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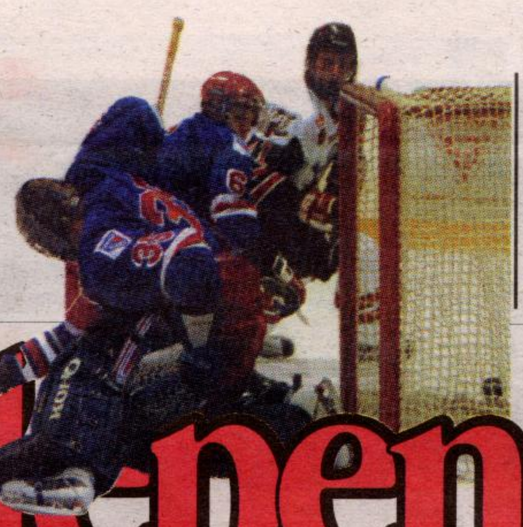

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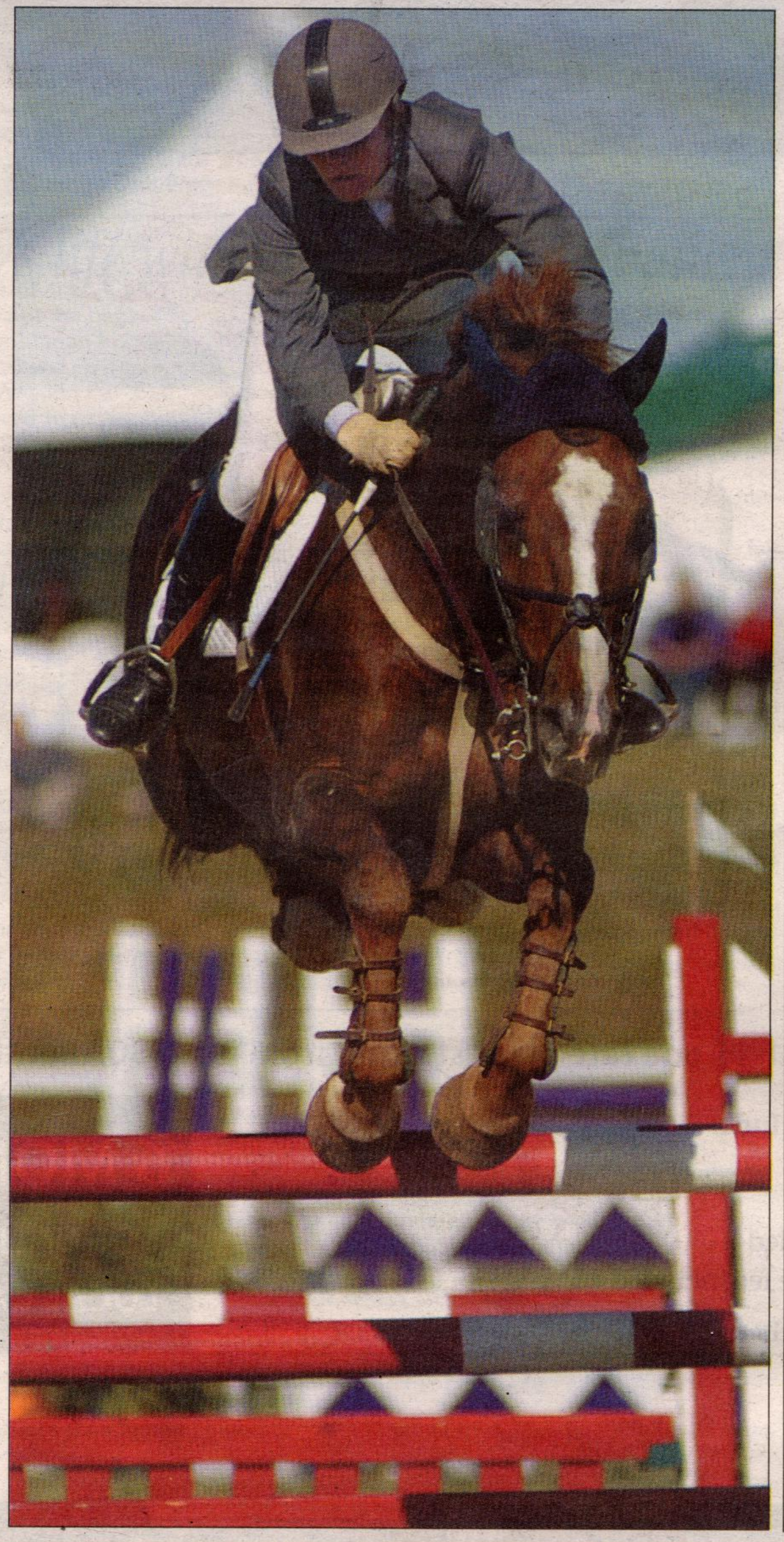
Underhill... but over the bar

Equestrian Beth Underhill of Schomberg, Ontario was high flying aboard Magdalene as she rode to victory over the 29 other competitors through a challenging course of the $20,000 Grand Prix, Sunday, the final event of the Oktoberfest Country Classic at Halton Place equestrian hunter and jumper facility. The four-day show featured more than 100 competitors from across the province, vying for several prizes at the 200-acre facility on 15 Sideroad. In addition to the horse show, the event also featured authentic Oktoberfest music and a German beer garden, along with numerous demonstrations and activities. The highlight of the weekend was the first annual Black Tie Benefit Dinner, held Saturday night in aid of the Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CAS-HH). See page 14 for another photo.



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Search for missing nine-year-old girl ends on happy note

An eight-hour search by emergency workers and hundreds of volunteers for a Toronto girl who went missing from an area farm Sunday afternoon had a happy ending early Monday when the child was found unhurt, curled up along a nearby tree line.

KATE FLANAGAN

Kate Flanagan, 9, of North York, who has Down's syndrome, disappeared from Andrews' Scenic Acres at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Bert Andrews, owner of the farm said the girl was last seen at Straw Mountain, a kid's activity area at the 10 Sideroad farm.

"Initially I just thought she'd be found very shortly," said Andrews, who added after they learned the child was missing staff members immediately went to stand watch at the farm's ponds to ensure she did not fall into one of them.

The child, who may have been scared by a dog, was not found by 5 p.m. and police were called to the farm where a perimeter was immediately set up.

Approximately 300 civilian volunteers joined in the search for Kate with emergency workers including police officers, the York Regional Police helicopter, Halton Hills and Milton firefighters, police canine teams from Halton and Hamilton, Halton Tactical Rescue Unit, rural watch volunteers on all-terrain vehicles, and CN Police.

After several hours of methodical searching the little girl was found by 10 Sideroad residents Keith and Sharon Carman. The couple found Kate at approximately 1:20 a.m. sitting in a crouched position in a tree line near a soybean field on a neighbouring farm.

The couple left the main group of searchers based at the farm and decided to play a hunch based on more than 30 years of living along the same rural road.

They used a flashlight to pick their way over the fields of an elderly neighbour and shortly after 1 a.m. illuminated the pink t-shirt of little Kate, nestled in a small depression to keep herself warm.

"She didn't make a sound," said Keith Carman. "She was shivering so I just grabbed her and ran."

As his wife lit the way, he wrapped a jacket around the girl and dashed across the field stumbling over the stumps of the old plants.

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