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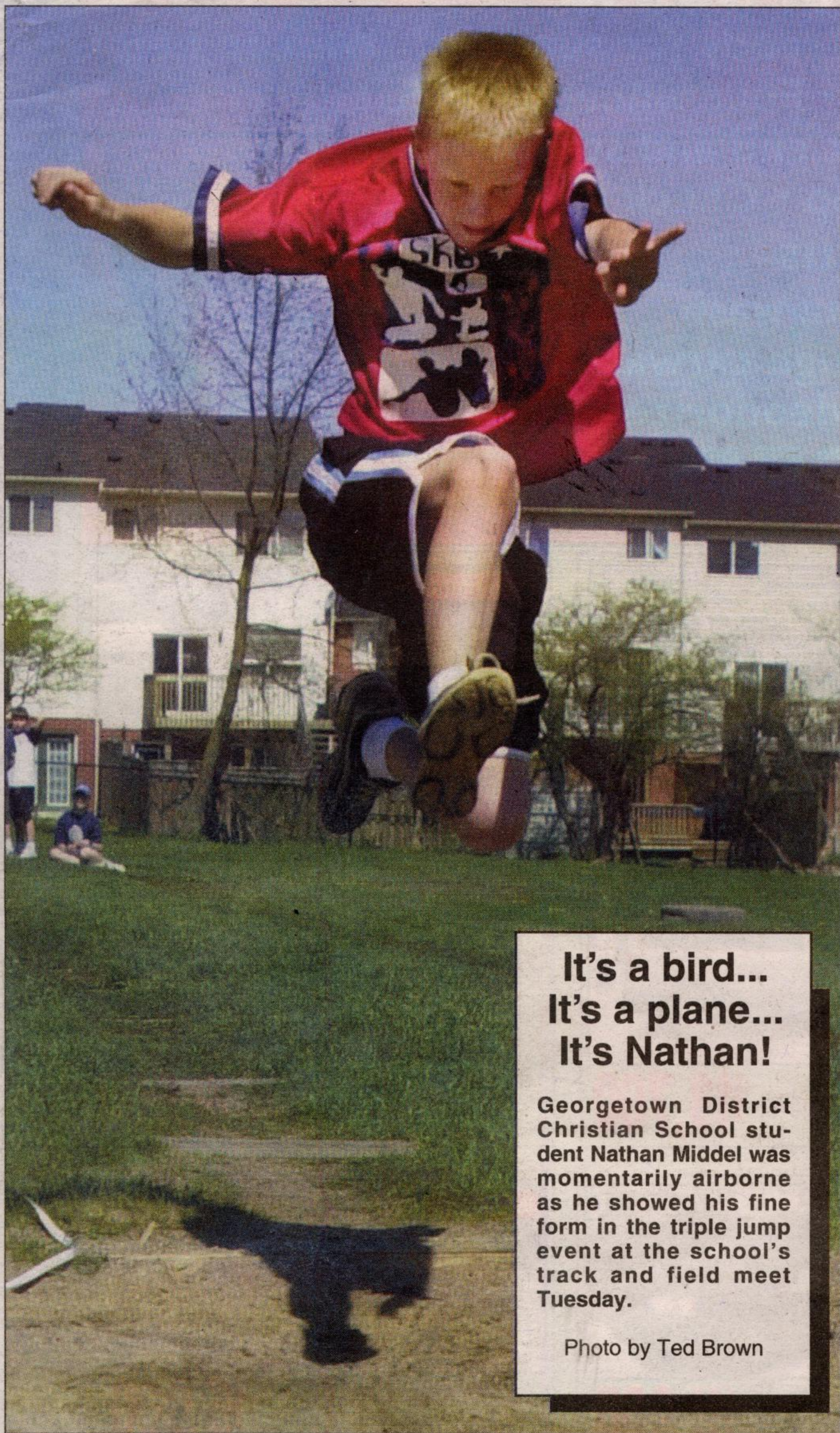
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**It's a bird...
It's a plane...
It's Nathan!**

Georgetown District Christian School student Nathan Middel was momentarily airborne as he showed his fine form in the triple jump event at the school's track and field meet Tuesday.

