

Editorial

Grit back-tracking

Barely six months into their mandate, the Ontario Liberal government has taken promise-breaking to a new level. This week they showcased a new ability—spin doctoring.

In a matter of only a few hours, the Grits managed to refuse to fund a Toronto project to track sex offenders (at the measly cost of \$700,000), changed their mind when the criticism began to build, then somehow managed to blame the former Tory government for the whole thing.

Amazing.

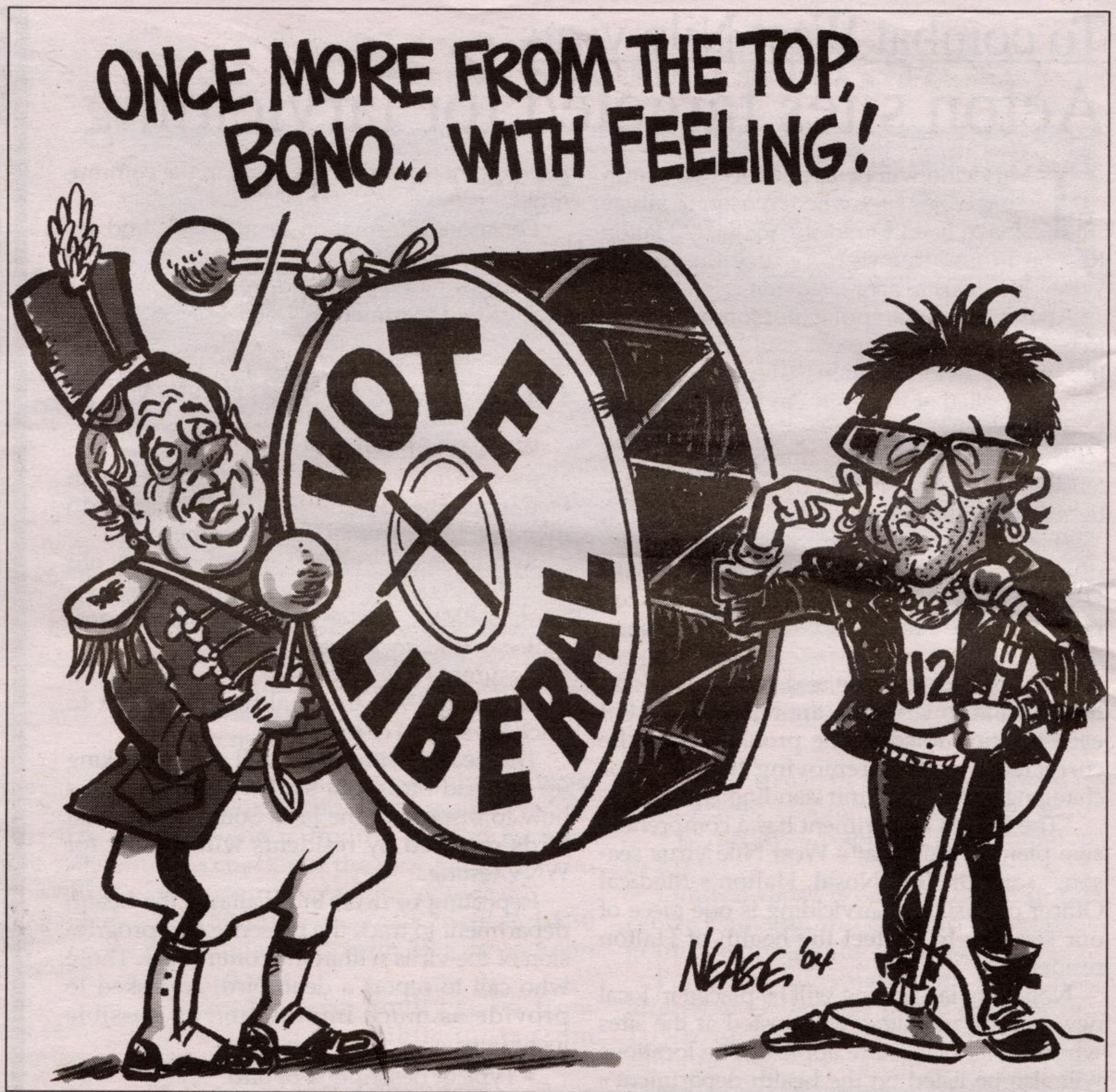
In what could only be described as an incredibly insensitive move, considering it happened on the one-year anniversary of the murder of Toronto youngster Holly Jones, Attorney-General Michael Bryant and Community Safety Minister Monte Kwinter made it clear Wednesday the Liberals would not fund the Tory project.

