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Clockwise : Having fun at Spring Clean-up, Clowning around at Fun Fair, Climbing in the park and Blackburn Garden Tour.

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From the President

Our Director of Civic Affairs, Jessica T. Doherty, has arranged a public information session on April 11th to discuss and receive reliable information on the government's plan to privatize our electrical services. This should help remove the mystery associated with this new government policy and I would encourage all residents in the Hamlet to attend. (See page 8)

Spring must be around the corner, because there has been an invasion of large tulips (5 ft.) into the Hamlet. As a promotion for the Ottawa Tulip Festival, Councilor Bloess has asked four groups to paint and decorate four of these large tulips to be placed in a "tulip garden" at City Hall. The groups include Emily Carr School, Bearbrook residence, the Boy Scouts and the BCA. Marion Jones and her Blackburn Art Group will be painting the BCA tulip. We will keep an eye out for them and hopefully one of us might win a prize

An issue that was raised at our February meeting was the speed of the traffic on Bearbrook Road. There is concern that many cars use Bearbrook as a link from Highway 17 to Innes and in doing so create a lot of traffic with the associated safety issues. Suggested solutions include increased police surveillance and stop signs at each intersection from Ecole Louis Riel to Innes Road. The BCA will meet with the City to work out a solution.

I received a call that the by-law enforcement agents have been active in Blackburn. Two tickets (\$45) were issued to families visiting residents on Bearbrook Road for parking on their driveways between the sidewalk and the street. Be warned, we're now in Ottawa!!!! Watch your parking, including blocking sidewalks on your driveway.

I have sent a letter to the mayor protesting the exclusion of the completion of the Innes Road upgrade from the 2002 budget. This concerns the safety of pedestrians on Innes Road and is something we have been fighting for and promised by the old Region and the City of Gloucester. We can help Rainer revive this project by writing the mayor or applying any influence we can to get this put back on track.

Other BCACommittees are hard at work in the Hamlet and will bring you the Fun Fair, Garden Tour, Garage Sale, Environmental Information presentations, City Summer Programs, and the list goes on. I want to thank all the volunteers we have working in the Hamlet. It is through your efforts that this is such a great neighborhood in which to raise your family. Please consult the BANAR for specific information concerning these programs, and please show your support by joining the BCA.

Al Ross

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Fun Fair

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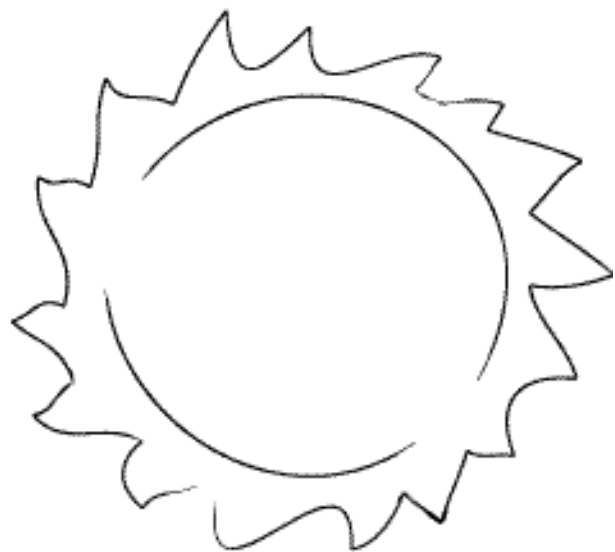
(No activities are planned on Friday night)

NEW this year — a Community Stage with Music in the Park featuring local artists!

Volunteers organizing the event:

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| General Store/Home Show | Dan Hobbs |
| Parade | Khaled Boustany |
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Letters to the Editor

THEFT OF HANDMADE WREATH

I'm writing to report that a wreath was stolen from our premises about mid-January. It was an handmade grapevine wreath with red gingham ties and a central burgundy bow.

It wasn't a professional job but my sister had made it. She now has terminal cancer and won't have the strength, let alone the ambition, to make another.

If the wreath can be returned and put against the windbreak at 2024 Kelden Crescent, there will be a huge thank you for returning a sentimental family treasure.

