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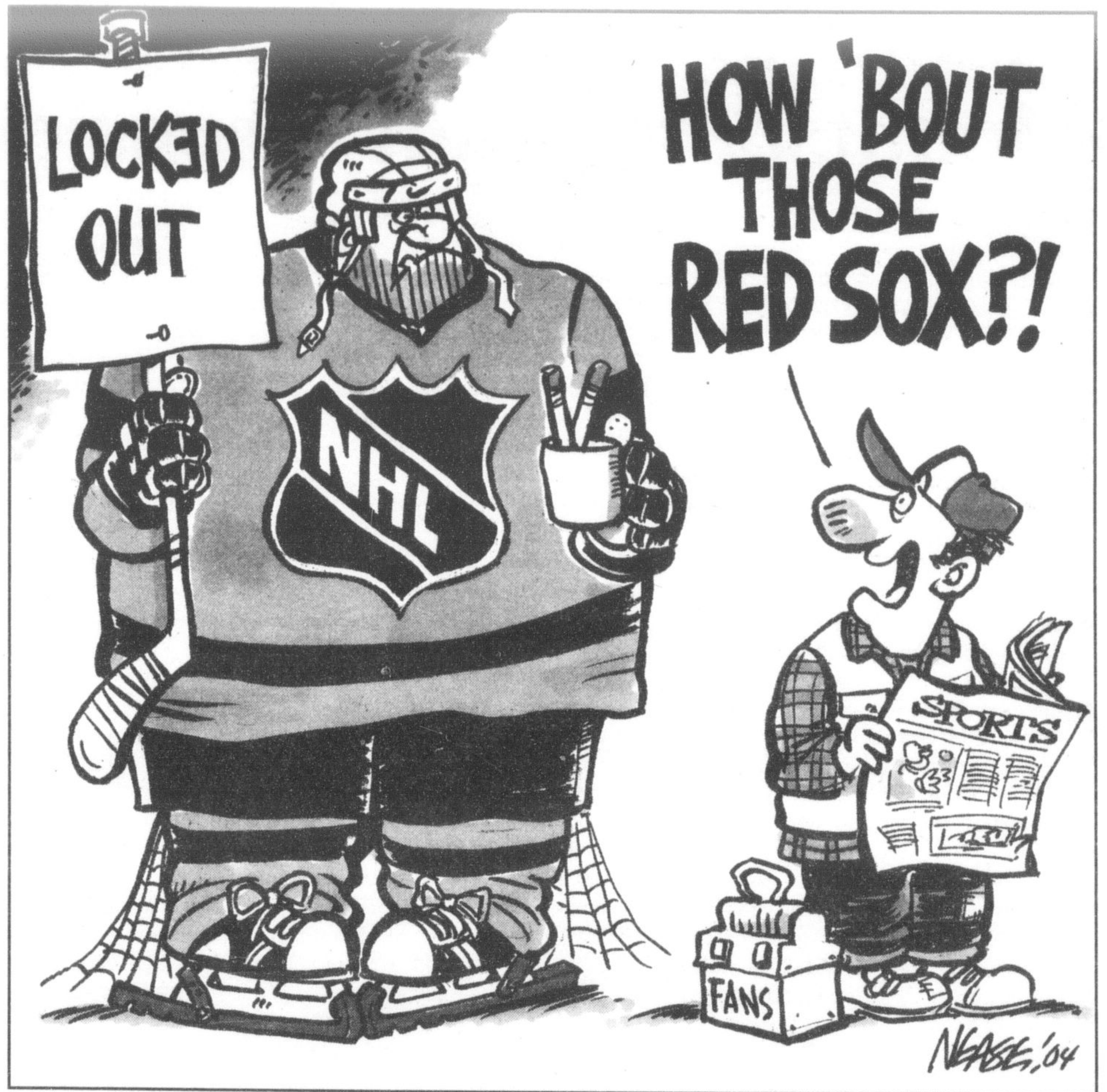
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Grading the Liberals

It was interesting to note that Premier Dalton McGuinty admitted last week his government hasn't brought (with apologies to Tiger Woods) his 'A' game to the table yet.

Looking back on his first year in power, the Liberal boss gave his government a generous grade of B while also issuing a 16-page "progress report" called Getting Results for Ontario, a taxpayer-paid-for document about his government's first-year accomplishments.

To be truthful, one year later we're still trying to figure out this government.

They're making some solid pledges to improving health care, but at the same time are delisting chiropractic and optometry services and demanding hospitals make drastic cuts.

