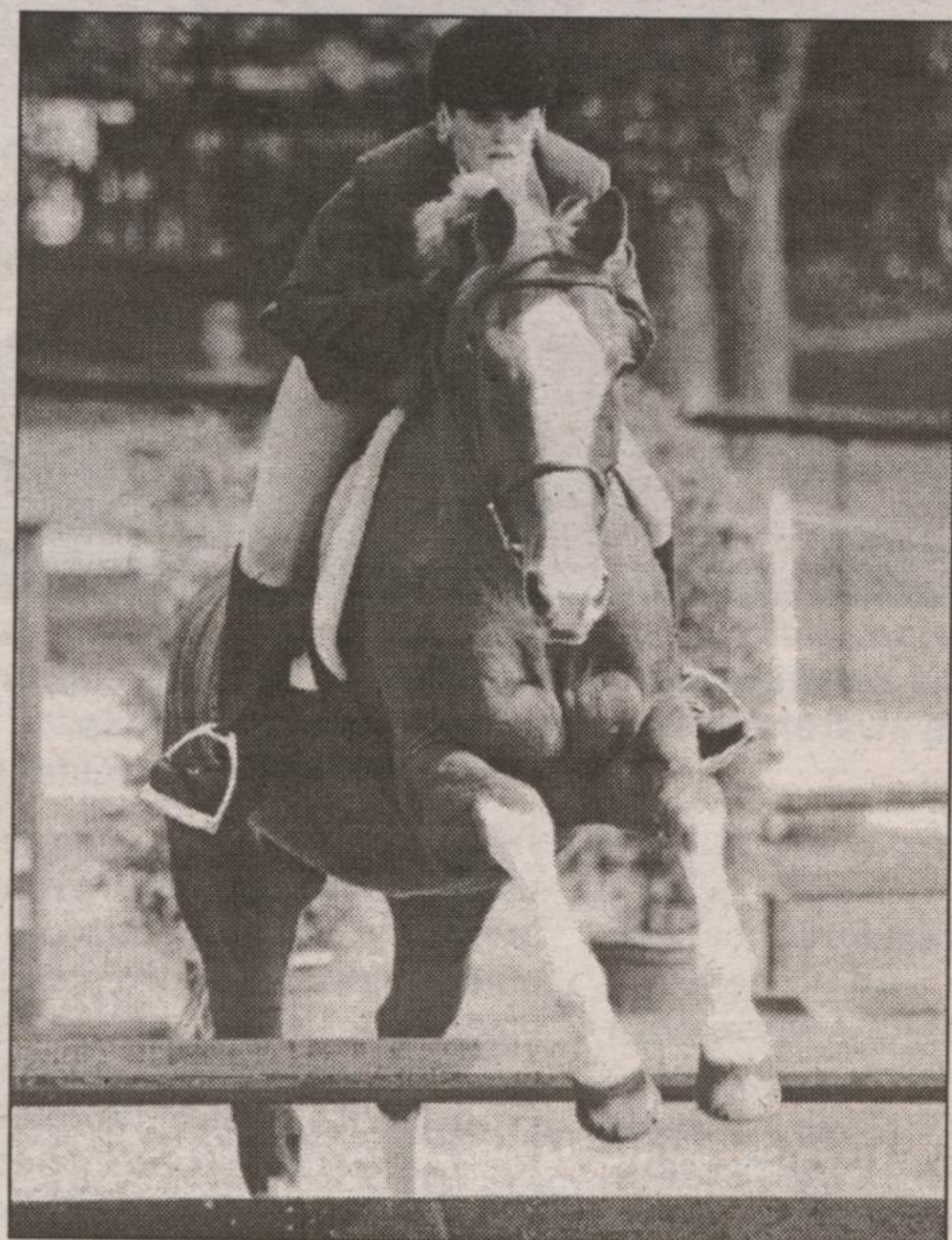


## Fall Fair fun



Sarah Smith, aboard Lyrical, clears a fence during the English horse show Saturday at the 154th annual Georgetown Fall Fair held at the Fairgrounds. The warm weather brought out thousands for the three-day event.

Photos by Yvonne Gaynor



Humans weren't the only ones enjoying the Georgetown Fall Fair this past weekend. Here, Rocket the poodle shows his leaping ability as he takes part in the Dog-On-It canine agility show.

The midway is always a popular place at any fall fair and Georgetown's Rachel Hauser, 3, thought her dad Chris should give the Funslide a try. The fair kicked off Friday with the Fall Fair Ambassador competition which was won by Kate Sparling, 16, of Norval who topped a field of four contestants.



## Business owners unaware of Norval plan

Two Norval business owners complained they weren't informed the town was doing a secondary plan for Norval at a public meeting on the draft plan last week.

At the meeting, which drew only about 20 people, Norval business owner William Pomeroy said the draft plan "does not reflect or acknowledge the 25 businesses" in the hamlet.

He said the plan painted the village as a quaint community with storybook appeal when, in actuality, it is a "struggling community with real people, businesses and lives at stake."