Judy & Larry

CATS—FRONTLINE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

I think that cats should be leashed. I do not own a cat. But I must put up with other people's cats who use my garden and back yard as a toilet or my front porch as a suntan

studio. I have no desire to pick up after these pets, no pleasure in walking in their "gifts" or in shooing them away to discourage them from feeling at home on my property. We control our dogs. It would also be good to control our cats.

It is ludicrous to portray cats as freedom fighters! Instead of making more rules, maybe raising awareness with the cats owners, who do not have to pick up after their pets since the cats go elsewhere to do their business, would work just as well. It would be considerate and neighbourly to either leash the cats or keep them inside. Would these cat owners put up with their neighbors dogs? If we have succeeded in getting dog owners to pick up after their pets, why not do the same with cat owners?

Claire Geoffrion

CATS ATTACKS: WATER PISTOLS, BELLS OR BY-LAWS?

For many months I had called the new Ottawa City Hall in regard to the cat bylaws in the Kingdom of Blackburn. To my dismay I found there were no restrictions on cats or their owners in Gloucester.

In the past two years our neighbourhood birds, squirrels, shrubs and gardens have been under attack from a cat that lives in the Kingdom of Blackburn. This creature stalks around our homes winter, spring, summer and fall killing creatures of the wild in my garden and in my friends' gardens.

I have thought of putting a notice in the Banar asking the owner to at least put a bell on this predator. I have bought a huge water pistol to try and stop the advances, but to no avail. The cat usually slips away with a terrified bird before I can fire. Then, it resolutely continues on its mission of extermination and excretion!

Following my inquiries, I became aware that the west end of Ottawa has had a cat leashing bylaw in place for years. I, for one, can hardly wait for a similar bylaw restricting the movement of these unruly felines in the east end of the city. Power to the BIRDS, SQUIRRELS and FLOWERS in the Kingdom of Blackburn!

Janise Johnson

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Spring into Action with Blackburn Clean-up Day

by Barbara Sweazey

Once again, this year Blackburn Hamlet has registered as a participant in the Capital Clean-up Day. Last year, over 100 bags of litter were collected in our community alone! More than 70 volunteers made the event a success.

The City provides our clean-up supplies, such as garbage bags, vinyl gloves, leaf and yard waste bags, and helpful hints. All we need is YOU! Bring along your family, friends and neighbours in our effort to clean up public property in the Hamlet.

Join us on **Saturday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.** in front of the Blackburn Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive). Following the clean up, enjoy a complimentary BBQ for the volunteers at 11:30 a.m. As a bonus, participants' names also will be entered for prizes from the sponsors.

For more information, please call Barb Sweazey 830-7286. Let's get our community looking good (... especially in time for the annual Blackburn Garage Sale!).



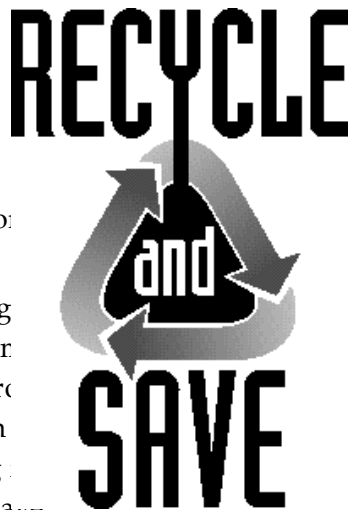
Spring Clean-up 2001 was a great day for all ages!

Garage Sale Treasures: Yours to discover

by Barbara Sweazey

Can't decide what to do with those old plaid pants that you wore to your high-school graduation? How about that extra toaster oven you received as a duplicate wedding gift? Well, maybe your neighbour would be interested! There's one way to find out...

Participate in the annual Blackburn Garage Sale. Taking place on Saturday May 4th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date is May 5th), visitors from across the city will be cruising more than participating streets in the Hamlet, hunting for the garage sale treasures which you have



unearthed since last May! Anything you don't sell and wish to "giveaway", should be placed at the curb after 4 p.m.

Don't forget to set out any bedding plants, particularly perennials, that you would like to "exchange" with other resident gardeners.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Blackburn Garage Sale

Saturday, May 4th

9 am to 3 pm

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Upcoming BANARS

Deadline date:

May 10th

August 9th

Delivery date:

May 25th

September 7th

Additional Banars are available at the Library & Arena.

