

THE CORDOVAN

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ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

November 16th, Monday, 7:30 p.m.
in the Lunchroom at Claremont High School.

THE FUTURE OF SAANICH IS SHAPED

BY OUR VOTE

This is your opportunity to question and listen to the

TWO MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Mel Couvelier and Keith MacGregor

ELEVEN ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

and

TWO CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

John Betts and Marilyn Loveless

Those residents who attended the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan meetings at Claremont High School in 1980 know how crucial it is to see and hear candidates.

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Some thoughts for voters-to-be on DEMOCRACY

"... if it is transformed from a passive 'spectator democracy' into an active 'participatory democracy' - in which the affairs of the community are as close and as important to the individual citizens as their private affairs, or better, in which the well-being of the community becomes each citizen's private concern. By participating in the community, people find life becomes more interesting and stimulating."

ELECTION DAY

is Saturday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cordova Bay Elementary School is the local polling station. An advanced poll will be open at the Garth Homer Centre, 813 Darwin Ave. on Fri. Nov. 13 and Fri. Nov. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE if you are 19 years and over, a Canadian citizen or British subject. You must have lived in Saanich for the last 3 months, in B.C. for the last 6 months, and in Canada for the past year. N.B. If you are not on the voters' list, you can register on election day with the Poll Clerk if you meet the above requirements.

VOTER TURNOUT IN SAANICH COULD BE MUCH LARGER!

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Next HOT LUCK SOUP DAY IS Wednesday, Nov. 18th at noon. Did you see us on Channel 10's NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE? There was a splendid turnout of soup-tasters last month. Thanks for the special pot of CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL soup - courtesy of the Home Ec. Dept. Thanks to the ALDERMEN who came to visit and to Doug Price for his square-dance special. It was good to see new-comers to Cordova Bay turn out for this special day for ALL in the community. Invite a neighbour for November 18th, our next SOUP DAY in the New Horizons St. David's Church Hall opposite Fable Cottage.

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QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

The following questions have been sent to the candidates from the Cordova Bay Association.

1 The Saanich Official Community Plan and the Local Area Plans that are a part of it, set out the population projections to 1996. A cost-of-growth study being undertaken by the Capital Regional District appears to be using a much higher projection for Saanich. Will you resist strongly this attempt by another level of government to impose its will on the clearly-expressed wishes of the people of Saanich, and will you also press for controls that will ensure the orderly and uniform growth of population in Cordova Bay to the agreed 1996 figure?

2 Re: Municipal Recreation Facilities: Are you familiar with the Saanich Master Plan for recreational facilities in the municipality, and do you support its objectives?

What are your views concerning long-term planning for recreational facilities, both for physical and other activities?

3 The manner in which the sewers are being installed in Cordova Bay, specifically on the Beach and on Doumac Avenue, demonstrate extreme disregard for environmental considerations as expressed on p. 20 of the Saanich Official Community Plan and on p. 27, section 6.1 of the Local Area Plan for Cordova Bay. Will you initiate procedures to ensure that staff abide by all provisions of these planning documents through better co-operation and co-ordination between municipal departments?

4 What are your views concerning the need for senior citizen housing in the municipality, and what would you do to provide such housing?

5 Will you strive vigorously for the commencement of design and planning for sewage treatment plants in Saanich within the next year, with a view to construction of such a plant or plants at an early date?

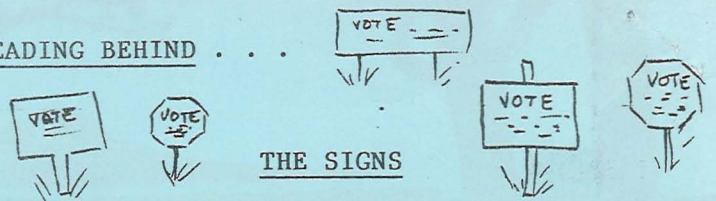
6 Our increasing population in Saanich demands increased supplies of food. Will you actively support the retention of all land that has food-producing capabilities?

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WHOM DO YOU CHOOSE ?

"Behind all political parties are only two camps: 'those who care and those who don't care.'

If all those in the camp that cares could rid themselves of party clichés and realize that they have the same goals, the possibility of change would seem to be considerably greater; especially so since most citizens have become less and less interested in party loyalty and party slogans. People today are yearning for human beings who have wisdom and convictions and the courage to act according to their convictions."

