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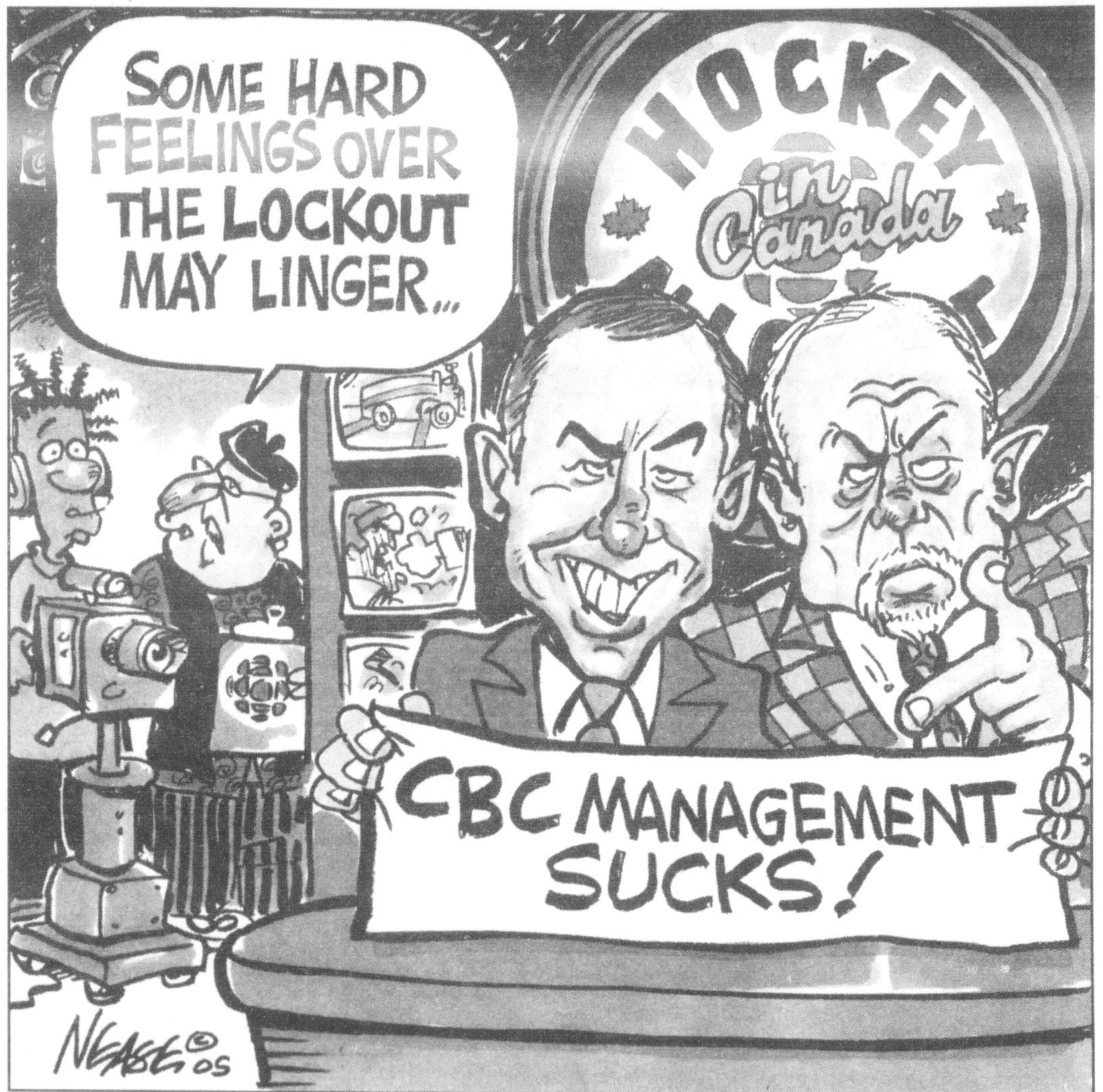
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We must say no way

Toronto and its surrounding neighbours of Peel, York and Durham are in a big hole. Or rather, their lack of a big hole has left them in a big hole.

With Michigan politicians moving toward ending the practice of accepting Toronto's garbage, a new home must be found for the one million tonnes of waste the residents produce each year.

Reportedly, Toronto and its neighbours provided the Province's environment ministry with a solution eight months ago — a plan that involves, at least temporarily, dumping Toronto's garbage in other Ontario landfills, including Halton's.

The ministry, however, is keeping the report secret out of fear of public backlash from residents in the communities surrounding those landfills.

Both Halton Regional Chair Joyce Savoline and MPP Ted Chudleigh have gone on record to voice their objections to Halton accepting T.O.'s trash.

As Chudleigh has said, Halton taxpayers have paid millions over the years for their landfill to ensure it has a lengthy life expectancy. Taking Toronto's garbage

would greatly reduce its life span.