Visit Environmental Fair 2002 on April 6th

by Barbara Sweazey

A morning of "green learning" is scheduled for the first Saturday in April. A highly competent panel of speakers has graciously agreed to share their knowledge, concerns and suggestions on a variety of environmental issues with Blackburn residents.

Three main topics will be covered during the course of the morning including: the risks of and alternatives to pesticides, climate change and how car idling contributes to the problem and finally the safety of our drinking water. A time for questions will follow each segment.

Please join us at the Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive) on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. This is a free information session and all are welcome! For additional information please call 830-7286 or 837-3818.

Battling the Bugs — Safely! 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

- Dangers of Pesticide Use: *Canadian Organic Food Growers*
- Alternative Lawn Care Options: *Apple Seed Organic Lawn Care*
- Pesticide Reduction Strategy: *City of Ottawa*

Exhausting the Climate 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- Climate Change: *Pollution Prevention*
- Car Idling Health & Environmental Hazards: *City of Ottawa*

What Water DO We Drink? 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

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City Update

by Rainer Bloess, Ottawa Councillor

Pesticide Proposal

Increasingly, scientific study is confirming that pesticide use is linked to a wide range of adverse environmental and, consequently, health effects. Although 95% of pesticides are actually used in agricultural settings, not surprisingly, public opinion is slowly turning against the use of the remaining 5% for purely cosmetic reasons on private lawns and in gardens.

On February 22, a staff report was submitted to the City's Health, Recreation and Social Services Committee presenting a three-pronged pesticide reduction strategy proposal for the City of Ottawa. The budget for this program totals \$400,000, \$150,000 of which, it is hoped, will come from the provincial Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

The staff proposal includes the development of an official, new City policy reducing the use of pesticides on all city-owned properties, including public lands and sports fields. This would replace and formalize the similar, interim pesticide use policy implemented by the City last spring. The second element of the proposed strategy is the development of various options (including a possible bylaw) for pesticide reduction on private property. Community consultation is crucial to this component. In fact, a public consultation meeting on this issue, with experts on hand to present information and answer

questions, is already in the works in Blackburn Hamlet. (See page 6). I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The keystone of the staff proposal however is a proactive educational campaign. This campaign would

... public education and acceptance is crucial.

attempt to eliminate the careless, unnecessary and incorrect use of pesticides. It would also promote public acceptance and knowledge of the methods and benefits of alternatives to pesticide use on private property. While I realize that some are impatient for dramatic

action on the pesticide issue, clearly, if the battle is to be won, public education and acceptance is crucial. I believe the City's proposed strategy, with its strong public education component, is a reasonable and responsible approach to the issue which will move us closer to becoming a chemical-free community.

Budget Approval

Following a marathon round of Committee meetings and public consultation, the City is on track for final budget approval on March 27. Watch for the widening of Innes Road from Blair to the 417 to begin this summer. The Orléans stretch of Innes will be widened in phases in the two subsequent years. Locally as well look for new Diceman and Centrepark park structures in the very near future.



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Misrepresentation by Energy Retailers' Sales People

by Jessica Tranquilli Doherty

It has been brought to the attention of several members of the community and the BCA that there have been numerous sales people representing energy retailers, who are going door-to-door in Ottawa to sign up customers. As a result of these events, the BCA has organized a meeting on Thursday, April 11th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall.

A representative from Hydro Ottawa will be making a presentation as well as answering any questions residents may have.

The focus will be on two issues:

- 1) Hydro Ottawa is not retailing electricity or soliciting electricity contracts.
- 2) Hydro Ottawa has chosen not to enter the retail market. The only contact they have at people's door is when their contractors arrive to read their meters or respond to a service call. Customers should always be

encouraged to ask for identification from any sales person who knocks on their door.

Hydro Ottawa will continue to deliver electricity to all its customers whether or not they choose to sign a contract with a retailer.

Contracts can be signed now, or anytime in the future or not at all. Customers should compare prices and retailers before signing any contract. They can decide not to sign with a retailer, and continue to be served by Hydro Ottawa directly.

