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## Blackburn Fun Fair—a great tradition!



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## Blackburn Fun Fair rocks!

What a spectacular day for a community tradition! The weather was great and everyone from young to old had a wonderful time.

Fortified with a delicious pancake breakfast, everyone from the small ones on decorated bikes to our senior citizens came out to join in the parade. The community music stage was a hit and our young people showed us how they could belt out the



songs on the karaoke stage. All the new games and activities were busy as well as the favourites from past years such as the pony rides and petting zoo.

Special thanks to the Fun Fair Board of Directors for a job well done. The board included: Gord Hawley (chair), Peter Holt, Sandra Hobbs, Jason Dubue, Angie Hopkins, Jane Mahoney, Rose Moore, Jason Dupuis, Dan Hobbs, Bev Hobbs and Brenda Sowden.

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# From The President

**W**e're back again after another summer of relaxation and recreation. I hope you all took advantage of the activities we have in our community, which I think we have in abundance.

At the BCA's June Annual General Meeting, we decided to change our fiscal year to be in sync with the City, and other similar organizations. By changing our year from July 1st to June 30th, to January 1st to December 31st, the current board will remain in place until December 31, 2003. We will have our AGM in December, at which time we will elect a new board to carry on in 2004. Although we've put off the elections for 6 months, there is still a major vacancy, that of secretary, that must be filled this fall. If there is any person in the Hamlet who would like to join our board in September, please give me a call or e-mail me as soon as possible. This is not a difficult position and only requires that minutes be taken and distributed after each meeting. Of course, the secretary is expected to participate in all deliberations and decisions of the BCA Board.

Since the last BANAR, we have had a very successful Funfair, thanks to Gord Hawley and his committee. We've also had a Spring Fun Run, Garden Tour, and Environment and Greenbelt presentations.

These events don't just happen. They require organization and planning by the BCA Directors who work with volunteers to make Blackburn Hamlet a great place to raise a family.

We will need a new Membership Director in January, which we believe is probably a better time to sign up our members. This position is very important to the BCA, not just for the money it brings in, but for the sense of community involvement it instills in our residents. The BCA annual membership has a very low cost of \$10. Every BANAR reader should become a member as the publication and distribution of the BANAR is the BCA's most costly activity. If someone out there has a bit of time and can organize volunteers, please call Monica de Römer for information on the position of Membership Director.

Much of our funding for projects comes from the City. The BCA's main challenge is to develop programs for our community and apply for these grants. We need people on the Board who have a feeling for what this community needs and some spare time to organize and solicit funding from the City. If you are interested in joining the Board, please call or e-mail me this fall.

*Al Ross*



*Monica de Römer is to be commended on the great job she has done on the last two park renovations as a member of the Recreation and Parks Board sub-committee. This spring/summer Monica organized and supervised the installation of the new playground equipment in Diceman Park, including getting input from residents near the park through a survey.*

*Blackburn youth have also enjoyed the new basketball hoops at Emily Carr this summer.*

## Letter to the editor

*Dear BANAR Editor and the BCA,*

*I am writing with a complaint that I think you will hear from others. As I'm sure we all agree, one of the most attractive features of Blackburn Hamlet is the lovely shaded walkways and parks that thread through many of the neighbourhoods. On July 29, some dozen or so very unattractive signs sprouted along the walkways surrounding Glen Ogilve School. These signs are not only ugly but surely ineffective: they warn vandals away from the school property between 10:30 at night and 6:00 in the morning. They even warn against using foul language, these foul signs.*

*What can be the effect of these truly ugly signs other than to besmirch the lovely landscape? They are not going to prevent even one act of vandalism.*

*They are making unpleasant the walks, and thus the lives, of hundreds of law-abiding Blackburners, metaphorically doing to us what they are vainly trying to prevent being done to them. And finally: the signs are not even on school property but what looks to be public park property.*

