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### NEWS AT A GLANCE

#### Man charged

■ A Georgetown man was charged with breach of probation and causing a disturbance after Halton Police were called to a large house party at Sinclair Rd. and Calvert Dr. Saturday morning. Charged is Derrick Elliott, 19, of Norton Cr.

#### Charges laid

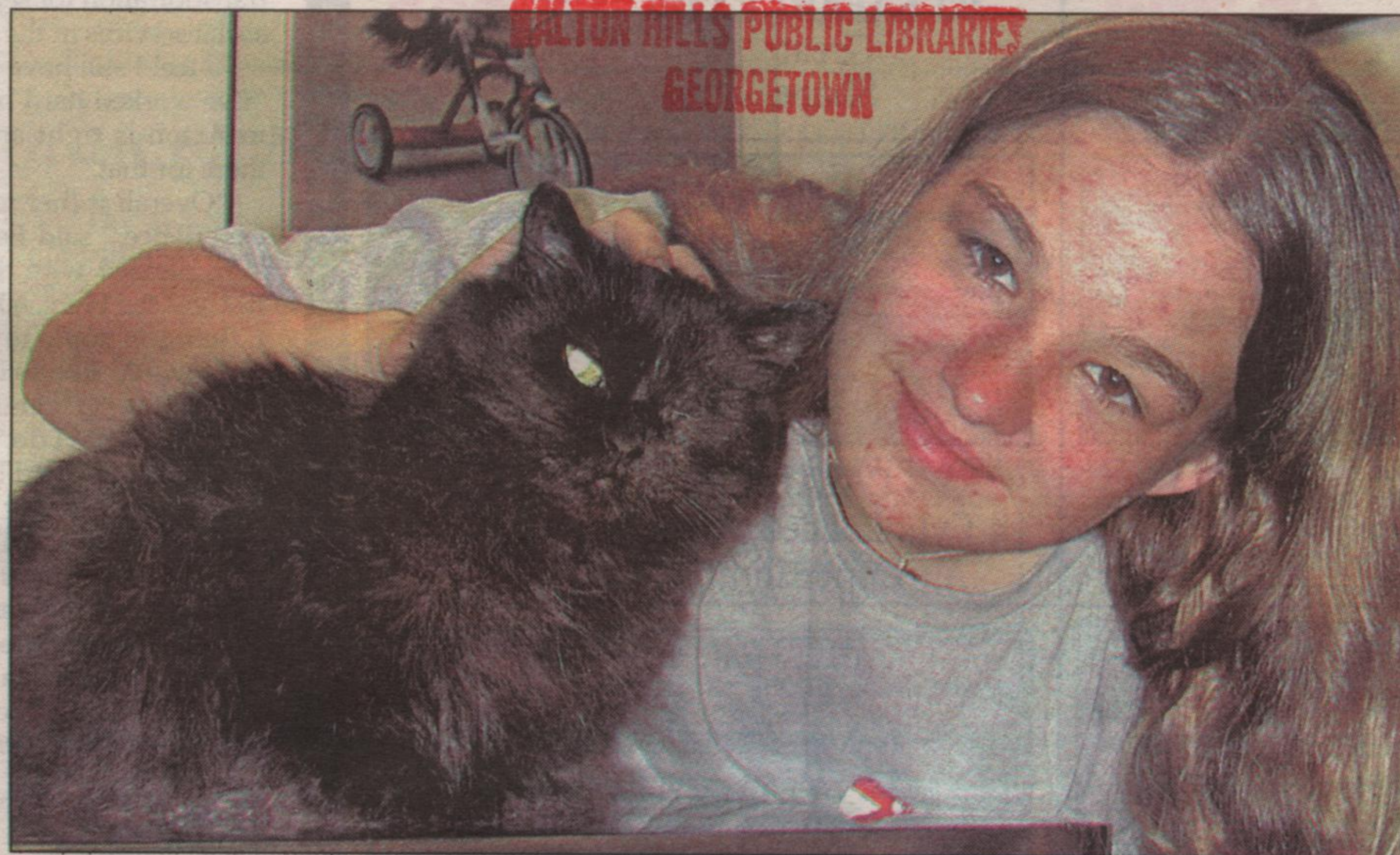
■ An Acton man was charged with mischief and being intoxicated in a public place after a window was kicked in at a Churchill Rd. S. apartment Saturday night. Charged is Jason McConnell, 19, of Churchill Rd. S.

#### Marijuana found

■ A Georgetown man was charged with possession of a controlled substance after police stopped a vehicle at Main St. and Maple Ave. Wednesday morning and found a small bag of marijuana. Charged is Robin Creary, 22, of Main St. N.

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Sarah Rosenmeier was shocked when she learned her cat Blackie had been shot in the eye with an air rifle. An Acton vet removed a pellet but the cat's eye was so badly damaged it had to be removed. The cat's owners have offered a \$100 reward to anyone who can tell them who shot their cat. Halton Police report the penalty for cruelty or causing injury to animals can result in a maximum six-month jail term and \$500 fine.

Photo by Ted Brown

### Cat owner shocked to find timid pet shot in the eye

A cat in Acton had to have an eye removed after it was shot with an air rifle.

Sarah Rosenmeier said she was shocked when she returned to her grandmother's Dairy Dr. Acton home last Sunday night and found her cat Blackie's eye hanging out.

She took the cat to the Acton Veterinary Clinic Monday morning and learned Tuesday veterinarian Dr. Stephen Hess had retrieved a pellet from her cat's eye.

"The eye was shattered," said Hess. "The lens had been torn out of the eye."

"I was in shock," said Rosenmeier, 18. "I thought, my God, who would do something like this." She said the cat is very timid and generally stays around her grandmother's house.

She reported the shooting to both Halton Police and the Humane Society.

The cat, who went home from the clinic Wednesday, is doing fine and Hess said

she's expected to make a full recovery.

Hess said animals who have been shot are often brought to his clinic.

"It's not rare."

Anyone with information on the incident should call Const. Trent Chalkey of Halton Police at 878-5511 ext. 2105. Rosenmeier said the family is also offering a \$100 reward to anyone who can tell them who shot their cat. Call 853-1952.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

### Fate of extracurriculars not in jeopardy... yet

Teachers' union officials are leaving the decision to participate in extracurricular activities in the hands of the teachers.

"What (teachers) in Halton have been instructed to do is make an individual decision based on their workload," said Larry Chud, president of the Ontario

Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 20 (Halton).

However, Chud said, judging by concerns raised at a meeting Wednesday night, he can see fewer teachers volunteering for extracurriculars.

"You can't keep cutting teachers and adding on time and expect it to be busi-

ness as usual," he said. "6.67 (hours of teaching time per day) is a significant workload and if you do that something has to give."

Dave Boycott, head of physical education at Acton High School, said the school's staff is meeting Monday night

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