It is important to note that Hydro Ottawa has no financial stake in a customer's decision; they will still continue to deliver

electricity either way. If you hear of any complaints about retail sales people misrepresenting themselves or pressuring the public, please contact Ontario Energy Board at 1-877-632-2727. The BCA looks forward to hearing from any concerned residents at this meeting.

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New Exercise Program offered at Community Hall

by Vivianne Leduc

Over the years, many of you have seen ads for Jan's Workout in the BANAR. After all, Jan Quinn has been offering aerobics classes in Blackburn since 1983. However, you may have hesitated to join. For many of us, "aerobics" is a scary word. It seems that we've all been tainted by memories of Jane Fonda and the likes in the early 80's. Back then it was all about "no pain, no gain", flashy work-out wear and BIG HAIR!

For those of us who are the least bit challenged, aerobic exercise seems next to impossible. The good news is that Jan's Workout now offers "The Light Workout" at the Community Hall on Glen Park. These classes are ideal for individuals who haven't exercised in some time, as well as those who are recovering from an injury or who are at risk of osteoporosis. They are offered three times a week from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., an ideal time for those who prefer to work out during the day.

When I first arrived in Blackburn Hamlet in 1993, I was coping with the after-effects of a bone-marrow-transplant for leukemia. I was weak, and I had suffered several fractures as a result of osteoporosis. Even though my health improved over the years, I never felt confident enough to join an exercise class. I started going to "The Light Workout" in September, and I am amazed with how much strength I've regained, both cardiovascular and muscular!

All of Jan's certified aerobics instructors emphasize that each student go at her or his own pace, offering options such as using chairs or walls for support. As well, the classes devote a large portion to stretching and strength-building.

Currently our group is small, and we would love to see more people joining our class. Not only are we becoming physically fit, we're having a lot of fun doing it!



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Gloucester Hornets Team Fundraising for UK Trip

The Gloucester Hornets U15 Boys Premier Team are fundraising for their United Kingdom trip, August 2002 with a bottle drive on April 13th and by participating in the Community Garage Sale on May 4th. Please save your bottles and visit the team at the Blackburn Community Hall to help support the team.

This is a dream come true for 17 boys, who will receive professional coaching from the Sheffield United Soccer Club and attend Pro/Div 1 games. They will also be visiting historic and cultural areas of Northern England.

Parks and Recreation

Outdoor Rinks

The weather did not always cooperate but the City staff did their best to clear the snow quickly from the outdoor rinks and make the ice as smooth as possible. Many thanks to BCA volunteer Chris Noyes for supervising the rink contract and hiring the rink attendants.

Bearbrook Pool

Look for extended hours this summer as an additional flood light is now installed. Buy your family pool pass at Fun Fair and save the GST. No price increase this year!

Centrepark Playstructures

The park will have new equipment installed this year. The volunteers on the BCA Recreation and Parks Board are helping City Staff select the new design with installation expected early summer.

Holiday Destination for Pets

A new concept in pet sitting! Melanie Walker has opened a Pet Bed & Breakfast, a cage-less boarding facility for cats and small animals such as ferrets, hamsters, rabbits in a 2000 square foot newly renovated Canotek Road location. Staffed 7 days a week and throughout the night, customer hours do apply. Melanie explains that leaving your favourite furry friend with her is a lot like leaving them at a trusted friend's house, but a lot more fun! She regrets that due to zoning restrictions, dogs are not permitted. Proof of current vaccinations is required for all animals. The entire facility was designed and built with plenty of height, fun climbing structures and private hiding spots.

Spacious, open concept design with modern decor and lively colours adds to the home-like feel. The second floor is designed for indoor cats. The main features are a living area with comfy sofas, window benches and a colourful rug. There is also a large kitchen with cabinets built for cats. Each is fitted with their own colourful pillow. Outdoor cats stay in a large room on the first floor, a living area with sunny window seats, comfy chairs and a large "cat TV" (fish aquarium). A complex play structure that includes eight cat-size bunk beds is equipped with scratching posts, cosy flannel sheets and of course stuffed toys and is connected by tunnels to a climbing apparatus.



Melanie explains that unsociable cats are not left in the group environment, rather they are accommodated in one of her individual rooms (not cages).

