

OPINION

Here's who we think will best represent Halton

For almost as long as elections and the printed word have co-existed, newspapers have offered their choice of leaders in local, provincial and federal offices.

The purpose of such an exercise isn't necessarily to sway your vote, but to hopefully make people think about the importance of casting a ballot and to encourage everyone to get out and exercise the right our forefathers fought — and died — to preserve for all Canadians.

In reaching our decision we looked not only at the local candidates, but also at their respective party leaders and at the reality of the world in which we are living.

In the Halton Riding, voters have the choice between Liberal incumbent Garth Turner, Conservative Lisa Raitt, the NDP's Robert Wagner, Green candidate Amy Collard and Tony Rodrigues of the Christian Heritage Party.

Here at the *Canadian Champion*, we have decided to back a newcomer to the local political scene. She represents the Conservative Party of Canada.

At the local level, we feel Raitt brings invaluable experience as CEO and president of the Toronto Port Authority to a job that will see her focusing on Halton's woefully underfunded infrastructure needs.

We also support Raitt because she represents the party that seems best equipped to lead Canada through the uncertainty of the current economic crisis south of the border, through the conclusion of Canada's military involvement in Afghanistan and on to what we hope will be more prosperous days ahead.

While Turner is the riding's most politically-experienced candidate, we believe the outspoken, rebellious, party-be-damned approach he has taken in the last two-and-a-half years will be counter-productive to the team-building environment we think Canadians want from their next government.

Turner, to his credit, has kept in close touch with his constituents through numerous public forums. He hasn't been afraid to meet his detractors in person.

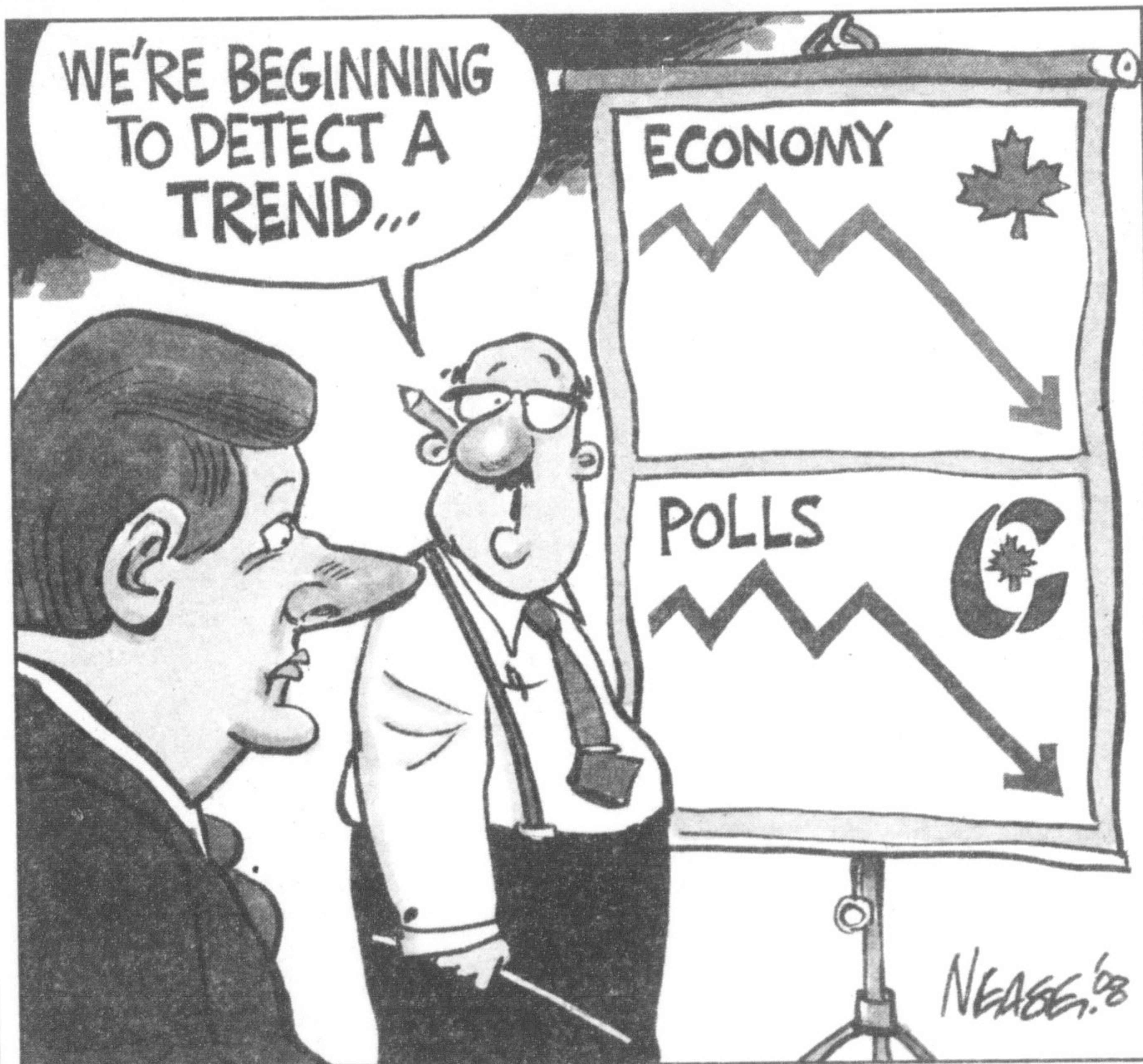
However, while Turner promises to stand up for his constituents, we're just not sure where he stands politically.

