

Community fund-raising will be needed for new centre

NOBODY is quite sure what to call it but the new activity centre at Cordova Bay school is well under way with Saanich council's unanimous approval of a \$786,000 price tag to build a combined seniors' and neighbourhood recreation facility.

However, the tight budget means that the newly-formed Cordova Bay 55-Plus Association is pledged to raise money to equip the new centre for seniors' activities, saving the municipality about \$31,000.

The centre will operate in renovated classroom space in the original school plus an additional 2,000 square feet of new construction. In the evenings and on weekends it will function as a satellite of Saanich Commonwealth Place, offering community recreation. Seniors will use the centre from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays with programs operated by the new association, Silver Threads, Saanich Recreation and volunteers.

The appointment of a building project supervisor is imminent and calls for tenders are expected by late summer with construction beginning once the winning tender is decided. Completion could be in late spring or early summer of 2005, depending on whether construction can continue while school is still in session.

Saanich has agreed to pay for the new school space in lieu of lease payments for the next 10 years and will also pay for janitorial service in its space. The school benefits from use of the new multi-purpose room during school hours. Saanich Recreation will continue to book the school gymnasium for evening and weekend activities.

The new association is appealing for younger seniors over the age of 55 to get involved with program planning. The contact is Daphne Chazottes at 658-4030, or email at daphnechaz@shaw.ca.

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**Floodlight furore stalls
Claremont soccer field
upgrade proposal**

WHILE THERE is widespread support for Saanich's plan to upgrade Claremont Secondary School's northern soccer field to safe practice standards, Cordova Bay Soccer Club's proposal to install floodlights at the club's expense met with heated opposition from neighbours at a recent open house.

The upgrade is supported by School District 63, which believes it will benefit both the community and the secondary school students. The Cordova Bay Soccer Club, which lost its floodlit field on Cordova Bay Road north of the Sayward development when townhouses were built, needs the Claremont field to relieve pressure on Lochside Park.

Soccer club spokesmen point out that with 40 youth and adult teams involving more than 600 players, a replacement for the lost field is essential.

Frank Leversedge, coaching co-ordinator for the club, says that from about October to March, fields cannot be used during the evenings unless they are equipped with lighting. However, residents of Claremont Avenue and Wesley Road argue that their quiet, friendly neighbourhood would be destroyed by the floodlighting. While some speakers suggested the lights could be turned off at 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 p.m. it was pointed out that 10:00 p.m. is the standard "switch off" time for all Saanich fields equipped with floodlights.

Until the question of floodlighting is resolved, it is unlikely that the Recreation Department will take the soccer field upgrade back to council for final approval. At the November 17 council meeting which approved opening negotiations for a user agreement with the school district for the site, several councillors felt that if floodlighting became a public concern it would have to be dealt with as a separate issue.

Lochside Park hosts Saanich summer playground program

LOCHSIDE PARK is one of six locations offering Saanich recreation department's summer playground programs for children aged from five-and-a-half to 11 years. The youngest must have completed kindergarten.

This summer's theme is Phun 2004: Adventures in the Eighth Dimension and involves recapturing the imagination and sense of great adventure which existed for children before TV, CDs and video games.


The nine-week program begins with week 1 (July 5-9, Historicle Oracle) offering PhuNtastic games and stories of legendary adventures. Following weeks feature themes such as "Trouble in the Eighth Dimension", "Water, Water Everywhere", "Mischievous Mystery Mayhem", "Fliggum, Friend or Foe", "Golden Games Challenge", "Pirate Pranks" and "The Final Chapter."

The neighbourhood playground programs are well-supervised and themes, costumes and songs are incorporated into the daily activities.

The program cost is \$42 for a five-day week or \$34 for a four-day week. Drop-in day passes are available for a full-day program at \$15 a day.

All parks operate from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. but extended care is available from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an additional cost.

Registration is by phone or in person at any one of Saanich's four recreation centres: Cedar Hill (595-7121), Gordon Head (477-1871), Parkes (388-6664) and Saanich Commonwealth Place (727-5300). Children should take a sun hat, lunch, a swim suit and enough to drink.



