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Be on guard -- more crime is inevitable

Perhaps it's only fitting that Milton's population boom is set to begin in a new millennium because very soon this town will undergo many changes -- though not all of which will be for the better.

With more people will inevitably come more crime. That's just something we have to accept. However, there are ways to deal with it and minimize our risk of becoming victims.

Miltonians simply have to start taking greater precautions to guard against things like theft and home invasions.

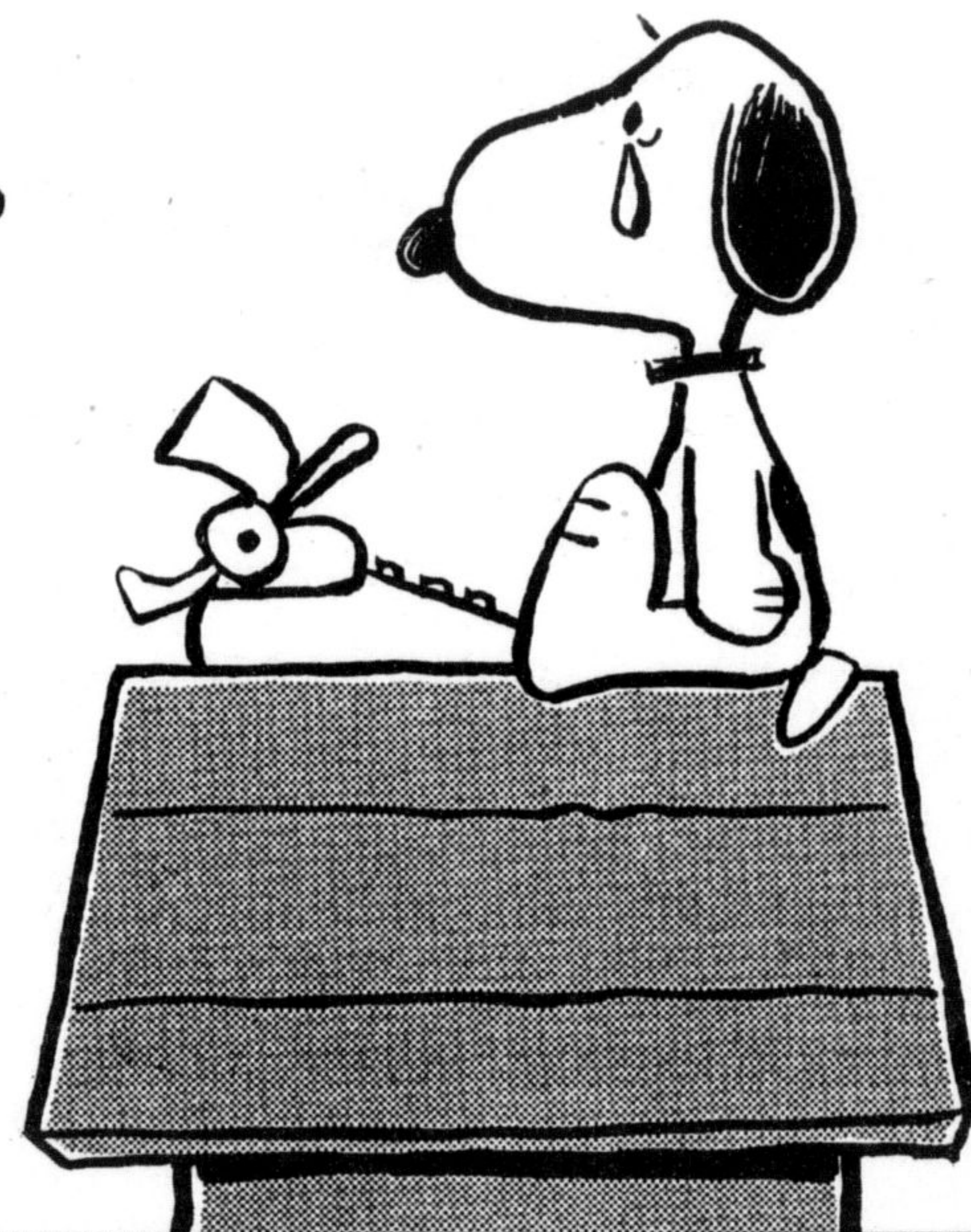
As reported in today's police blotter, many residents still aren't locking up their belongings. Others are still leaving their cars running during quick trips to the convenience store.

