

# OPINION

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## Road woes

Traffic has been a problem on Mountainview Road South since Henry Ford launched his first Model T. Okay, well maybe not that long, but it sure seems so.

The stretch of road that connects a good portion of Georgetown to Georgetown South has been troublesome to drivers, homeowners along that stretch and Town councillors for years.

For drivers, the frustrations are that one of the main thoroughfares in and out of town is becoming more congested each year and parked vehicles along the road, primarily between Delrex Blvd. and Eden Place, regularly pose a problem (even though parking is prohibited during peak periods).

For homeowners, there is the danger of trying to enter the road from their driveways, the noise from heavy trucks (usually at late/early hours) and the congestion.

For Town councillors, the road has been a constant source of complaint from all quarters.

And then there is the matter of speeding.

In its latest effort to get drivers to slow down on Mountainview Rd., the Town has opted to spend \$20,000 to install two VATCS (Vehicle Activated Traffic Calming Sign). In effect, the signs will flash a "slow down" message to drivers if they exceed the speed threshold.

We'll be pleased if this works to any great degree, but frankly we're not holding our breath.

Mountainview Rd. S. is an odd road that we're hard-pressed to compare to roadways in other communities. It is classified a "minor arterial road" that handles all types of traffic, is a major link road to parts of Georgetown and yet is sandwiched between numerous homes.

Flashing signs may help curb some speeding, but they won't cure what ails this roadway.

## What do you think?

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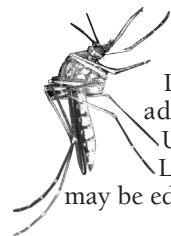
The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) has ordered Halton Place to remove a BMX bike track that was constructed without a permit.

Friends and family of BMX rider Tim DaSilva, who was killed while helping build the track in 2006, want the track to remain in his honour. Who do you support?

- The NEC. They're right that the track shouldn't have been built and doesn't meet rural use guidelines. (75%)
- DaSilva's supporters. Tearing down the track is a slap in the face to his memory. (25%)

## Something bugging you?

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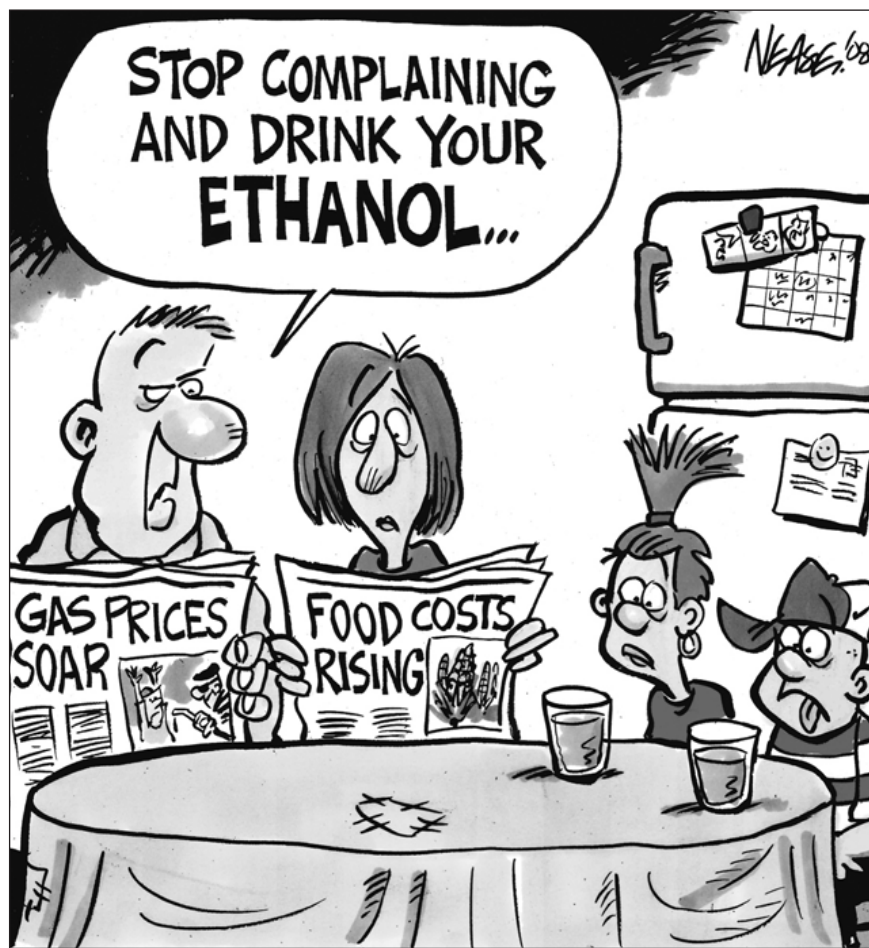
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Steve Nease