*What kind of Blackburn neighbour is Glen Ogilve School? What fool at the Ottawa-Carleton School Board came up with this uneducated scheme? Where was our mega-City when this was allowed to happen? Each sign and installation must cost at least \$100. Why is our school board wasting our money?*

*What can be done to remove the ugly signs?*

*Sincerely,  
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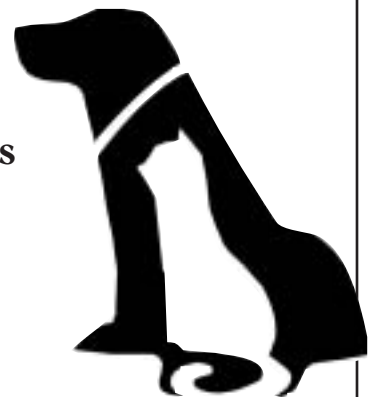
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## Progress, Adjustment and Consolation

by Rainer Bloess, Ottawa Councillor

As we reluctantly watch yet another summer fade into fall, there are several positive developments to highlight from the past few sun-drenched months.

Work has begun at last on the widening of **Innes Road** between Blair Road and the Queensway. At times threatened by budget belt-tightening, this much-needed and long-awaited project has always been one of my top priorities as an east-end representative on Council. Once completed, it should significantly reduce the daily rush-hour bottlenecks for Orléans and Blackburn Hamlet commuters. As well, the final phase of the Innes Road reconstruction is well underway and is to be completed by 2005.

In my last report, I wrote about the impact of reassessment and the shifting of the tax burden on our residents. In a dramatic and highly publicized session this past May, City Council voted to redirect \$20 million from the 2003 budget to help offset **property tax** increases for Ottawa homeowners. Provincial tax rules and skyrocketing local market-value assessments meant that many were facing higher property taxes this year in spite of our own local tax-rate freeze. Cheques were issued in recent weeks to cover the first 6.5% tax increase, which is the average increase across the City. With a provincial election looming let's hope that the inconsistent and unfair provincial tax assessment system,

which is in serious need of an overhaul, becomes an election issue.

In addition to the property tax rebate, I was pleased as well to offer my support to the recent Council decision to approve the appointment of an **independent City auditor**. This move will eliminate the perception of conflict of interest, which has plagued the current auditor's office. It will

also ensure an objective analysis of all programs and operations and guarantee accountability and transparency in all City transactions.

Finally, our entire east-end community is still reeling from the tragic murder of one of our own in the beautiful greenspace, which so many of us consider to be virtually part of our own backyards. The Green's

See **Progress** on page 13



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*Learn more about the quarry and  
its associated operations*

## New Dental Centre opens in Blackburn

The vision of Dr. Chantal Plant's Blackburn Shoppes Dental Centre is to be a unique dental office in how they treat their patients, the community and their team members. They will strive to change patients' attitudes towards dentistry in a positive and professional manner.

Dr. Plant graduated in 1998 from Laval University in Quebec City. Looking for adventure she moved to Bonnyville/Cold Lake in northern Alberta and met her Ottawa native husband, A.J. They decided to move back to central Canada where she worked as an associate for two years with the Hazeldean Dental Group in Kanata.

Dr. Plant decided to fulfill a long time dream of hers to open her own dental office. "I love kids, community and I strive to treat everyone the way I



*Clockwise top right: Dr. Plant, Katryn, A.J. and Monique. Dr. Plant believes that with the help of her wonderful staff the Blackburn Shoppes Dental Centre will make a great addition to the community.*

would like to be treated as a patient myself" Dr. Plant explains. "Everyone will receive excellent dental service in a professional, bilingual and fun environment" she says.

After 12 months of searching for the ideal location, she fell in love with the Blackburn Hamlet community. The Dental Centre located at 2668A Innes Road between the Bank of Montreal and the Subway restaurant met all the criteria she was looking for. As well, Blackburn has a great reputation for its community spirit. Dr. Plant has worked with many community and youth groups in the past and looks forward to getting involved as soon as possible. She has already made arrangements with the Ottawa 67's to sponsor the Good Shepherd Elementary School with 10 season tickets beginning in September.

