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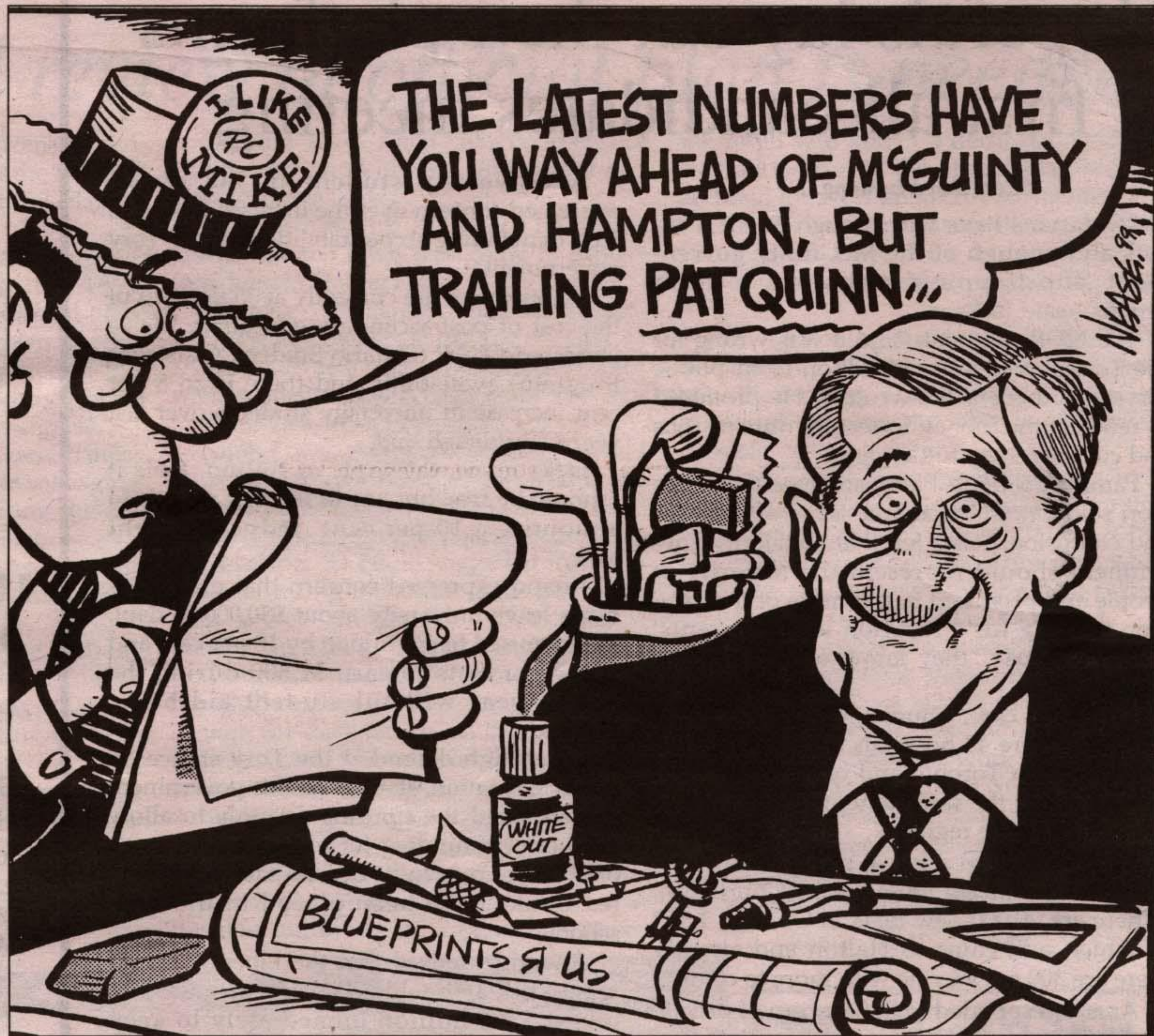
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## Volunteers make the difference

Dear editor,

On behalf of the students who attend literacy lessons at the North Halton Literacy Guild, I wish to extend thanks to those wonderful literacy volunteers in Georgetown, Acton and Milton.

Volunteers contribute in many ways to our organization, from assisting our students to reach their goals in improving their reading, writing and basic math, to working as a board member, or promoting literacy through special events.

Volunteers have contributed over 3,000 hours in this area in the past year. Most of those hours have been spent in assisting with small group literacy, or working one on one with a student. Each volunteer donates two great gifts to adults in the community—the gift of time and the gift of literacy.

Without the dedication of our volunteers, we would cease to operate in Georgetown, Acton and

## Letter of the day

### Memories of a great golfer

Dear editor,

Re: The recent death of golf legend Gene Sarazen.

In 1924 I caddied for Gene Sarazen in the Canadian Open.

It was held at the Mount Bruno Golf Club in Quebec. The caddy master advised me that Mr. Sarazen was arriving in a few minutes and told me to go and get his clubs. There were a lot of temporary caddies there also and they were trying to get the bag away from me. Gene was reluctant to let me have the bag and the bigger boys agreed with him by kicking me in the shins and ankles.

I was fortunate that Mrs. Sarazen was there because she kept pleading with her husband to let me have the bag.

I caddied for Gene for five days—two practice days and three days for the tournament. He came second in the tourney and paid me \$15 for the five days.

When he gave me the money he asked if that was okay. I tell you, at that time when I was only 13 years old, that was a fortune, along with the \$9 a week I earned from the golf club.

I regret that my mother threw away a photo that I had of me posing with Gene and his lovely wife in front of their car. It was many years later in 1945 I was offered the job of secretary-treasurer of the Mount Bruno Golf and Country Club.

Stanley Sowery, 88  
(too old to caddy or golf)

Milton. Your work is recognized through the tremendous achievements by our students, in tackling the challenges of living with low literacy skills. Many thanks to

all of you in keeping our local literacy program alive and thriving.

Dympna Dewar,  
Executive Director, North Halton Literacy Guild

## Road safety

Police departments province-wide will be doing everything they can during the next week to ensure you don't become another accident statistic.

Between May 14-28 police services across Ontario are targeting aggressive drivers during their annual safety campaign.

During that time, the police will be cracking down on some of the most dangerous drivers on the road. They'll be looking for drivers who demonstrate aggressive behavior on the roads. That includes speeding, unsafe lane changes, improper turns, driving too closely and a variety of other unsafe habits that put other motorists at risk.

In 1998, the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 63,138 collisions. From that, 523 people died and another 22,768 were injured. Those totals don't include accidents handled by regional or municipal police.

In Ontario, 600 motor vehicle collisions occur every day, resulting in three deaths.

As you prepare to enjoy the first "long weekend" of the spring/summer season, we urge all drivers to curb their aggressive tendencies and follow the rules of the road.

Aggressive driving is everyone's problem. Be part of the solution.

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