READING BEHIND . . .

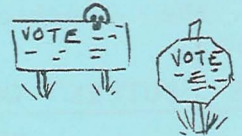


THE SIGNS

In the Saanich municipal election on November 21st, eleven candidates will be running for the four aldermanic openings, and two candidates will run for the office of mayor.

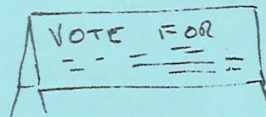
Municipal traditions in Saanich are basically good: elections occur frequently enough to ensure that we can correct our mistakes without much delay, and many aldermen have actively supported the concept of an open government, with plenty of chance for Saanich residents to speak their mind.

We have, too, a fairly recent by-law requiring that election expenses and the source of donations over \$100 must be disclosed after the election is over. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE IS A BY-LAW LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT CANDIDATES CAN SPEND ON THEIR CAMPAIGNS.



Anyone running for election must make sure that his name is known to the voters: this takes a lot of personal effort by the candidate and his supporters, on phone calls, on house-to-house visits, on attending meetings; but it's also done through things that cost money - newspaper ads, radio and TV exposure, and pamphlets.

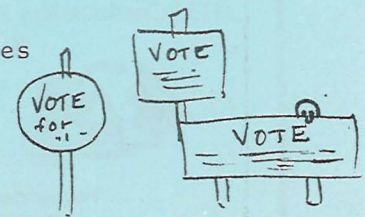
In the past, several attempts have been made to limit the amount of money spent on campaigns. None of them was successful. Perhaps that is because it was an idea whose time was just about to come.



Saanich candidates used to pursue fairly low-key campaigns - a lot of personal effort, but not a great deal of money. As a result, no one was prevented from serving his community through a municipal office because he was not a rich man. And no prior choice was being made for us by the recognition that money could buy.

That time may be passing, unless we work to retain it. WHILE THE AVERAGE EXPENDITURE ON AN ALDERMANIC CAMPAIGN IN LAST YEAR'S ELECTION WAS IN THE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS, TWO NEW - AND SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES SPENT AMOUNTS CLOSE TO FOUR AND SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THEIRS.

This is a wide gap - TOO WIDE A GAP, unless we prefer to have our choices decided by money rather than merit. We need to ask the candidates in this November election where they stand on election spending, and what their own record is or will be. And we need to urge the people we elect in November to pass that by-law limiting election expenses so that Saanich can continue to be sure that it's getting the ablest and the best.



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT

As School District 63 activities get very little coverage in our area, and as school trustee candidates get very little time at all-candidates meetings, and as there appears to some controversy this year, we invited John Betts and Marilyn Loveless to provide brief statements for the "Cordova".

JOHN BETTS

John Betts is the coordinator of physics at Camosun College and has been actively involved in education as an instructor at community colleges for more than twelve years. He is the author of three books, and has both administrative and budget management experience.

As a taxpayer and father of three children, John feels that we should strive to obtain the best possible education for our children within the confines of a responsible budget. He is committed to continued improvements in communications at all levels. During the past two years, John has been actively involved in many changes in our district. Zero-base budget techniques have been established for more efficient inertia-free financing and increased input from all levels of district staff. Evaluation and long range planning of programs such as French Immersion, French at the elementary schools, Special Education, Kindergarten class sizes, computers, enrichment and middle schools are in progress to ensure our programs are efficient and serve the special needs of our children. John is in favour of continuing the French Immersion program because it offers parents a sound alternate form of education for their children and it does not adversely affect the education of students in the regular classes. He is also committed to the planning and development of additional enrichment programs. A special committee that is investigating enrichment will report to the Board with recommendations in January 1982. John is proud to have had the opportunity to serve as your representative on the Saanich School Board and he has worked hard on your behalf. On November 21 he seeks your mandate to serve another term as your Trustee. For additional information, please call JOHN BETTS, 479-8804.

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MARILYN LOVELESS

Marilyn Loveless is married and the mother of 3 sons, ages 4, 6 and 7. She attended schools in District 63 and has a Bachelor of P.E. from U.B.C. She taught in the Public School system, the Independent School system and worked with emotionally disturbed and learning disabled children.