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by Colette Laplante

**K**lein Optical is a local, family owned business. Robert, together with his two sons Daniel and Peter started the business in 1991.

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The staff at Klein Optical take pride in their business. Being located in the Medical-Surgical Eye Building on Shefford Road, allows their customers to receive complete and the best possible eye care, conveniently, all in the same building. Many new clients are referred to them by eye care professionals, but most come from other satisfied and happy customers.

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of the lenses and therefore reduce the weight of the glasses. Some frames are virtually weightless, making the finished product as light as a feather.

The success of Klein Optical does not just lie in the products they sell but also in the personal service and excellent team work of Andrée, Ingrid and Robert.

The team at Klein Optical would be pleased to meet all your eye care requirements.

*Editor's Note: We are very pleased to print this business profile of Klein Optical. Robert Klein has the distinction of being our longest continuous running advertiser in the BANAR. We appreciate the support he has given to the Blackburn Hamlet community.*

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## Blackburn Garden Tour continues to impress

The eleven very distinctive gardens and the delightful refreshments at Amica at Bearbrook Court continue to make the "garden tours not to miss" list. The exciting variety of gardens featured cooling water ponds, unique patios and decks, lush perennials, butterfly and bird habitats, mature hosta gardens and an amazing array of garden art and design.

It would not be possible without our gardeners, organizers and generous sponsors who combined their wealth of knowledge, talents, energy and love of gardening to make sure the tour on June 25th was an enjoyable experience for all. Thank you to our gardeners: Kathy and Doug Cushman, Edna Lemyre, Sara and Barry Ziegler, Azul and George Harper, Cynthia and John Hoisak, Louise Tourney, Marilyn and Marc Levesque, Janise and Don Johnson, Lois and Eldon Kemp, Sylvia and Ron Smith and Evelyn and Don Budd.



Special thanks also go to the Rainer Bloess, Ottawa councillor, Urban Dwellings Consignment Store and Budd Gardens for raffle prizes, Amica at Bearbrook Court for the refreshments



and Budd Gardens and Budd Graphics for volunteering to be major sponsors.

We are looking at this time for someone who would like to take over as chairperson for the garden tour. Please call 824-9707 for more information.



## Conroy Optometric Centre

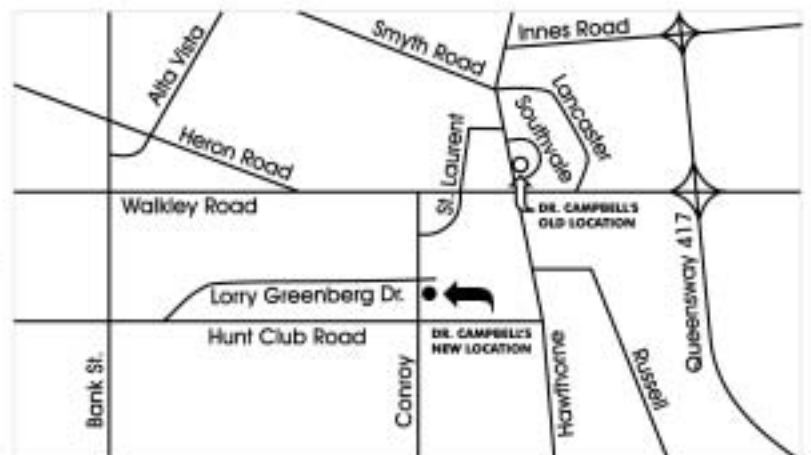
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1. Reduce home energy use by 10%: A more energy-efficient home will lower your utility bills and reduce your impact on the environment. Heating accounts for nearly 60 per cent of energy use in the average Canadian home.
2. Choose an energy-efficient home and appliances: R-2000 homes use 30 per cent less energy than standard homes. Modern appliances save more energy than older ones. New refrigerators, for example, use 40 per cent less energy than models made just 10 years ago.
3. Replace dangerous pesticides with alternatives: Small children and pets are especially vulnerable to the dangers of chemicals.
4. Eat meat-free meals one day a week: The production and processing of grains requires far less water and land than does meat.
5. Buy locally grown and produced food: Buying locally reduces greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants from food transportation. One study estimates that the average meal travels 2400 km (1500 miles) from the field to your table.
6. Choose a fuel-efficient vehicle: A typical SUV uses almost twice the fuel—and releases nearly twice the emissions—of a modern station wagon, although both seat the same number of passengers.
7. Walk, bike, carpool or take transit: Researchers in California found the air we breathe inside our cars can be up to 10 times more polluted than the air outside.
8. Choose a home close to work or school: A convenient place to live reduces the amount you drive, which means you'll lower your emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants. You'll also have more time to spend on things you care about.
9. Support car-free alternatives: More alternatives to the car mean less pollution, gridlock and urban sprawl.
10. Learn more and share with family and friends: By working together we can inspire our elected leaders to incorporate environmental conservation into public policy. A healthier environment isn't possible unless we all get involved.

