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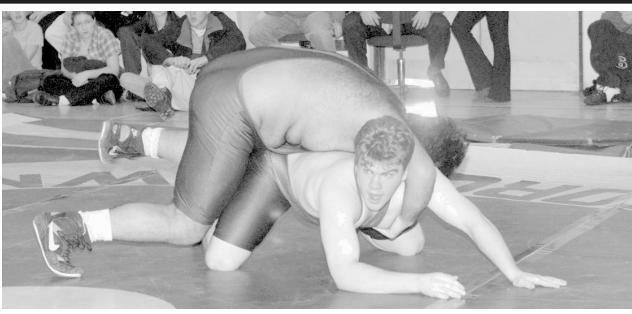
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#### 1997...in the news

- In October teachers in Halton Hills joined their counterparts across the province on the picket line for an illegal strike to protest the Ontario government's Bill
- In November picket lines remained outside of schools after an Ontario court judge ruled against giving the provincial government an injunction to force teachers back to work.
- In November Marilyn Serjeantson won the mayor's race beating out Councillor Al Cook and Dr. Len Landry.
- In November it was announced Georgetown Hospital would amalgamate with Peel Memorial and Etobicoke General Hospital maintaining all of its present services.
- In December two lawsuits— totaling \$8.25 million— which had been hanging over the heads of some councillors, the mayor and Town were settled. The lawsuits were launched by Equity Waste Management and Panorama Investment Group Ltd. after council passed an interim control bylaw freezing development in the Hwy. 401/Steeles Ave. corridor.
- Halton Hills's oldest living resident Gilbert English, 105, died in April.



Flying high at the Cedarvale Park toboggan run



**Kenny Arm**strong of the Georgetown Rebels wrestling team tries to figure a way out of a difficult situation



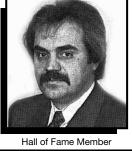
Town employees Kathy Levere and Leesa Emmerson get in the Halloween spirit



Sparks fly at the Georgetown **District High School Tech Olympics** 

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- An Ontario Court of Appeal decision in October dismissed an earlier court ruling that the 1994 Town Council acted in bad faith when it temporarily froze development in the Hwy. 401-Steeles Ave. corridor.
- In November three of the five union leaders representing just under half of the 126,000 striking Ontario teachers announced they were ending the strike and sending their members back to the classroom.
- Three young Georgetown siblings who wandered into Hungry Hollow ravine to build a fort were found wet, cold, tired and mosquito-bitten eight hours later by four Georgetown youths in June.
- In April, Georgetown Hospital's only obstetrician, Dr. Raj Ramanna, gave notice he will withdraw his services from the hospital as of June 30.
- Julian Reed was re-elected for a second straight term as Halton's MP in June.
- Smokers in Georgetown Market Place will have to butt out beginning April 1.
- It was reported in February that Neilson Dairy would close its Georgetown plant in March, 1998 affecting approximately 100 full-time employees.



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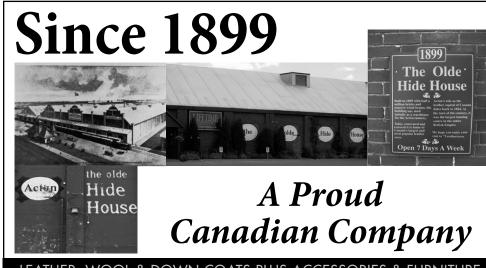
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