



COMMENT

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Alleged assault now in the hands of the courts

While some have said attending town council meetings can be an assault on good sense, it rarely leads to a physical confrontation.

But a Milton man is now facing an assault charge after two feuding neighbours took their differences one step further at the doors of Town Hall.

As reported elsewhere in the paper, the dispute began over a zoning application made by Mr. Martins, which was turned down by council.

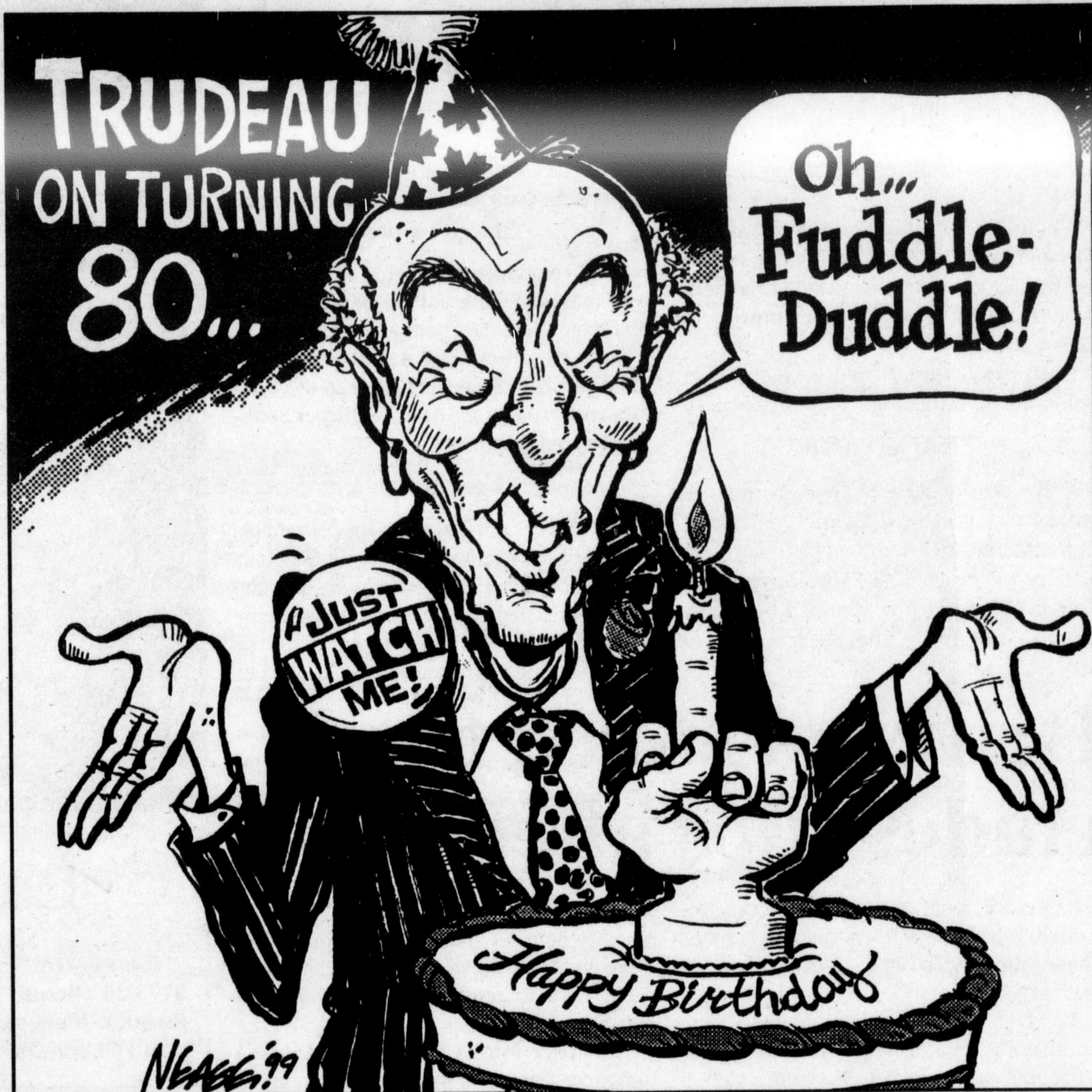
Not surprisingly, reports on the occurrence vary wildly.

The accused, Antonio Martins, 52, denies the incident outright. The alleged victim, Joseph Saliba, 75, begs to disagree, and the version of Mr. Martin's lawyer, Peter Pickfield of Turkstra Mazza, falls somewhere in the middle.

But by all accounts, bad blood has often flowed between the two residents. It's now up to the courts to determine the truth.

For the record, disappointment over a council ruling is properly dealt with by appealing to the Ontario Municipal Board, as Mr. Martins has promised to do.

It isn't dealt with through fisticuffs, especially at the doors of Town Hall. If it did happen, for shame.



OUR READERS WRITE

Not enough 'right' to form government

Dear Editor:

On October 1, 1999, the continuing existence of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada as the national alternative to the Liberal Party of Canada was affirmed.

This wasn't done by elites, as some would have it, but by the freely expressed will of elected delegates in general meeting assembly.

Sadly, party members in disagreement with this position must now make a choice. Stay within the party and direct their energies at the Liberals, or leave and continue to follow the chimera of a

'right' that does not exist in Canada in sufficient numbers to elect enough members to form a government.

Joe Hueglin
Niagara Falls

Lobster debate boring

Dear Editor:

In reply to Frank Green's letter, 'How to kill a lobster', one could let the lobster read Mr. Clark's and Ms Taylor's letters to the editor and it would probably be bored to death or commit suicide.

Peter Blackmore
Coxe Boulevard

Szechuan just won't be the same without you

Dear Editor:

We're writing to let the community know that Szechuan Wok will be closing at the month's end.

Mr. and Mrs. Kwok have been delighting Milton with some of the best cuisine for eight years. Our family and friends have always enjoyed dining at the restaurant. The food is fabulous, my favourite is 'Shanghai Noodles'. I have never found a restaurant that serves this dish and is listed as one of the

Szechuan specialties, as it should be.

The Kwoks have been known for having jazz playing and being a total non-smoking restaurant, possibly a risk, but much appreciated -- thank you.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kwok now suffers from a bad back so his future occupation is uncertain at this time.

On behalf of our town, I would like to extend sincere best wishes

to the Kwoks and many thanks for all the delicious meals enjoyed. We will certainly miss you.

B. and C. Hale
Milton

Peace Gardens can grow year-round

Dear Editor:

Crashing thunder and brilliant lightening emphasized the presentations of Julia Morton Marr, founder of the International School Peace Garden Project, and Norman S. Track, photographic consultant for the Royal Botanical Gardens, at the lovely new Holy Rosary School on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The elements seemed to be shouting, "Bravo, Bravo! Create Peace Gardens in Milton schools!"

The representatives of the eight Halton schools attending concurred.

The meeting convened by the Milton 2000 Committee offered a promising start to the program locally.

Let's applaud the undertaking and support the process.

Peace Gardens contribute to peacefulness.

E. R. Kiddle
Milton

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