

Editorial

Dare the devils

On the surface, the Ontario election race can be summed up thusly: Is the devil we know (Ernie Eves and his Tories), worse than the devil we don't (Dalton McGuinty's Liberals)?

We're leaving Howard Hampton and the New Democrats out of this question, simply because we assume most Ontario voters will do likewise. But having said, that let's not forget the stunning result of 1990 when Bob Rae's NDP crew stormed to power on a tide of anti-Liberal and anti-Tory sentiment.

That is not likely in the cards this time.

This election is being painted as McGuinty's to lose and clearly, if he is not able to win this time out his political future will be as dead as a guest star on *Six Feet Under*.

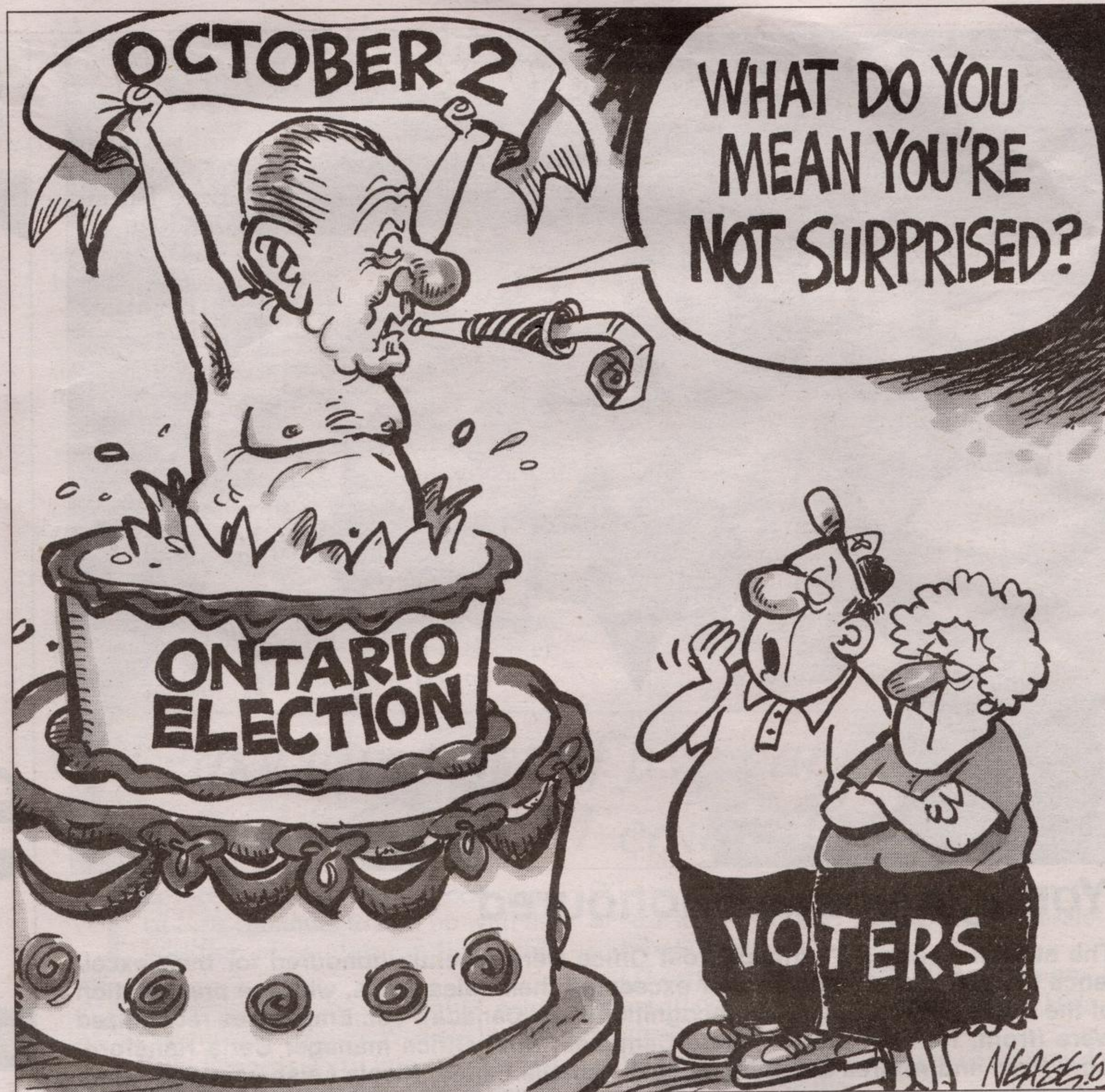
The Liberals' strategy is clear: choose change. After eight years of Tory majority rule and a series of crises this year (some the fault of the Conservatives; others not), McGuinty knows voters are more eager to accept a new government than any time in the past nine years. The question is, is McGuinty premier material?

