

Editorial

How far will you go?

Who can forget that mass of tousled hair and his look of steely determination on his freckled face?

Even if you were born after 1980, most Canadians instantly recognize the name of the young man who, for 143 days and 5,373 kilometres, inspired a nation with his Marathon of Hope.

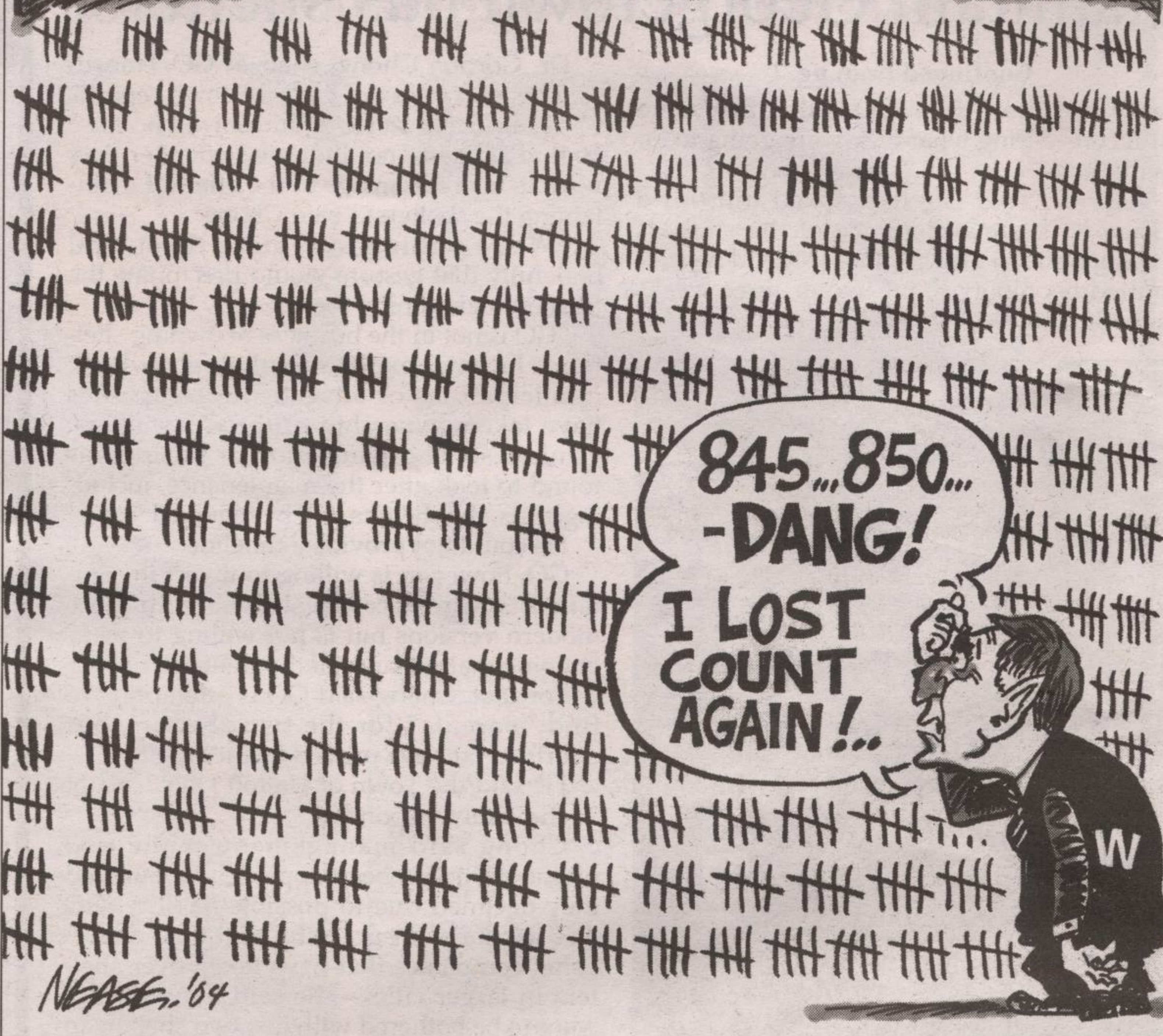
Terry Fox, despite having lost his right leg to cancer, wanted to raise both money and awareness of the disease that continues to claim so many lives. While Terry was unable to complete his dream of running across the country, people in Canada and around the world have made sure his marathon continues. They honour Terry's memory by participating in Terry Fox runs. The Ontario Terry Fox Run raised an incredible \$8.45 million in 2003, with 230 communities and more than 1,400 schools taking part. To date, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised \$342 million. We are sure Terry would have been overwhelmed with the response to his campaign.

