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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Face drug charges

■ Two Halton Hills residents face drug charges after Halton police searched a home on the Fifth Line Thursday (April 24) night.

Charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and cultivation of a narcotic are a 25-year-old man, and a 27-year-old woman.

Police say after obtaining a search warrant to enter the home officers of Halton's Drug and Morality Bureau went in at about 9:30 p.m. Thursday. They found a sophisticated hydroponic marijuana growing operation in the house, and found another hydroponic setup in a warehouse on the property. Police seized 817 marijuana plants, with a possible street value of \$135,000, along with \$15,000 in growing equipment.

The two charged are to appear in Milton court on June 9.

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## This one didn't get away



There will be no stories about the one that got away for Ryan Nolan. The 13-year-old started the trout fishing season off in a big way by hauling in this 15-pound, 31-inch rainbow trout in the Credit River in Norval. Nolan, using salmon roe bags for bait, made his big catch around 1 p.m. Saturday—13 hours after trout season opened. It obviously wasn't bad luck.  
Photo by Herb Garbutt

## Town's only obstetrician gone June 30

Georgetown's only obstetrician/gynecologist has given notice to Georgetown Hospital he is withdrawing his services from the hospital as of June 30.

The hospital's chief executive officer Ron Noble said the hospital received written confirmation of Dr. Raj Ramanna's intentions on Tuesday, April 8. Despite repeated attempts to reach Ramanna he was not available for comment at press time.

Noble said the hospital is working with a recruitment firm to replace Ramanna and the firm has identified several candidates for the position.

He said since the Health Services Restructuring Commission is attempting to co-ordinate and integrate health services in the province, the hospital won't interview any candidates until the commission's initial report, which will define the long-term role of the hospital, has been received. The report is expected some time in June.

Among the recommendations contained in the hospital's proposal to the commission was that the hospital continues to provide low risk birthing and newborn care.

Since the interviews won't start until after the report is issued the hospital could be without an obstetrician/gynecologist for a period of time. The unit was closed for six weeks before Dr. Ramanna came to town in August 1994. Until Dr. Ramanna leaves it will be business as usual in the hospital's obstetrics department. Ramanna is not the only doctor who delivers babies at Georgetown Hospital. Six other doctors combined deliver about one-third of the babies born there, while Ramanna does about two-thirds of the deliveries.

Noble said the hospital board will be discussing how to handle the situation at a board meeting Thursday night. The obstetrics unit could be closed for a while or it could remain open with family practitioner support.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



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