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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

While I, for the most part, support the Greenbelt I have some comments & concerns. A Greenbelt around Toronto was first proposed in the 70's. The final result is what is now the 407 Highway corridor. This of course is not much of a Greenbelt, however at the time City people did not fully realize the value of Farmland and that Toronto could grow forever. Developers took over and the result is what we are faced with to-day. This latest proposal at least recognizes the value of Farmers and their land and that is good.

I do however side with the Farmers' objections to it. To just take the Farmland out of the Developers hands is not going far enough. Farming, as an industry, must be subsidized as much as any other. Multinational Corporations, Developers, Mineral Extractors, etc. could not exist to-day if it were not for Gov't subsidies. Why then do we throw just a few crumbs every now and again to Farmers, hoping that they will be satisfied for awhile, go away and work the land, and magically find there food in the Supermarkets?

Farming must be made viable, profitable and a desirable industry to be a part of. A number of years ago the Wine Industry was in trouble, by making changes, it is now flourishing. Similar changes must be made for the last remaining two percent of our population if we are to truly preserve Farmland & the Farming Industry. We cannot preserve Farming by merely preserving the land.

Let's create the next phase for Greenbelt project to make it desirable for all, since it does represent a great start.

Sincerely, a City Dweller,
 Monte Dennis
 Burlington

Dear Editors,

I am not by nature a suspicious person, but when I read articles or letters to the editor in your newspapers that appear to have a political slant, I become a little worried.

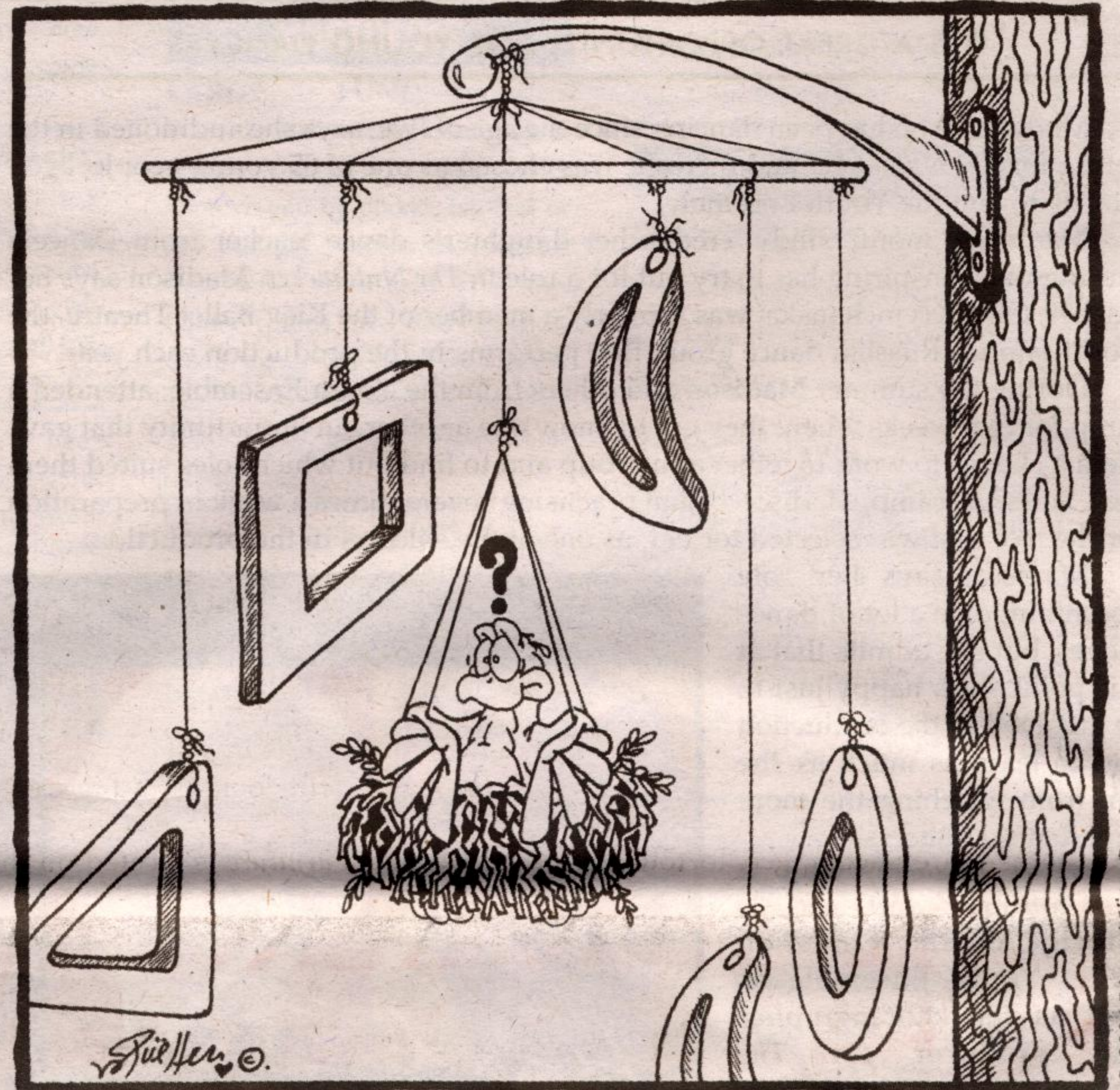
On the matter of the proposed Barber Mill development the name Dawn Falls came up berating the protesters; now I understand why. Dawn Falls, a failed Council candidate at the last municipal election, is a very good friend of ex Mayor Kathy Gastle, now a paid consultant for the developers, who she worked closely with on the Canada in Bloom project.

Perhaps you knew this and if you did, in all fairness, it should have been explained to your readers.

Thanks,
 Karl Baker

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LITTORAL VIEW by: Jeffrey Mueller



EDITORIAL

Sometimes I feel under siege

It amazes me how many people feel that my life has been so sheltered to date that they must take personal charge of my schooling. If I am to believe the authors of my correspondence, I am way too right wing to be able to see social injustices clearly and also so much of a bleeding heart liberal that I lack the spine to oppose authority. Both may well be true.

This week alone I have been variously accused of being a dog lover (guilty as charged), a dog hater (duh), and callously indifferent to dogs in general (double duh). Whatever stance I choose to take I am wrong in somebody's eyes. The righteous indignation that storms in from both ends of the spectrum is passionate and obviously sincere. Both ends have elements of truth but sadly lack balance.

My attitude is to follow the Roman author Terence's advice "moderation in all things," and to heck with the extremists, and not because they are bad people. As Oscar Wilde said "it is absurd to divide people into good and bad; people are either charming or tedious." Extremist views are almost always tedious, and the greatest sin that any paper can commit is to be boring.

Think anything like of the paper, as long as you please don't think us boring.

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