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**Even experts
get scammed
online**

*Stouffville consultant/dad
offering tips to parents*

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Even someone who helps ensure others don't suffer from online security breaches can get scammed.

Claudiu Popa, president and CEO of Informatica Corp., was texting a friend last week when a message came in from an unknown number. The text included the name of the person's spouse whom he was just texting with, suggesting he click on the shortened URL sent.

He did.

"I sat there in disbelief," said the Stouffville father of four.

"I was just amused that I instinctively clicked on it," Mr. Popa said.

In this case, the URL produced a blank screen. But in some instances, those unsolicited attachments could contain keyloggers that can take over webcams and keyboards.

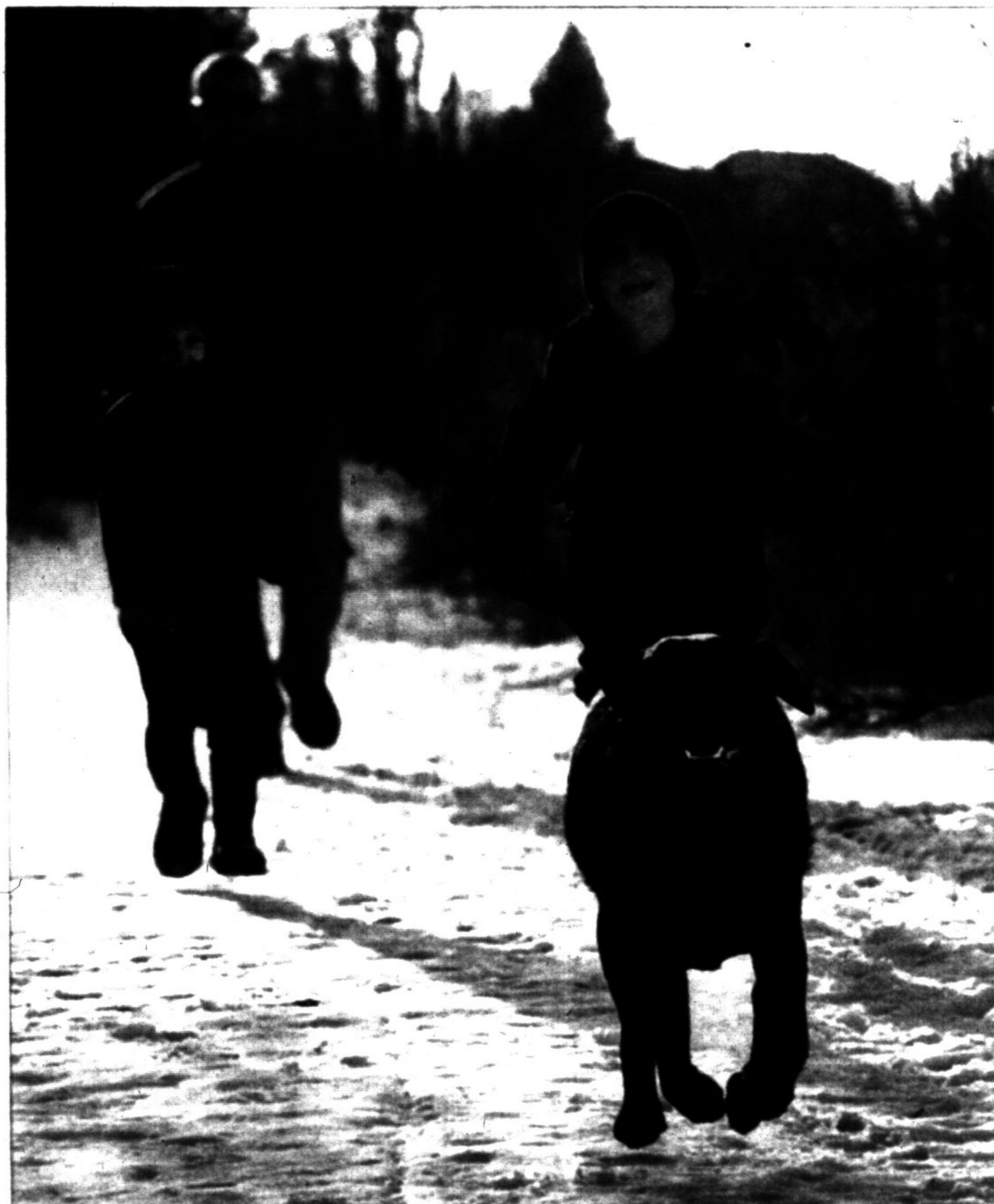
On Jan. 31, Mr. Popa will lead the first of first seminars, at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, geared at online safety.

To-date the library's computers have never been breached.

"Knock on wood," said Catherine Sword, co-ordinator of public services for

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LAB PARTNER



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Max, the black Lab, runs ahead of Steve McDowell and his sons, Patrick (left), 5, and Liam, 8, in Reservoir Park in northern Stouffville Wednesday. With temperatures expected to be well over 0 C today, that snow may not be sticking around.

*High school
teachers
cancel protest*

*Chaos at elementary schools
after strikes ruled illegal*

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High school students who were anticipating a day off Wednesday will need to go to school after all.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation announced yesterday morning a cancellation of the one-day protest planned for Wednesday, following on the heels of the Ontario Labour Relations Board ruling that it would be an illegal strike.

President Ken Coran said his provincial executive has decided to honour the decision.

But that doesn't mean it's business as usual, said local York Region president Colleen Ireland.

"We'll respect the decision that was made, but it's not done. They still need to clean up this mess and chaos."

Yesterday's last-minute cancellation of the elementary teachers' strike left parents fuming and public school teachers facing empty classrooms in the chaotic aftermath.

The York Region public school board treated it as a snow day, since many students could not get to school after buses were cancelled.

Board spokesperson Licinio Miguelo said that with the Ontario Labour Relations Board ruling — that the planned strike would be

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