



COMMENT

Lowering BAC too much of an extreme

Drunk driving is a terrible thing and we feel for families that have lost loved ones in alcohol-related crashes.

But we have to be careful not to go to an extreme in trying to combat the problem.

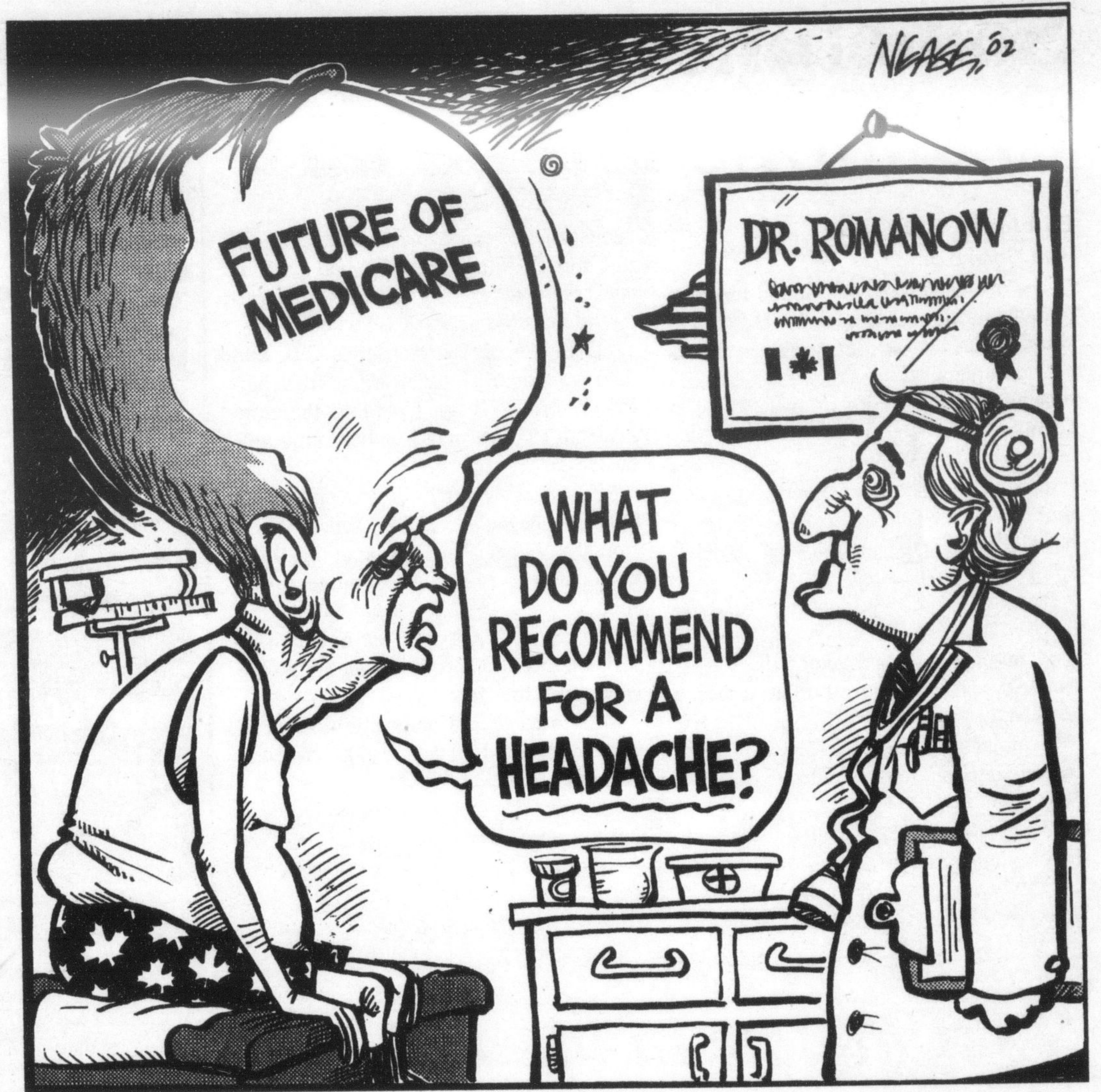
That's why we agree with the Canada Safety Council, which believes lowering motorists' legal limit of blood alcohol content (BAC) would have no impact on the majority of drinking drivers responsible for fatal crashes.

As reported elsewhere in this newspaper, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada is lobbying for the government to lower the BAC from 0.8 to 0.5.

That would mean someone driving after one beer could be charged even though they're not impaired.

As long as alcohol is around, drunk driving will probably never be wiped out altogether. But we can keep up the fight and make an impact through continued public education backed by tough punishment for those convicted.

Lowering the BAC to 0.5 won't stop the chronic drunk drivers who claim lives, it will only add to our already over-burdened court system.



OUR READERS WRITE

Thanks for support of Rotary TV Auction

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the second annual Rotary TV Auction.

This event was co-sponsored by The Canadian Champion and Cogeco 14, and a special thanks goes out to Wendy McNabb and Karen Smith from The Champion as well as Sandy French of Cogeco 14.

Your assistance and expertise are always invaluable to our endeavours.

The auction raised \$8,000 thanks to the hard work of all donor individuals and businesses of Milton, and also to our army of volunteers — the 'friends of

Rotary'.

The funds raised will be donated to three designated charities — the Breakfast for Kids program of Milton, the Variety Village project of Halton, and Polio Plus, an international program to eliminate Polio throughout the world.

Thanks also go out to all the individuals from Milton and north Halton who phoned in so enthusiastically to bid on the more than 250 items that were auctioned. We all had a great time and look forward to the third annual Rotary TV auction to be held November 26, 2002.

Carolyn Keyworth
The Rotary Club of Milton

Father irate over parking situation at Glen Eden

(The following letter was addressed to the Milton Town Clerk, Town of Milton and a copy was filed with The Champion.)

Dear Editor:

Imagine the scene — new snowboards for Christmas, three excited 12-year-olds eager to learn to snowboard and what a better place to do so than Glen Eden.

Upon phoning Glen Eden to inquire about lessons, I was impressed with the helpful and knowledgeable person who was able to answer all my questions and I duly booked lessons for Friday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.

Arriving at 5 p.m. to ensure we were there in plenty of time, I was directed toward the car parking area. It was dark and there was virtually no lighting.

Seeing a line of cars parked on the grass on the left side of the road

adjacent to the railway line fence, I parked my vehicle and we proceeded to the ski centre.

Again, we were impressed by the instruction that our children received. After the lesson the children decided that they wanted to stay and continue to snowboard.

The adults decided to go for a meal and returned to the vehicle at 8:15 p.m., only to find a parking infraction ticket that had been issued at 6:31 p.m., informing me that we were parked on private property.

Obviously concerned about this, I looked for a no parking sign, and low and behold there was a small sign well about eye level, and virtually impossible to see in the dark.

Now one has to ask the question, if it's the intention not to allow vehicles to be parked where we did — and I would perfectly under-

stand this — why were the no-parking signs not more visible?

If of course, as seems possible, it is simply the intention to gouge significant parking fees from as many unsuspecting patrons as possible, then I assume that the present situation will remain.

In conclusion, what started out to be a very enjoyable family outing was soured by what appears to be a money grab for parking fines? I'm sure that I'm not alone in this view, as upon speaking to other parents, their view was the same.

I would suggest that you give consideration to placing more effective no-parking signage, unless of course it's the intention to continue to simply generate what must be significant income from parking fines.

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