The Tories are betting he isn't and have made it clear they will be questioning McGuinty's leadership ability. As Eves has proclaimed, you don't want the premier "learning on the job." To reassure voters the PCs will point to their handling of Ontario's economy during the past few years and Eves' front and centre approach to the hydro blackout as reasons to keep them in office.

During the next 26 days voters will be hearing a lot of promises, both on the provincial and local fronts, from the candidates.

We urge everyone to learn the issues, ask the candidates hard questions and make an informed choice on Oct. 2.

Then hold those elected accountable.



Letters to the editor...

Blackout victims appreciated acts of kindness

Dear editor,

I should like to use your newspaper to thank some of the residents of Georgetown who helped us during

the recent blackout.

On the day in question my wife and I had left Kingston and were on the way to visit family in Kitchener. At the time of the power cut we found ourselves in Georgetown in need of gas. Although the people at the Canadian Tire gas bar couldn't pump us any gas, they said we were welcome to wait in the shade on the lot until the power came back on. They even let us make a few phone calls to tell friends and family of our predicament.

After an hour or so we went in search of food. There was a very nice bakery (Miller's) opposite the gas station owned by a couple from Wales. The couple later came by and offered all kinds of help, including the offer to help ourselves to whatever fresh baked goods we wanted for breakfast if we should still be there in the morning. We were also invited to a barbeque in the neighbourhood.

Later in the evening members of an antique car club meeting on an

adjacent lot came by and asked about this strange couple camping out on the forecourt of the Canadian Tire gas bar and soon another anonymous stranger had gone off in search of a friend who had gas to spare.

As a result, Reg Dougan soon appeared and had us follow him to his house. There he poured five gallons of gas into our tank. I had literally to force him to accept some payment for this—just to satisfy me really—then he and his wife offered us anything else we might need before we went on our way.

We left Georgetown delayed by about five hours but touched by the kindness of so many people who could have just ignored us. We shall never forget our time there and hope to return before too long.

In the meantime we hope all those involved are able to receive our heartfelt thanks through your newspaper.

Peter and Ann Allen,
Kingston

Come enjoy the fall fair

Dear editor,

On Labour Day, I was playing basketball at the end of my driveway with my son and a neighbour boy, when a minivan pulled up.

It was a young family from Mississauga checking out Georgetown. This is not an isolated occurrence. Several times now, I have been pleased to answer questions of potential new neighbours. It is with pride that I tell them our town has something valuable and a sense of community.

Community does not just happen by putting a lot of people in close proximity. Community is something to which we contribute by our sacrifice of time, money and energy. And it is something that makes our town desirable.

This coming weekend we can experience a highlight of our community, by attending Georgetown's 157th Fall Fair. The organizers work hard to offer something for everyone, and I believe they have succeeded again.

I have had the pleasure of meeting several of the volunteers as I worked to set up the free climbing wall our church is sponsoring. Come and celebrate the community this weekend. I look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Noel Draper, Pastor,
The Gathering Community Church

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