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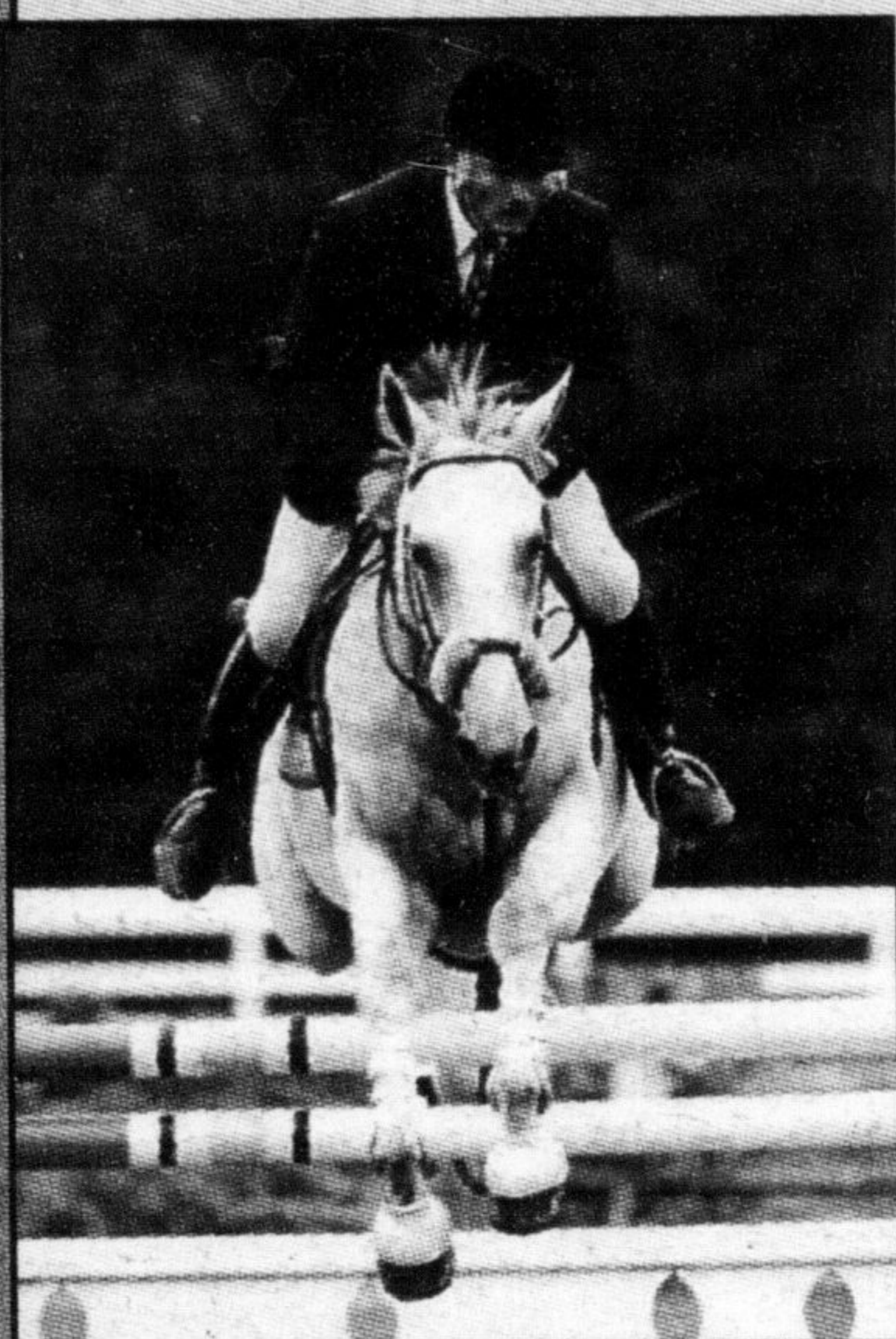
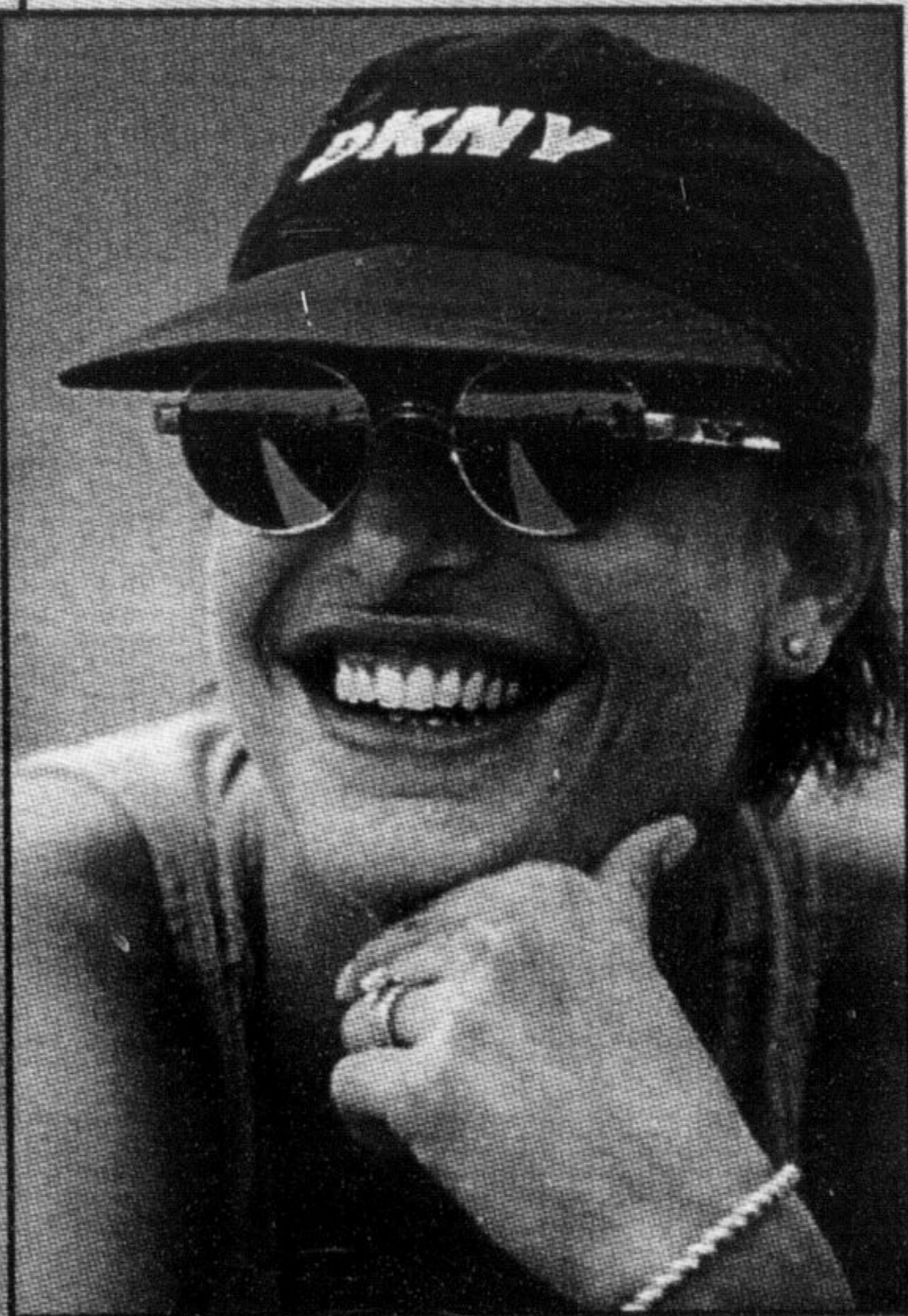