He said business owners in Norval weren't aware of the secondary plan and criticized the town for not doing a good job of informing the business people in Norval.

Mario Musketa of Norval Classic Cars, said he didn't know about the secondary plan and that it should be delayed until the business owners in the hamlet can come to terms with it.

Norval resident and member of

the hamlet's community association, Stella Bryant, strongly disagreed with that suggestion.

"We have been waiting for 17 years. I think a deferment now would be quite catastrophic," said Bryant.

"I feel we've done the best we could in terms of notifying the people," said Arvin Prasad, the town's acting deputy planning director. He said there were public workshops, open houses and advertisements about the plan.

Before the public had a chance to comment, Mark Conway of Dillon Consulting, the consulting firm overseeing the draft plan for the town, said the plan consists of six different areas—greenlands, hamlet community core, hamlet residential, hamlet future development, institutional and special policy areas.

He said the key issues identified are that no major growth is wanted at this time, protecting the environment, infilling and strengthening the core area, encouraging tourism and urban design and heritage protection.

Other comments from the public included a question from Guelph St. resident Bill Appleby on whether the consultants had done a count of the number of businesses and residents in the core area of Norval.

"If bypasses go through could commercial activity be supported there?" he asked.

Norval resident, Ted Thompson, stressed Norval doesn't stop at Winston Churchill Blvd. and asked if the town had been consulting with Brampton about the plan. He also said a 7.5 metre or 5 metre setback between environmental and urban areas is too small.

"The draft plan fails to achieve setting out a distinct separation between the hamlet area and surrounding land uses," said Daphne Shropshall, chair of the Town's Environmental Advisory Committee (TEAC).

The public has until October 15 to submit written comments to the town on the draft plan.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Plans for JK in Halton schools going ahead

It's still full steam ahead for JK in public schools next year—or at least, some public schools in selected parts of Halton.

The Halton District School Board has agreed to set up a Junior Kindergarten implementation committee—comprised of trustees and senior staff—to develop a comprehensive plan. It will include timelines for the implementation of

JK in public schools across Halton.

Last June, the board agreed to re-introduce JK in September 2001, under an implementation model that phases it in over a number of years. JK has long been a part of Halton's Catholic system and is offered at most public boards across Ontario, which led to complaints about fairness.

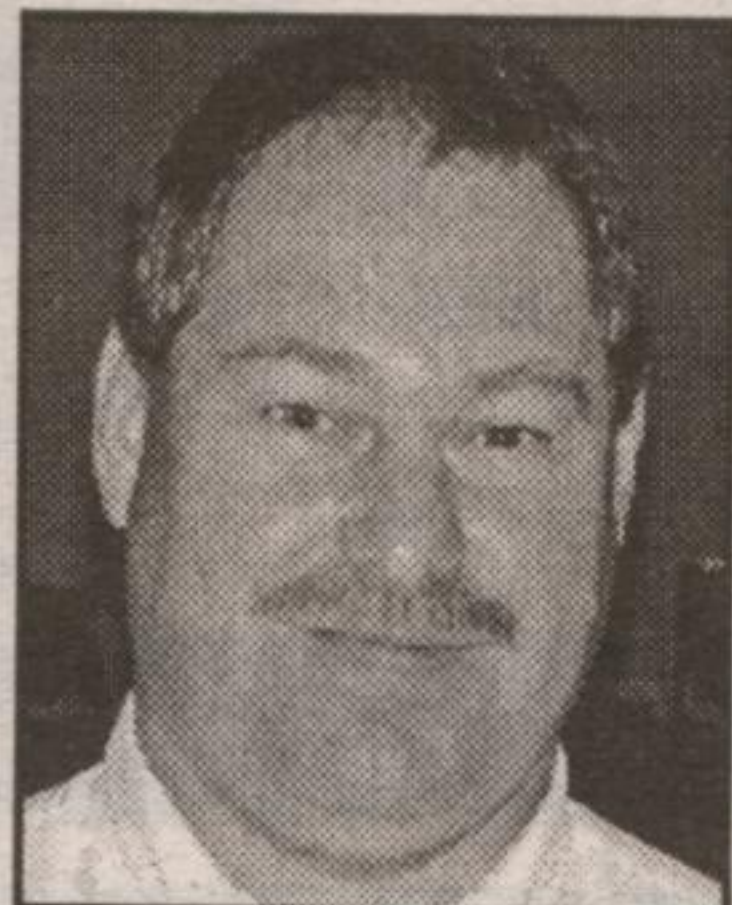
Schools are undergoing retrofits,

said education director Dusty Papke, and many parents are confused and anxious about when they can expect JK. "It's a critical cornerstone of our capital strategic plan," he said.

Brookville is the lone area school scheduled to receive JK in 2001. Limehouse and McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public Schools will run JK the following year.

## What You Said

'Would you support high school teachers withholding extracurricular activities?'



Byron Conrad, heating/cooling sales, Georgetown

"Yes I do. If my boss came to me to tell me I had to coach a team for free, on my own time as part of my job, I wouldn't be very pleased either."