We hate to get territorial over such an issue, but short-sighted Toronto politicians (and provincial ones) are to blame for this dilemma. This is a made-in-Toronto problem and if they're looking to other municipalities to bail them out, we have to simply answer: No way.

Why should Halton residents be made to pay for another community's inability to deal with its own waste?

Do Toronto's leaders seriously expect the Province to take an iron-fisted approach toward those communities that have shown the foresight to address the finite life span of landfills?

While Western society has been woefully slow to grasp the concept that resources such as electricity and gasoline aren't limitless, communities that have already adopted energy conservation and waste diversion principles shouldn't be made to carry the burden of those who continue to carry on in ignorance.

Toronto must be made to find a local solution to its impending waste nightmare, not dump it into someone else's lap.

Our Readers Write

Thanks to all who supported Terry Fox Run

Dear Editor:

We'd like to take this opportunity to offer a sincere and heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported the 25th annual Terry Fox Run held September 18 at E.C. Drury High School.

In Milton, the unofficial results show that we raised more than \$50,000 this year with over 750 participants. That's a record number in terms of participation and Milton should be proud.

The Terry Fox Foundation is raising more than just money for cancer research. It's also raising the bar for non-profit fundraising accountability, while honouring the wishes of a Canadian legacy — with 89 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research.

Terry once said, "Even if I don't

finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." And so we thank each and every one of you for being a part of Terry's legacy by contributing through your pledges and through your participation.

In particular, we'd like to thank Shawn Haynes for being this year's Terry's Teammate. We would like to wish Shawn and his family all the best in the coming year with Shawn's treatments and progress as he battles this disease.

Unique Sounds Disc Jockey Service provided fabulous tunes for the participants and volunteers once again. Thank-you Sam. All four Subway locations pitched in to donate yummy subs for participants, who also enjoyed water from the Water Depot. Roman from D&S

Signs, M&M Meat Shops, Borscos Apples and Canadian Tire deserve a big thank-you as well, as does Ms Pinsent for allowing us to read her poem at opening ceremonies. And let's not forget to thank those at E.C. Drury for the use of the school.

To everyone else that helped on run day — our incredible volunteer committee, Doreen Clarke, Shawn Cobbett and The Champion — thanks very much. We couldn't have done it without you.

Lastly, we had three items in the lost and found — a pink baby doll, one AC/DC ball cap and a pair of rollerblades. If you're missing any of these items, call (905) 875-0903.

Melissa Janjevich and Christina Godbolt,
co-ordinators
Milton Terry Fox Run

Timing can be everything, especially in sports world

During a pre-season interview with Mike O'Shea this past spring, the veteran Argos line-backer uttered a seemingly simple but often under-appreciated reality about sports.

"It's got so much to do with timing."

While the three-time Grey Cup champion was referring to fellow Miltonian Matt O'Meara's chances of cracking the Saskatchewan Roughriders' lineup, his comment would hold even more relevance — in my opinion anyway — for another elite local athlete just a few months later.

In the fall of 2004, Darren Haydar — Milton's resident NHL hopeful — was just coming off a championship post-season with Nashville's AHL affiliate Milwaukee Admirals, in which he powered them to the Calder Cup with a playoff-leading 26 points.

Thriving with what Admirals coach Claude

Noel described as a constant "target on his back," the former Milton Merchant great had added yet another chapter to a career in which team success has followed him like a shadow, and put himself in position to get a serious look by the Predators.

I still believe that had there not been a lockout, the 2004/05 NHL season would have seen Haydar a part it.

Fast forward a year and the gifted right winger many still affectionately refer to as 'Mini' just doesn't seem to be on Nashville's radar, as evidenced by his recent return to the Admirals.

Haydar has always been one to keep his frustration in check — at least publicly — when things haven't gone his way. With that in mind, I'll pose the question many of us around the arena have been asking for him. Just what does this guy have to do to make the NHL?

Following a 1997/98 season in which he



with STEVE LeBLANC

amassed 140 regular-season points and another 50 in the playoffs to lead the Merchants to a national championship berth, Haydar went to the Frozen Four twice in four years with New Hampshire University and ended his NCAA career as a runner-up for the Hobey Baker award.

Then he strings together three productive seasons in the AHL — the first capped with league

rookie-of-the-year honours and the second met with Calder Cup victory.

If that's not enough to book passage to the show, I don't know what is.

And as far as I'm concerned, the old argument that Haydar's just too small just doesn't have legs anymore — especially in a new NHL era that's supposed to cater more to skill than physical prowess.

And one only has to look at the recent success of guys like Martin St. Louis and Steve Sullivan for proof that size isn't a prerequisite for NHL prosperity.

I can't quite put my finger on just why Haydar hasn't cracked Nashville's line-up. All I know is that he's a prime example of just how tough it can be to make it to hockey's innermost sanctum — and that no matter how good a player is, often it's more about timing than anything else.

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