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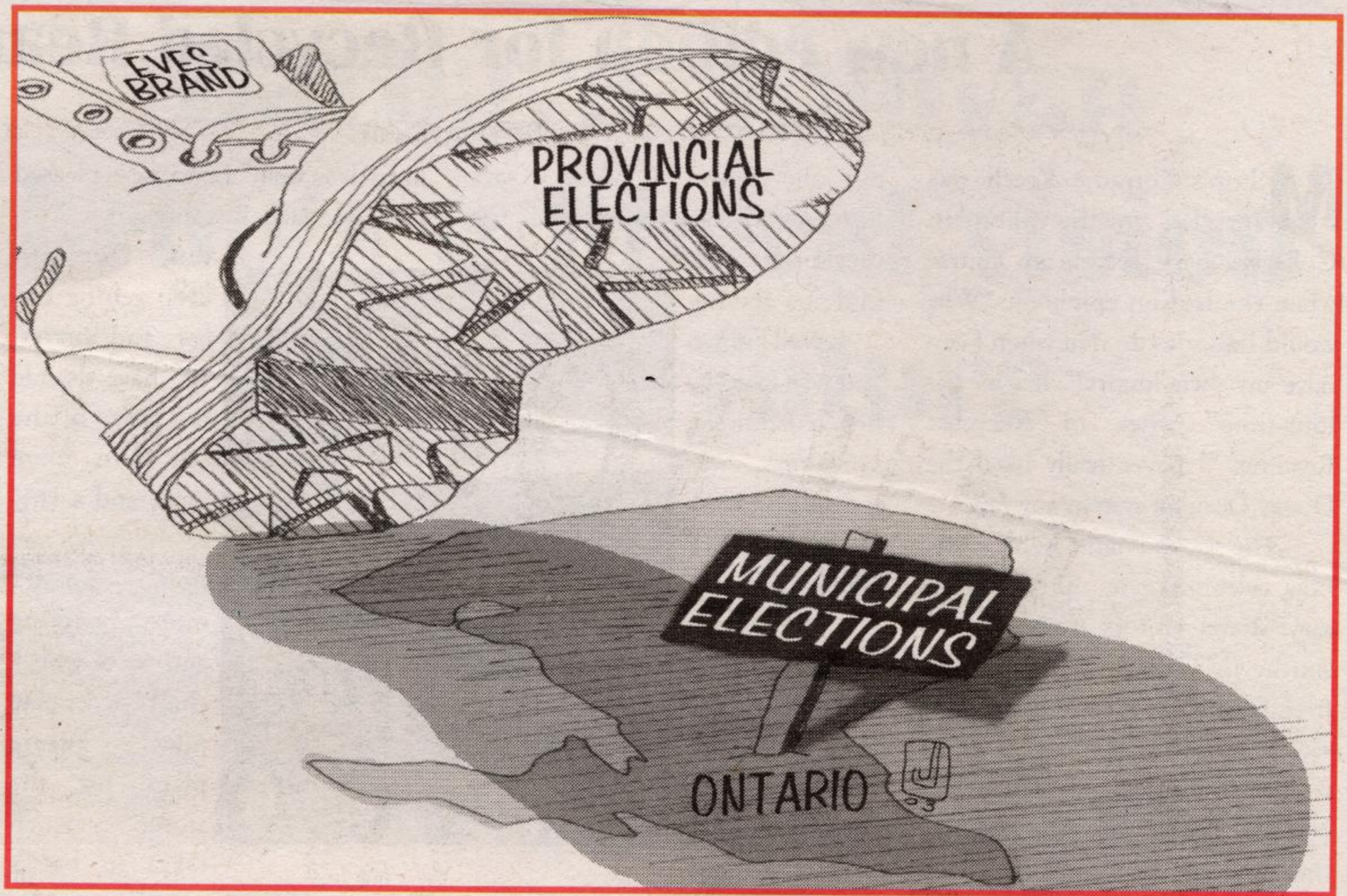
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## BRASS TACKS – Editorial

### Vote with your head and don't forget your "common sense"

With Premier Eves pushing municipal politics to the back burner with the call for a provincial election on October 2, Halton voters must first decide which political party will best represent their interests at Queen's Park.

Many special interest groups and media outlets across the province back the Liberals or the NDP and would have the voting public believe its time for a change. The ruling Conservatives are routinely painted as arrogant, right wing zealots that hate teachers, nurses, unions, their moms and that kitten eatin' Dalton McGinty. (Please, so many trees killed over some poor volunteer's misguided and feeble attempt at media relations.)

However, before jumping on the "time for change" bandwagon, it may be wise to first remember the state the province of Ontario was in before the PC's brought their Common Sense Revolution to bear

in the mid-90's. Taxes and the provincial deficit were soaring. Jobs and businesses were leaving Ontario at an alarming rate. Queen's Park funded almost every special interest group in the province. Education and Health Care costs spiralled out of control as Deputy Ministers built empires. Ontario's hard-earned credit rating was in decline.

In short, the economic engine called Ontario that drives the whole country's prosperity was stalled.

Ontario voters had had enough.

As the country's power broker at the federal level in Canada, they first dumped the Mulroney gang and brought back a Liberal majority to Parliament in Ottawa. At the first opportunity in Ontario, voters then gave Mike Harris's Common Sense Revolution a resounding vote of confidence.