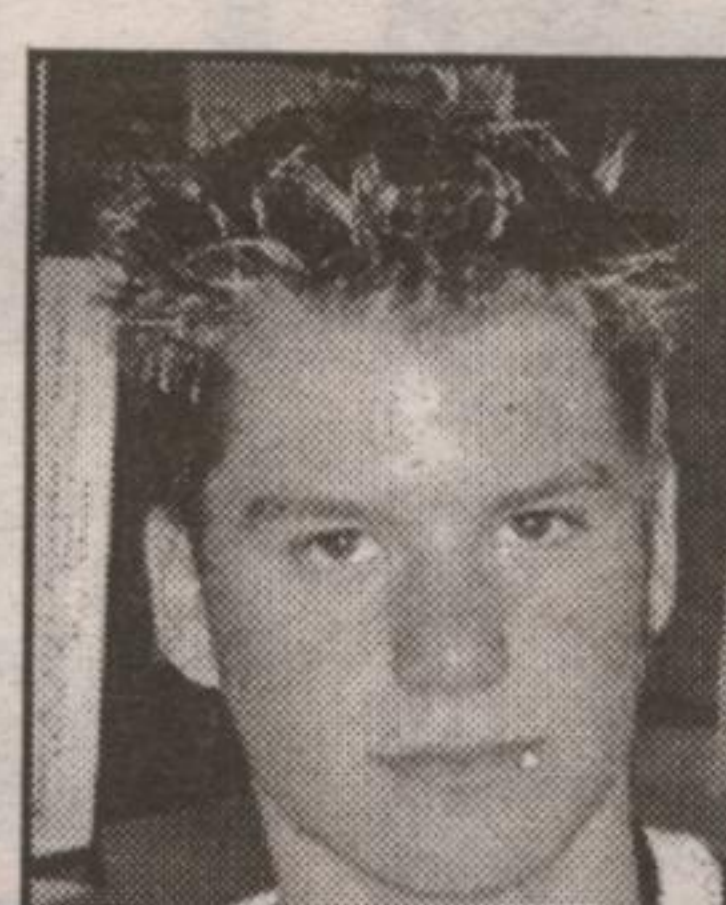
Kathy Bowman, retired teacher, Georgetown

"Yes I do, because it is something that is legislated by the government, rather (than) an item of choice. I did extracurricular for 33 years."



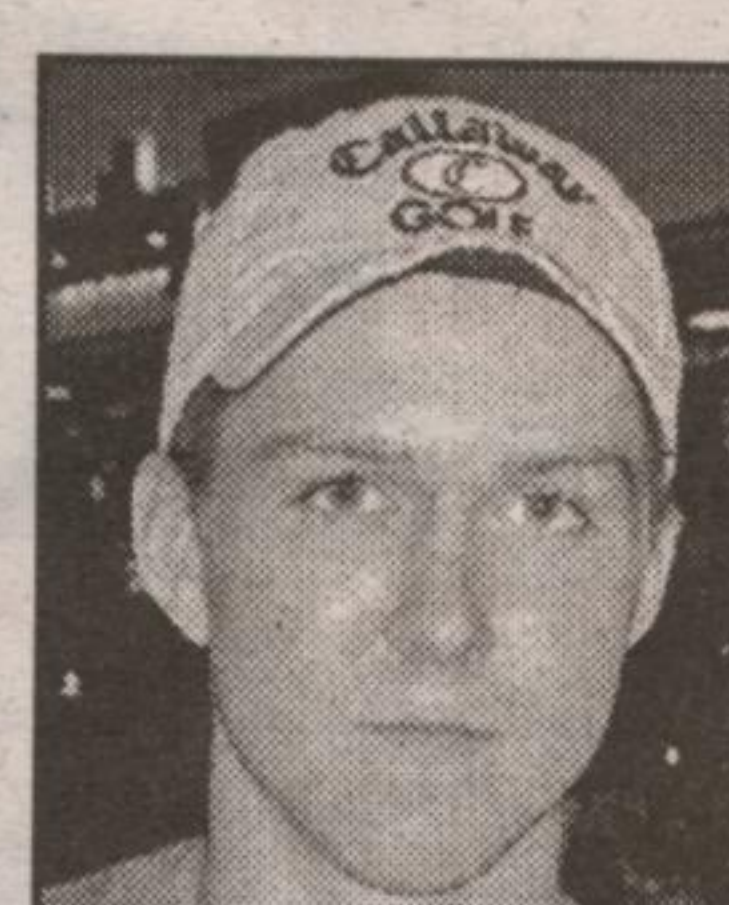
Kerrie Bolton, retail sales, Georgetown

"I don't support them, because teachers shouldn't be able to take a job action every year at a whim."



Matt Critchell, student, Georgetown

"No I don't. I think they should simply strike rather than take away extracurricular activities."



Ryan Ellis, student, Georgetown

"No I don't, because I think extracurricular is important to the students and I feel by taking it away, the teachers are being selfish."

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