More information is available at <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/WOL/Challenge>.



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*Prospective cadet, Stéphanie Bertrand practices her first aid on her sister, Mélissa. Stéphanie, who is in her second year and Mélissa, in her first year, will be a part of the new Blackburn St. John Ambulance Cadet Division.*

children and on the maturity of the child. Through a series of levels, the youth program provides opportunities for personal development, as well as training for first aid, health care and safety skills. The youth component of the St. John Ambulance Brigade meets the needs of Canadian youth and provides opportunities for social,

educational and personal development through training, community service, leisure activities and special events. Uniforms are provided. Cadets and the older youth with a first aid certificate will be able to volunteer at special events (e.g. hockey games, baseball games, community events, etc). This is a great way to accumulate volunteer hours for high school curriculum requirements. Cadets and Crusaders will also have the opportunity

to become corporals, sergeants or cadet leaders. Adults who are interested in becoming youth leaders or part-time help are more than welcome to join. Meetings are Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Hall. To register contact Louise Bertrand at 841-5610 or by e-mail at [Lbertrand@fd.sja.ca](mailto:Lbertrand@fd.sja.ca).

### Letter to the editor

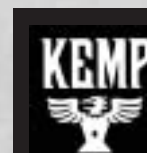
*I would like to say that it has been very interesting working with everyone to re-establish Neighbourhood Watch in Blackburn Hamlet. However, with the amalgamation of the City and the relocation of some community police centres, Blackburn has been reassigned to a different office. The Blackburn area will now be handled by volunteers from Cst. Claude Charbonneau's office at the fire station on Blair Road. A new volunteer, has been designated to cover your area and I have given him all the files. He will be in touch with you in the near future. Keep up the good work.*

*Denise Chadala, Volunteer*

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## New Book Club starts at Blackburn Library

**B**lackburn Hamlet has just launched a book club at a library near you! And we're looking for new recruits! What is our book club like? Our meetings are informal get-togethers where we learn a little about the author, the context of the story, and the critical reviews. We share our thoughts and opinions over tea and cookies. So far we have a little group of five to six people, all of us looking forward to meeting other book lovers.

What books have we read so far? Our first book was "In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson, followed by "Sea Glass" by Anita Shreve, and just before our break for summer we read "Monkey Beach", a finalist for the Governors General's Award by Eden Robinson. We've tried to be quite broad in our selections and will be picking more in the fall for next spring.

This fall we'll be reading:

Sept. 10: "Of Human Bondage" by W. Somerset Maugham

Oct. 8: "Waiting" by Ha Jin

Nov. 12: "A Yellow Raft in Blue Water" by Michael Dorris

Dec. 10: "The Sound and the Fury" by William Faulkner

We meet at the Blackburn Hamlet branch of the Ottawa Public Library, located at 199 Glen Park Drive, on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm.

