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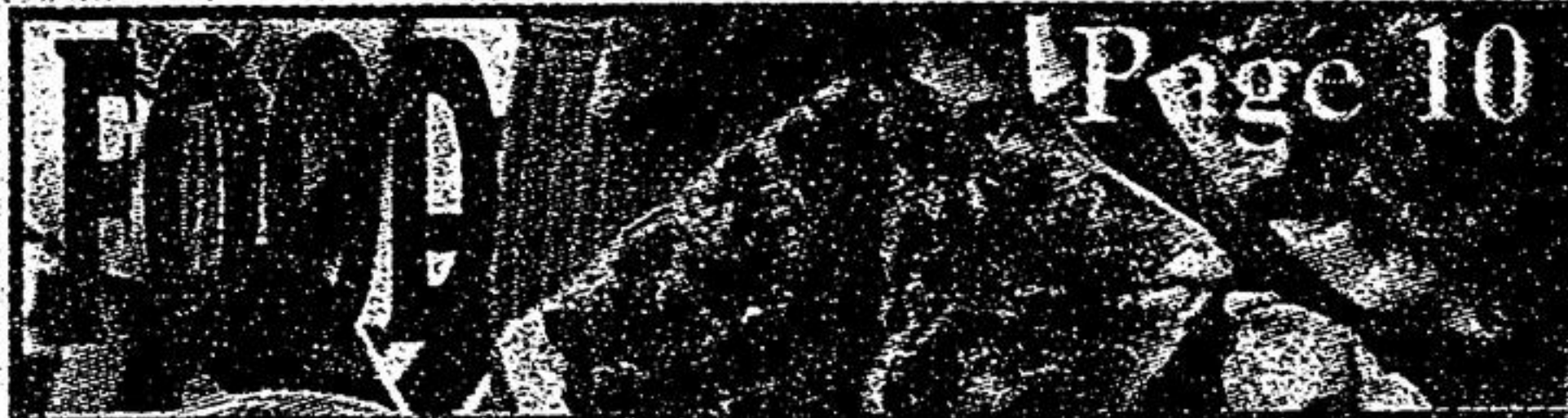
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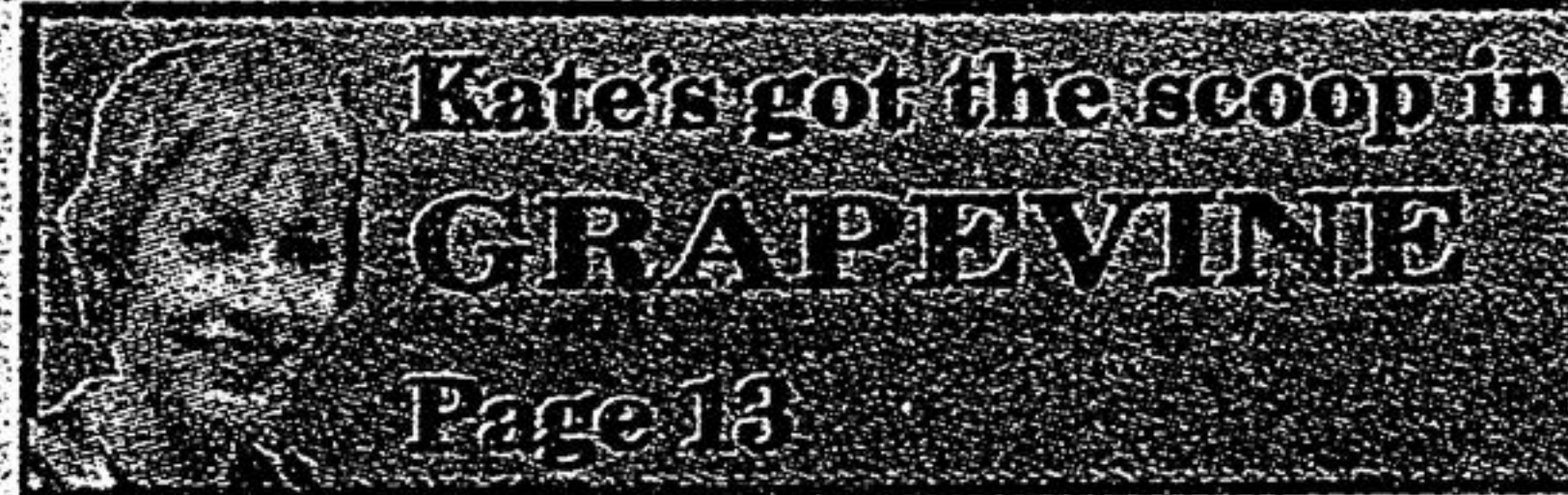
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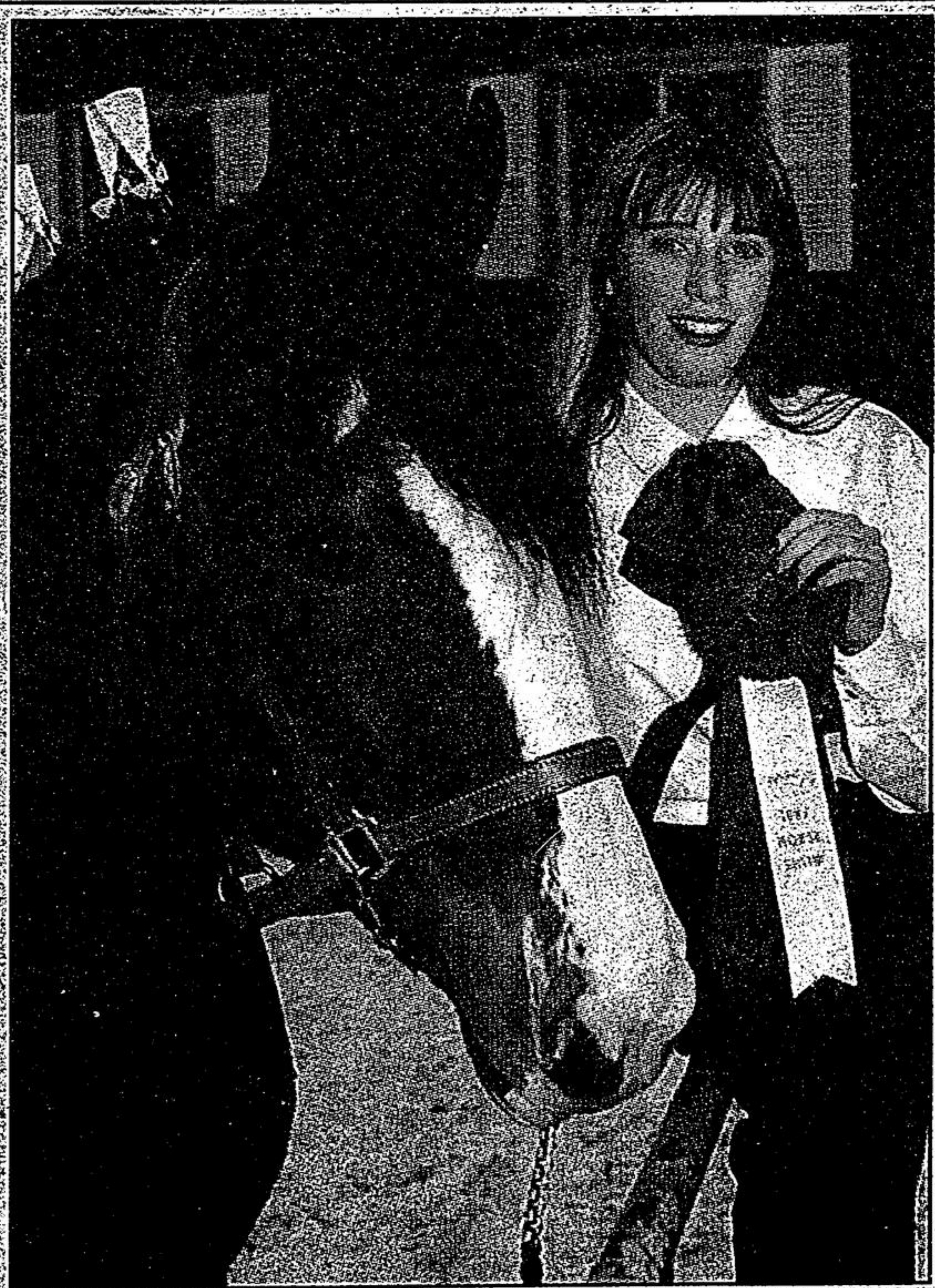
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RIBBON-WRAPPED CANDY: Shannon Hughes, 12, of Roseville, poses with Candy, a magnificent Clydesdale, and the first-place ribbon she received at the 75th Anniversary Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto in the Junior Showmanship category. Shannon is the fifth generation in her family to compete in the Winter Fair. Her father John won a first-place ribbon in 1973 in the Senior Showmanship.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Parents urged to keep up fight against Bill 160

