

# Lots of violations found during truck safety blitz

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A truck driver carrying corrosive material with no training was just one of the safety infractions encountered recently during a truck safety blitz held in Campbellville.

The May 10 blitz was held at Mohawk Raceway on Guelph Line, with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of the Environment, OPP and Halton Regional Police joining forces.

The partnership between the agencies allows more vehicles to be checked.

More than 50 per cent of vehicles inspected were taken out of service, a rate that's about average, said Sgt. Trevor Hay of Halton Regional Police's regional traffic unit.

The inspections aren't random, but are targeted at the vehicles that don't seem fit for the road.

"Ours (blitzes) are always high, just because we're looking for the bad

ones," he explained.

He added this type of blitz is effective because it includes vehicles that might avoid the highways so they don't get inspected at the weigh scales.

A total of 77 vehicles were inspected with 19 charges laid during the blitz, which was cut short after a truck rolled over on Hwy. 401 at Regional Road 25.

Thirty-nine vehicles were taken out of service. Most of the charges were due to improper brakes, Hay said, while several trailers were found to have no braking action at all.

Notable incidents include someone who was arrested due to an outstanding warrant, and another who simply abandoned his vehicle after his plates were removed, because of its poor condition. His three-year-old son had been riding with him.

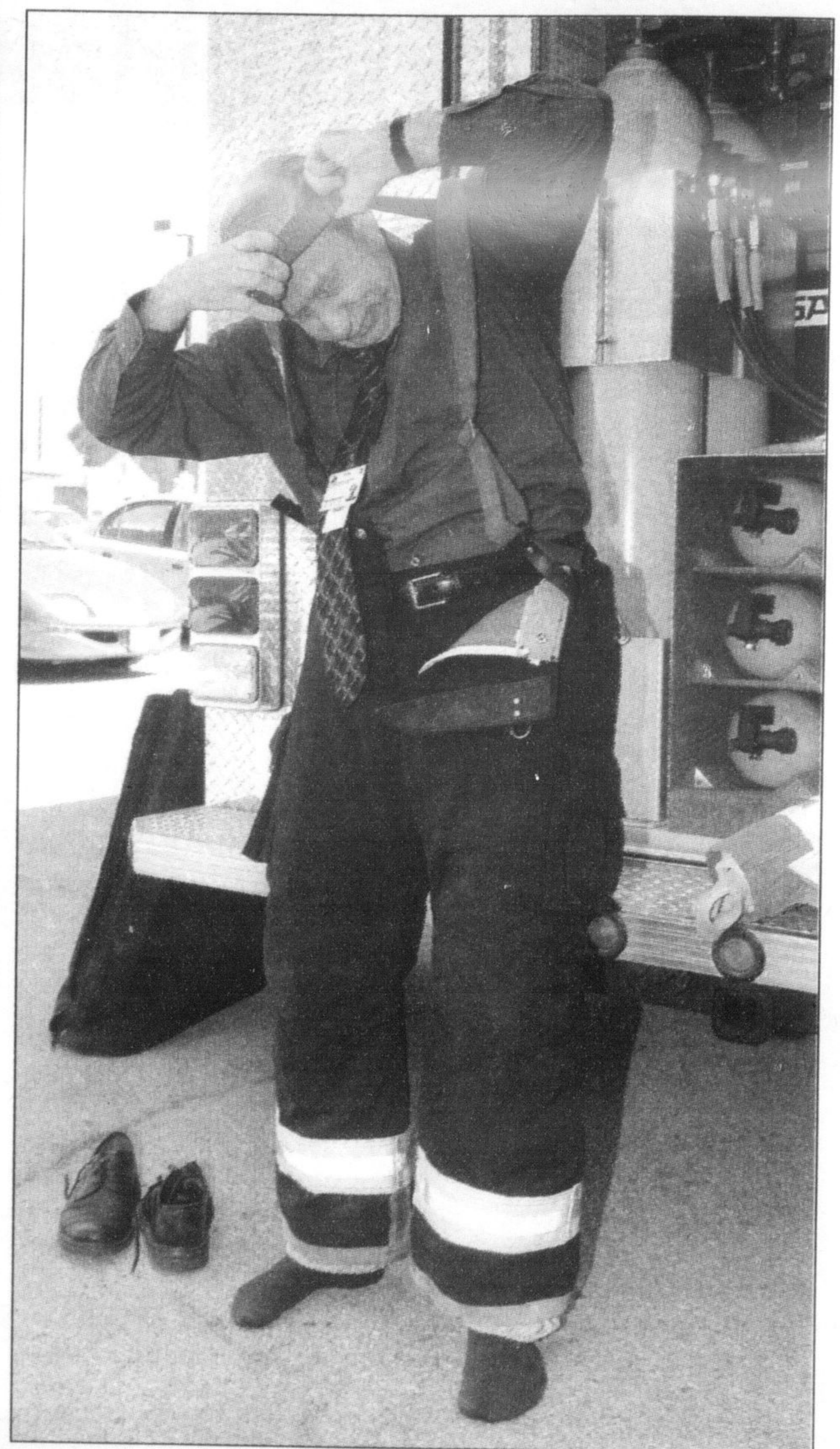
Hay noted most vehicles taken out of service were fixed on the spot.