Photo by Ted Brown

Norval man handed life sentence for killing wife at mall

Angus Snow, 54, will serve life in prison with no chance of parole for 14 years, but "that will not erase the tragedy of what he has done," said a superior court judge Tuesday.

Justice Bruce Durno told an Orangeville court that he cannot imagine the horror of what Shirley Snow went through those last few moments of her life.

"It must have been terrible," he said.

Angus Snow, of Norval, pleaded guilty to second degree murder last month in the death of his wife of 27 years.

Snow was charged in May 2002 after his wife was killed in an Orangeville Wal-Mart parking lot in front of about 30 people— including several small children.

A second degree murder charge carries a life sentence with no eligibility of parole for between 10 to 25 years.

The Crown had requested that Snow face upwards of 15 years in jail without eligibility of parole, but the defence asked the range be between 12 to 15 years.

Durno's decision of 14 years was met with silence in the crowded courtroom— which included many of Angus and Shirley Snow's family members and several local people.

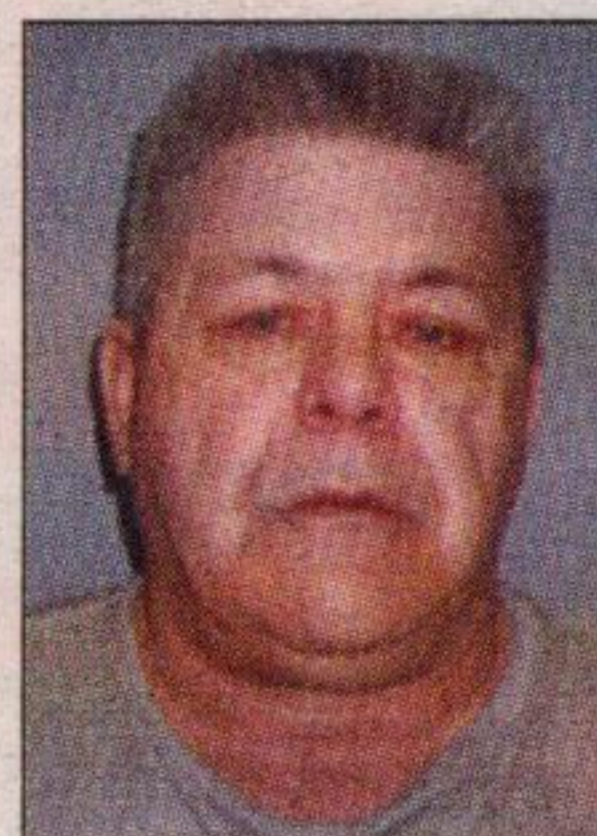
"It will ultimately be up to the parole board to decide if he is ever let out of jail," Durno added.

According to the court filed statement of facts, the couple met in Newfoundland and had four children. Angus Snow was an alcoholic and was physically abusive to his wife.

In the early '90s, the couple moved to Ontario, and Snow gave up drinking.

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— Justice Bruce Durno



ANGUS SNOW

However, he remained verbally abusive to his wife.

The couple lived in Georgetown in a small apartment.

In early April 2002, Shirley Snow had her hair dyed by her daughter. According to a videotaped statement by Shirley (which was taped by police), upon seeing her hair, her husband became quite upset and told her he wanted to go for a drive to have a talk with her.

During the drive, he threatened to take her where no one would be able to look at her. He drove them to Terra Cotta, where he stopped the car and physically abused her, ripping her blouse.

He told her he was going for a walk and said when he came back if she was still there, he would kill her.

"It just clicked," Shirley Snow said on the tape. She took the keys out of the ignition and threw them in front of the car. Then she ran away, crossing two streams and a wire fence to make sure her husband would not follow her.

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