

# OPINION

## Memorable night

Dampened, but by no means deterred.

In what was arguably the most inspiring showing for the Milton Relay for Life — at least from a perseverance standpoint — the fourth annual cancer fundraiser lost only a few teams due to Friday night's torrential downpour.

Refusing to let Mother Nature spoil their efforts, most participants took refuge in the fairgrounds' grandstand or office, while just about everyone who went home during the worst of it returned to fulfill their commitment.

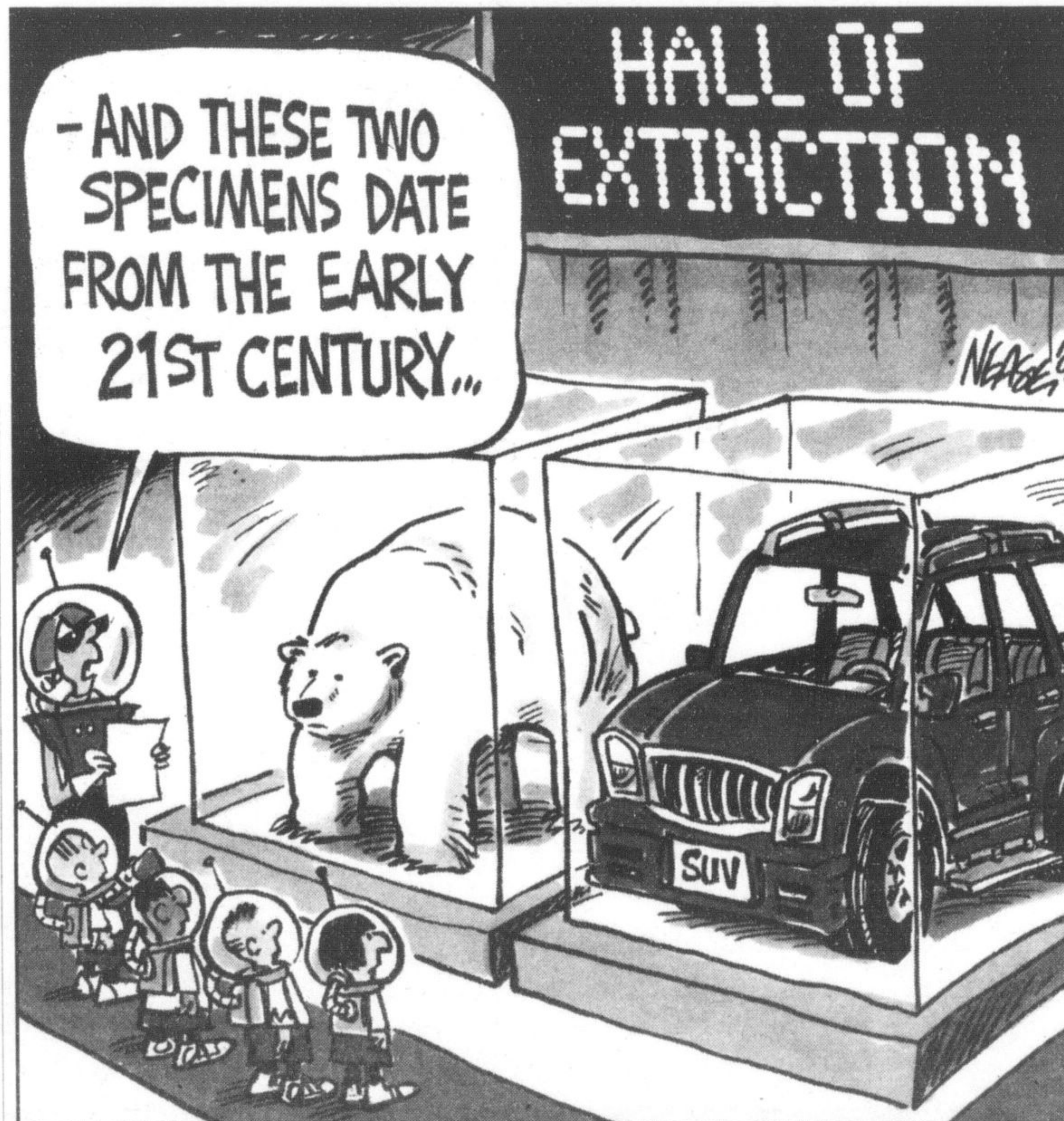
"I was floored," co-ordinator Tarah Cherwoniak said of the resolve this year's group displayed. "Given the circumstances, everything turned out great."