We've all done this at one time or another, but it's a habit we must rid ourselves of. The few extra minutes it takes to warm up our vehicles again or secure our property is more than worth it to avoid being ripped off.

We're not suggesting that this town is poised to become a haven for criminals -- just that the days of assuming we can't be victimized are gradually fading away.

Milton is set to change, and we should be ready to change with it.

You're a good man, Charles M. Schulz.



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OUR READERS WRITE

Parking ticket really a small price to pay

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to Bob Tummon's letter (January 4).

A \$40 parking ticket is a small price to pay for leaving your car parked overnight on a street. If your car had been towed the costs would have been much higher.

Furthermore, I found your comments very irresponsible and rather immature. Obviously you made the responsible choice not to drink and drive, but the next time you go out to drink, think of your options ahead of time. Take a taxi cab to and from your destination, or walk or have a designated driver.

You should quit whining. The only person you have the right to be outraged with is yourself.

Here's some free advice. Get an attitude adjustment for the new millennium. It will be a cheaper alternative. And remember, Bob, it's a privilege to have a driver's licence. Next time think before you go out and for goodness sake, don't even think about getting into your car and driving to avoid a parking fine as this will probably cost you a much larger fine -- your driver's licence, your life, someone else's life, or both.

S. Varley
Milton

Man wants answers from MPP Chudleigh

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Mr. Ted Chudleigh, MPP for Halton. Last month, Mr. Chudleigh made two statements with regard to education. His words seem to be identical to those spoken by both Mike Harris and Janet Ecker. I suspect that his comments originate from a press release from the premier's office. It is never clear whether these are his own views or not.

So, Mr. Chudleigh, I and many other of your constituents would like to know, in your own words, why you voted the way you did on two important pieces of legislation recently.

First, you voted against a public inquiry into the controversial shooting death of Dudley George. For the past four years, your government has spent millions of taxpayers dollars to cover-up what actually happened that night on September 6, 1995 outside of Ipperwash Provincial Park.

Mr. Harris has been called to

answer questions under oath from lawyers for the family of Dudley George. He has refused to attend. The attorney general and solicitor general at the time of the shooting have also ignored summonses to appear in court. I find this particularly ironic since your government has taken a strong law-and-order platform. How can you expect people to respect our laws and courts when our own premier and top legal officials do not?

So, Mr. Chudleigh, why did you vote against holding a public inquiry into the shooting once all the matters related to the shooting had finally been dealt with by the courts. As your government continues with a strategy to cover-up the events surrounding the shooting, we are starting to believe that there is something to hide.

The second important piece of legislation that you voted on was the Fewer Municipal Politicians Act. Among other things this bill creates three megacities for

Hamilton, Sudbury and Ottawa. The number of councillors in these areas will be cut drastically. Also, the bill gives the provincial cabinet the power to change any law in the province of Ontario.

My question to you Mr. Chudleigh is why did you vote in support of this bill? Already, the minister responsible for the bill has said that Halton will be looked at in the future. If a similar bill comes forward that will affect the citizens of North Halton, how will you vote? In Acton, we currently have only one representative on regional council and two on Halton Hills council. Where do you stand on this issue, Mr. Chudleigh?

You have been voted to represent the constituency of Halton. Please explain why you voted the way that you did with respect to the Ipperwash inquiry and to the Fewer Municipal Politicians Act. I await your reply.

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