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OPINION



Roy Green

Will Hollywood be revamped as Hollysapling?

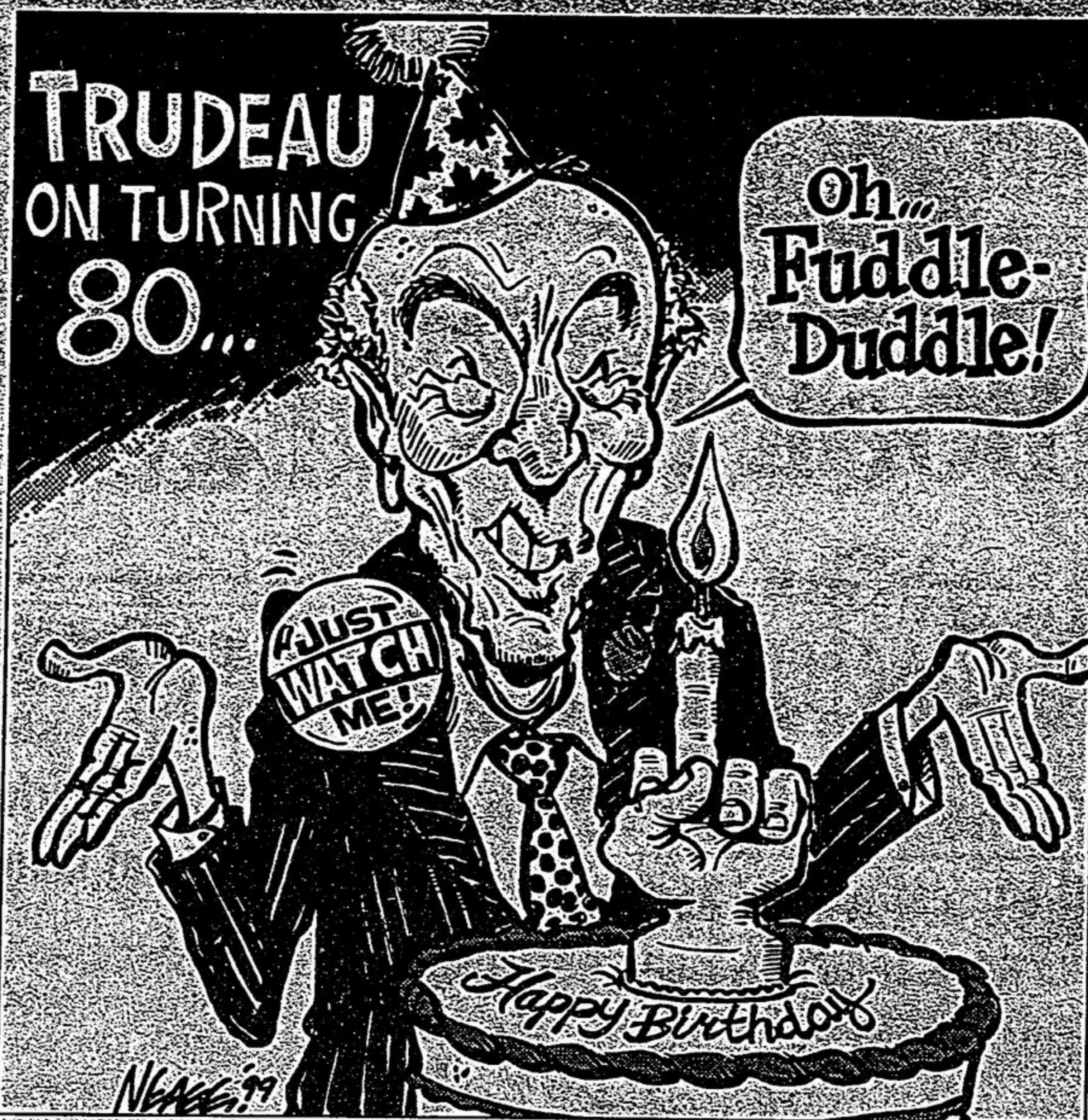
A have it on good authority that Hollywood is cutting back on those vastly expensive blockbuster movies that don't make enough at the box office. Ever since *Titanic* hit the \$200-million mark in 1997 (30 times more than it cost to build the ship back in 1912), it was inevitable that the pendulum would begin to swing back toward cheaper movies — sort of a Hollywood version of the common-sense revolution. And in another nod to safer financial practices, the big studios are sticking with proven themes, filming low-cost remakes of some of the most popular movies of all time.

War movies in the offing include *Apocalypse Delayed*, *The Thinner Red Line*, *Half Metal Jacket*, *Catch-21* and *The Gun of Navarone*.

