

# Libertarian Cox will challenge Turner

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Since its inception in 1988, the federal riding of Halton-Peel has been a Progressive Conservative Party stronghold for incumbent MP and rookie Revenue Minister Garth Turner.

Despite those odds, Hilliard Cox, national leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada and the party's Halton-Peel candidate, is optimistic about his chances of unseating Mr. Turner in the federal election expected this fall.

"It's every man for himself this time around," the 53-year-old Caledon resident said. "All of the challengers will put up a race. I've got as much of a chance to knock him (Mr. Turner) out as anyone," Mr. Cox, who owns and operates a Brampton-based quality-control instrument company, said.

Mr. Cox readily acknowledges Mr. Turner has a distinct advantage over the other candidates because he has the backing of an old, established political party and he is well-known throughout the riding.

Having said that, however, Mr. Cox is confident the Libertarian

Party's message is a timely one, especially in light of the electorate's apparent disenchantment with the federal government.

"First you have to make sure you have a credible program which is based on common sense principles that work. Then you have to explain it well. The key is having the right message, for the right people, in the right way," he said.

What sets the Libertarians apart from mainstream political parties is policies based on a statement of set principles which each party member must sign and agree to follow, said Mr. Cox.

The party's principles emphasize the individual's rights and freedoms, limit government to basics and condemn the use of force or fraud by individuals and government.

"It's an integrated philosophy and it's very straightforward. There are no wishy-washy statements. We are very consistent and we don't climb on any bandwagons. The voters know exactly what they're voting for and it sends a clear message," he said.

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Hilliard Cox



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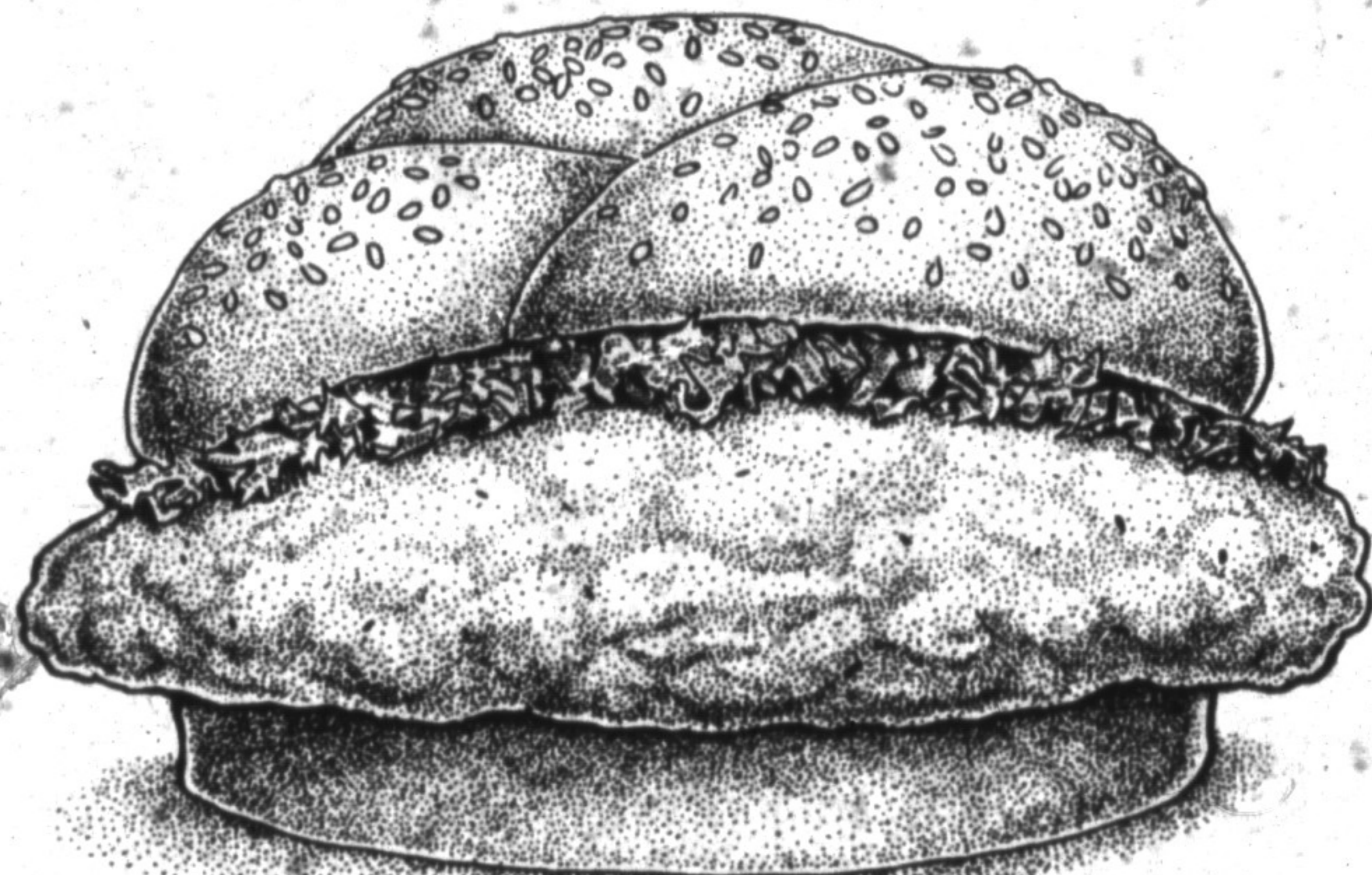
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