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It was decade of the dump — and more

The 1980s didn't bring explosive population growth to Milton as they did to so many nearby areas, but the town saw its fair share of change, growth and controversy.

In 1980 Halton MP Otto Jelinek returned to his home base from Toronto, Rockwell International was plagued by labor strife, and a 15-year-old Milton girl named Cathy Sweet sparked an international police search.

Miss Sweet later returned home of her own volition, Mr. Jelinek defeated Liberal Bill Ferras to gain the Halton seat in Parliament he still holds and Rockwell finally settled the labor dispute, after a long and bitter strike.

In 1981 a landfill site was being considered for rural Milton in the same general area it finally ended up in almost a decade later, at least barring ongoing appeals. Julian Reed won the provincial election with a scant 518 vote margin over Progressive Conservative Fran Baines. Halton regional councillors called for subsidies to help homeowners pay to have urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI) removed from their homes.

In 1982, during the depths of the recession, a faint glimmer of hope was seen in that Milton was the only municipality in Halton to have its industrial labor force grow, by 11 per cent.

In 1983 someone named Brian Mulroney was elected head of the federal Progressive Conservatives, Milton Fire Chief Jim Coulson retired and another Jim, James Snow, had a parkway named after him.

In 1984 six teenagers and a Milton man who worked as a cop in Toronto died senselessly, the six teens in a railway crossing accident and the police officer, David Dunmore, after being shot by an 18-year-old "Rambo" clone. Otto Jelinek swamped Liberal Oriana Currie and rode the Tory tide to Brian Mulroney's first majority government.

In 1985 John Tonelli had an arena named after him, a new town hall was opened and the Crazy Horse Tavern was threatened with being closed if owners kept featuring exotic dancers.

Milton Mall underwent a \$4 million expansion in 1986 and the town suffered a loss when prominent citizen Dave Brush, a longtime community contributor, died.

Walt Elliot was a big winner in 1987, taking home more than \$140,000 in a lottery win and a brand new seat in the provincial legislature as part of the Liberal majority.

On the opposite side of the political fence in 1988, Progressive Conservatives Garth Turner and Otto Jelinek came up big federally, with Mr. Jelinek again making it look easy as

A DECADE REMEMBERED "1980s"

he beat Bonnie Brown and Mr. Turner downing Pierre Klein in Halton-Peel.

Milton lost a big battle in early 1989 when it was announced the town had been chosen for Halton's new 20-year landfill site. The fight against the dump had been going on for 14 years.

On the plus side, the town made firm plans to spend more than \$8 million for a new recreation centre, considered by most elected officials a long-needed facility.

As the 1990s loomed, the major question Milton faced was one which had long before been confronted by most of its neighbours. How much will the town grow, and when? And what will it be once that growth takes place?

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Ski snatchers at Glen Eden

December's wintery blast was ideal for skiers. Unfortunately, it once again brought out unscrupulous thieves to the Glen Eden ski complex at the Kelso Conservation Area.

At least three cases of missing ski equipment were reported to Halton Regional Police last week. In two cases, the victims had left them on the ski rack as they went inside. When they came back about 20 minutes later, the equipment was gone. Jane Dewit of Toronto reported hers missing at about 4 p.m. last Saturday, and Brian Cookson of Milton reported his missing last Thursday evening at about 8 p.m. The missing equipment in each case was valued at about \$500.

In a third case, Burlington resident Dylan Delaurie reported his ski equipment stolen from the main parking lot of Kelso Conservation Area as he went inside to obtain information. His equipment was also valued at \$500.

Inspector Ean Elgar of the Milton detachment advises skiers to put some identification on their ski equipment and to "keep it secure as best as you can."



Photo by JON BLACKER
Four-pound, 14-ounce Kathryn Mazzorato is the 1990 New Year's Baby, born at Milton District Hospital at 11:58 p.m. Monday. Milton Mom Betty Mazzorato is expected to be home with her new-born daughter by the weekend.

It's a girl

First delivery of the decade

Just in the nick of time, little Kathryn Mazzorato arrived to become the 1990 New Year's Baby in Milton.

Kathryn, the new-born daughter of Milton couple Betty and Luc Mazzorato, came into the world at 11:58 p.m. New Year's Day.

The four-pound, 14-ounce baby girl must have been anxious to get started on her life. She was born 16-

days earlier than expected, said an excited Mrs. Mazzorato who gave birth a short three-and-a-half hours after being admitted into the hospital.

Her parents are proud of the latest addition to their family which includes a three-year-old son, who was also born at Milton District Hospital.

The whole family should be home by the weekend.

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