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**SAFETY FIRST:** Above, Jennifer Reynolds — the Town of Milton's director of community services — emerges from a smoke-filled stairwell after participating in a search and rescue scenario as part of recent activities for North American Occupational Health and Safety Week. At right, Town CAO Mario Belvedere suits up in full bunker gear before taking part in the mock search and rescue.



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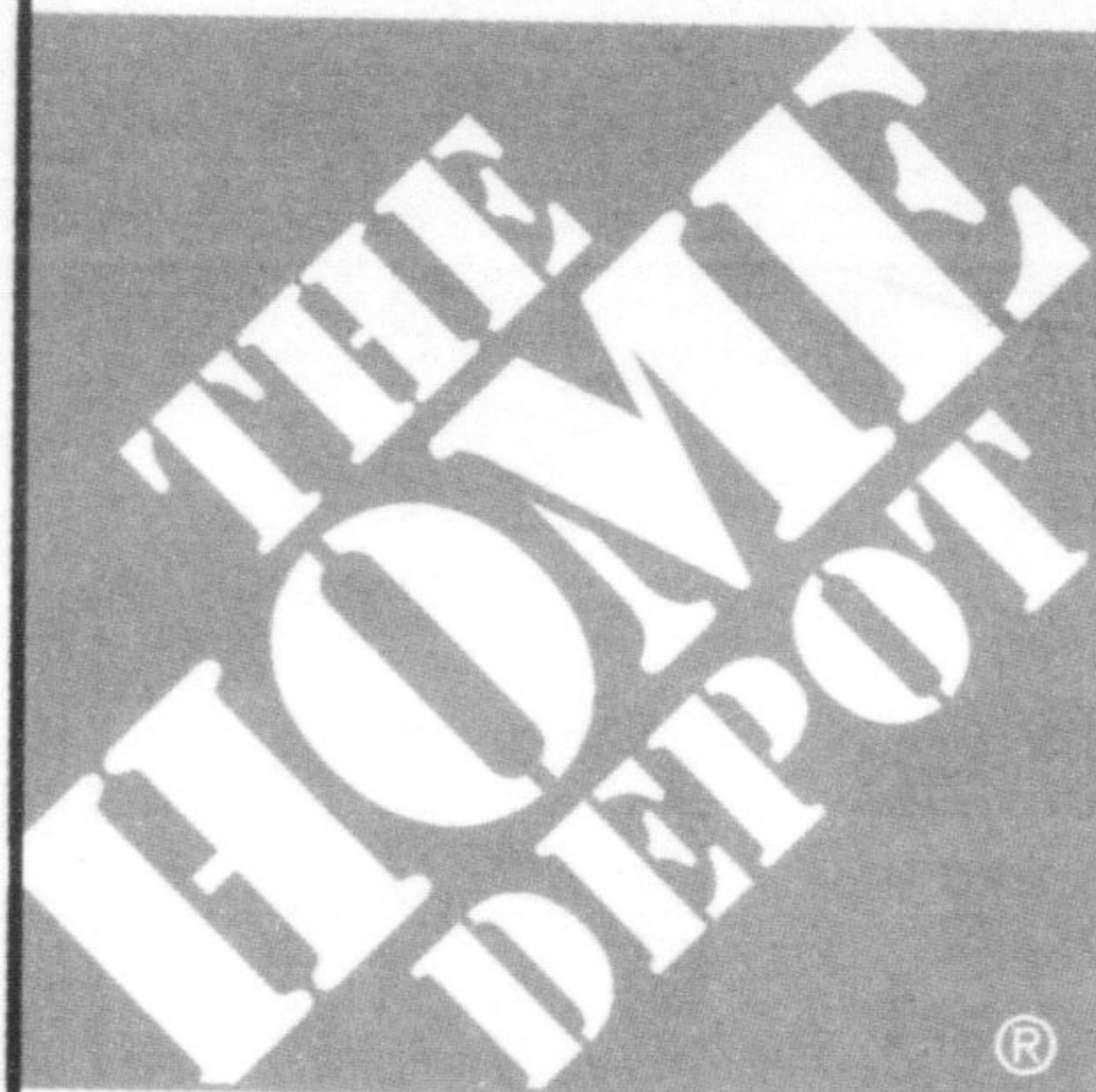