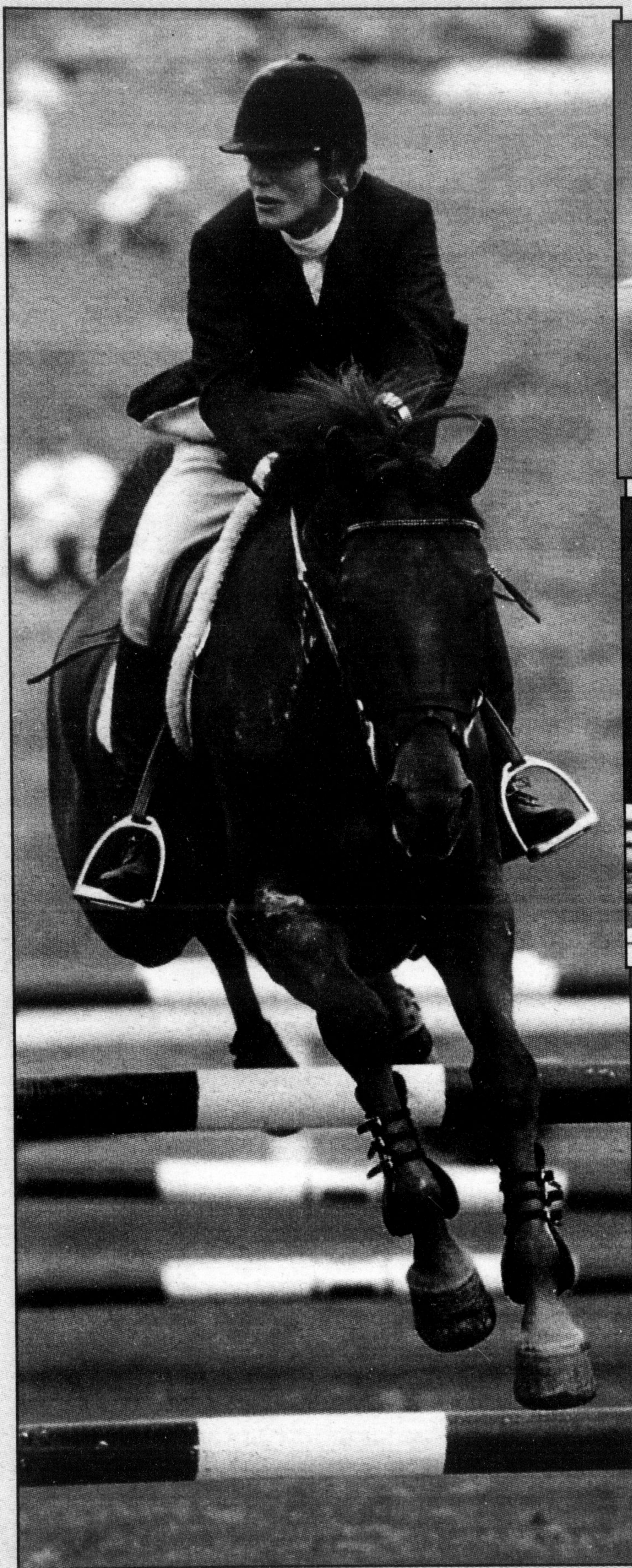
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## Horsing around