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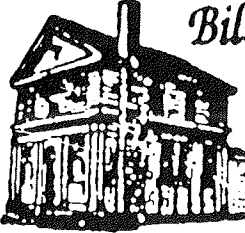
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Brownies meet B.C council's Earthkeeper's challenge

THE BROWNIES completed the requirements for the B.C. Council's Earthkeeper's Challenge and part of the requirements meant that we had an outing to Mt. Doug Park where we explored the colours of the forest, played environmental games and enjoyed this natural gem so close to home.

The Brownies were invited to a fashion show organized by the Guides where the Guides modelled two outfits each, having written a commentary for each outfit. Two Guides shared the host seat and did an excellent job of presenting the girls in their ensembles. The Guides collected food as the admission to the show and passed the food and some well-loved books on to Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from-home for families whose children are receiving treatment at Vancouver Children's Hospital.

The Brownies loved the "magic" of Brownie camp at Kingswood, where they learned magic tricks. They also created lots of crafts and explored the camp trails. The Guides camped at Kingswood at the end of May. Kingswood is behind Elk Lake and we are fortunate to have such a lovely facility only 15 minutes away but which seems like another world when you are there.

You may have noticed some of the girls selling Girl Guide cookies in the neighbourhood. If you didn't have someone come to your door, please give me a call at 658-5687 and I'll arrange for some to be delivered to your home.

If you missed the June registration watch *The Cordovan* for September registration dates.



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Students work to reduce youth deaths on the road

CAR CRASHES are the number one killer of youth. In 2003, 83 youths were tragically killed on B.C. roads and a group of students at Claremont have been working hard to reduce this horrific statistic.

Called the CARS Team (for Counter Attack and Road Sense) the group is generously supported by Thrifty Foods and ICBC with a donation of 1 percent of all sales, resulting in a donation of \$510 this year.

Part of this money went towards a guest speaker, Kevin Brooks, a 24-year-old whose life changed dramatically the day he got behind the wheel of a car after leaving a party.

Kevin's story was very powerful and had a huge impact on the student audience. For our next event we plan to bring a crashed vehicle to the school. By participating in our inspect-a-wreck quiz, students will discover the life-changing consequences of dangerous driving.

Thirty-four enthusiastic and caring students of the Claremont Key Club helped the Cordova Bay Kiwanis club with their garage sale and also participated in the 30-hour famine at Claremont to raise money for clubs in the Greater Victoria area.

The mechanics class is again looking for any old yard engines to practice on. If you have an old lawnmower or weed trimmer, please contact Mr. Beeston at 658-5221.

Parents new to the school are invited to check the Parents' Association website for ways to get involved and view our marketplace. The address is www.claremont.sd63.bc.ca/loader.php/websites/claremont/cpa/market.

-Gloria Wills, Vice-President.

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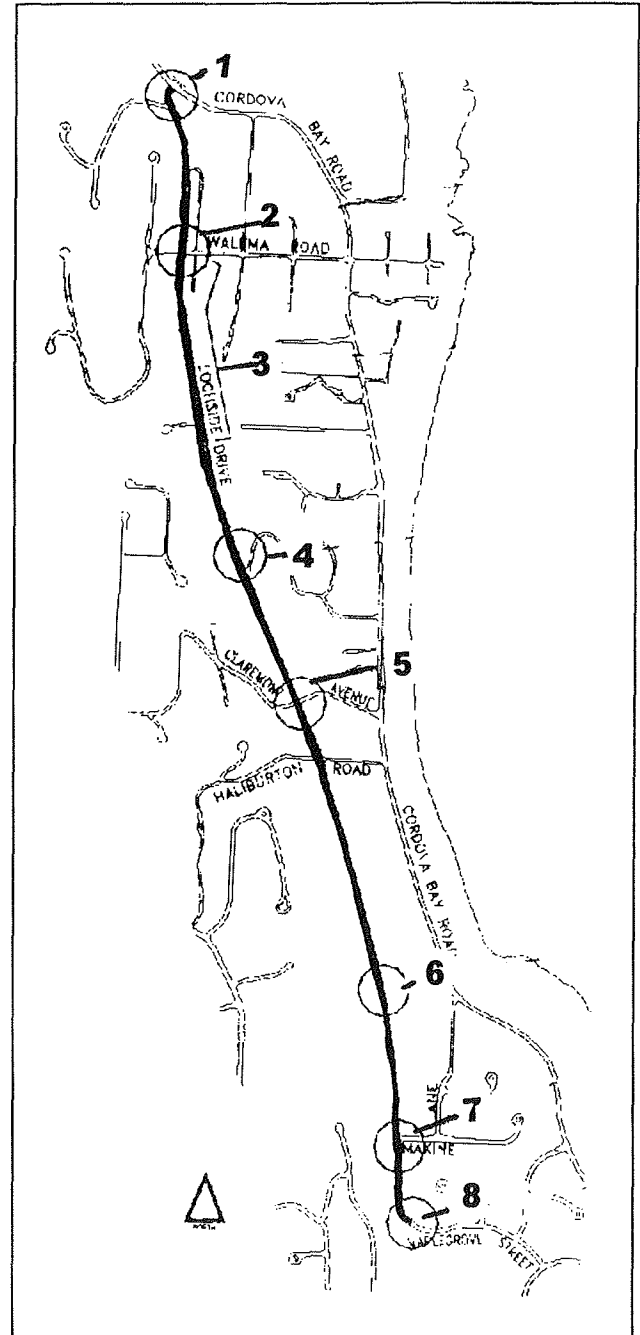
EXPECT some traffic disruption along Lochside Drive as Saanich engineering department begins implementing the Lochside Action Plan beginning this July.