While the final tally is

still to come, the 2008 Milton Relay for Life has already surpassed the \$260,000 raised last June — with about \$275,000 taken in so far and donations still being collected. Talk about a grand display of generosity.

Perhaps the most encouraging part of the night was a huge boost in numbers for the kick-off Survivors' Victory Lap, with more than 100 Miltonians publicly celebrating their triumph over the disease. We may have a long way to go to wipe out cancer, but that rising number of survivors offered a heartfelt reminder that we're making major progress.

Milton continues to do its part in the battle against cancer, and this past weekend showed it'll take more than a thunder shower to weaken its fighting spirit.



## ReadersWrite

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## Thanks to everyone who helped make dog guides walk a success

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in the first annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides in Milton June 1.

About 150 communities across Canada took part in the foundation's largest fundraiser — the Purina Walk for Dog Guides.

For the first time this year, Milton was added to the list of

participating communities, and we're happy to announce that more than \$2,000 was raised for dog guides. That's a fantastic achievement for the first year.

Special thanks goes out to our sponsor, Nestle Purina and Nestle Waters Canada, as well as to those other organizations that got involved.

Thank you to Boston Pizza for providing pizza and drinks to all of our walkers upon completion of the walk, as well as

lots of other goodies for the grab bags. We'd also like to thank Premier Fitness and Mademoiselle Women's Fitness Club for providing free passes to their gym for all our walkers, on top of raising their own funds for the walk.

We hope to see everyone out again next year.

**LISA WINKLER AND JENNA MASCANTONIO, ORGANIZERS  
PURINA WALK FOR DOG GUIDES MILTON**

## Theft of son's bike truly disappointing

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing to you with sadness.

On June 6, J.M. Denyes School held its annual bike rodeo. My son, who's seven, asked if he could participate. He had received a new bike for his birthday in April, a big deal as things are tight.

It was a black BMX-style bike with Gravedigger written in neon green.

When he went to get it at the end of the day,

it was gone. Now I have a devastated little boy without a bike.

Someone felt the need to steal a bike from my seven-year-old son. I can't afford to replace it.

Parents, please ask your children if they've seen this bike. If they have, please ask them to return it to J.M. Denyes. No questions will be asked.

**LAELAR VAN ZUYLEN  
MILTON**

## Support following accident has been fantastic

DEAR EDITOR:

Due to an accident, I have been walking with the assistance of either crutches or a cane for the past year.

In this time, I have encour-

tered the most courteous people. These people have opened and held doors for me, and have done whatever else they could through their own common courtesy.

I would like to thank them all, and applaud them for their unselfishness. Thank you all so very much.

**TIM BENSON  
MILTON**

## Great support for Camp Day

DEAR EDITOR:

Thank you for your support of Tim Hortons Camp Day, when more than 3,000 Tim Hortons stores in Canada and the United States donated their entire coffee sales — in addition to funds raised through other Camp Day events and activities — to the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation.

This special day raised an unbelievable \$9 million.

We're extremely grateful for the support and generosity of our customers, store owners, staff, special guests and media who participated in Camp Day 2008.

The funds raised on Camp Day this year will help send more than 13,000 deserving children to one of six Tim Hortons Children's Foundation camps — all expenses paid. Each camp offers a wide range of first-class programs and activities that encourage campers to embrace and overcome challenges. The experience is designed to build self-confidence, self-esteem and leadership skills and provide campers with a positive view of their true potential.

On behalf of Tim Hortons, the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation and the thousands of children you have helped send to camp this year, thank you very much.

**BILL MOIR, PRESIDENT  
TIM HORTONS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

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