

## 2000...in the news

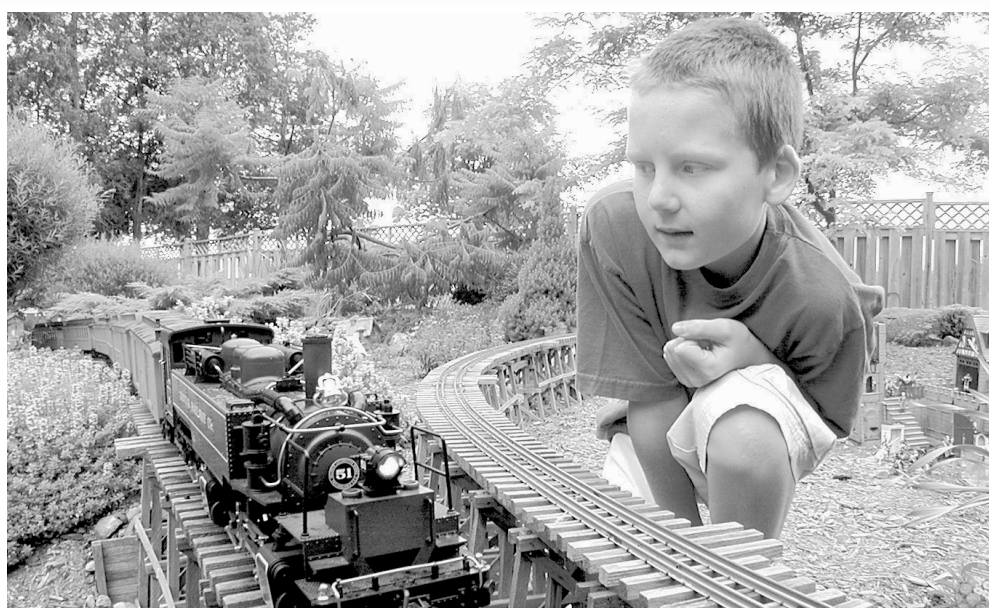
• Fears of the Millenium bug causing havoc with world-wide computer systems prove ungrounded... although the Catholic school board had janitors on call at midnight...just in case.

• The Independent & Free Press began the new millennium in new quarters—Georgetown Market Place. The 26-member staff moved from its Armstrong Ave. location into the 3,600 sq. office in the mall. In April the newspaper was named best in its class at the 1999 Ontario Community Newspaper Association Awards.

• The extension of Hall Rd. to Tenth Line as a possible Norval bypass was eliminated by Halton Region on its list of preferred alternatives in May.

• In May, Melanie Jans won the Canadian Women's Squash Championship for the second time.

• Police were investigating a possible link to biker gangs in connection with a powerful bomb that was found in a newspaper box on Guelph St. in July. The bomb was picked up unwittingly by a driver for the Toronto Sun who discovered it later in the day at his Guelph home. Waterloo Police Explosive Disposal Unit rendered the bomb inoperable.



Bryce Burrows liked the trains during the Horticultural Society's garden tour



Raising the roof during a barn move



Learning to skate can be a challenge

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• Halton Hills Bulldogs won the Blair Trophy for the second time in five years in July.

• The Canadian Cancer Society's Ontario Division announced in August it would close the Society's Georgetown office. A Save the Georgetown Cancer Society Office campaign was started by The Independent & Free Press, asking residents who wanted the office to remain open to fill out a ballot and drop it off at the newspaper.

• About 200 Georgetown District High School students protested the absence of some extracurricular activities due to the ongoing dispute between teachers and the Province outside the school in October.

• With just 500 votes between them Kathy Gastle won the mayor's seat ousting incumbent Marilyn Serjeantson in November.

• Halton MP incumbent Julian Reed coasted to an easy win in the federal election in November.

• Longtime Councillor Kathy Gastle announced her intention in June to seek the Mayor's job, citing a need for new and stronger leadership.



Left: Getting an eyeful while painting a mural downtown

Below: North Halton rugby action



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