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2010 in review

Another news-rich year in growing town

The past 12 months have held no shortage of controversy, tragedy 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.

Big year for Raitt

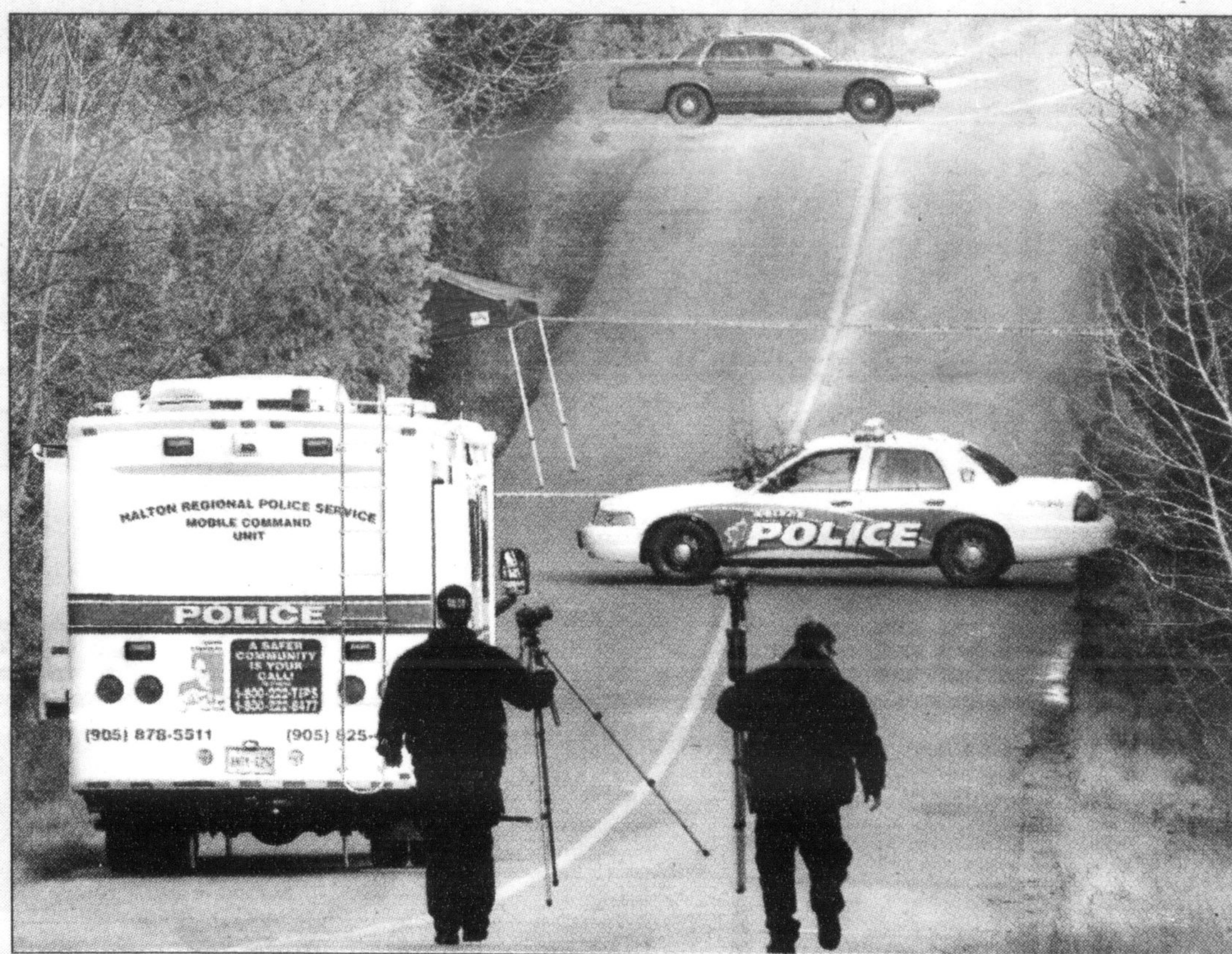
It was another notable year for Halton MP Lisa Raitt. She began 2010 by being moved out of her post as Canada's Minister of Natural Resources to the more minor role of Minister of Labour as part of a small cabinet shuffle in January. On a more positive note in May, Raitt was cleared by Parliament's conflict of interest and ethics commissioner of allegations of wrongdoing concerning a fundraiser held in September 2009. Despite a challenging first term in federal politics, Raitt said she intends to run again in the next election.

Milton loses prominent citizens

Milton bid farewell to some prominent residents over the past year, beginning with former longtime town council Art Melanson, who in April succumbed to injuries stemming from a fall he had a month earlier. He was 83. In July, ex-Mayor and grocery store owner Mike Ledwith — just recently named Milton Senior of the Year — passed away at age 86. The inspiration behind Deborah's Home — a local supportive housing facility for adults with physical disabilities — Deborah Scott died in September. She was 41.

Community mourns teen's passing

Uniting neighbours and strangers alike in a bid to find him a bone marrow donor, E.C. Drury High School student Jeff Roy lost his battle with leukemia in April. While it was too late to help the beloved teen, his family and friends — as well as a sizable chunk of the community — continued on with a OneMatch stem cell drive and held a well-attended Paddle of Hope



Police investigate the discovery of a body in rural Milton in late November.

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fundraiser at Mill Pond in Jeff's memory.

Major crime hits Milton

Milton had its fair share of violent crime in 2010, including the shooting of a 37-year-old Newmarket man at Campbellville's Mohawk Inn in March. Three separate stabbings — of a teen, woman and man — as well as two cases of women being sexually assaulted were among the more serious incidents.

High winds wreak havoc

Heavy Mother's Day weekend winds caused major damage in Milton, leaving residents and

work crews scrambling to clean up. Winds of up to 85 km/h resulted in huge trees being downed across town, in some cases taking power lines with them and leaving hundreds of residents in the dark. About 20 trees were felled in the No. 30 Sideroad to Lower Base Line area alone.

Jail term in road rage incident

In May, former Miltonian Wayne Winsor was sentenced to five months in jail after pleading guilty to charges including dangerous driving causing the death of father of three Tony Greco

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Milton comes through

Salvation Army's fundraising total exceeds goal

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It was a very Merry Christmas for Milton's Salvation Army, which this year hit a record-breaking fundraising total that blew its target out of the water.

"We are absolutely thrilled," said Angela Hunt, Sally Ann's administrative assistant.

The organization was aiming to raise \$180,000 to keep their food bank running for 2011. It got \$205,000.

"We are indebted in gratitude to all the people of Milton that came through for us in the end," said Hunt.

A few days before Christmas a story ran in the *Champion* about the Salvation Army's Christmas kettle shortfall of about \$40,000.

"Within 24 hours of that article hitting people's doorsteps we had about \$24,000 passed over our counter," said Hunt.

She said individuals, groups and schools came through with

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