The challenge facing educators today is greater than ever, and must be met in a time when financial demands on the taxpayer are soaring. Trustees

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SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES (continued)

must establish priorities that do not mean that nobody is served adequately.

Of particular concern has been the implementation of the French Immersion Programme. The lack of planning and foresight prior to implementing the French Immersion Programme in our district is unacceptable.

In the Board's apparent haste to satisfy the demands of the "Parents for French" (Immersion) they have failed to consider the impact on the community as a whole.

Recently, they have chosen to ignore a petition signed by nearly 1,000 citizens.

The threat of disruption and excessive cost that the Immersion Programme poses for our community is unacceptable.

I support the expansion of a programme that will provide equal access to second language instruction for all our children.

In addition, I favour the continuation and development of programmes that recognize the special needs and abilities of students (Special Education and Enrichment).

The education of our children is a shared responsibility, shared between the parent, the school and the community. The school must reflect the values of the community and fulfill the basic educational needs of the families within that community.

The programmes offered must prepare our children to meet the complex demands of today's society.

In seeking your support on Nov. 21st, I am eager to serve you as an informed, energetic and accountable trustee.

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IN THE PLANNING STAGE . . .

If you're planning to give yourself a pleasant night out once a week next year without the hassle of driving to town - we're planning, too, at Cordova Bay Store. We're offering evening and day courses in China Painting, Pottery and Ceramics, as usual, but we're thinking about Glass Forming, Acrylic Painting for non-geniuses, Paper Tole . . . or, we're open to suggestion. Why not call us at 658-5714 so that we can include you in on our planning?

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BOYS AND GIRLS

Would you like to earn some extra money for Christmas? How about a small morning Times/Colonist route? For information, phone 382-7211, local 163 and ask for Mr. Zedel.

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A small but thoughtful group of community residents listened to a warm and sensitive presentation by Sandy Boles, a volunteer with VICTORIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF THE DYING (VACD) in the United Church last Wednesday. The introduction followed by a slide-with-commentary presentation sparked several pertinent questions which were answered most helpfully. Tisha Gulka provided delightful refreshments during which there was a good coming-together of those present. For more info., call Mary Carder 658-8035.

LETTERS

As we wait for the winter storms to do their best, some correspondence on our bay of clay!

To the "Cordova":

I would like to share the following received from the Dept. of Lands, Parks and Housing, 190 Wallace St., Nanaimo in reply to my letter of October 21st regarding the condition of the beach.

"We have already notified the municipality that they have not returned the beach to a satisfactory state, and have requested them to take whatever remedial action is necessary.

D. W. Berry,
District Manager"

I feel very encouraged with this response.

Mrs. Grace Thorn

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AN ALDERMAN'S RESPONSE

As a follow-up to the recent article(s) on the sewerage of Cordova Bay, I would like to report that at least one member of Saanich Council is responsive to the needs of Cordova Bay residents.

Alderman Sturrock took immediate steps to mediate a dispute between ourselves and a Saanich engineer over his decision to re-route into a new storm drain the stream that traverses our property.

The decision to re-route had been made and was near implementation before we discovered the implications of the nearby work. The alderman acted immediately in doing an on-site inspection and having the various involved parties meet and work towards what now appears to be a mutually satisfying agreement. Thank you, Alderman Sturrock.

Dennis & Wendy Payne
Agate Lane

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"THE CORDOVAN" is gratified to receive some letters at last - even if it has taken the upheaval of the sewers to inspire people to write.

If you have comments or questions, please send us a note c/o 759 Helvetia Cr. V8Y 1M1, or drop it off in our mail-box.

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Residents of Cordova Bay:

As a resident of Cordova Bay and property owner on the waterfront, I have witnessed with horrification the environmental destruction which has taken place to the beach. I would like to point out that in the contract signed by the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk, specific provision outlined particularly in the Articles 3.02B and 3.07, contain clauses for beach restoration to its original condition. (This restoration being the responsibility of the contractor.)