The work will extend from Maplegrove Street in the south to Cordova Bay Road in the north and while an exact construction date has not been identified, according to the engineering department, residents fronting the construction will be notified before the actual start.

"While there may be some disruptions during the course of construction," says a Saanich Engineering notice, "we will endeavour to keep these to a minimum. Your patience and co-operation will be greatly appreciated during this construction period."

After much modification the action plan involves a traffic island, crosswalks and an entrance feature at the Lochside-Cordova Bay Road intersection by Mattick's Farm (1 on the map), a four-way stop at Lochside and Walema Road (2), a controversial Safe-Route-to-School footpath and raised crosswalks near Walema Road to the south (3), speed humps on Lochside near the Abbey Road intersection (4), speed humps between Haliburton Road and Maxine Lane-Symphony Drive (6), a raised crosswalk at Maxine (7), and a traffic island, crosswalks and entrance signage at the intersection of Lochside Drive and Maplegrove Street at McMinn Park (8).

Two of the action plan proposals have already been implemented—a 40 kmh speed limit and a four-way stop at Lochside Drive and Claremont Avenue (5).



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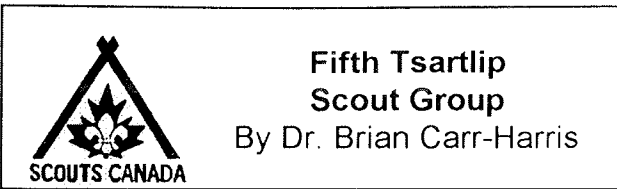
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**Fifth Tsartlip
Scout Group**
By Dr. Brian Carr-Harris

Adventurous program keeps Venturer Scouts busy

IT'S BEEN a memorable year for Cordova Bay's 10 Venturer Scouts and their busy program is far from over. Having last year involved themselves in depth with Canada's military and Coast Guard, our 5th. Tsartlip Cordova Bay company in August completed a seven-day Bowron Lakes circuit. All members received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award in early December.

In the fall, the group voted to be Police Venturers and have been "adopted" by both Saanich and Central Saanich forces for regular meetings.

Helping with breakfasts for the disadvantaged and assisting Cordova Bay United Church, where the group meets, the lads are keenly interested in community projects.

On July 2 all our members, together with five other Scouts and Venturers from the 10th. Tsartlip, Shady Creek, Saanichton, left for a 14-day trip overseas. Their troop, named the "Pacific Explorers 2004" has an action-packed itinerary involving time in London, Paris, Brownsea Island (where Baden-Powell held his first Scout camp in 1907), Salisbury, Stonehenge, Longleat, Cheddar, Bath, Sherwood Forest, York, a Yorkshire coal mine, Edinburgh and finally the world-famous 10-day International Jamboree at Blair Atholl.

This will be followed by a four-day home stay with a Scottish family.

Apart from the Venturers, we have an active Cub group meeting on Tuesdays and we are forming Scout and Beaver groups.

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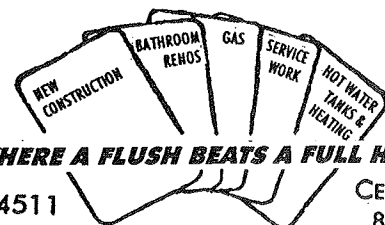
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The Cordovan's volunteer carriers meet for tea

In what has become an annual event, many of the volunteer deliverers of *The Cordovan* attended a recent meeting. Co-ordinator Margaret Moore is seated fourth from the left in the front row.

