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**PUT IT THERE:** Walter Gretzky, Canada's most famous hockey dad, was at the Loblaw Superstore Saturday signing autographs and meeting hockey fans as a fundraiser for the New Life Church's new youth centre currently under construction. Here, Gretzky gets a high-five from one-year-old Emma Simonetti after autographing a card for her.

## Year in Review

# No doubt 2007 rich in local news

The past 12 months have held no shortage of controversy, change and unusual circumstances for local residents. In other words, it was another news-rich year for Milton.

Here, in chronological order (as much as possible) are the top events that made the biggest headlines.

### Rash of robberies hit Milton

The year began with a series of robberies at

local convenience stores and gas stations. A total of six occurred in 2007's first month, with the most serious resulting in an employee being pistol-whipped at Sam's Store. The rash prompted many store owners to either close early or take extra precautions, as well as appeal to area politicians for assistance. In March police charged a Milton teen in connection with two of the robberies, including the pistol-whipping incident.

### Controversy continues for MP

To say it was another memorable year for Halton MP Garth Turner would be putting it mildly. On the heels of being turfed by the Conservative party for what was deemed a breach of confidentiality with his controversial Internet blog, the always outspoken politician joined the Liberals in February —

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# Arrest in bank robbery

*Man arrested at his home in Toronto*

A Toronto man was arrested at his home last Friday in connection with the recent robbery of a Steeles Avenue bank.

On December 15, shortly after 11:30 a.m., a man entered the Royal Bank in the Milton Crossroads plaza and waited patiently in line while other customers were served, police said.

When it was his turn, he approached the teller, indicated he was armed and demanded money. He was given an undisclosed amount and he fled on foot.

A 49-year-old man has been charged with robbery.

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Signed "Snowytwohoes" (black & white 2 year old female feline)

Dear Snowytwohoes, Absolutely darlin' sgirl. That stuff is deadly. One lick could be fatal. Dogs and cats, not to mention human kids can become very sick, or even die from drinking it. It has an attractive sweetish taste. Just tell your humans to use it carefully, wipe up spills, secure the cap, and keep it in a secure cupboard. Keep safe all of you.

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