



Eleventh hour big to save hospital

Jim Quantrell, At A Glance

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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.

20 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of Nov. 1989

A Cambridge citizens' group made a dramatic eleventh hour bid to save the city's first hospital building from destruction. City council was scheduled to meet in special session to consider new evidence related to the historic significance of the former Eventide Retirement Home on St. Andrews Street. The vacant property, owned by the Salvation Army, was to be demolished to allow for the erection of a proposed new condominium complex.

15 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of Nov. 1994

A group of certified instructors took steps to voice their opposition to a proposed change in the operation of the Cambridge YMCA. The Y's board of directors had decided to change the policy of providing YMCA memberships for some qualified instructors as a benefit for volunteering to lead fitness and other classes. The move was motivated by a desire to return to "pure volunteerism" where a volunteer contributed his/her services to an organization without expecting or receiving any form of compensation. The volunteer committee at the local YMCA did not agree with this move and asked the volunteer instructors to withdraw their services for the better part of a week.

10 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of Nov. 1999

The provincial government publically apologized to the "hundreds of women" who suffered abuse at the former Grandview Training School for Girls. The apology officially closed the province's books on the Grandview case and was the final commitment for provincial officials to fulfill under an agreement with Grandview survivors. In their statement, provincial officials noted that the "Grandview survivors suffered physical, sexual and psychological abuse at the hands of the staff who were entrusted with their care".

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