



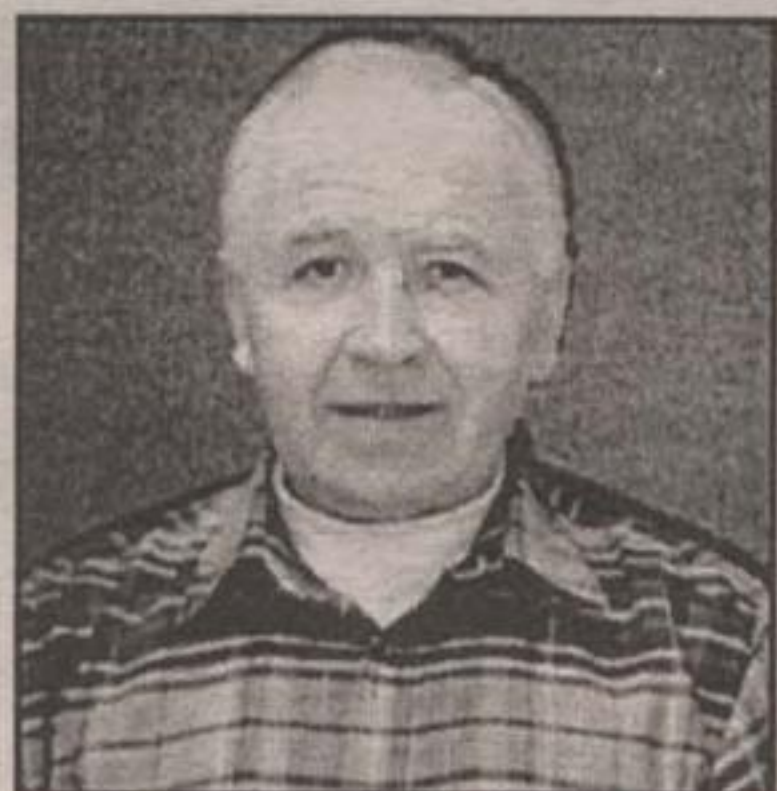
HOW TO HELP: Halton Hills volunteer paramedic Dave Boycott demonstrates how to open an air way with 3rd Acton Guide Jennifer Grierson, 10, as part of the Guides' instruction for their First Aid badges.

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It's terra firma for 'Tweetie' cat

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Tweetie Pie is grounded. Just hours after being rescued from the roof of his neighbour's house at the corner of Willow and River Streets, the silly seven-month-old feline got stuck on his own roof and had to be rescued, yet again. "That's it," exasperated owner Angela MacNeil said on Friday as Tweetie climbed all over the furniture. "My husband said I should declaw him and keep in the house, but I can't do that so until he learns to stay off the roof, he's staying in."

Tweetie became a *cause celebre* in the neighbourhood after he climbed onto the roof and up between two brick chimneys at 20 River Street early on Wednesday morning. Tweetie then became too scared to come down onto the steeply pitched roof.

After several hours on the roof Tweetie's loud insistent meowing, which could be heard as far away as the library, drew a small crowd and numerous suggestions on how to get him down. MacNeil said the fire department refused to come and help because it wasn't an emergency and the animal