These units are intended for small animals in their own cage or for her many special-needs animals (diabetic, epileptic, pregnant, special diet, post operation, etc.).

People are welcome to visit her new website to see more at www.petbedandbreakfast.ca.

Furniture / Home Accessories Shop opens April 18

Urban Dwelling Consignments Etc. is an exciting new business opening April 18th in the Blackburn Shoppes plaza. The shop will be providing a professional consignment service specializing in unique quality furniture and home accessories and will carry a wide variety of eclectic items from every decade — new to antique — and for every style of home.

The business is owned and operated by Blackburn resident, Lori Gilbert. Lori decided to open Urban Dwelling Consignments Etc. because it combined her interests in decorating and collecting unique home decor with her years of experience in retail sales and merchandising. "If you



Lori Gilbert of the new Blackburn shop, Urban Dwelling Consignments Etc. hopes customers will want to come back because of the treasures they find and the service they receive.

want to shop for unique objects for your home you will spend a lot of

time going to home decor stores, second hand stores, and antique stores all over the city, so I thought it would be great to have the same variety under one roof."

Urban Dwelling Consignments Etc. has set up in a temporary location between Carlton Travel and the Dragon City restaurant for the purpose of accepting items on consignment until their nearby store opens on April 18th. The permanent location will be next to Lyn Novak's Flowers & Gifts shop.

For more information on consigning furniture and home accessories with Urban Dwelling Consignments Etc. please call Lori: 841-4892 or 859-1086.

Silver Performance for Gloucester Tween Devils

by Bob Kunimoto

The Gloucester Tween B1 Devils took the silver medal at the inaugural Goulbourn Ringette Tournament held March 1st – 3rd. During the course of the tournament, the Gloucester team was edged out 3-2 by Sunderland in the opening game but came storming back winning over Ottawa 7-0 and Goulbourn 8-1 to earn a berth in the finals. The gold medal game matched Gloucester against Sunderland. The determined Devils played a fast skating finesse game but came up short against a much bigger and more physical Sunderland team.

Blackburn residents on the team include Kelly Denis, Kimberley Kunimoto and Amber McCaffrey with Bob Kunimoto as head coach and Michel Denis as an assistant coach. Most of the Tween B1 players are from Orleans and Blackburn Hamlet.

The Goulbourn tournament signifies the end of an outstanding ringette season for the Gloucester Tween B1



Backrow (L to R): Carly Dybka, Kelly Denis, Lindsay Magnan, Brittany Pastorek, Shelby Allen, Dan Brown (assistant coach), Jean Guy Rodique (assistant coach). Front row (L to R): Bob Kunimoto (coach), Jenna Woermke, Amber McCaffrey, Kimberley Kunimoto, Shannon Donahue, Sarah Brown, Carrie Morlang, Dominique Rodique. Missing: Michel Denis (assistant coach)

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Seniors Plan for an active Spring and Summer

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A **Legal Issues Seminar** was held on February 7th at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Hall. About 21 interested and interesting seniors attended this very informative evening and learned about such issues as wills and funeral planning. Iris Phillips, seniors political affairs representative, said "I was surprised to learn that funerals can be planned ahead without paying ahead. Also, if one does pay in advance, the money is put into a trust

account with interest accumulated and if one pays for a funeral, it can be transferred either nationally or internationally." Les Bunning, a local lawyer discussed wills and CPP death benefits. Les informed the participants that death benefits are available under CPP but must be applied for. If you have any questions or concerns about these or any other issues, please call Iris Phillips at 824-3641.

The Book Club, headed by Audrey Lewis continues to thrive. This group meets the first Wednesday of each month. If you're interested in joining the book club or starting one of your own, please contact Audrey Lewis at 824-3197.

The Travel Club is planning a trip to Toronto to see the hit play *Mama Mia*.

It has also been suggested that a trip be planned for the fall to Stratford to see some Shakespearian plays. A summer outing is in the works for an August day trip to the beautiful Upper Laurentians. Interested parties should contact Kuldip Jande at 841-0466.

Planning meetings continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. All seniors are encouraged to join.