The provincial Liberals are stubbornly, some say futilely, fighting to roll back Hwy. 407 tolls, promising to cut classroom sizes in our publicly-funded schools and pushing for tougher sentences for gun crimes and child porn cases.

On the other hand they're clawing back some school board reserves putting boards (like Halton's) in a potential bud-

get deficit position, while announcing plans to ban sushi and pitbulls.

Most importantly, a year later the stench of their blatant lie about not raising taxes still clings to the Liberals as they wasted no time in hitting taxpayers with a nasty health tax in their first budget announcement. This lie appears to have a lengthy shelf life.

While critics on the opposition benches say the Liberals deserve a grade of F (for fibbing, if nothing else) we think their first year of work is more worthy of a C or a D.

It would be naive for the electorate to expect every election campaign promise to be fulfilled within the government's first year in office.

However, Premier McGuinty and his Ontario Liberal Cabinet are off to a sluggish start in delivering their promises to those who voted them to power.

Are we surprised? Not really.

Disappointed? Absolutely. Orientation time at Queen's Park is over. It's time the Liberals really hit the books and did their homework in order to improve their barely passing grade.

Believe it or not, there's actually two of us here

When I first started at The Champion about five months ago, I knew I was taking on a wonderful job in a beautiful town.

What I wasn't prepared for was the inheritance of a 'twin' — that being fellow Champion reporter Stephanie Thiessen.

Many local residents have decided that we look so much alike, we must be the same person; a 'super reporter' who attends all events, day and night.

Now, I'll admit, we do have some similarities. We're both about five-foot-10 with medium-blond curly hair, about the same age and we're both reporters for the same paper with three-syllable names that end with 'anie.'

For people that don't see us that often, I think I can see the confusion.

At first, we thought it was rather amusing. For example, shortly after I started, Stephanie was

welcomed to Milton by a local councillor she'd previously interviewed, and town councillors who haven't even met Stephanie started calling me by her name.

Then, we started thinking that maybe we could have some fun with this. We contemplated both attending the same event, like a council meeting, and taking turns sitting at the press table to see if anyone noticed.

Playing jokes on people was one of the main reasons I always wanted a twin when I was younger.

But, given that wasn't possible, I lived vicariously through the Sweet Valley Twins book series, following the two sisters through their adventures. (I think the Champion Twins has a nice ring to it. Maybe this situation has a potential profit in it for us.)

I'll admit, since the name slip-up happens so

Our Readers Write

Let's work together to keep Milton beautiful

Dear Editor:

Like a lot of people, I enjoy a brisk walk around the Mill Pond.

While doing so, one can enjoy the peace and tranquility of the country right here in town. I don't think there are too many places like Milton where you can enjoy this type of scenery.

When going around the pond one day, I encountered some parents

with small children working on a school project about nature.

Myself, I thought this was quite unique, seeing people out one dreary Sunday morning and showing an interest in the outdoors.

Then there are other folks who don't seem to share the feelings of myself and others about the outdoors. While walking one day, I noticed and picked up a very recent

newspaper and other garbage and put it in the proper container that was only a few short feet away from where these items were dropped.

Let's all work together to keep our town clean — especially the Mill Pond, which has quite a history to it. Let's allow everyone to enjoy it to the fullest.

R. McMurter
Millside Drive

Recent Champion cartoon of governor general right on

Dear Editor:

The editorial cartoon in the October 8 Champion depicting Governor General of Canada Adrienne Clarkson and her husband in all their regal finery tossing our tax dollars carelessly about says it all.

Virtually nothing has changed since April 2, when the federal government stated that its expenditure

review committee would ensure that we're getting value for every tax dollar.

In my opinion that's not entirely true, since we're stuck with Ms Clarkson and company for at least another year.

Elizabeth Harrison
Campbellville



The view from here

with MELANIE HENNESSEY

frequently, I've pretty much stopped correcting people.

But now that I've been working at The Champion for almost half a year, I think it would be nice to have an established identity in the community.

For those who confuse Stephanie and me, there are a few ways to tell us apart.

For one, I wear glasses full-time, whereas Stephanie usually only wears hers for taking notes.

Our wardrobes are another distinguishing point. Stephanie is a pink shirt fanatic, while I'm partial to blue.

Stephanie's also known to straighten her hair now and then.

If this doesn't help you, then take a closer look at our hands. I'll be the one wearing a wedding band.

If nothing else, I guess one of us could cut our hair really short or dye it blue (I'll leave that one up to you, Stephanie).

Or, I could change my name to something unique and truly memorable, like Frank Zappa's daughter, Moon Unit.

On second thought, maybe we should just stick to name tags.