home of Mrs. Beryl Tanner to honour MRS. EDITH MACKENROT, a long-time resident of Cordova Bay. Friends and neighbours enjoyed a warm afternoon of remembering. At one time we observed Mrs. Mackenrot in animated conversation with her contemporaries Mr. H. Palin (formerly of Cordova Bay and now of Seabrook Rd.) and Mr. Nicoll of Parker Ave. How nice to see the "over and nearly 90's" gathered together and thoroughly enjoying themselves! Have another happy year!

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If the Cordovan gets to you in time, we hope you can attend the performance of "Joseph" by Mr. Newman's class and the choir at Cordova Bay Elementary School at 1:30, Friday, June 8.

These school assembly concerts provide real enjoyment and show high standards of performance. You don't have to be a parent to attend.

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Remember the delightful strums of the ukuleles at HAWAIIAN NIGHT and the hat that was passed around? Well, that Grade 5 class have been and returned from the Kelowna trip and last week many homes in Cordova Bay hosted a pack of Kelowna pupils.

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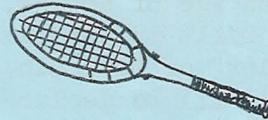
Watch out for June 3 - 30 at the Maples Gallery - an exhibition of ARTISTS GROUP including works of local painter, Peggy Larson.

THANK YOU for your very good response to RENEW MEMBERSHIPS in the Cordova Bay Association.

For those who missed out, there will be an organized membership drive in early June. Apart from bringing the "Cordovan" to your door, the C.B.A. will continue to follow Municipal affairs closely in order that the single-family, semi-rural environment may remain for Cordova Bay. (This does not exclude the possibility of a few well-designed multiple-housing units - particularly suited for senior citizens in the area.) We will also continue to support building a community of strong identity and initiative.

Your membership is \$2 per year.

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SAANICH RECREATION offers us for the summer . . .

The Playground Program will be back at Cordova Bay Elementary School from July 3 to August 17. Registration at the school on the starting day - no cost.

Two playground leaders will organize a variety of activities for children with crafts, games, trips. The Four Seasons Musical Theatre will give a presentation and there will be bicycle safety and library visit programs among other items.

Three major events involving all the playground people will take place on July 19 featuring the International aspect of the Year of the Child. August 2 the subject will be animals (4 legged), and August 16 will be a Festival.

Parents and others could really assist this Playground Program by offering to help in driving for the proposed trips. Please contact the playground leaders when they start in July.

Brochures on Summer Recreation Activities for all from Saanich are available through schools and recreation centres, or you can request Gordon Head or Cedar Hill people to mail them to you.

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The COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR will be meeting with interested local busybodies at 10 a.m. next Friday morning, June 8th at 759 Helvetia Cres. (off Delmonte).

Phone Kathy Jawl, 658-5696, if you have some bright ideas for courses, classes or workshops over the fall and winter months that you would like to attend locally - calligraphy, Scottish dance, vegetarian cookery, fitness to music, etc. etc. Better still, come to our meeting next Friday.

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DID YOU SEE IT?

A collision between two cars on the Pat Bay Highway happened at the traffic lights on Haliburton at 5 p.m. on Monday, 7th May. A car heading north went into the side of a small beige car. A lady waiting in a car on Haliburton may have seen what happened. Could she please call Peter Holtham at 658-5613.

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CONGRATULATIONS to "PATHWAYS CENTRE" who had their official opening on May 30th. Mayor Couvelier cut the ribbon at the newly renovated firehall on Hamsterley Road.

"Pathways" will continue a social and activity program for residents of boarding homes and institutions in the area. If you have an hour to spare, volunteers are always welcome.

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I will look after your pre-school child in my home. 3 years day-care assistant supervisor's experience. References. Call Roberta Campbell, 658-5584.

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Stella Suggests . . .

- 1) In separating eggs, if you happen to break the yolk, take a soft cloth, lightly touch the part of yolk in the white and it will adhere to the cloth.
- 2) A squeeze of lemon in water in which rice is boiled will whiten the rice and separate the grains.

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Q. What is a Cordova Bay bore?

A. Anyone who talks sewage disposal systems for more than 45 minutes at any one time!

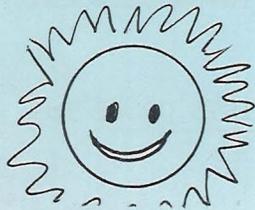
Incidentally, did you see Jack Beastall's comments last week in the Times? "That old septic tank was a pal to plants!"

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ANSWERS to MYSTERY HISTORY QUIZ

- 1) Furnishings of St. David's donated by parents of Mrs. Ewen, Parker Ave.
- 2) Early 40's. Ask Rhoda Price, the Akela.
- 3) Parkview Store. McMorran was Big Arctic.
- 4) The forerunner of the Cordovan.

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