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Blackburn Youth Plan for a busy Summer

Youth Dances

The youth dances continue to be a great success! Although the dances at the Cyrville Community Centre were cancelled because of poor attendance, the Blackburn dances have increased to four Fridays per month. The third Friday of each month is for the older youth, ages 13 to 17. The other dances are for ages 10 to 17. Admittance is still five dollars and canteen items are one dollar. Until summer arrives the dances are expected to be sold out. With the expansion onto the patio in the summer, an increase in the number of participants will be allowed. Four additional dances across the city in 2002 will be sponsored by the BHYA to provide similar programs in other areas. This will help reduce the attendance at our dances of youth from outside the area.

Movie Days

A series of movie days started in February. On May 18th, from 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a Disney afternoon double bill. From 7 to 11 p.m., a comedy and an action film, yet to be determined will be shown. Cost is two dollars per

participant for one or both films and the canteen will be open. An adult must accompany children under 6.

5 km Walk-a-thon

On May 11th a 5 km Walk-a-thon is being planned to help raise money for a new gazebo/bandshell for the Community Hall area. Pledge sheets are available at the BHYA dances and adults are welcome to participate. The walk will start at 10 a.m. from the Community Hall and finish back at the Hall before noon. A presentation of the funds raised will be made at the May 16th BCA meeting.

Garage sale/flea market

On May 11th and 12th, the BHYA has booked the Community Hall for a giant garage sale/flea market. Tables will be available for rent to other vendors for \$10 and may be left set-up overnight. The BHYA will be operating the canteen and their own table. Any left over items from the previous weeks BCA community yard sale would be welcomed at the BHYA table. Items can be dropped off on Friday the 10th during the BHYA dance or first thing Saturday morning. Unsold items will be given to the Salvation Army the following Monday.

FunFair 2002

The group will certainly be busy June 1st. Fun Fair 2002 will see the first BHYA Youth Dance in the arena from 7 to 11 p.m. During the day the BHYA will host a Chess Demonstration and in the afternoon an Open Chess Tournament for all age groups. Registration for the tournament is from 12 to 1 p.m. with participants being guaranteed 4 games. Cost will be two dollars per participant. Trophies will be presented to the winners and ribbons for 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each group.

The BHYA will also be operating a new ice cream cone booth at the Fun Fair and will hopefully become a regular part of the event. The association has volunteered to be responsible for the barbecues and food concessions from 11 a.m. through to closing. Adults are especially needed to help co-ordinate and operate these facilities with members of the Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association.

Although there is an excellent group of volunteers helping out at the dances and other fund raising events, the association is always looking for more help. If you would like to help please call Gord at 837-5987.

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Miscarriages of Justice

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

The most surprising thing about miscarriages of justice is that they should surprise everyone so much.

If justice was divinely sent, or emerged as a result of immaculate conception, perfection might be expected. If the perceptions, motivations and recollections of witnesses could be examined by some sort of surgical operation, and not merely through cross-examination, the determination of the truth could be obtained more easily.

But the knobby doggy bone of the law is operated by mere human beings. Each of the players — judges, juries, police and counsel — come to the trial without any divine assistance.

Judges, jaded by their routine of banging up the guilty for all sorts of sundry and horrendous acts, tend to view all accused with mistrust and doubt.

Juries, the guardians of justice, must do their best to battle the often soporific effects of long court days filled with unimportant testimony, lengthy counsel submissions, and often confusing judicial charges.

The police it must be said, have been known to favour the quick arrest over the lengthy, more thorough investigation, especially if faced with an investigation that fails to result in an arrest.

Defence counsel have their efforts severely limited by a lack of funds for any sort of meaningful independent

investigation, which results in a less than vigorous defence.

In the past decade, the ghosts of the wrongfully convicted have made auspicious appearances. The three M's — Milgaard, Marshall and Morin — each have served to remind Canadians of the fallibility of the criminal process. A healthy respect for the principle that all accused be presumed innocent remains an

important safeguard against a wrongful conviction.

It is difficult to see much respect for this principle in the recently passed anti-terrorism law. Any measure that permits the police to lock someone up for an unlimited period of time, on mere suspicion, is just too intrusive. Miscarriages of justice multiply in the moist messes made by laws of this nature.