The theme for this year's run is How Far Will You Go? We all know how far Terry went, and we are encouraging members of our community to get out and support the Sunday runs in Acton (8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Acton High School and Georgetown (9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Gellert Community Park on Eighth Line). Some local schools hold their own runs and we are sure the Terry Fox Foundation is grateful to see young people involved in the cause.

In the 24 years since Terry embarked on his Marathon of Hope, great strides have been made in cancer research. Mortality rates for both men and women—excluding lung cancer—have dropped significantly. Improved treatments and early detection are among the reasons for the decline.

While we may have come a long way thanks to Terry, the road before us is still very long.

1,000 U.S. WAR DEAD IN IRAQ



Letters to the editor...

CAS-HH appreciates community's support

Dear editor,

There is nothing ordinary about Halton Hills.

Good neighbours, generous peo-

ple with a caring spirit.

Cancer Assistance Services-Halton Hills wishes to thank all our captains, canvassers and volunteers who did a great job helping us exceed our goal of more than \$70,000 for our residential campaign. We appreciate that our faithful volunteers, who despite living busy lives, have health problems or are elderly, still want to canvass. This community's generous response helps us to carry out our mission to understand and respond to the stressful and tiring process that cancer creates for patients.

Request for our assistance has grown from 160 patients in March to 212 to date. The generosity of this community allows us to provide practical assistance that is so needed for those having a tough time. Despite the increase in patient care we are still able to increase, not decrease, much-needed service. Thank you.

We thank the organizers of all the special events for showing an

unbreakable spirit: Georgetown District High School students, Scrapbook Studio, Classics Against Cancer, Georgetown Runners, Crazy Outhouse Race, Bill Smith Golf Tournament, U.S.S. Hadfield Star Trek Chapter, Christmas craft sales, local businesses and all the service clubs.

As we start a new fiscal year we need to keep in mind that we can never over-care, over-give and overdo kindness. With your help we will continue our mission to be there when people need us most.

Bill Smith, president
Cancer Assistance Services

MS Bike Tour a success

Dear editor,

In ideal conditions, we completed the Brampton-to-Guelph (and back) MS Bike Tour again this year on Aug. 21-22. This was our 10th year, and thanks to your generosity, we raised \$3,300 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society this year.

Hundreds of riders participated and with the help of some 150 volunteers, the ride raised \$245,000. You may have seen the riders, since the route comes through Georgetown each year. See www.mssociety.ca/ for information on MS.

Warm thanks to all of you who contributed to an important cause. We really appreciate your support, and hope to receive your support again next year.

Laurent & Paulette Thibault, Georgetown

Restaurant thanked for making reunion a special event

Dear editor,

On behalf of the individuals who recently attended the Class of '84 Stewarttown Reunion, we would like to sincerely thank Boston Pizza for their hospitality. From the minute I called to organize our function, to the time we

walked out the restaurant door (which, for some of us, was 10 hours later) we experienced only complete satisfaction.

Due to the kindness and co-operation of Boston Pizza, we were able to donate more than \$400 to Cancer Assis-

tance Services of Halton Hills in our classmate's memory.

I would highly recommend Boston Pizza to anyone looking for a casual setting for their function—they did a superb job!

Janelle Pasma,
Columbus, New Jersey

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