Canada toons out as NHL ices season

If you’re not a hockey fan (or at least Canadian), Patrick Corrigan’s cartoon might be tough for you to decipher. For example that fancy garbage can is the most revered trophy in sports — the Stanley Cup. The man behind the imperial desk is NHL commissioner Gary Bettman. The issue is the cancellation of the 2004-05 hockey season. According to Canadian Press, the Lost NHL Season caused big headlines but few tears as even Canadians had tuned out by the time the announcement was made.

Additional resources
Association of American Editorial Cartoonists (AAEC)
http://editorialcartoonists.com/
More by Patrick Corrigan
http://www.corrigan.ca/
Association of Canadian Editorial Cartoonists(ACEC)
http://www.canadiancartoonists.com/

Talking points
1. The Stanley Cup is the oldest and probably most revered trophy in professional sports. Corrigan’s cartoon depicts it as a trash can. Why?
2. Bettman is throwing away a paper that reads 2004-05. Does this mean the cartoonist blames Bettman for the season’s cancellation?
3. List the symbols you see and what they might mean. For example, did you notice the “L” in the NHL logo resembles a hockey stick.
4. Hockey is Canada’s official Winter Sport. So what’s Canada’s official Summer Sport? (Don’t know? Look it up!)

Get out your newspaper
Gather a collection of political cartoons from your newspaper over the next two weeks. Using the Cartoon Evaluation Worksheet (available online at the NIE Website) analyze each cartoon and explain the issues addressed and determine the point of view of the artist. Gather news stories about those issues and evaluate the cartoonists opinions.