Modern hospital is close at hand for Cordova Bay residents

By Ian Maccauley

MANY CORDOVA BAY residents are unaware that they are just minutes from a first-class hospital. Saanich Peninsula Hospital is closer than other regional hospitals and provides many of the same services as the bigger institutions.

On Mount Newton Cross Road, about a ten-minute drive for most Cordova Bay residents, "SaanPen" boasts a modern fully-equipped emergency room staffed 24 hours, seven days a week, a 150-bed extended care unit, 48 acute care beds for medical and surgical patients, a 10-bed palliative care unit and outpatient services including laboratory, radiology, ultrasound, physiotherapy and nutrition counselling.

However, a recent survey revealed that many Cordova Bay residents know very little

about Saanich Peninsula Hospital although those that do have only praise for it.

Maurice Chazottes, a director of the Cordova Bay Association and editor of *The Cordovan*, was a patient at Saanich Peninsula some years ago and has nothing but the highest praise for the standard of care he received. "Many of my friends say the same," he adds.

"It's my hospital" is the way many former patients feel about this oasis of care and compassion, says SPH Foundation president Lorne Jack. "This is more than an institution, it has its own special feeling.

"We're very proud that our patients feel so passionate about the hospital. In addition to Saanich Peninsula providing essential health-care services to more than 30,000 people a year, we are also known for having a unique family-like atmosphere combined with an extraordinary



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level of personalized care giving.”

With a population demographic that is significantly older than the provincial norm, the hospital feels specific impacts in both patient visits and medical conditions.

For example, the emergency department sees more than 22,000 patients a year, many of them seniors and many with conditions such as coronary artery disease that occur frequently with this population.

The Saanich Peninsula Hospital first opened as an Extended Care facility in 1974. “While we are a modern medical facility, our slogan is ‘Your Community—Your health’ “ says Lorne Jack. “In 1985 a group of concerned citizens came together to raise funds for equipment for the then-young hospital. These caring members of the community created an independent registered charity. The Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation.”

Board members have raised a remark-

able \$8 million since 1985, providing hundreds of pieces of equipment for all departments, including operating rooms, a therapeutic garden for Extended Care residents and the renovation of nursing stations.

The biggest project to date has been the building and equipping of a new Emergency Room which opened in 2003. The Foundation contributed \$1.6 million out of a \$2.6 million budget.

The Foundation board is encouraging Cordova Bay residents to both use and support the hospital. “There is good reason to do so,” says Jack. “The standard of medical care at the hospital is excellent. The icing on the cake is that we try very hard to treat everyone with respect and as if they are family.”

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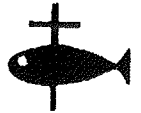
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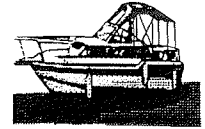
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That crunch may be no ground for alarm, but it's often embarrassing

RUNNING AGROUND can be one of the most frightening, frustrating and embarrassing moments of boating. We have seen it happen many times and we have done it, once by stupidity and once in our very first week of boating by drifting onto a rock shelf on an incoming tide after having thought we had set the anchor properly.

Grounding is not too bad when you choose a nice soft spot, like the sand banks off Sidney spit, as was our case. However, we could have chosen a better time, for example, if the fog had rolled in. But no, the day was gorgeous and the area was filled with boats all happily swinging at anchor.

The sudden realization that the boat was no longer making headway was, so to say, very embarrassing. Luckily for us, the tide was almost out and all we had to do was wait for a couple of hours. So out went the anchor to stop us drifting even further into the sand bank when the tide came in and, secondly, to help our ego and pretend we intended to be there in the first place.

There is a famous spot on Thetis Island called "The Cut", which runs between Telegraph Harbour and Clam Bay. This narrow little channel is navigable at high tide even for fairly deep-keel boats and saves hours of sailing time if you can get through. There is a marker at either end showing the depth.

A favourite local pastime is to watch the boaters try their luck and then solicit the on-shore on-shore onlookers into hauling on lines to try and get them free. This is grounding by default.

I found some interesting aground rules in a 1989 edition of *Pacific Yachting*, written by editor Paul Burkhart.

