

## French flavour at M-S Olympics

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The Acton Tanner

No, the colourful hockey trio of Gilbert Perreault, Rick Martin and Rene Robert didn't descend on McKenzie-Smith Friday.

But the middle school did add the "French Connection" to their Winter Olympic festivities.

Each of the school's four French classes thought of an activity for the first Carnaval Olympique and had to make rules, determine a scoring system and find appropriate equipment for the game.

"The onus was on the kids, so if the kids complained about an event being terrible, they would be told the classes thought of it," says French teacher Heather

MacDougall, who along with colleagues Dave Walker, Colette Ruddock and Sonya Burns, decided to incorporate French into the winter fun day.

"Last year we had the Mustang Olympics, but we wanted to get more French exposure within the school and the community."

The number of events doubled this year to 17 from eight a year ago and included curling, one-shoe snowshoe, sled pull, hockey ob-

stacle, biathlon, among others.

A rest station with hot chocolate and treats donated by parents was welcomed by the students on the chilly day.

"This year's event was based on Home Base co-operation, instead of just winning and losing," says MacDougall.

"It gets the kids bonding and working together; teachers gave points to students who encouraged others."

## Maple syrup time is here

Acton residents can enjoy the first taste of spring at Mountsberg and Crawford Lake Conservation Areas during maple syrup season.

Demonstrations run from now to April 20, weekends and holidays from 10 am to 4 pm and daily during March Break.

Sample this springtime delicacy and see how maple sap is turned into syrup.

Both Conservation Areas are just five minutes from Campbellville. For more information, call Mountsberg at 854-2276 or Crawford Lake at 854-0234.

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### Car totalled, driver unhurt

A 44-year-old Rockwood woman escaped injury when her car rolled twice after skidding out of control and into a ditch last Friday around 1:45 pm. The 1991 Ford Tempo was northbound when it veered into the southbound lane, then swerved back across the road and into the ditch. Police are blaming poor weather and road conditions for the accident, which they say totalled the vehicle.

### Stereo stolen from unlocked car

Thieves stole a \$600 stereo from an '87 Hyundai which had been left unlocked overnight last Tuesday. The owner of the vehicle, a 32-year-old Kingham Road man, had left the four-door 'Stellar' on the court near his home at 10 pm on the night of Feb. 22, and by 4 pm the next day his stereo was gone. Police have no suspects at this time.

### Movie filmed near Guelph

Acton residents driving into Guelph along Hwy. 6 were turned away early this week as police allowed a film crew to block off the northbound lanes nightly from 7 pm to 5 am.

The movie, titled "It Happened in Paradise," is a multi-million dollar production starring Nicholas Cage and Dana Carvey. The filming sequence requiring the road closure should be completed by the time this paper goes to press.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It must be terrible if you don't have help from medical people. Their first priority is getting fed, meanwhile their body could be deteriorating."

— Lynda Bowen, Acton resident, Page 5

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**TEAMWORK!** Theresa Clayton, 12, piggy-backs Charla Banks, 12, around a pylon during McKenzie-Smith's first-ever Carnaval Olympique activities Friday. (Doug Harrison photo)



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