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Correspondent

Stouffville parents will continue to apply pressure to the Ontario government over Bill 160.

Many gathered at last Thursday night's information meeting at the Stouffville Missionary Church told *The Tribune* it was important for the general public to lobby against far too sweeping change.

"I think it's really in the public's hands to show our MPPs what we think about the bill," said Fay Moller, a parent who is an occasional teacher with the York Board.

"One positive thing that came out of the (teacher's) political protest is that it has educated the public."

Linda Hadaway, a Stouffville parent, intends to wage a personal campaign against the bill. "Despite what (Mike) Harris and his majority government feel, it's still a democracy. I can fax my disapproval, I can phone Julia Munro."

She suggested members of the community contact the offices of education minister Dave Johnson and the premier.

"They're going to get lots of messages on their answering machines from me," said Hadaway, who promised parental interest won't diminish just because the schools have reopened.

Steve Curly, a Stouffville resident and a teacher in Scarborough, said he hoped the public could succeed where the teachers couldn't.

"If we're honest, the government really didn't respond to the teacher walk out. It's up to the parents to put pressure on the government to change the bill," Curly said Thursday's meeting was a good beginning.

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"It starts very simply with a meeting in a church basement. It's like the green ribbons, it's symbolic."

Robert Ritchie wasn't so optimistic. He suggested that once the teachers went back to work the battle was lost.

"I don't know if there's anything anyone can do," said the local parent. "I think it's a fait accompli." Ritchie.

Parent-teacher Elaine Osborne advised parents to be determined and innovative in their attempts to secure a copy of the lengthy bill. She said she had to get it off the internet when all other channels either failed or proved costly. She said the teachers gave up two weeks, and it's time for the parents to take over. "It's now the parents' turn to pick up the fight."

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And how was your day? A Stouffville resident was left scratching his head on the weekend. The resident found a vehicle stuck on his property. Further investigation showed that his snowmobile had been taken out of the garage for a spin around his property. The machine was

returned to the garage unharmed. York Regional Police were called to try to piece together the puzzle. Police expect that after the snowmobile ride, the suspect got the car stuck and was forced to flee on foot. The incident remains under police investigation.

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