In the 2006 federal election, he ran successfully for the Conservative Party by bashing the Liberal party.

Two years later, he now speaks glowingly of the Liberal party and reserves his venomous attacks for his Conservative opponent and her party's leader.

Frankly, it sounds like Turner will say anything to get himself elected.

While Collard, Wagner and Rodrigues seem to all be well-intentioned candidates with some interesting ideas, none have demonstrated the sort of leadership experience Halton Riding residents need in order to be heard in Ottawa.



Readers Write

E-mail your letters to editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com.

At wits' end with constant barking

DEAR EDITOR:

We're writing out of sheer frustration with regard to some people who own dogs.

We live in a rural area of Milton and are unable to open our windows or enjoy sitting on our porch due to the constant barking of our neighbours' dogs. It disturbs our sleep, our meal-time and our peace of mind.

We understand that a dog will sometimes bark, but these dogs bark incessantly. They bark at everything, including the wildlife that roams the area.

These animals may be in distress and their owners pay no attention. These dogs are left tied up all day and sometimes all night long, on the coldest of nights and the hottest of days.

These same dog owners don't pick

up after their animals. We have been told by the Town that it's the law that you have to pick up and dispose of your dog's excrement in a sanitary manner and not throw it into the bush or leave it on the roadside — even in rural areas.

We prefer not to call the authorities and have talked to these people many times, but by the next day it's right back to the same inconsiderate behaviour. Some dog owners don't seem to give any thought to the anguish their animals cause others. They give responsible dog owners a bad name.

Maybe the Town of Milton could consider printing the noise bylaws and animal regulations in the newspaper from time to time.

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Support for fundraiser simply amazing

DEAR EDITOR:

The Cops for Cancer event organizing committee would like to acknowledge the support received from the sponsors, everybody that in anyway supported us and everybody who attended the event that took place at Milton Mall on September 6.

With everybody's support, we were able to raise more than \$17,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Once again, Miltonians and supporters from the surrounding areas have shown the power of people when banding together for a valuable cause.

We're very grateful to the sponsors. These people went well beyond expectations and came on that

Saturday with all they had to give.

A big thank you goes out to Vince Abruzesse and his staff at Sheer Pleasure in the mall. They did an awesome job shaving heads, cutting hair and waxing legs. Thank you, Vince, and everybody from your salon. You people are unbelievable.

Thank you to the Milton Scouts for taking care of the barbecue and the donated items for the food table.

Thank you to the Milton Mall and its employees for allowing us to use the premises and helping set up and clean up after the event.

Thank you, Milton, for your support.

We'll see you all again next year.
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