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## Fancy wheelin'

It was a rough ride for 13-year-old George Cobham of Acton who participated in the Norco Mountain Bike Race at Kaleso Conservation Area Saturday. Here, he competes in an obstacle course.

## Charles Currie gets 15 months for fraud

Campbellville resident Charles Currie has been sentenced to a 15-month reformatory term for various real estate and related crimes.

"He has been found to be nothing short of a con man, and not a good one," said District Court Judge G.B. Smith during the May 29 sentencing in Milton.

The judge also directed him to compensate fraud victims in the amount of \$38,140, even after learning that Mr. Currie has paid nothing on a compensation order for \$6,500 levied three years ago following an earlier fraud conviction.

The prosecution had sought a three to four year term for the 32-year-old offender.

Mr. Currie pleaded not guilty to 15 charges. He was convicted of defrauding three families and an electrical contractor, convicted on two charges of passing forged cheques and two counts of theft in an April trial.

He was acquitted on seven other theft and fraud charges.

### Construction business

Mr. Currie's convictions centre on his construction activities. His victims were would-be Campbellville residents who hired him to build homes for them in the mid-1980s. Two homes were partially completed and the electrical contractor was given a series of rubber cheques.

The judge said trust is at the centre of the home construction business and Mr. Currie "is the type of individual who asks and expects customers to put their trust in him." Despite that Mr. Currie, "in a callous fashion, steals their money."

"Building a home is traumatic enough when things go well. It's tragic when they deal with someone like Charles Randall Currie," the judge said.

The most blatant of the more recent offences was the use of \$19,500 in cheques that Mr. Currie "must have known were forged," with respect to the endorsements, said Judge Smith.

In early 1985 Sid Simpson, one of his clients, gave Mr. Currie, then a real estate agent, two cheques totalling \$19,500.

The cheques were made out to a Halton schoolteacher, Bernard Fleming, and were meant for Fleming as part of an offer to purchase his land in Campbellville.

Mr. Fleming testified in April that he never received the Simpson cheques. He also said the endorse-

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Charles Currie



Ron Milec contributed to the record number of vendors at the Farmers Market opener.

## Main Street market is a record breaker

The Farmer's Market seems to have found a home in downtown Milton.

More than 1,000 people seeking fresh produce Saturday visited the Main Street market which in the past has been held in the town hall parking lot.

"It was the most successful opening day in recent memory — probably ever," said John Lawrence, general manager of the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

Every Saturday until Oct. 27, the market will be held on Main Street which is closed to traffic between Martin and James streets from 7 a.m. to noon.

The relocation is a project of the Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area and Foodland Ontario.

The move, making the market the only one of its kind in Ontario, tripled the amount of vendors, said Mr. Lawrence, and many Main Street merchants opened their doors early.

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