### Fall children's programs

In other Blackburn branch news, registration for our regular fall children's programs in the Ottawa Public Library system begins September 9th. Please pick up our in-house publication, *Preview*, for specific details. This season, we have a special Babytime program for the little ones ages 24-36 months, on September 11th at 10:15am.

If you have any questions about your library, please drop by or call us at 824-6926 ext. 6. Every issue of the Banar from now on will contain news from your community library. See you soon!

### Blackburn Library Artwork Exhibits

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Creek area and N.C.C. pathways have traditionally been treasured by local residents and enjoyed at our leisure and I know we are all saddened and disturbed by the murder of Ardeth Wood in a neighbourhood where we all deserve to be safe and at ease. I know also, however, that I join many in praising our police for their quick and efficient response to this crisis and the hundreds of volunteers who demonstrated compassion and a sense of community by participating in the initial search effort. Their kindness, concern and generosity should reassure all of us that the good still far outweighs the bad in our world.

Finally, further to the well-attended meeting this spring dealing with quarry issues, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Lafarge Open House on September 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. I expect that this event will be both informative and interesting for members of our community.

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## Who Done It?

by R. Mitchell Rowe LL.B.

**W**ith school just around the corner it seems a good time for: "Who done it".

You must guess the murderer:

The deceased was the founder and president of Smith Chemical Works. He was murdered by poison gas that had been released during the night while he slept in his bedroom. The exact time of death could not be determined.

Jeaves his servant, found him at 8:00 a.m., in his bed, dead. A flask was found on his mantel. Forensic experts determined that the chemical compound found in the flask would have produced a poison gas that would have diffused throughout the room quickly and killed instantly.

No fingerprints were found. The bedroom windows were screened and were slightly open. The shades were half drawn. Everything in the

room had been killed. The canary lay dead in its cage. Half a dozen flies and mosquitoes lay dead on the windowsills.

There are two suspects. Each had a motive for wanting him dead. Each had lab experience and could have made the compound. Each stood to inherit one-half of the estate.

The first suspect, his private secretary, had discussed business with him in his room until 11:30 that evening. Jeaves recalled hearing them arguing just before the secretary left the room and that the secretary had returned to the bedroom some 30 minutes after the argument. When asked for an explanation for his return the secretary stated he returned to collect a briefcase he had forgotten on departure.

The second suspect, the nephew, was living in the same house but had been out of town that evening, and had only returned at 2:00 a.m. He spoke briefly to Jeaves and then went straight up to his room to bed.

Jeaves read in his bedroom until 2:30 a.m. and then went to sleep.

The time of death is important to the police. If death occurred before midnight the private secretary is the murderer.

Which one did the dastardly deed?

**Answer:** The nephew. Because the flies and mosquitoes were found dead on the windowsills, instead of scattered around the room, the time of death must have been after the first light of dawn, since the early dawn light would have attracted the insects to the windowsills, where they lay, dead from the gas. Time of death was therefore at dawn. Only the nephew had opportunity.



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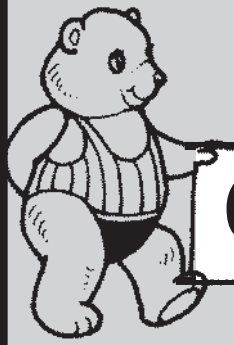
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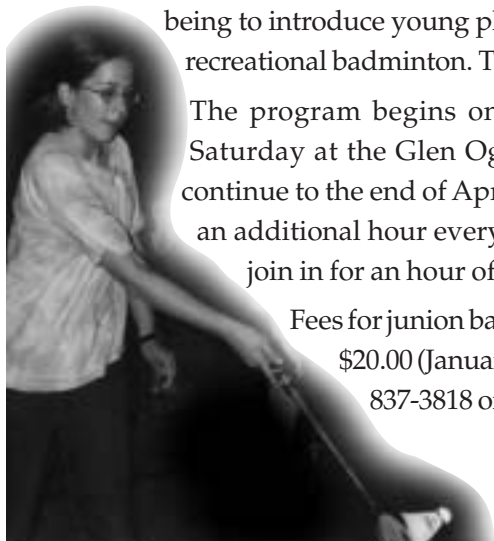
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The program begins on September 27th and will take place every Saturday at the Glen Ogilvie School from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Play will continue to the end of April, 2004, and, as in previous years, there will be an additional hour every Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for parents to join in for an hour of family badminton.

