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## A job well done

Many local residents may never need them, but following their efforts in Tuesday's truck-train crash in Limehouse, it is comforting to know the men and women who make up Halton Hills emergency services are more than capable of dealing with an emergency.

Within minutes of the crash ambulance personnel were en route to the site and were quickly followed by Halton Hills firefighters and Halton Regional Police.

In the chaos that immediately surrounded the scene in which the truck's driver was killed and 11 of the 37 train passengers were injured, the training and planning for just such an occurrence kicked in.

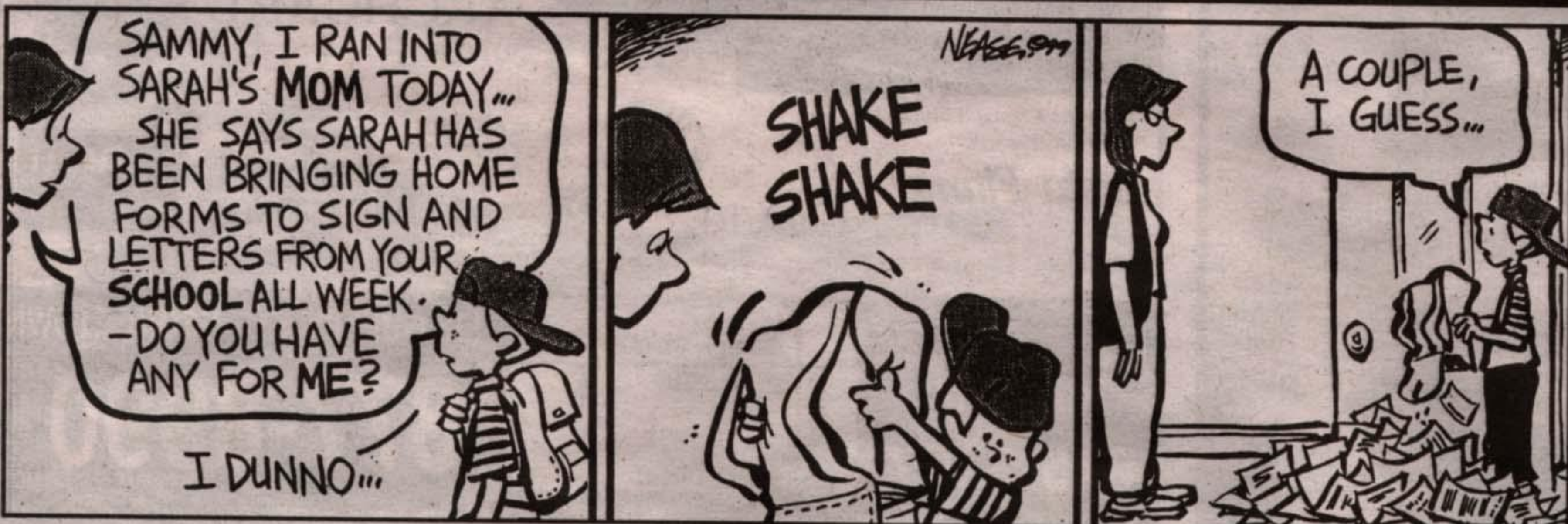
According to Halton Regional Police Staff Sgt. Roy Smith, the response to the crash "went like clockwork".

Although Georgetown Hospital did not have to go to "Code Orange"—the hospital's emergency response—campus administrator Dr. Don Trant said the hospital was "ready for it".

We often take the work of the police, hospital staff, ambulance personnel and firefighters for granted but it sure is nice to know they are there when we need them.

Tuesday's tragedy proved that.

## PUD



## Canadians lost a hero when Moore died

Dear editor,

It troubles me that John McGhie does not have the same sense of loss over Greg Moore as he does Payne Stewart (Independent & Free Press Nov. 5).

He would have us remember Greg as just another driver in a ridiculous sport. The truth is that auto racing is the second most popular sport in the world. Only the best drivers from around the world are hired for the CART race series. At only 24 years of age Greg was so highly respected in his profession, he was signed by the number one team, owned by Roger Penske, to replace Al Unser Jr., one of America's most successful drivers.

As Canadians we lost a great ambassador and hero. I have no difficulty shedding a tear.

Dave Morgan,  
Georgetown

## Letter of the day

### Proposal upsets resident

Dear editor,

Who is really in charge of development in Georgetown? The town or the developers? Many, already know the answer, and others will be able to make up their minds now that a proposal has been made to the town for the development of the lot on the corner of Argyll Rd. and Mountainview Rd.

Even though our property backs onto this site, I was not opposed to the idea of putting a convenience store on this site, or better yet, a small grocery store, as was originally promised. Georgetown South needs a store like this, but I find it unusual that for two years, the developer was not able to find anyone interested in building a convenience store here, but now the land is not big enough it seems.

On this small lot, they want to pave every inch, and squeeze in not only a convenience store, but also a gas station, a donut store with drive-thru and seven other retail stores.

It always seem like things go from one extreme to another when the developers see things as favorable. The focus now has turned from serving the needs of the neighborhood, to simply making the most profit possible. And what do the neighbors get from all of this?

We get loading docks, built close to the surrounding houses, so that we can all enjoy the noise and fumes. Since this isn't an attractive place, they decided this would be a good place to also put two large garbage containers. After all, the rats won't mind, but at least I am sure we will be able to see them well with all the additional lighting that will be aimed into our backyards.

Who is going to win? The developers or the community?

Hopefully the town council will make the right decisions this time, to ensure the needs of everyone take first priority.

John Sawatzky, Georgetown

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