

'Girl Next Door' She adores animals



Seventeen-year-old Nancy Barker, Main Street East, Stouffville, may presently work at an ice cream parlor, but her future dreams include being a veterinarian. Nancy loves animals and hopes she can involve them in her professional career.
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STOUFFVILLE — Seventeen-year-old Nancy Barker, Main Street East, Stouffville, has her heart set on being a veterinarian.

"I've been interested in animals all my life," she says. To prove it, she has three dogs and four cats.

Previously, she had several horses and a number of guinea pigs. These aren't so convenient to keep when living in town.

Nancy's our "Girl Next Door".

Her family, that includes three sisters and two brothers, is extremely close, Nancy says. Members are Joy, Barbara and Wendy, Ted and Gord.

Before moving to town, fifteen years ago, her parents lived on the 9th Concession of Markham, south of Stouffville.

Although being a veterinarian is a "dream" career, she also has another wish in her life—to own a 1966 Mustang, candy-apple red in color with four on the floor. She has a 365 but not a permanent license.

Nancy operates the ice cream bar at Tenth Line South and Main. She's done this now for two summers. Before that, she was employed on the staff of Markham Animal Control.

"Having to put animals down was the worst part of the job," she said. On occasions, rather than see dogs destroyed, she would bring them home.

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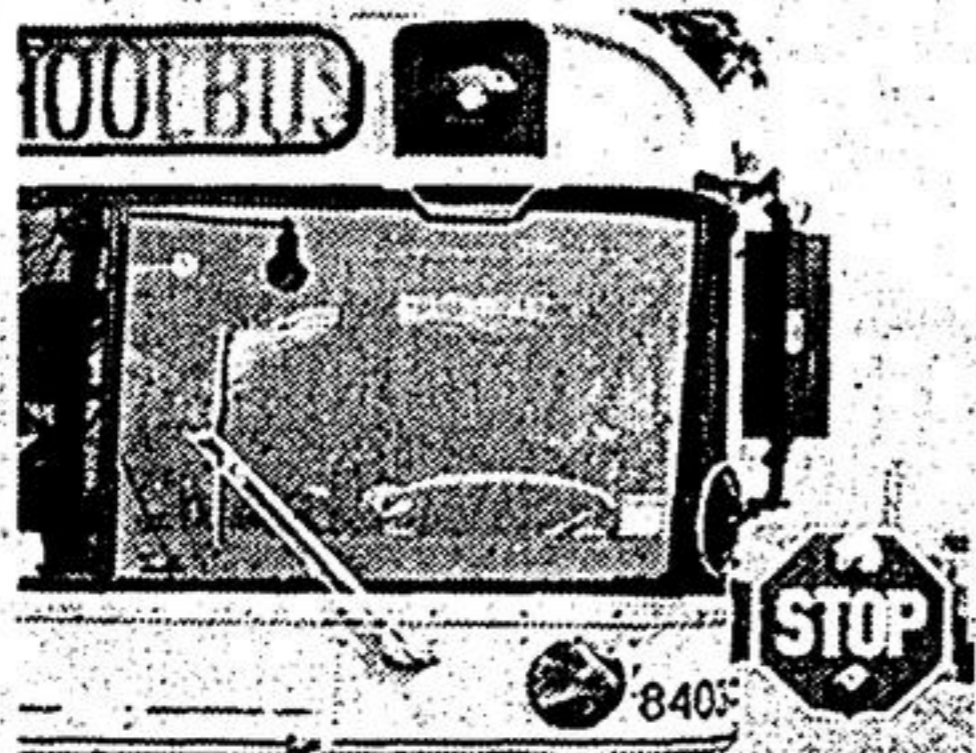
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