

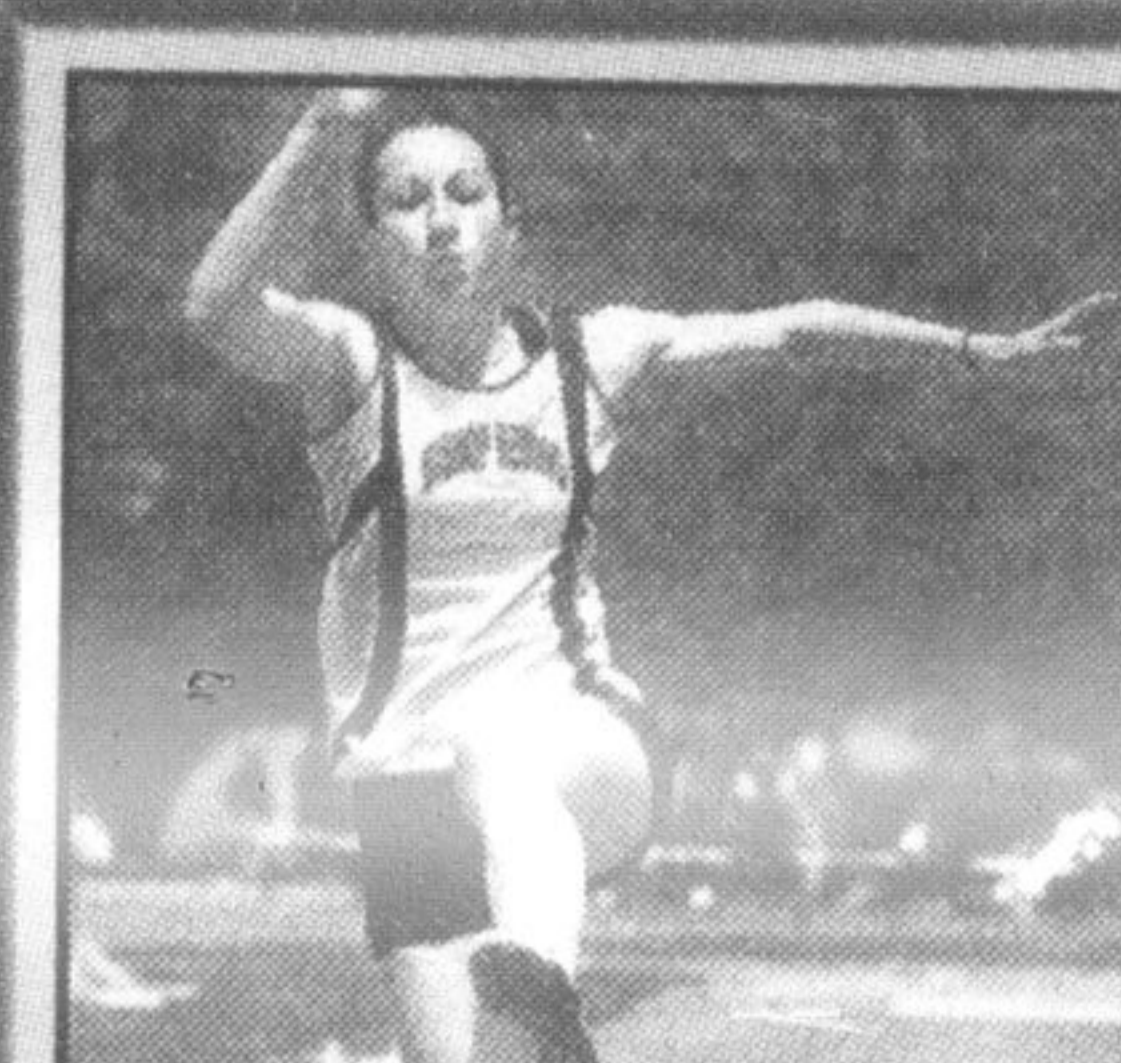
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Barn fire

Firefighters spray foam and rip away siding to get at flames that consumed a Tremaine Road barn Sunday afternoon. Inset, Nicole Woods, 8, comforts Penelope, who luckily wasn't harmed in the 4:30 p.m. blaze. The barn housed Penelope and some hay. No one was injured. Damage is estimated at \$35,000. The cause is under investigation.

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West Nile open house attacks misinformation

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
The Champion

Ruth Ford's concern over West Nile virus deepened considerably when she found a dead bird on her Hornby property.

The fact that it was a dove rather than a crow — the bird that's reportedly most likely to carry West Nile virus — does nothing to ease her worry.

"I was told (previously) that doves and crows are the most common for West Nile," Ms Ford said. "I noticed there was

no trauma to the bird, so it had to have died from a disease or virus."

Ms Ford was among the Milton and area residents who showed up at Wednesday's West Nile virus information open house — held by the Region of Halton at Memorial Arena — to find out more about the virus and express their concerns.

One of the main goals of the open house, organizers said, was to counter misinformation like Ms Ford's thoughts about the dove. She was told at the open house that it's mostly crows that carry the virus.

Ms Ford said she's still worried though, and said she's particularly concerned for her young niece and the other children who play in the parks and schools near her house.

John Josie, from rural Milton, was another of the concerned residents who showed up. He said he thinks most people in Halton aren't as concerned as they should be about West Nile virus.

"It's one of the most important things to come around in a long time," Mr. Josie said. "Last year, they didn't tell us it was as

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No decision yet about pesticide

By **JASON MISNER**
The Champion

Halton's health department has on contract a licenced technician ready to use the controversial fogging pesticide malathion to kill adult mosquitoes, but a lot still has to be determined before a decision is made.

"A decision we have to make is based on the data we collect this year," said Peter Willmott, Halton's director of health protection services. "It will depend on the number of dead birds, mosquitoes, human cases, and all of those factors would be taken into consideration around adulticiding."

The Region had the same Erin Township-based company on retainer last year, at a cost of \$15,000, in the event that fogging was needed. It wasn't.

Hamilton's medical officer of health announced last week that the city will probably have to resort to adulticiding — spraying to kill adult mosquitoes that's

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