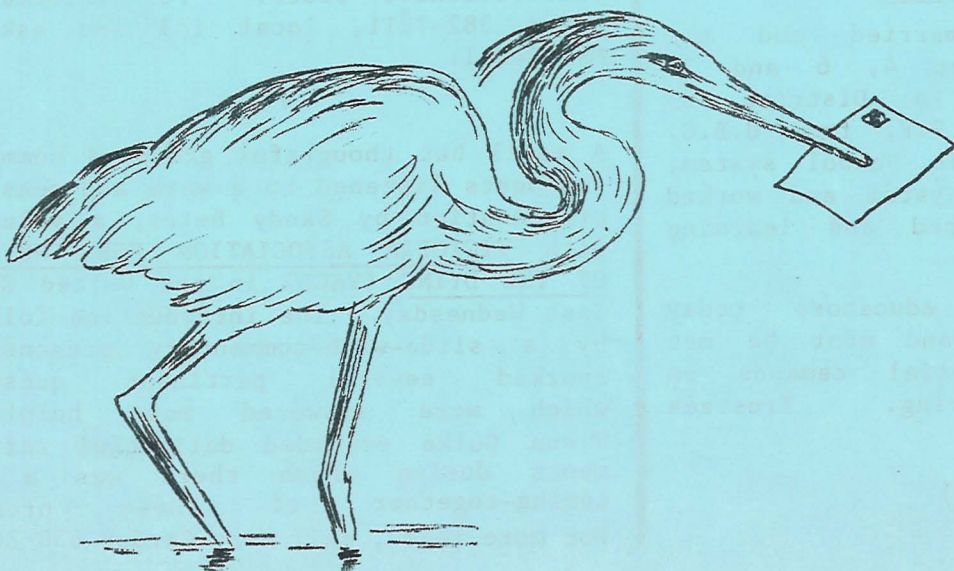
Correspondence from Mr. T. R. Kirk, Municipal Clerk, to me has indicated "that the Engineer report to Council by April 1st, 1982 as to whether funds are necessary in the 1982 budget to correct damage to the beach as discussed." (Minutes of Meeting: Standing Committee of Council on Sept. 8, 1981)

My concern is that now the beach and sand has been destroyed, our tax dollars, through the 1982 budget will be used for restoration which is the responsibility and liability of the contractor, Chew Excavating (Clause 1.05.1).

May I also point out that in the contract clauses 3.05.2, 3.02B, 3.01, specific reference is made to the removal of the sand from the beach to be stockpiled and later used for restructuring and restoration. It would appear this clause was completely ignored by both council and contractor. This leads me to ask, why are clauses included in contracts if they are ignored by both parties signing the contract? Surely this is not fair to other contractors who honestly bid the job according to the specification and allowed in their tender price for proper excavation, backfilling and restructuring of the beach.

Yours sincerely,
S. K. Burkhardt

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AFTER DISARMAMENT WEEK

"The taproot of violence in our society today is our intention to use nuclear weapons. Once we have agreed to that, all other evil is minor in comparison. Until we face squarely the question of our consent to use nuclear weapons, any hope of large scale improvement of public morality is doomed to failure."

Fr. R. McSorley, S.J.

"We must take responsibility for what is in our own backyard. And when crimes are being prepared in our name, we must speak plainly. I say with a deep consciousness of these words that Trident is the Auschwitz on Puget Sound."

Archbishop R.G. Hunthausen
Archdiocese of Seattle

Saanich Council has refused to go on record as being opposed to further escalation of the arms race. This response reflects more than anything the inertia of the electorate on this question. The inertia no doubt is the result of a paralyzing fear in the hearts of most of us. Council was also asked to adopt a resolution urging the federal government to take steps to remove nuclear weapons from Vancouver Island "as pledged by Prime Minister Trudeau in 1978 as a first step in world-wide disarmament." Nuclear warheads have been stored at the Canadian Forces Base, Comox, for more than a decade. The churches in Canada are taking a stronger stand on disarmament. It is up to us to speak out more effectively so that bodies such as Saanich Council will be compelled to take a more responsible position.

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A POVERTY SUPPER in preparation for CHRISTMAS is being arranged by representative of the different churches in Cordova Bay.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 at 6 p.m. in
ST. DAVID-BY-THE-SEA CHURCH HALL

There will be a special presentation honouring the INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED. A special collection will be taken up for the refugees in El Salvador to be sent through the Archbishop Romero Fund. If you would like to help, phone

Ann, 658-8076 - Peggy, 658-5371 - Tisha, 658-1187 - Doran, 658-5605. ALL WELCOME

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ELK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

AUCTION - Saturday, Nov. 14th at 7 p.m. arranged by the Men's Breakfast Club. Proceeds for World Relief and Development, for Missions Month. Donations of auctionable material are welcome, drop off at the Church-By-The-Lake between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Nov. 14th or phone W. Swan, 479-6982 for pick-up.