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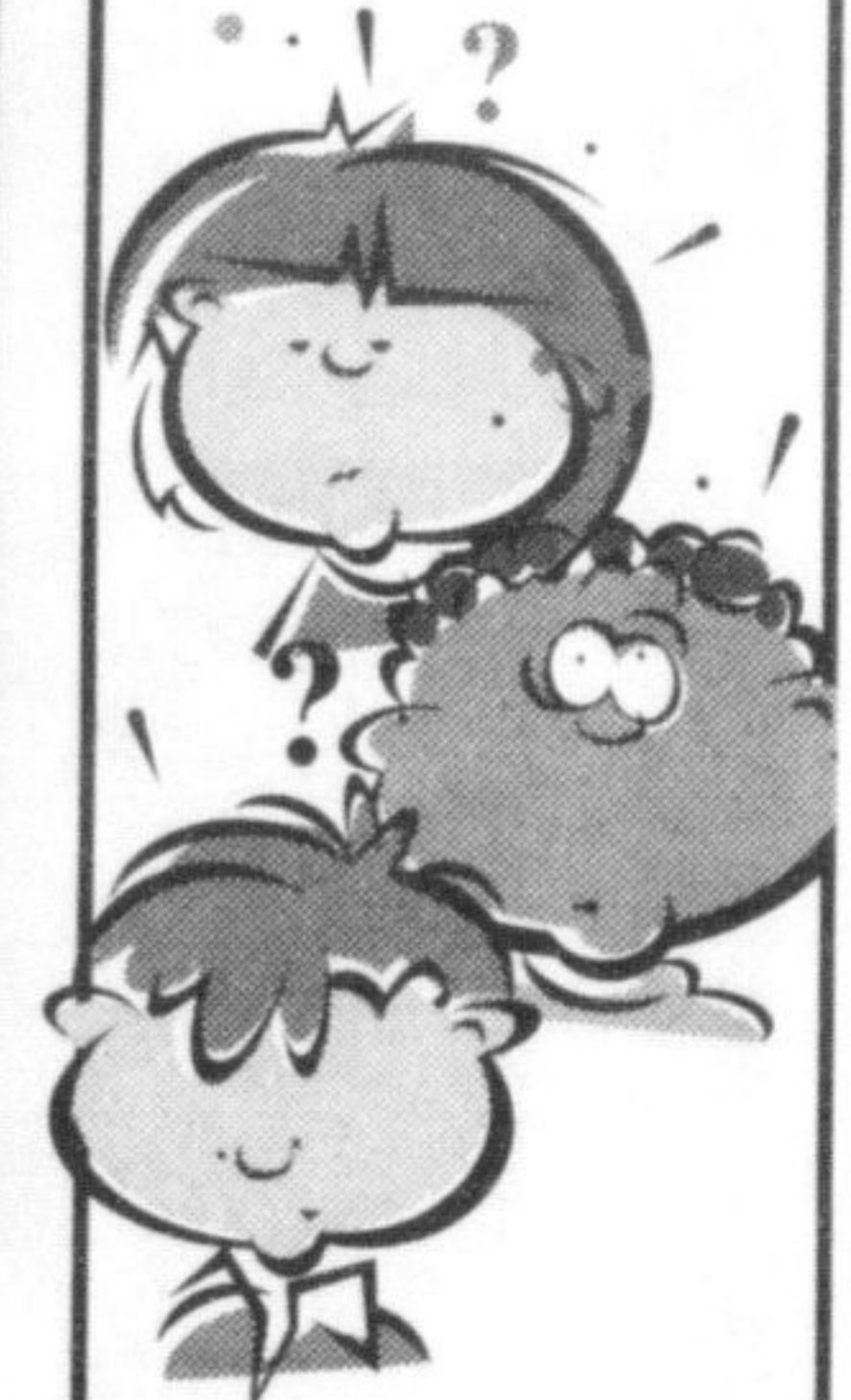
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