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Run for Terry

ew Canadians, if any, have had as lasting an impression on the national conscience as that of Terry Fox.

Nineteen years after the courageous B.C. youth decided to embark on his Marathon of Hope-a cross-country run to raise money for cancer research— his name still evokes the image of a curly-haired young man with a prosthetic leg gamely running along a highway.

This weekend Canadians are being asked to keep Terry's dream alive and run, walk or ride in the annual Terry Fox Runs.

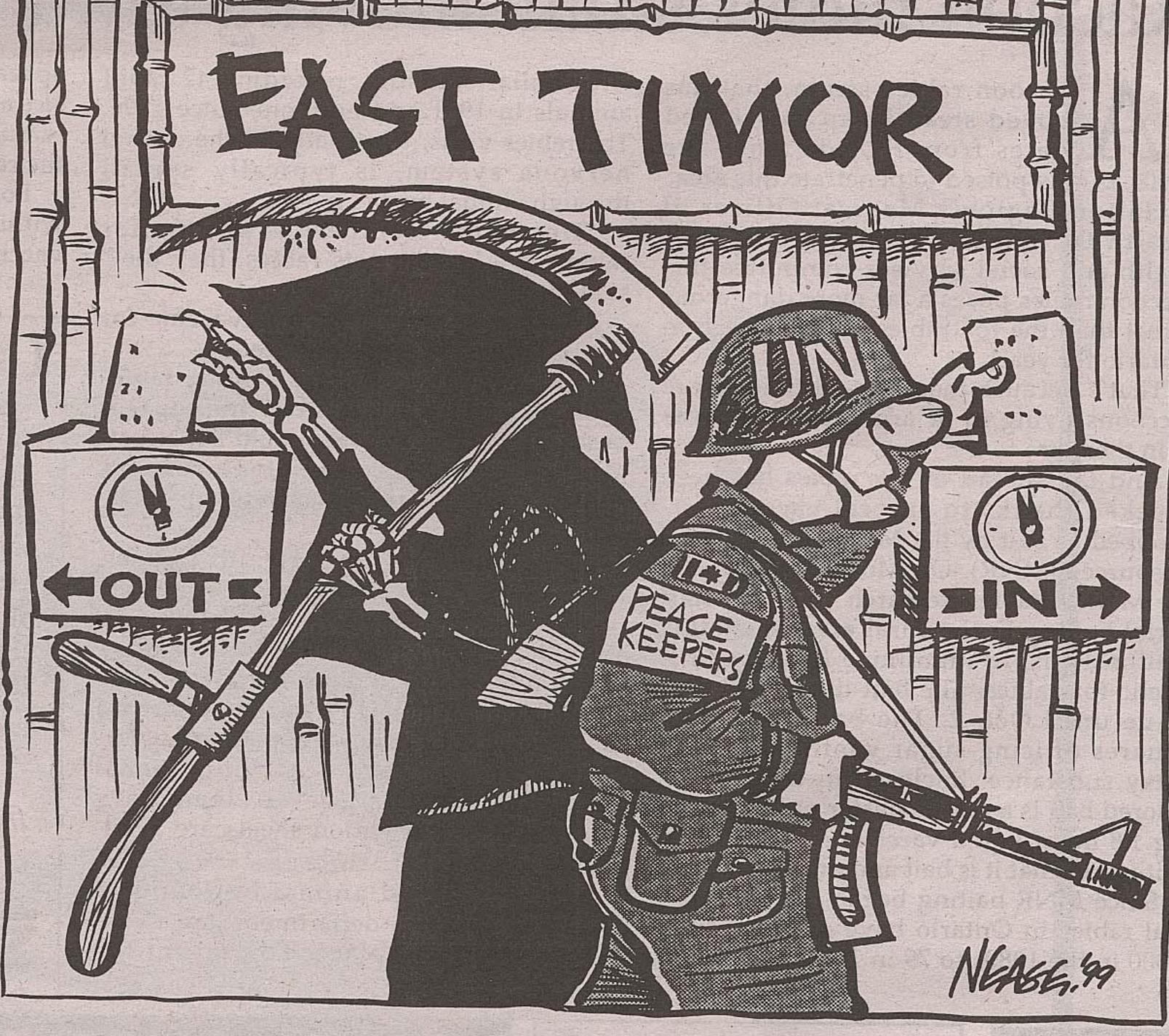
Locally, the Acton run will be held at the Acton High School beginning at 8 a.m. The event will go until 3 p.m.

In Georgetown, the run will be held at the Georgetown South Community Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. and run until 2 p.m.

Pledge forms are available at banks, variety stores, credit unions and numerous other locations.

But, you don't have to take part in a run to help out as donations will be accepted at both run sites.

In the 19 years since Fox's idea struck a collective nerve across this country millions of dollars have been raised towards fighting cancer. We owe it to Terry to continue the fight.



Cyclists should not trespass on private property

Dear editor,

We, along with other local residents, took great pleasure in reading the headline in the Toronto Star's Travel section (Sept. 4) which read, Halton makes for a pleasant fall meander.

However, on further reading, our concerns overtook our delight. Most of us who live along the Silver Creek ravine were not aware that there is a trails system along the creek. We understood this was private property owned by Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. and currently under Ontario Municipal Board investigation.

The presence of these trails would explain why, this summer, we have had a deluge of people, mostly cyclists, appearing at the back of our property and expecting to bring themselves and their vehicles across our lawn to the street.

Brian Dexter's article suggested people take the trail westward along the north side of the creek to a dead end at

Letter of the day

Drivers should respect cyclists

Dear editor,

I am a cyclist. If you are cussing this statement or already have an argument about cyclists in general, then this letter applies specifically to you.

I have been riding on the streets of Georgetown on a daily basis, choosing to save on the expense of gas. Although I own a vehicle, I find it more economical to ride within Georgetown than drive. Almost daily I am involved in some form of car-cyclist altercation, ranging from a one-finger salute to almost being struck by car drivers not paying attention at intersections.

I have heard from fellow riders that this is becoming a common problem within our small town. I would ask that you take care on the roads, especially as school is back for another year. We don't need a front page that reads, Cyclist struck and killed by motor vehicle. So far nothing has happened so please take precautions on the roads to ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

If you think cyclists are a nuisance then check the laws, we

belong on the road.

And for that man who told me to put my bike where it is anatomically impossible I ask you, when was the last time you were on two tires? My guess is never—you were probably too busy at the pumps complaining about the gas prices.

Jason Lescak, Georgetown

Chipper Court. Is this not trespassing on someone's land?

We hope the people reading the article will note that "dead end" means just that—no way

out, and will respect our private property. We would not consider riding bikes or hiking across their yards. Chipper Court residents

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