POT-LUCK SUPPER at the church, ALL WELCOME November 22nd also for Missions Month.

TALK BY Canadian Bible Society's newly appointed District Secretary - Nov. 29th at 7:30 p.m.

BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. for ages 12 and up. New members welcome.

PATHWAYS ACTIVITY and ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Pathways Center is located near Elk Lake and provides a social/recreational/handicraft program for people of the community. It is sponsored by Capital Mental Health Association and funded by the Ministries of Health and Human Resources, Provincial Government.

The objectives of the program are to provide mental and physical stimulation for optimum functioning, family relief and/or support, and a social contact with the community.

The Adult Day Care program operates two half days per week and is open to any person who qualifies for homemaker services through Long Term Care, Ministry of Health. Supplies and a hot lunch are provided. - Transportation can be arranged if necessary.

The Activity program operates five days per week, Monday to Friday at a variety of times. It is open to any person having need of the activities and can be referred through any health professional. Activities include socialization games, tea and conversation, recreation and exercise, group games and discussions, life skills, cooking, films, entertainment, music, handicrafts, gardening, picnics and tours.

Volunteers are needed at all times. If you can spare an hour or two each week to share with us, we'd like to hear from you. A volunteer driver is needed twice a week. A transportation allowance is available.

For information or referrals, contact the Program Director, Pathways Center, 5500 Hamsterley Road, Victoria, V8Y 1S5. Phone 658-5414.

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"The realization of the new society and new Man is possible only if the old motivations of profit and power are replaced by new ones; being, sharing, understanding; if the marketing character is replaced by the productive, loving character."

Quotations from Erich Fromm

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ST. DAVID BY-THE-SEA

Sunday Services 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

"SURVIVAL SESSIONS FOR PARENTS"

A four-session small group discussion to help parents of all ages to learn to have faith in their own judgment. Fridays - Nov. 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4 from 8 - 10 p.m. in St. David's Hall.

On Nov. 29th, we celebrate the second anniversary of the dedication of our church.

PARISH BAZAAR

November 14th, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Stalls, snack bar, tea and crumpets and a special childrens' corner.

EVERYONE WELCOME

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THANKS TO THE KIWANIS in co-operation with the Cordova Bay Association for their intended Hallowe'en celebrations. They made preparations for a bon-fire on the beach and a weiner roast. A fire was actually lit, in spite of the downpours, but continued rain forced cancellation of further festivities.

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Parents of CLAREMONT students, past and present, join with the staff and students in wishing Mr. Don McKinnon, the Principal, a speedy and complete recovery from his car accident.

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WANTED by the Allans: Dave, Craig and Mike - RENTAL ACCOMMODATION in the Bay - Cottage, basement suite or other. Please call 477-4614.

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BADMINTON IN THE AFTERNOON

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A BENEFIT CONCERT in support of the Saltspring Island Sewer Alternatives Committee, and the Democratic Rights of the People of B.C. in regards to Bill 31 and the unsound sewage disposal on Saltspring Island is on November 16th at 8 p.m. at the Belfry Theatre. David Sereda in concert with special guest Sue Cogan.

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The "Cordovan" needs a SUPERVISOR OF DELIVERIES, no pay, and one day of flurried activity once every month or 6 weeks, plus the occasional phone call. Please phone 658-5605.

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SEA-LAKE HISTORY

A 146 page history of the Cordova Bay-Elk Lake area, including 64 photographs and 9 maps will be sold on a non-profit basis during the months of November and December. Community residents desiring a copy of this limited, \$6.95 edition, are asked to sign an order list located in the Cordova Bay Variety Store, as it will be sold on a "first come" basis.

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ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE?

Local neighbour very involved in local activities for the last two years in Cordova Bay is seeking a house to rent around \$300, 3 bedrooms. Her previous accommodation has been sold by the owner. (We can't afford to lose her.) Call 658-5073.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE from the SOUP KITCHEN LADIES

If you would like to bring a pot of soup this time, (Nov. 18th) please phone Monica at 658-8141.

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