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Kitten found frozen in snowbank improving

'Bill' will likely lose tail, parts of ears

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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A young cat was rescued from a snowbank just in the nick of time, with all of its nine lives intact, thanks to a Good Samaritan.

The cat has been in the care of the Ballantrae Plaza Veterinarian Clinic, where staffers have named him Bill, since last week.

Bill will likely lose parts of his ears and tail to frostbite, veterinary technician Joanne Whiteley said. The backs of the animal's hind legs were also frozen and it has lost its fur there.

The red tabby cat, which is probably under a year old, was rescued by one of the clinic's clients on Conc 3 in Uxbridge, just east of Stouffville.

Animal lover Gerri Robertson knows about cats and winter. She takes care of a colony of about 30 feral cats in the Ballantrae area, feeding them, giving them water and providing them with insulated shelters.

The Ballantrae clinic helps when her charges need veterinary care and have aided in rehabilitating wild creatures.

The cat found in the snowbank was likely someone's pet, Ms. Robertson said, since it was so friendly with people.

When the cat was first brought to the clinic, it was unconscious and its temperature was so low it didn't register on the

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POLICE INVESTIGATE RECOVERY OF MISSING RR 4, LETTERS, PACKAGES

YOU'VE GOT MAIL - 7 YEARS LATE

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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It sounds like a stunt ripped straight from an episode of Seinfeld.

Letters from Revenue Canada and bills were part of the mail dating back to 2000 and 2001 delivered to residents on the RR 4 Stouffville postal route this month.

The old letters and parcels include hydro and other utility bills,

notices informing drivers turning 80 they have to go for re-testing and letters from family and friends.

The area affected is from Stouffville Road to Aurora Road and from Hwy 48 to Warden Avenue.

One resident, Dave Probert, received nine pieces of mail, including a hydro bill and letter from Revenue Canada.

Norma Humphrey at Al's Tack Shop received a dozen letters one

day, including a parcel sent in 2000, and another handful of letters a second day. Some were for other family members and former tenants.

Jean Anderson received six letters sent in 2001.

Mr. Probert has met with Oak Ridges-Markham MP Lui Temelkovski, who will take the matter up with Canada Post in the next few weeks.

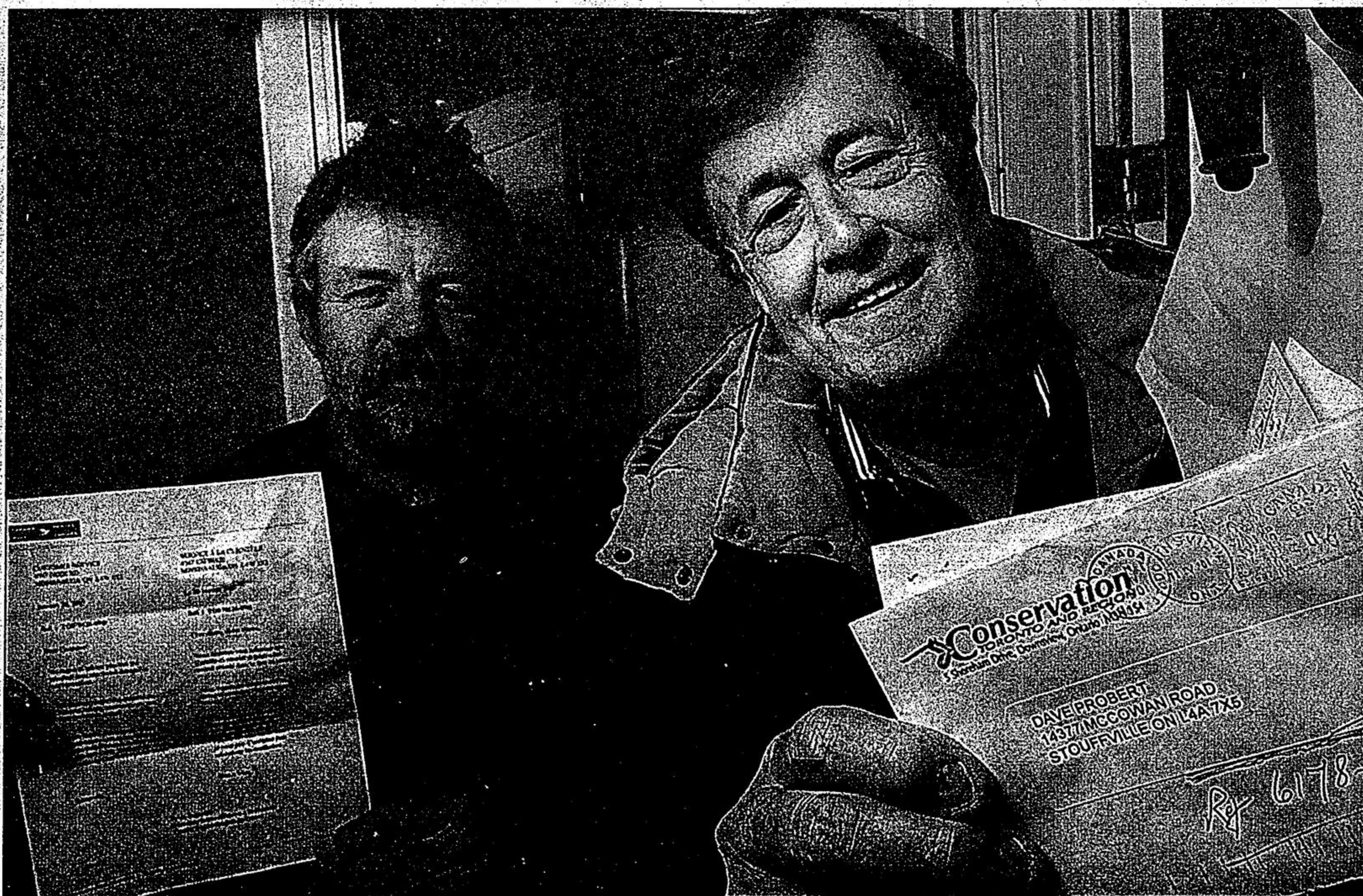
Residents were told five bags of missing mail were found in a home, Mr. Probert said.

"I am waiting for Canada Post to be up front," he said.

In the Seinfeld episode, Newman hoards mail in Kramer's storage bin, only to have it delivered late by Jerry.

On Monday, about a week and a

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Hugo Kroon (left) holds an apology from Canada Post while Dave Probert shows a letter from his mailbox postmarked 2001. Several RR 4 residents received mail that was six and seven years old this month.

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