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by Hilary Kemsley

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# Making the transition to Preschool a little easier....

by Barb Sweazey

For some of you, the time may be coming this fall when your child is "ripe" for starting preschool. Some parents struggle with the idea of "letting go", but we generally know it is an important step for both child and parent. Below, are some thoughts that may help as you make the transition from home to preschool this September:

- Talk about the school but don't be overly exuberant. Instead of saying "you'll have the best time there!" say things like "I think it will be fun to paint pictures at school".
- Mention things that your child may have seen or done if you visited the school earlier.
- Listen to your child if he/she talks about not wanting to go, or is scared and say that it's okay to feel that way. Tell your child that new things take time to get used to.
- Tell your child that the teachers are friendly and are there to help. If this is your child's first experience with teachers, don't assume that they know how to interact with them. Tell them that they can ask the teacher questions, etc.
- Find books about going to school, being away from Mommy, etc. One great book is called "The Kissing



Hand". It's a wonderful lesson about how a parent's love is always with the child even if they aren't there.

- On the first day of school, be prepared to be as nervous and/or upset as your child...just don't show it! Walk your child confidently into his classroom, and say hello to the teachers and some children if possible. If your child is okay, don't linger. Say good-bye (DON'T sneak out!!!!) and tell him you'll be back to pick him up at whatever the specific time is—it's reassuring for the child to ask the teacher when mommy will be back and have them hear the teacher say the same time that mommy did.

- Go to your car and cry. It's okay!

That first experience away from home is a big one both for the parent and child. If you put a lot of thought and preparation into where and what that experience will be, it can be very positive in the end. Good luck when it's your turn!

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## Badminton registration limited this year

Registration for badminton is now open but will be capped at 40 members this season. There will be registration on Monday, September 15, at the Glen Ogilvie Public School, 46 Centrepark Drive, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., if the new quota of 40 members has not been reached by that date.

This year the fees to join the Blackburn Badminton Club will be higher than they have ever been in the club's 30-year history.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is now requiring all adult recreation groups, whether or not they are community groups, to pay a gym fee of \$26.25 per hour for the community use of schools. Last year the hourly gym fee was \$8.75 per hour and in previous years it was \$7.00 an hour.

The new fee of \$26.25 is being charged to all recreation groups whether or not a gym is in a high school with six or eight courts or in an elementary school, such as Glen Ogilvie, with only three courts. This puts the Blackburn club at a competitive disadvantage with badminton clubs in larger facilities.

Faced with this new cost structure, the club will have to operate for the 2003-04 season as follows:

1. Membership in the club will be limited to the first 40 persons who register. This is necessary to ensure that, with the new membership fees, there is sufficient playing time for all who wish to play on any given night. A waiting list will be established if necessary.

2. Fees for BCA members will be \$100 per season or \$55 per half season (\$110 and \$60 for non-BCA members). A portion of the club's small reserve fund is being used to keep the fees at this level for now. Without this use of the reserve fund, the fees would have been in the \$150 range, quite a difference from what players have been paying in the past. But with more than 90 badminton nights available over the season, this still amounts to a relative bargain of just a little more than a dollar a night.
3. The hours of play will be reduced to two hours per night, that is from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (instead of 8:00 to 11:00).
4. Couple memberships will be discontinued.
5. The season is scheduled to begin September 15 and continue until late May 2004.

