

Editorial

Status quo the way to go

Three weeks ago in this space, after the provincial election was called, we asked a simple question: Is the devil we know (Ernie Eves and the Progressive Conservatives) worse than the devil we don't (Dalton McGuinty and the Liberals)?

We asked you to listen to the local candidates— Tory Ted Chudleigh, the Liberals' Barbara Sullivan and Jay Jackson of the NDP (as well as the other fringe candidates)— and make an informed decision.

We also suggested you ask them tough questions.

Now the decision is in your hands.

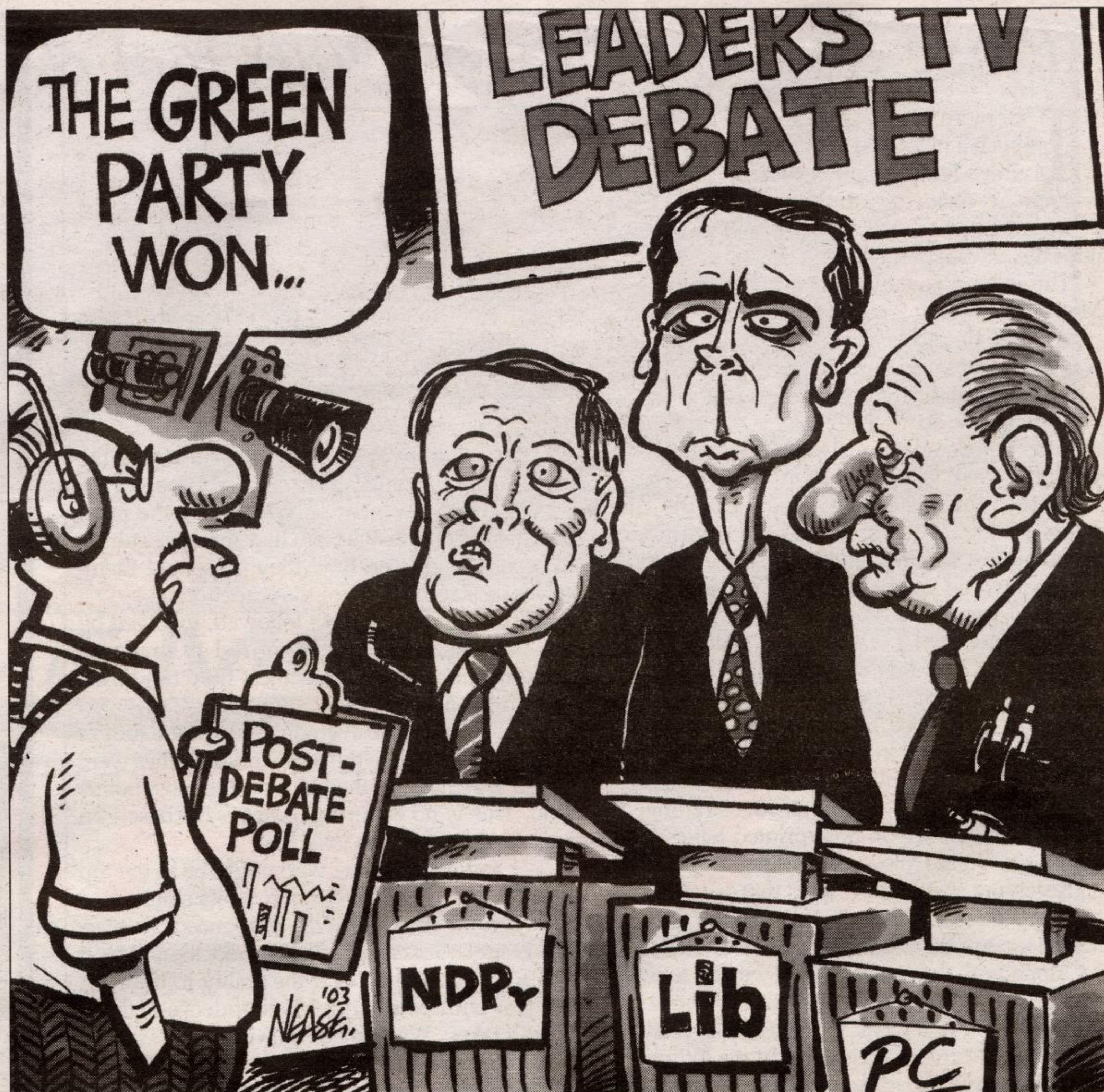
We have looked at the three key local candidates, their performance in this campaign and their party's platforms— all factors which should be taken into consideration when selecting the next representative for the riding of Halton.

