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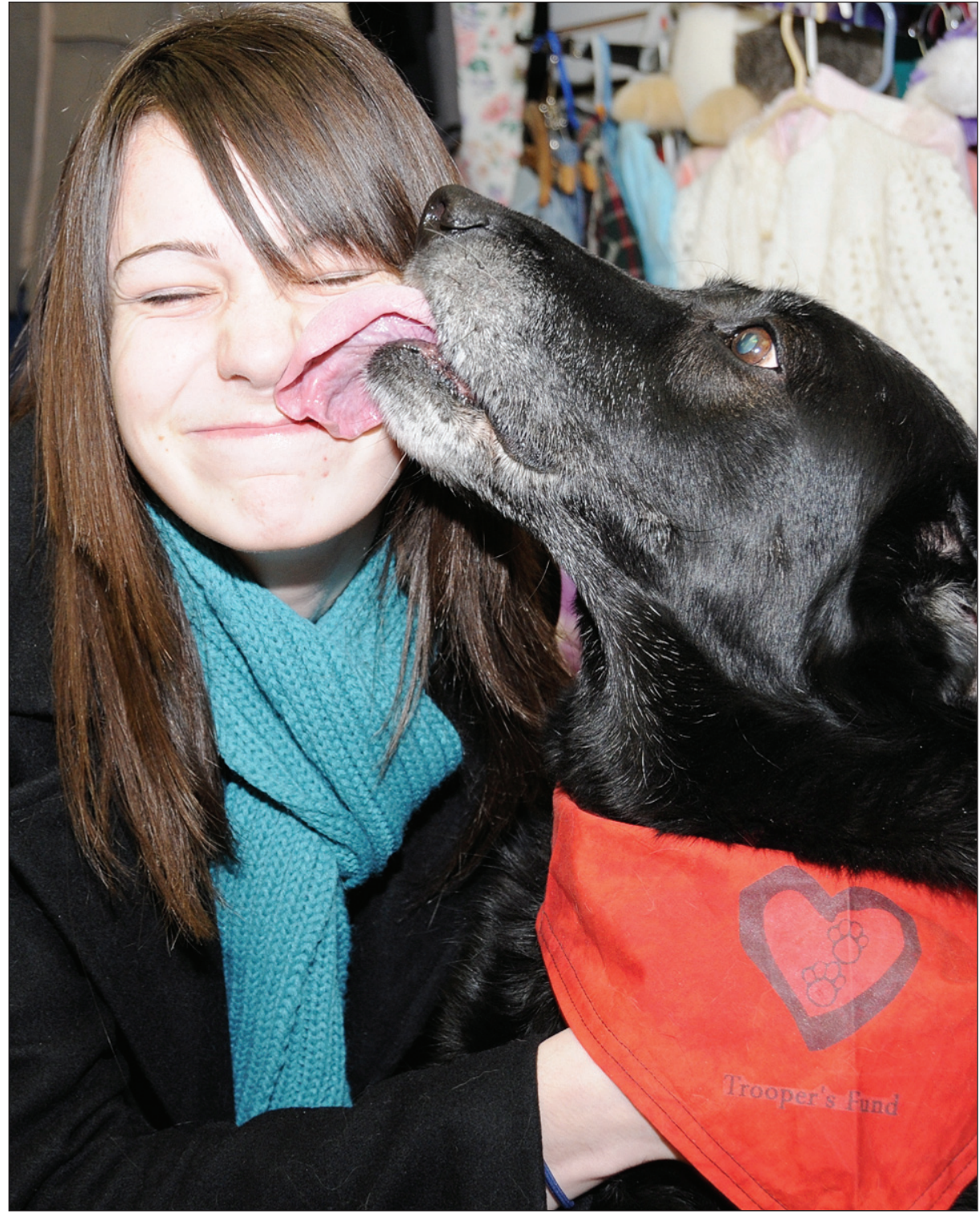
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FRIDAY...

A Georgetown man is back home after reaching the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro. For details on his adventure see Friday's edition.

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A girl's best friend

Emily Wilson, 14, is reunited with Trooper for the first time since Trooper was adopted last June. Diane Wilson, Emily's mother, was the Upper Credit Humane Society officer who rescued Trooper after the severely malnourished stray was found last year. The Wilsons fostered Trooper until he was well enough to be adopted out. Emily and Trooper were on hand for Saturday's first year anniversary celebration of the UCHS's Thrift Store located in Moore Park Plaza. A fund to help other animals was started in Trooper's name.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

Hide House files for bankruptcy protection

EAMONN MAHER
Staff Writer

Acton's famous olde Hide House and its two other Toronto-area retail locations are undergoing a financial re-organization this week as a result of "negative business variables" during the fall of 2007.

President John Brison said Tuesday morning that the doors for the three outlets will remain open for now as the North York-based firm Danbury Sales conducts a liquidation clearance of inventory.

The Hide House has filed a Notice of Intention as part of a proposal to its creditors under the Bankruptcy & Insolvency Act, citing mild fall weather, a strong Canadian dollar and "softer traffic levels" at its King St. West operation in Toronto and a newly-opened showroom in Vaughan for the decision.

"Our core business, which is leather fashion-related goods, has a short season, and the extremely warm weather in October that affected all of our stores didn't provide the natural incentive to buy those items as they have in the past," said Brison.

"Another phenomenon was the strength of our dollar. We saw cross-border shopping like we've never seen before, and along with the increased overheads stemming from our expansion, it created a perfect storm of factors that really blindsided us. We certainly are going to do everything in our power to continue to make our business viable and promote that it's worth the drive to Acton. If we didn't do this now and weren't pro-active in trying to re-organize our finances, See STORE'S, pg. 3

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