* Always go aground on a rising tide (this takes planning and reference to tide tables).

* Never go aground when somebody is watching (find fog or wait until dark).

* Never go aground on anything hard (charts indicate which areas have safe sand).

* Never go aground when the wind is up or the seas are rough ((inconvenient for others).

* Never assume being aground is embarrassing (this is proof of genuine yachting experience).

* Never be in a hurry to accept a tow to pull you off (if at all possible wait for the water to come back, which will not take too long if you observed rule #1).

Seriously, though, if you do go aground and have heard that horrible thunderous sound of impact with rocks, assess the situation, make sure every one is safe and dons a life jacket.

Most often there will be little or no damage and you will float off (presuming you did not impact at the peak of the highest tide.

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Haliburton organic farm unveils its business plan

ONE OF THE GREATEST challenges facing the Haliburton Community Organic Farm is raising enough funds to renovate the farmhouse into an education centre and workshop, according to the society's recently-published draft business plan.

The neglected farmhouse is directly linked to the operation of the organic farm and the plan is to start renovations in 2005.

Much of the business plan, which is being submitted to Saanich council for approval, concerns the operation of the working farm which is intended to produce food for the community, train future growers and provide educational and school programs on organic food production.

The land will be divided into three farming sections. Two of these areas will each be farmed by an experienced organic grower and the third will be farmed by volunteers, trainees and apprentices under the supervision of a farm manager and the guidance of the board. This area will be a working, teaching and demonstration farm and its produce will be sold to support the farm.

Over time, the society will establish demonstration gardens to provide examples of organic gardening methods. Model gardens will demonstrate different principles of sustainable food production.

The farm will continue to invite volunteers to participate in general farm clean-up and improvement and is offering memberships ranging from \$30 a year for individuals, \$50 for families and \$175 for corporations.

Information on the society can be obtained from its office at 768 Westbury Road, Victoria, B.C., V8Y 1G7, phone 658-0758, email haliburtonfarm@canada.com or by consulting its web site at www.haliburtonfarm.org.

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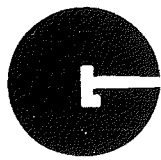
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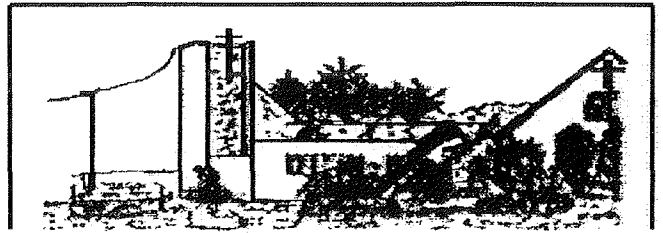
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REGULAR SERVICES

Every Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said).

10:00 a.m.: Family Eucharist & Kings Klub

Every Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said).

During July and August the regular services will continue. There will be no classes for the children during this time, however we employ a

nursery person who is on duty every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Service to look after the babies, toddlers and young children. All young families are most welcome to make use of this service, which runs throughout the year.

The office will be closed from June 25 to September 7. Phone messages will be monitored regularly.

Camp Columbia. School is out and there are two delightful months to fill. Camp Columbia, an Anglican Church Camp located on Thetis Island, has an excellent camping program for youth. It is a great opportunity for children of all ages to enjoy a fun-filled week, making new friends and learning new things within a Christian environment. If you would like to know more about Camp Columbia you can visit their website at www.campcolumbia.com. Watch for our next bazaar at year end.



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Church office hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. .

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY - 10:00 a.m.

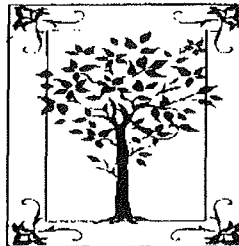
Join us for thoughtful and music-filled worship.

Sunday School classes resume on September 12.

From mid-June to September we have a Summer Children's Program during worship time.

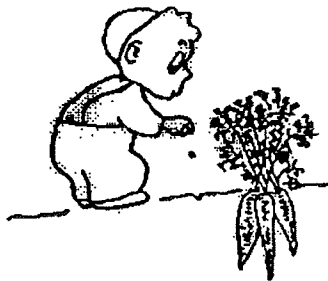
On the last Sunday of June, July and August, we have ice-cream sundaes after church in the church hall. For all ages. Come and mingle!

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YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED...

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