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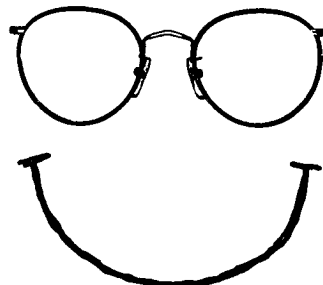
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skiers and recreational walkers — everyone can benefit without restrictions!

A recent perk for the Club has been access to the Eric Danis Clubhouse. The Gloucester Hornets rent the facility to the Club, and Club members have access to warm surroundings and wash-room facilities.



The Club also delivers the full range of Jackrabbit Ski League programs developed by Cross Country Canada, the sports governing body in Canada. Youth skiers are also taught about nutrition, clothing, trail etiquette and waxing. Program fees are \$55 for the season; competitive programs are slightly more. Competitive skiers train year round and

use the Hornet's Nest and the Gatineau Park as training venues. When there is no snow, the competitive athletes use roller skis or roller blades to train.

Programs are designed for youth and adults and include competitive programs for those interested in the racing component of the sport. Beckie Scott, the Canadian who won the first ever Olympic medal for Canada in cross country skiing, started off as a Jackrabbit in Vermillion, Alberta.

The club operates an information message line, 837-SNOW giving snow and grooming conditions and information about club programs. The club welcomes new members and friends at any time of the year. Those wanting to make a donation to trail maintenance are invited to call the above Snow Line phone number for more details.


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Girl Guides Cookies and Other Adventures

Coming soon . . . to a door near you . . . Girl Guide Cookies! Yes, it's that time of the year again. Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides from the Blackburn District will be knocking on your door to sell our traditional sandwich cookie. Watch for us April 23 to 25 and support a great cause!

Here are just some of the activities Girl Guides, Brownies and Sparks have been doing:

Girl Guides

- Sleepovers at Tucker House and the Papanack Zoo
- Collected items for St. Joseph's Women Centre
- Aerobics
- Drama night



Brownies

- Sleepover at the Museum of Science and Technology
- Made ice cream
- Learned to sew
- Outdoor meetings
- Winter camp at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre



Sparks

- Visit to the Museum of Science and Technology
- Visit to the Firehall
- Pyjama Party
- Outdoor meetings
- Sang Christmas carols at Blackburn Retirement Residence



We all

- Did crafts, dancing, singing
- Celebrated Thinking Day in a truly Canadian style
- Had lots of fun!

What will we be doing?

- April 23–25: Selling cookies. Just \$3.50 a box.
- April 30: Flying Up ceremony for all Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides in Blackburn Hamlet
- May 3–5: Blackburn District Camp—All Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides will be enjoying a weekend at Camp Woolsey where the theme will be "Girls in Motion".

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La 4e Cie St-Claude

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Samedi le 4 mai prochain il y aura un souper de lasagne et encan silencieux au Centre communautaire de Blackburn à 10\$ par personne offert et préparé par les guides. C'est une de nos levées de fond pour notre voyage en Suisse du 29 juillet au 13 août.

Cette année se déroule rapidement. Les 2 et 3 mars ce fut le camp des chefs et secondes au chalet des Reids à qui nous disons un gros merci. Nous avons animé la messe à L'Église St-Claude le 24 février et avons participé à la sculpture du mouvement guide du Bal de neige (avec un prix du public).

Il y a eu la montée des Relais précédé du camp d'hiver où nous avons vécu un peu comme les coureurs de bois le jour avec un spa suisse de détente en soirée.

De plus, nous avons aidé à préparer la salle pour le souper du club Optimiste de Blackburn à qui nous disons grand merci pour leur soutien et nous servons un repas à l'occasion de Pâques et de la fête des mères au Centre de jour Guigues.

Un mot de Marie-France Jeaurond

Les guides ont été faire de l'escalade au Coyote's. Arlène Dubois une des animatrices qui a aussi sa licence d'escalade a démontré aux guides ce que tu peux accomplir si tu pratiques bien ce sport même s'il est demandant physiquement et aussi mentalement. Certaines guides n'étaient pas capable de grimper au début mais se sont améliorée et ont même été capable de monter des murs plus difficiles. Cette journée est mémorable pour toutes les guides.

Le souper du club Optimiste de Blackburn

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