For more information or to register, please call Dale Bembem at 830-1936 (daytime 734-7291), Ray du Plessis at 824-2671 or Elizabeth Burton at 824-6715 or e-mail the club at [blackburnbc@hotmail.com](mailto:blackburnbc@hotmail.com).

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### Schools

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École intermédiaire Pauline-Vanier (7-8)	744-1922
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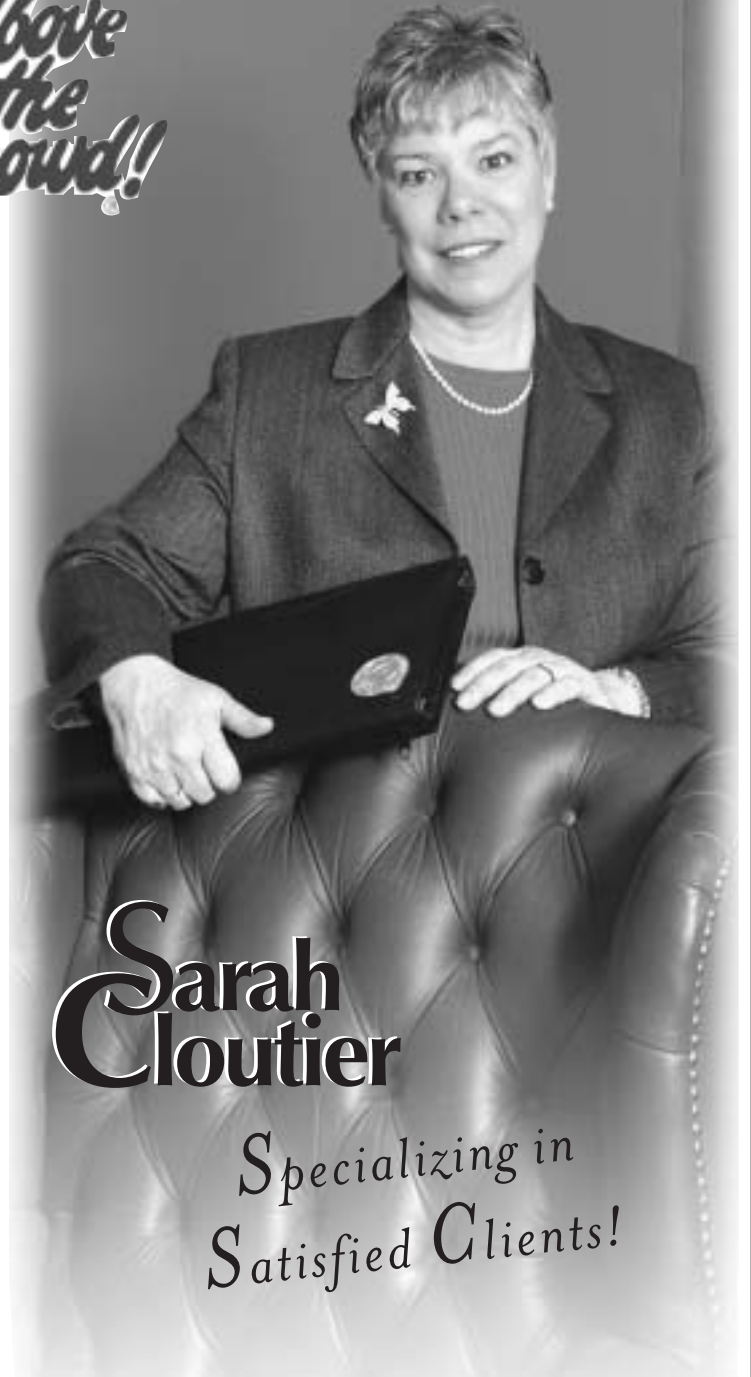
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