# M.Z. Bennett students prepare for public speaking contest

#### M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

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Mr. Shrubsole's class is doing heart activities for Valentine's Day. They are also doing a Valentine Post office and they will be going skating.

Mrs. Mattell's class is starting a unit on folktales. This week they learned the story of "Strega Nona." They had a spaghetti lunch to celebrate this over a boiling pasta pot!

Mrs. Lawson's class is doing Valentine activities. In math they are studying fractions and place value.

Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Bunt are pleased with the number of members in the chess club again this year. They would, however, like to send out a plea for chess boards.

Please call the school (853-0530) if you have any to donate and we will make arrangements to have someone pick them up. Even sets with missing pieces can be used as we just mix and match to

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make a complete set. Thanks in advance!

Mr. Waitson's and Mr. Mashinter's classes are working on speeches.

Mrs. Graham's class has started individual novel study projects and

they have started math centres. They are also involved in tracking the 1994 Olympics.

The Grade 5s had their dance last Friday. It was a good chance to practice some proper social skills.



OLYMPIC HOPEFUL? Laura Stevenson, a Grade 2 student at M.Z. Bennett, practices her diving technique at the Acton Indoor Pool during a public swim on a recent P.A. day. The 7-year-old does not have Olympic aspirations yet, but judging by this form it won't be long! (Doug Harrison photo)



## NEWSSHORTS

#### Woman found at Golf Course

A 33-year-old Acton woman, who had been missing for three days was found by an employee of the Acton Meadows Golf Course last Thursday.

Only semi-conscious and suffering from severe frostbite and exposure, Janine Stopforth of Norman Avenue was taken by air-ambulance to Hamilton General Hospital where she was treated in their trauma unit.

Police are still investigating the incident and have not released any new details to date.

#### Thief steals prescription glasses

A pair of prescription eyeglasses was stolen along with a pair of sunglasses and a couple of cassette tapes from an '86 Oldsmobile which had been left unlocked in front of a home on Kingham Road. Police have no suspects in the theft of the goods, which were valued at \$150.

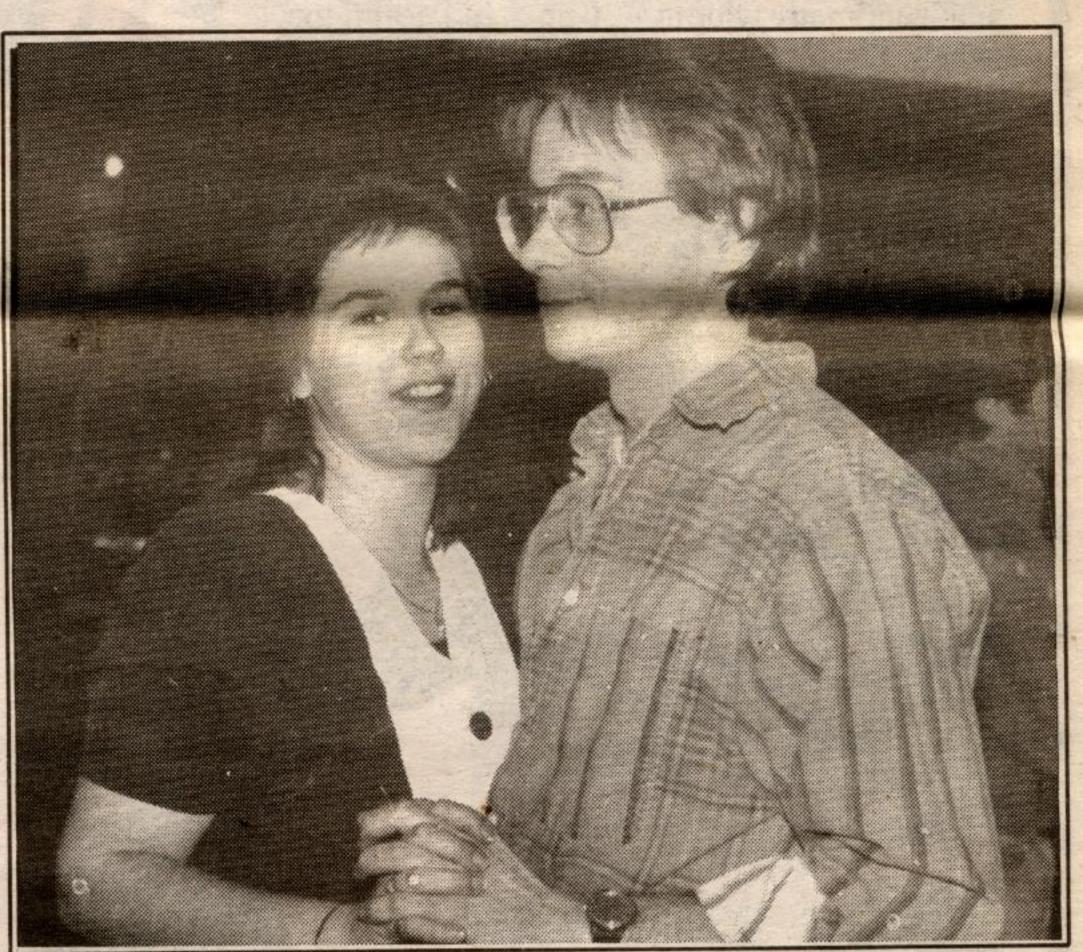
#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The people of Acton have been so supportive that we don't need government or corporate funds."

— Janet Cullen, Dine and Dash organizer, Page 5

#### DID YOU KNOW?

It's not certain if that was his inspiration, but Robert Louis Stevenson was on his honeymoon when he wrote *Travels With A Donkey*.



I'M GONNA LOVE YOU: Theresa and Peter McKeown celebrated Valentine's Day at the Legion's Sweetheart Dance on Saturday. (Brad Hammond photo)

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