



## 1993: School board eliminates 200 jobs

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*Cambridge archivist Jim Quantrell takes our readers back for a glance at events which occurred 10, 15 and 20 years ago.*

### EVENTS FROM 20 YEARS AGO

#### ***Second week of August 1988***

Representatives from the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) and Thomasfield Homes were to meet to discuss various options and to possibly find an amicable solution to the controversy swirling around the designation of the Stirling Macgregor home on St. Andrew's Street. Stirling Macgregor had initiated the designation process shortly before his death in 1982. Following his death the designation was put on hold at the request of lawyers for the estate while the estate was settled. Through Mr. Macgregor's will ownership of the house was transferred to a nephew and his wife who lived out of town. Initially the couple considered moving into the house but job considerations and the estimated \$200,000 costs of rehabilitating the house led them to abandon those plans. When Thomasfield Homes came along with an offer to purchase the property an agreement to sell was quickly reached. Thomasfield planned to demolish the house and replace it with a number of townhouse units. When LACAC became aware of these plans the designation process was reactivated and council voted to designate the property a day before a public meeting on the developer's zone change application for the property was to be held.

### EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO

#### ***Second week of August 1993***

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In order to meet its social contract obligations of savings amounting to \$14.8 million the Waterloo County Board of Education announced it would be eliminating 200 jobs through attrition and an early retirement incentive plan and would freeze staff wages. The city administration announced that it had also reached agreements with the firefighters and transit unions. Since these agreements still had to be ratified by the union members and by council few details were available. It was expected that deals with other city workers represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) would be completed soon.

### EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

#### ***Second week of August 1998***

Crime Stoppers joined forces with aviation enthusiasts and "agriculturists" in an effort to find marijuana plants that might be growing in farmers' fields. As participants in Operation Pot Spot they were searching cornfields, wooded areas and the banks of streams and rivers for the illegal crops.

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