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tournament put on hold after 30 years

Dear editor,

One can always pay back a monetary loan, but is forever in debt to those who are kind.

I am indebted to all the kind supporters, committee members, players, sponsors, car dealers, volunteers and North Halton Golf & Country Club who have made the Bill Smith Invitational Golf Tournament successful for 30 years.

### Reader urges neighbours to water their lawns

Dear editor,

I called the Town of Halton Hills last fall to complain about all of the dead lawns in my neighbourhood, and they replied that there was next to nothing they could do to remedy the problem, even though this new subdivision is quickly in peril of looking like a ghetto.

Rather than writing letters to the more than 10 houses in my neighbourhood who have completely neglected and killed their lawns, I decided to write *The Independent & Free Press* instead.

Come on, folks. I hardly think the people who have neglected their lawns are being eco-friendly. My family, and several others last summer managed to respect the water ban while keeping our lawns alive in the process. It takes very little effort to keep a lawn alive. I urge those with dead lawns to take more pride in the aesthetics of their community. Every bit counts.

Richard Marsella, Georgetown

What started out as a few friends playing a game of golf many years ago became a strong desire and opportunity to raise funds for cancer. Little did I know as the years escalated, so did the support and it became my resolve never to quit since fighting cancer is an unfinished project. Our special community and dedicated committee members "chipped in" about \$700,000 for a worthy cause. I would like to raise the "flag" to all of you for making this event happen year after year.

Unfortunately, my age and poor "stroke" of health has caught up with me, leaving me with my own personal "handicap". I regret that being in the "rough" in 2007 meant that I could not oversee the 31st year of the tournament. I have come to acknowledge that the time has come to put the "ball at rest" and say thank you for all the good

### Young resident screams for ice cream this summer

Dear editor,

Do you want the ice cream truck to come this summer? I know I do.

Last summer we only saw the ice cream truck in Georgetown once or twice. This year I hope that someone who reads this can pass on this concern to the ice cream truck company.

Last year I went to my grandma and

### Good Samaritan thanked for turning in lost credit card

Dear editor,

Recently I purchased gas at the Esso station on Mountainview Rd. S. and somehow dropped my credit card there.

I discovered the loss when I arrived home and drove back to the station in

years. I have many special memories that made these years a "slice".

I would like to challenge the good people of this community to continue finding ways to raise funds for Cancer Assistance Service-Halton Hills. The practical help for cancer patients is needed, growing and appreciated.

Saying goodbye doesn't mean anything. It is the time we spent together that matters and not how we left it. For now I leave you to watch over making the "birdies" and "eagles" fly for a cause that is very dear to my heart.

As my health improves I intend to dust off my shoes and hat and I'll be back. Thanks again to everyone.

Bill Smith,  
Bill Smith Invitational Golf  
Tournament  
Past President CASHh

grandpa's house for a week in Bolton. In that one week, the ice cream truck came three times.

I want the ice cream truck to come more often this summer. I think that I speak for all the children in Georgetown who like ice cream.

Amanda Nobile, age 12,  
Georgetown

the faint hope it had been turned in.

You can imagine my delight when the attendant said it had been handed in. I would like to thank the unknown person for their honesty which saved me a great deal of worry and hassle.

Mike Graham-Smith, Georgetown

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