In short, a fed-up Ontario brought back the Federal

Liberal/Provincial Conservative power structure that had always served the province and the country so well.

And it worked.

Jobs were created. Taxes declined. Provincial ministries were restructured. Deficits were reduced and even some of the national debt was paid down.

Ontario was working again, proud to once again have an economic engine running on all its cylinders.

So when Halton voters step up to the plate on October 2 to dictate Ontario's future for the next four or five years, it can only be hoped they decide on the PC's record if it's time for a change.

Make sure it's your "vote," based on your own common sense, and not that of cash-hungry special interest groups or that of a clamouring media, that goes into the ballot box on October 2.

## BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX – Letters to the Editor

Dear Compass,  
 I have spoken to many people over the past few months and most agree that the Compass is becoming the better source of news and lifestyle features in the area. I very much prefer the format of *The Compass* to the other north Halton papers... congratulations to *The Compass* team for coming out with an issue twice a month!

John McDonald, Milton

I missed the Shoebox series in the September edition of *The Compass* - I trust it is just a one-time miss as that is why I subscribe to *The Compass*.

Margaret R. Duncan

Since *The Compass* has now become a twice-a-month newspaper, our popular Shoebox Memories segment runs in the mid-month issue. The first issue of the month's centre spread is devoted to Homeworks, our house and garden section. Hope you enjoy both!

The Editors

Re: Councilor Lunau's conflict over Mohawk raises concerns

To address the issue of "some people are wondering whether Ms. Lunau is more committed to wild turtles than she is her voting constituents." This statement strikes me as being very mean-spirited. Well before I ever met Cindy, her commitment to the community was apparent in the articles she wrote for this very paper. Back to

the title article: Had Cindy not declared a conflict of interest, she would have invited criticism from every quarter - then you would have had a real topic for an article. For Mr. Matchett to suggest that Mohawk might require Town water, and suggest Woodbine Entertainment Group get involved in bringing Town water to the area to benefit Campbellville is rather presumptuous as preliminary information shows that they have the permits in place to supply all the water they need from current wells. It occurs to me that there is some posturing in this article that just may coincide with upcoming municipal elections, or am I being cynical?

Jan Mowbray

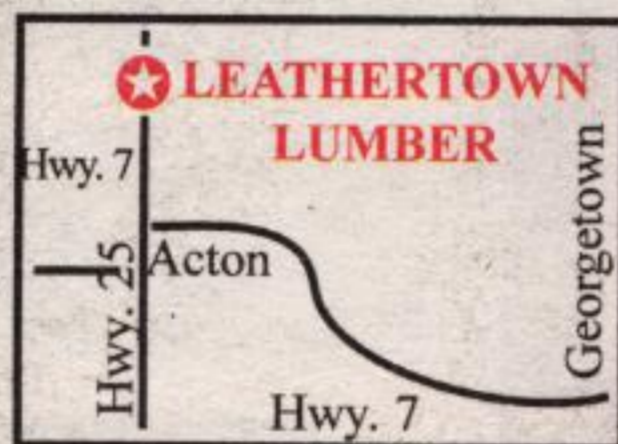
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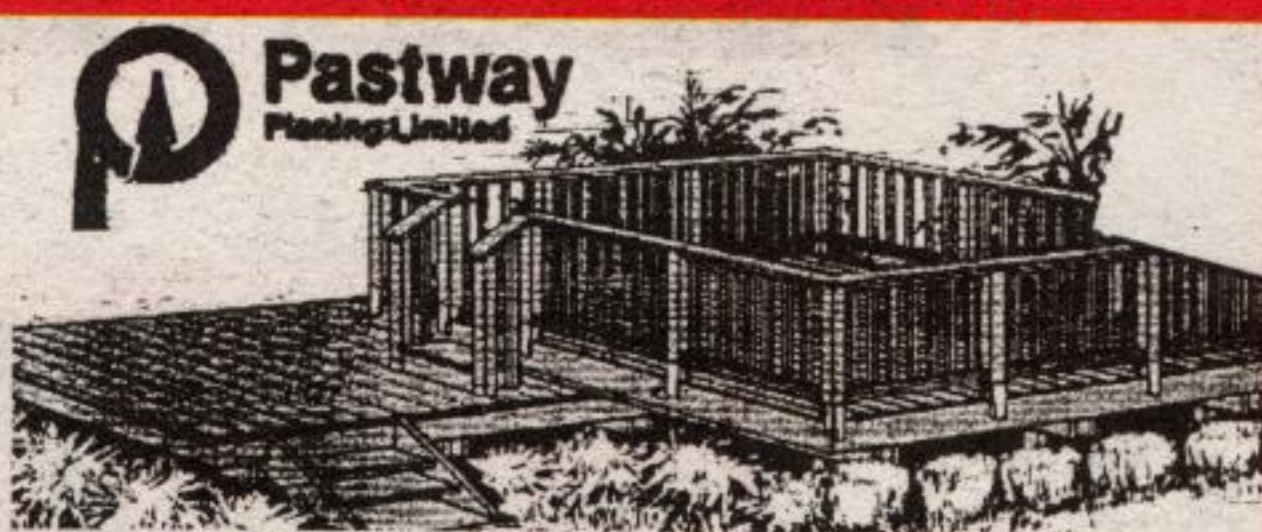
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