Hendervale Stables held its Midsummer Classic equestrian competition last weekend. Heather Manbert (left) aboard Annabel clears a jump while preparing for the next in the Junior Amateur High division. Sophie Stewart, a rider in the Adult Beginner class takes in the action (top right) while Campbellville's Michael Grinyer aboard Christmas (bottom right) competes in the Saturday main event, the Complex Challenge. Hendervale hosts its top event, the Halton Valley Summer Classic August 21-25 featuring some of Canada's top riders.

Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

# Court hears cops plotted to suppress the evidence

High ranking Halton Regional Police officers plotted to cover up a detective's assault on a murder suspect, court heard Friday.

Now retired Inspector Les Graham led a plan to hide Det. Doug Ford's videotaped face slap of a young man during an interrogation, Det. John Stonehill testified in Ontario court (provincial division) in Milton.

Det. Stonehill broke down on the stand and wept after recalling that he wanted no part of the alleged plot by Insp. Graham and a second officer, Det. Sgt. Bob Waller, to get rid of the video-taped evidence.

"We're not going to let a s--- head like this ruin a good officer's career," Det. Stonehill was quoted in the Toronto Star describing what Insp. Graham told him during a meeting alone.

"I didn't know what to say to Les. I knew that the interview had been recorded on video," Det. Stonehill told Crown Attorney Ian Scott.

According to a report in the Star, Det. Stonehill told Mr. Scott during his testimony that Insp. Graham was



Les Graham

his longtime friend, then began to cry.

Charged with attempting to obstruct justice, Insp. Graham was the head of the major crime unit based at Halton's head office in Oakville when a murder suspect was brought in for questioning in 1995.

Det. Sgt. Waller, then one of the lead investigators in the first-degree-

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**NEWSLINES**

**Calling crafters**

The Halton Region Museum is seeking crafters to participate in the upcoming Created By Hand: 19th Century Crafts and Trades in Action on Sunday August 10.

A variety of arts, crafts and other products are being sought to complement presentations by artisans demonstrating 19th century crafts and trades.

There is no charge for crafters to display their wares. For more information, call public programs assistant Lisa Harris at 875-2200.

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