## The Independent 1999

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## 1999...in the news

- The Ontario Municipal Board gave draft approval to a 250-home Great Gulf subdivision on the north side of 15 Sideroad west of Eighth Line in January.
- Halton Hills Council chambers overflowed with residents opposed to the redesignation of about 340 acres of Georgetown South lands from industrial to residential at an OMB hearing in February. The OMB later ruled in favour of the redesignation.
- A new leisure indoor pool and the twining of Gordon Alcott Arena were two recommendations in the draft Major Indoor Facility Study released in March.
- Two Georgetown men, one 20 the other 18, were charged in April with arson causing bodily harm in conjunction with the \$1 million fire that gutted Halton Hills IGA and injured a firefighter in January. A Halton Hills firefighter broke his leg while fighting the blaze.
- The Independent & Free Press combined its current Friday and Sunday edition in April into one bigger, better Weekend edition
- Six homes under construction on Russell St. were destroyed by fire in July. Damage was estimated at \$360,000.



Welcoming May's weather with some rollerblading



Opening the diagnostic imaging unit at Georgetown Hospital





automobile accidents are a regular part of news coverage as evidenced by these crashes in Norval (top left) in May and at Guelph and Mill Streets in June (left)

Unfortunately



GDHS Rebels take on E.C. Drury in softball action

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- Three young men- one of them a 19year-old from Georgetown- died after the car they were in struck two horses in the middle of 17 Sideroad in July.
- A Brampton farm labourer was killed by lightning during an intense storm in July after seeking shelter under a large, old maple tree at Andrew's Scenic Acres.
- Halton Police seized about \$1 million worth of marijuana plants in Halton Hills in August after surveying the rural area of Halton from a helicopter the Service was leasing.
- Halton Hills Council voted unanimously in September to go ahead with a \$10 million leisure centre and arena addition but some objected to it being located in Georgetown South.
- A taxicab crashed through the front window of Craig's Photo on Guelph St. in November. The cab driver, a Georgetown man, was pronounced dead at Georgetown Hospital. The store's owner, the only person in the store, wasn't injured.
- An Edith St. home was featured on the box of Noma icicle lights for sale during the 1999 Christmas season.

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