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## 1996...in the news

- Funding cuts at Georgetown Hospital translated into six to eight layoffs it was reported in March.
- Extensive layoff notices were handed out by the Halton Board of Education in March. In June the Board confirmed that all 192 elementary teachers and 268 of the 380 secondary teachers had their notices rescinded.
- Halton Regional Council voted in May to redistribute the number of seats on Council, reducing Halton Hills representatives from five to three.
- After six years in operation, the Love in Christ Food Bank closed in June due to the fact not enough food and money donations were coming in.
- Wastewise marked its fifth birthday in June. Its education and waste diversion goals were being met without government subsidy.
- In June Kleinburg graphic artist Vida Skilandziunas came up with the winning design of the town's new logo.
- Halton Hills will join Milton and northern Oakville and Burlington in a new Halton federal riding for the next federal election it was announced in July.



Releasing a wild turkey for repopulation



St. Francis of Assisi students bury a time capsule



arttown Public School science fair



front page photo



Ghana dancers hit the JET stage

## 1996...in the news

- In July a maintenance worker with the Town saw a large six-foot snake, which may have been a boa constrictor or python, in Cedarvale Park near the Region of Halton water well.
- Colleen Brown of Georgetown is attempting to open a new food bank in town and hopes to open in September.
- A pipe bomb was found outside a Prince Charles Dr. home in September. The residents of the home initially thought it was a child's toy and didn't contact police for about a day after it was discovered.
- Halton Police and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office were investigating several suspicious fires including a barn fire on Winston Churchill Blvd. in Halton Hills in November.
- Halton Hills Council gave the thumbs up in December to a master plan concept of the Dominion Gardens lands, which will include a park, a Catholic high school, a fire station, retail section and town homes and apartments.
- Ballinafad resident Gloria Buckley won four Chrysler vehicles in a Chrysler/Toronto Star contest which drew 300,000 entries from across Canada.