Bryant indicated the Liberals were more eager to play a part in the proposed national sex registry while Kwinter said Toronto already had a good record in tracking sex offenders.

However, after Kwinter met with Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino, and news reports began to surface about the Grits' decision not to fund the project, the Liberals performed an about-face and announced financial support for the project.

To top it off they blamed the Tories for not implementing it sooner— even though former public safety and security minister Bob Runciman only announced the plan three months before last fall's election.

With this tap-dancing act, the Liberals sent a clear message to the public— saving children is less important than saving face.



Letters to the editor....

Cancer Society campaigns a big success

Dear editor,

The Canadian Cancer Society's Brampton/Caledon/Georgetown/Dufferin County Unit would like to

extend its heartfelt thanks to all the fantastic volunteers who worked so hard this year to make our daffodil and residential campaigns a success! Our daffodil sales this year topped \$93,000! This could not have been achieved without the aid of our daffodil sorters, drivers, co-ordinators, sellers and office assistants. The money that has been raised in our daffodil and residential campaigns will help fund research and provide services in all of our communities.

Thanks a bunch to all the individuals, groups and organizations who pre-purchased daffodils through their schools, companies and businesses. Thank you to all the Georgetown residents who also supported our door-to-door campaign.

Whether its supporting people living with cancer, raising funds for important research, providing cancer information or advocating for healthy public policy, our volunteers in communities across Ontario are the faces in the fight against cancer.

Thank you again to all our volunteers whose hard work and dedica-

tion is helping us to make cancer history!

**Bilal Rashid, Unit President
Shirley Richards, Volunteer
Development Chair**

Support appreciated

Dear editor,

We would like to thank the Erin and Georgetown communities for their wonderful support during the illness of our son.

Thank you also to the following— your help was very much appreciated: Wal-Mart, Credit Lodge, Shopper's Drug Mart, Art Effects Teddy Bear Drive, Charley FitzWhiskey's Tap & Eatery, Bergsma and Mail Walkers.

Pierce Edward David Valentine, now five months old, is doing well, and members of both communities are invited to attend his baptism at St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, on Sunday, May 16.

The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m., with lunch to follow.

John and Nicole Valentine, Erin

Support group is great

Dear editor,

How many women in Halton Hills have suddenly found themselves feeling lost and alone, due to bereavement, separation, looming empty nest, spousal disharmony, downsizing or retirement?

How many of us flounder because we had so willingly created ourselves in the image of who we thought others needed us to be?

And where and to whom do we turn to rebuild when we realize we've never known who we are nor can remember who we once may have been or when and how we lost control of our own lives?

Recently I attended an interactive seminar for women, entitled, *Everything Old is New Again*. Eighteen women of varying age and socio-economic backgrounds came together that day, each searching for direction in facing the emotional challenge life had thrust upon her.

As a result of that seminar— and at the request of many in the group — Elayne Tanner has agreed to expand this confidential one day seminar into a six-month ongoing support group for women. The group will meet once a month and everyone is welcome.

I encourage any woman struggling with upheaval in her life to contact Elayne at 905-854-0801 for details. Find yourself, your passions, your dreams and see that you have worth, are strong and will endure!

Beverly Roberts, Georgetown

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