As the incumbent Ted Chudleigh has the highest profile but also provides the largest target, considering his party has led this province for the past eight years. As MPP Chudleigh has worked hard for his constituents, but we would expect nothing less. He knows the area well, is in tune with the business community and believes that a vibrant economy is the best way to funnel money where it is needed— health care and education. However, his party has made its share of mistakes.

Sullivan has experience as an MPP, having served as MPP for Halton Centre from 1987-1995. She gives every indication that she would be committed to working hard for this riding but her party's pledge to not raise taxes— a job killer— concerns us. We have heard that promise from the Grits before and it is one that rings hollow. McGuinty, as party leader, also is a concern. We are unconvinced he is premier material.

The NDP's Jay Jackson is the most likeable of the candidates and possibly the most passionate. It is his party's policies, not the candidate, we cannot embrace.

Our choice— and it should be taken only as our *opinion*— is that Halton would best be served by returning Ted Chudleigh to Queen's Park.



Letters to the editor....

Same-sex marriage: The majority should rule

Dear editor,

Upon reading the articles on the same-sex marriage debate (Sept. 17) I felt I had some comments.

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I am from Toronto and have lived in the area for the past 15 years. The attitudes on many issues are very different between the city and country.

The fact that they (same-sex advocates) want to be 'equal in the eyes of the law and society' is redundant.

The 'eye' is in the believer and the majority of people do not see same-sex marriage as 'equal' or will for years to come.

An example of the 'law' upholding something that is not right to the majority is, the strip club. Known in Ontario for total nudity and what goes on there, many men travel from the U.S. just to see what is offered. The law decided total nudity was fine, then came lap dancing. Lap dancing is no longer legal, but still goes on and the fact that the clubs are legal does not make it right, or accepted by most people or society.

Just because the law passes something does not mean that

society as a whole will accept it. It will be years before the majority of people accept a re-defined marriage. Even in ancient cultures where homosexuality was accepted as part of society, never was it thought that it would re-define marriage.

As for human rights, well, there are drug users, pedophiles, smokers, polygamists, and racists that might like to have the same rights.

Democracy must rule as a majority.

Connie Walkem,
Norval

Remember the 10th

Dear editor,

Replying to Mr. Al Pilutti's unfortunate experience with donkeys (advertisement August 29).

Perhaps he should remember the 10th Commandment: "Do not covet thy neighbour's ass."

P. Dallimore,
Glen Williams

Standards 'compromised'

Dear editor,

Canada since its foundation has recognized the traditional biblical marriage as one man and one woman. In 1999 the Parliament of Canada voted overwhelmingly in favour of upholding the definition of marriage as "the lawful union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others."

Parliament stated it would take all necessary steps to preserve this definition of marriage. However the present Liberal government and the courts of Canada, sworn to uphold the law have in fact opposed the law. Instead, Canada, as a nation, has been forced by a tiny, vocal, well organized minority of subversives to condone their immoral lifestyle as normal by legalizing same-sex marriage.

By distorting a lie into a truth we have compromised our moral, ethical, historical and legal standards for a few reprobates. They have turned a sinful lifestyle into a human rights issue. This same minority twists the Charter of Rights as if it has more supremacy than the historical and unchangeable laws of God, which they do not.

It is time for us as a nation, to use our privilege as citizens and voters to oppose those who would subvert this nation from its unchangeable moral absolutes.

Steve Winter, Acton

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