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## Traffic trouble

Here in North Halton, we often look with envy at the services, entertainment choices, variety of shopping, etc. that is offered in locales in the southern part of the region.

However, there is one thing Halton municipalities such as Burlington and Oakville have that we do not envy—their traffic problems.

While we don't currently have those communities' traffic congestion headaches, that doesn't mean we won't one day.

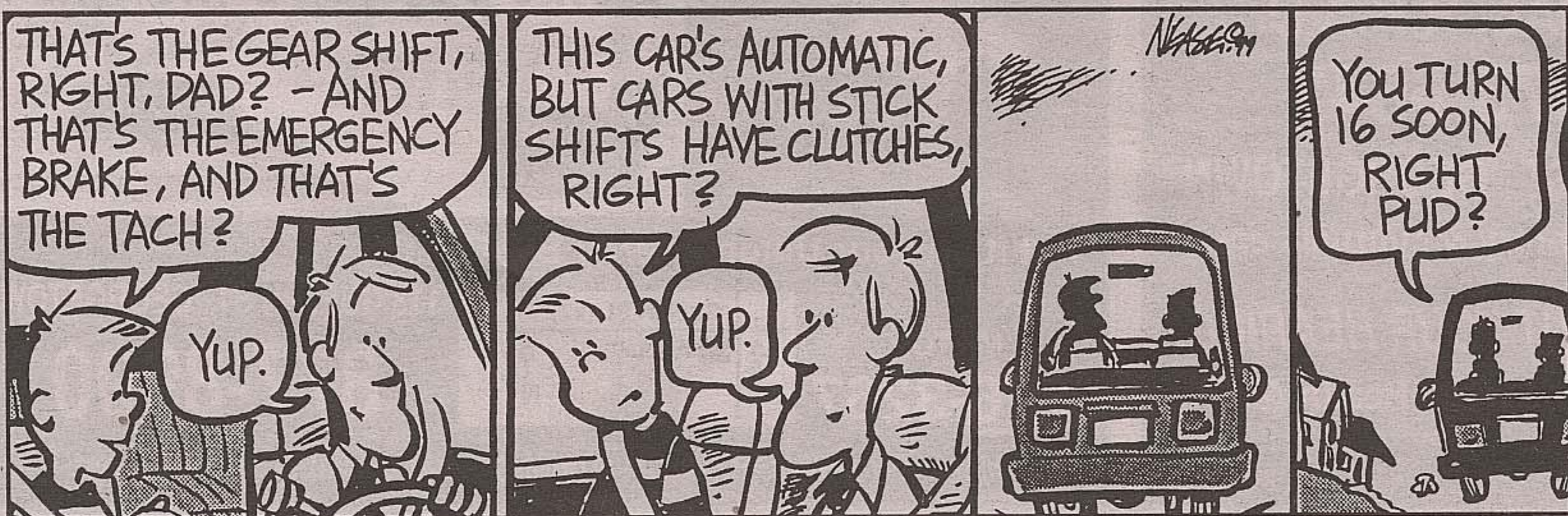
In fact, Regional Chair Joyce Savoline last week asked both the Halton Hills and Milton Chambers of Commerce to meet with local MPs and MPPs to request help in dealing with transportation concerns in Halton, or more accurately for those in North Halton, anticipated traffic concerns.

Savoline told chamber members the population in the Greater Toronto/Hamilton-Wentworth area is expected to grow by two million people in the next 20 years and the region will have to spend between \$700-900 million in that time on transportation infrastructure just to maintain current levels—not ease congestion.

In other words, while traffic may not be a problem in North Halton now, it will be if the federal and provincial governments continue to horde money from gas taxes and licence fees.

One only has to look at South Halton to see the proof.

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Artist thanks newspaper for 'wonderful' story

Dear editor,

I would like to sincerely thank you and your staff for the wonderful article that you ran about me in the August 20 edition.

I was very pleased to see such a well-written and accurate article—and color pictures too!

I have been trying hard in the last few years to become better known in my hometown of Georgetown and your story has greatly helped. It was especially well timed with my attendance at the downtown's Art in the Afternoon.

I have had so many great comments and calls about the article—it's good to know that so many read the local paper.

I thank you again and encourage you to continue your support of the local arts community.

Laura Kingsbury,  
Georgetown



## Letter of the day

Sign, sign everywhere a sign...

Dear editor,

I have lived in Georgetown for almost three wonderful decades. Unfortunately, now I am beginning to sense several areas of disorder in this community.

At present, I am ticked off at the rapidly-growing in-your-face commercial signs that are attached to hundreds of utility poles throughout this town and its road approaches. One might argue that they are professionally produced and, individually don't look that bad, but the growing numbers suggest that this blight is permanent.

It all started several years ago when one restaurant owner put up small advertising signs to a restaurant that wasn't even in Halton, let alone Georgetown. Today, looking at these signs, one can notice that many do not even carry Georgetown phone numbers. Even over the last two months, commercial competitor signs have sprung up adjacent to longer standing signs.

These are not temporary signs such as election signs or for sale signs. The intent by the respective commercial establishments is to leave them there forever. I even question the growing number of Save Our Ravine signs, but at least these are on private property.

The worst area is the intersection of Steeles Ave. and Mountainview Rd. followed by the entire drive south on Mountainview Rd. Nowhere in Ontario have I found a community that allows for this "illegal" sign growth.

Can we find community support to rid us of these signs?

Ken Tazzman,  
Georgetown

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