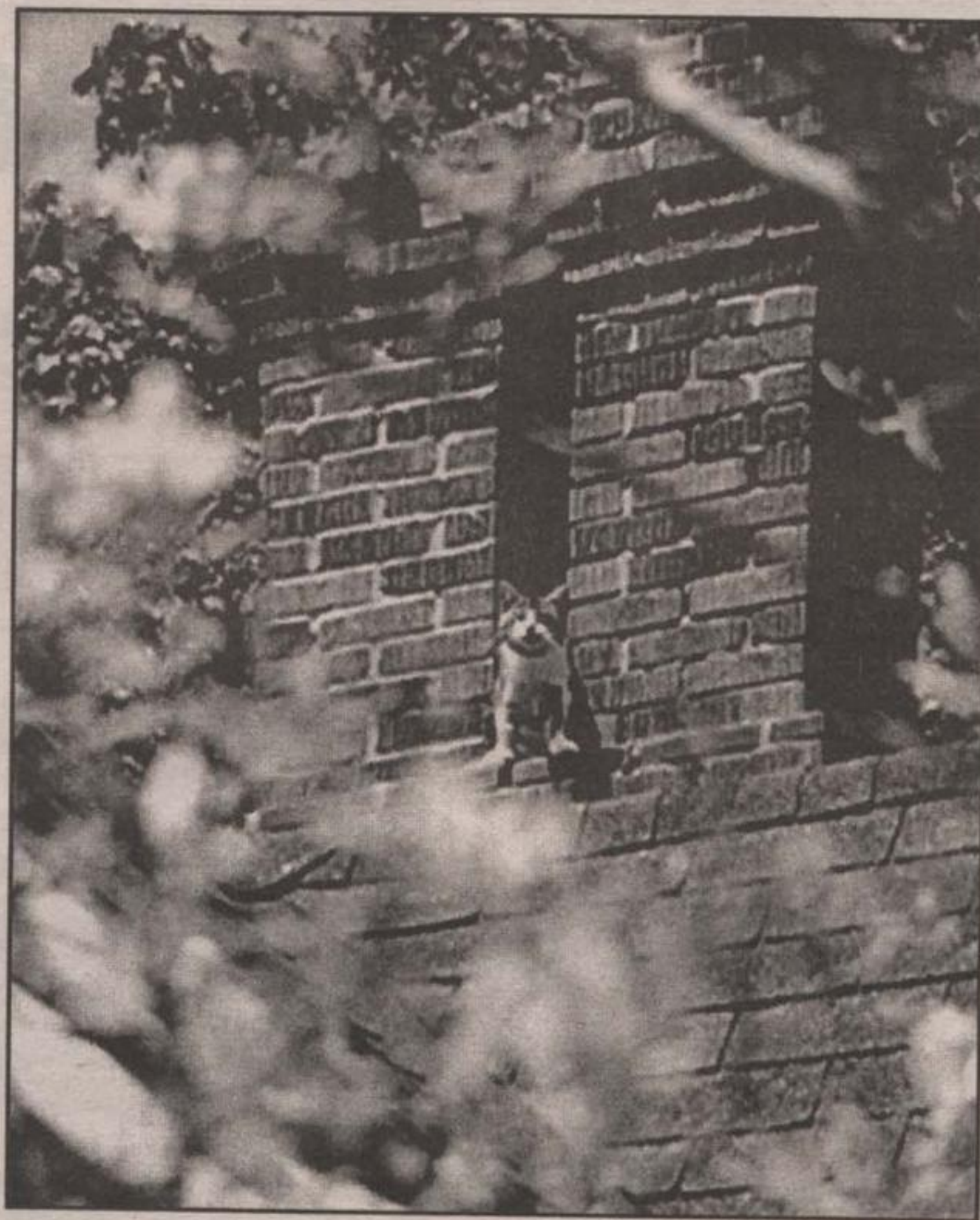
control suggested Tweetie would come down on his own.

Drawn by the cat's cries, Tony Macri, a cat owner and employee of Hy-Grade Roofing Systems who was working on near-by St. Alban's Church came over with his ladder and started to try to rescue Tweetie but Andy Wagner, who was looking after the house for his son, refused to allow Macri to go onto the roof, even after he offered to sign an insurance waiver.

"I walked away with tears in my eyes at that point," MacNeil said. "I understood that it was his property but that was my kitten up there."

Tweetie's plaintive cries could be heard all night Wednesday and all day Thursday until 5:45 p.m. when he was finally rescued by another neighbour, also a cat lover, who wishes to remain anonymous.

"Tweetie came down onto the roof and over to the gutter but wouldn't come any further and this person was able to get on a little peak on the roof and grabbed him," a grateful MacNeil said, adding that Tweetie was hungry and tired, but no worse for his ordeal.



CAT-ASTROPHE: Tweetie, a seven-month-old kitty, spent a day-and-a-half marooned by fear on the chimney of a house at the Corner of Willow and River Streets. Tweetie was finally coaxed down by a neighbour, but not before roofer Tony Macri (left) and James Wright, employees of Hy-Grade Roofing Systems who were working in the area, volunteered to rescue Tweetie. Their offer was refused by the owner of the home who was worried about being sued. - Ted Tyler photos

Local drivers lucky after head-on crash

Two local residents are lucky to be alive after a head-on car crash Friday morning on Highway 7 between Dublin Line and Highway 25.

Paul Brisley of Rockwood and Helen Klemencic of Acton were both trapped in their vehicles following the crash, but both were released from hospital on the weekend.

"They are both very

lucky," explained Cambridge OPP Constable Hank Ysinga on Sunday. "Mr. Brisley made an evasive move which basically caused both the right, or passenger side corners, to impact. Both drivers were alone in their cars so the passenger areas took most of the hit."

Constable Ysinga said Klemencic was westbound on Highway 7 when she allegedly crossed into eastbound traffic and came in collision with Brisley's car, a 1988 Dodge Omni, which was demolished in the crash. Klemencic's 1992 Nissan was also extensively damaged.

Brisley is married to Robert Little Kindergarten teacher Carol Black and initially it was thought that Black was involved in the crash because a fellow teacher saw her mangled car at the side of the road, not knowing Black and her husband had traded vehicles that morning.

The investigation continues and no charges have been laid at this point.

Library not to block Internet users' access

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Acton councillor Norm Elliott, council's representative on the Library Board, supports the decision not to try to block or censor information available on the Internet via computers in the local libraries.

"It's a tough situation because there are legitimate

uses for some material on the Internet that some parents might not want their children to see," Elliott explained in an interview on Friday.

"It would be much better if whatever was on the screen was somehow purged prior to anybody else coming along who may be offended," Elliott said, noting the days of censorship when Acton librarians would refuse to allow children to check out books that they felt were "too mature" are long gone. "The Board had a long discussion on this issue because it's very difficult to bring in any blocking or filtering program that's selective enough without going too far the other way," Elliott said.

There are four computer terminals with Internet access, one at the Acton library and three in Georgetown.

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