That's why we can expect to see some low-budget westerns next year like *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*, *Noon*, *The Shoving Match at the O.K. Corral*, *A Fistful of Pennies* and a remake of the Yul Brynner/Steve McQueen classic *The Magnificent Seven*. War movies in the offing include *Apocalypse Delayed*, *The Thinner Red Line*, *Half Metal Jacket*, *Catch-21*, *The Gun of Navarone*, *A.S.H.* and *The Dirty Half-Dozen*. Action movies and thrillers, usually the most expensive to make, are taking a particularly hard hit.

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That's why we're facing a movie summer with the likes of *Semi-lethal Weapon*, *The Hunt For Red September*, *Die Soft*, *The Touchables*, *Nearby Encounters of the Third Kind* and *Conan the Barbarian*. Even Hollywood classics and Academy Award winners haven't escaped the budget cuts. Look for these titles next summer: *Carrying Miss Daisy*, *The Sound of Recorded Music*, *A Few Commandments*, *Paramedic Zhivago*, *Larry of Arabia* and *None Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.



Views ON THE News

A FORUM FOR PUBLIC OPINION

Q: York Region is taking the first steps towards co-ordinating its public transit systems. What suggestions do you have to make the transit system better?

Getting the buses to run on time and to the schedule. On Sundays they only run once an hour and that's far too long to be waiting.

CARLEY WAYNE

I've used the transit system for many years and there had always been the special bus for students that came five or ten minutes early to avoid the huge crowd on the bus. It worked out really well for kids that had to be at work by 3:30 p.m. because it didn't stop at other bus stations to pick up more passengers. But this year it comes really late or not at all. It was a really good service. We want it to be regular, or at least notify us if it's not coming so we're not waiting for it and freezing in the winter.

JOHN MORGAN AND ADAM COWLING

I use the Markham transit occasionally, but it's mostly the TTC for me. It would help if the drivers have schedules. It was a real nuisance recently when they changed the schedule. I'm up in Stouffville not knowing the schedule and when I asked the driver he didn't know it either. Also, I wish the bus shelters were heated.

GRACE ALLISON

I suggest they get together and fix the schedules so you don't have to wait 20 to 30 minutes. Just asking for some co-ordination would do it for me. I'm formerly from Unionville and now live in Oshawa but my doctor is still here, so it takes me more than two and a half hours to get here. I'd like to see some integration so I can take the GO, the TTC, and Markham Transit without having to wait too long. And, of course, to not have to pay the extra \$2 when you switch from the TTC to Markham Transit would be great.

BLAINE NEELY

I'd like to see more frequent buses. If I miss one, for whatever reason, I'll be late for work as there is not another one for an hour. Also, on Friday night the last bus is at 11 a.m. I live in Markham, work in Toronto, and I get off work after midnight, so I think they should have that 11 a.m. bus all through the week. I also have to pay that extra \$2 and that's no good either. With Markham Transit, university students should count as students and not as adults.

RYAN DOS SANTOS

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

How are you planning on spending Halloween. If you're going out trick-or-treating or going to a party, what will you be wearing as a costume?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stouffville mayor praised for road safety efforts

It is very heartening to read that Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson is looking into making both Warden Avenue and Vivian Road safer, especially at intersections.

Living as I do on Warden Avenue, I can tell you that the intersections of Warden with Vivian and Davis Drive are unlit, with speed limits of 80 km/h on the roads, and the risk of collision is high.

Traffic lights are needed at these intersections.

Four-way stop signs are of little use at night, especially since the intersections are so poorly lit. Washboard on the roads as drivers approach the intersections would be an improvement, but there's no denying that traffic lights are the best way to go.

With improved paving there would be a tendency among drivers to speed on these roads.

Traffic lights, which would be visible from a long distance, would alert drivers that they are approaching an intersection.

N. MECKLAI
NEWMARKET

Handcuffing protester at school uncalled for

What were the police thinking when they slapped handcuffs on the parent in front of his and other children at Parkland Public School?

Is that called for when the fine is \$55? To me it looks like a waste of taxpayers' money.

What was the school board thinking when they allowed this issue to escalate to this point?

What happens the next time a fly or mosquito enters my child's school? Will the board send in a nuclear weapon?

Can't everyone sit down as adults, make an adult decision and stick with it, or are we to expect any democratic process to end up with handcuffs?

I'm a parent and I think this has gone too far. Whatever happened to the voice of the people?

Makes me wonder what happened to common sense.

Or have the KGB taken over the setting of minor disputes in our community?

This is a sad day for us.

DAVID C KING
MARKHAM

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