

Sands of time changed Tiny's mind?

Dear Editor:

A recent letter to the editor quotes the

deputy-reeve of Tiny Township, Dr. Peter Brasher, as saying he still feels the Pauze

Landfill Site could have been used for a longer period of time and that it is better suited than the Golflinks Road site because it is sand based.

I find it difficult to comprehend Dr. Brasher's statement in view of the fact that the Pauze site is contaminated and sand-based.

In May of this year, this same council stated it had data from its consultants indicating the situation at the Pauze site would become much more serious with continued use, and in their view it was unsafe to extend use of the recently closed site.

Notwithstanding its statement, Tiny council has chosen the land adjacent to the Pauze site as its "preferred site" for the next landfill, a sand-based site. Is Tiny council now going to tell us that placing a landfill directly adjacent to the Pauze site will not aggravate the situation?

We are getting conflicting statements from Tiny council and they are spending thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money in their endeavor to have the public accept what they have already stated is unacceptable.

Marlene Kramer

Tiny Ratepayers Against Pollution

More money needed

A news story in The Toronto Star last week brought word from Stockholm, Sweden that an escape-proof AIDS colony may be set up on an island near the Scandinavian nation's capital. The Star reported the island hospital has already been nicknamed the "AIDS Alcatraz."

All this proves is that truth is stranger than fiction.

Unfortunately, if the Swedes hope to contain the deadly virus to one island, we're sorry to say, they've missed the boat.

A report on the CBS show 60 minutes a week ago Sunday revealed the awful truth of the AIDS virus in Africa. There, as reporter Diane Sawyer witnessed, AIDS is rampant. It's a common disease.

Here at home there seems to be no panic - yet. But the county's District Health Unit has set up a clinic in Barrie to deal with AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

It's a good, albeit slow start.

The clinic will deal with all varieties of sexually transmitted disease but it is notable mainly because of the role it will play in identifying and treating the deadly bug known as AIDS. We hope more money is spent to combat the disease in Simcoe County in the future.

Now time to give

The one thing about smaller communities is that individuals are remembered much better than they might be in large metropolitan areas. There is a thing called loyalty. We remember people who grew up in an area because they left a lasting imprint there.

That town wouldn't have been the same if they hadn't of been there.

Anyway, that's the way we are in Penetanguishene.

Well it's time to remember some people who lived here once. It's time to be loyal to our own.

If you missed the story, Morris and Kathy Duval are in desperate need right now for financial assistance. Their three-year-old daughter urgently needs an operation that only an American hospital can furnish.

They need our help.

If you can help, please donate as quickly as possible to Melissa's Campaign to Live.

This is another opportunity for Huronia to show what kind of stuff we're made of.

Movie preview at family show was too violent

Dear Editor:

I would like to call attention to something which has bothered me greatly since going to the Midland theatre on the first night of the picture "Princess Bride," with my two grandchildren.

I do not go to the show very often as so many of the pictures shown are so excessively violent - but from the reviews I had seen about Princess Bride, I knew it would be suitable for children.

However I was utterly appalled at the preview of a coming movie called "The Hidden," which went on and on for about five

minutes with every frame shown consisting of exploding guns, individuals dying violently, cars blowing up, nothing but stark violence which was awful. Surely this did not have to be shown in conjunction with a movie that is obviously meant for younger people.

It is hard enough to find a movie nowadays that is suitable for them, but to have to sit through such a spectacle in order to see the chosen movie does not show much sensitivity, for the audience.

Alleyn Attwood

November epilepsy month

Dear Editor:

November is Epilepsy Month.

Even today, people with epilepsy suffer through the ignorance and misconceptions of others resulting from myths and fallacies of the past!

We, at Epilepsy (Ontario) Simcoe County, are struggling to overcome this through individual family and employer counselling; support groups; and extensive public and school awareness programs.

As we are self-supporting through our own

fundraising efforts, we have found financial assistance and moral support from the corporate/business sector to be both vitally important and beneficial.

In order to enhance public awareness even further, and expand on our direct service programs, your continued support in our endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jack Clements, President
Epilepsy (Ontario Simcoe County)

As I see it

by David Krayden

Don't just blame the bomb



Let's think for a minute about a world without nuclear weapons. It's a wonderful thought, isn't it?

Imagine never having to worry about the ultimate nightmare: being toasted alive in a million hells.

There's no doubt what has been colloquially known as "the Bomb" has scarred the psyche of latter-day Western Civilization.

Horizons have been gradually eliminated over the years. We used to look in the distance and see a future ahead. You used to be able to see beyond the sun: this is all I mean by a "horizon."

You can't do that anymore.

First there was the Great War and then the Bolshevik Revolution and then the Holocaust and finally the atomic bomb. Of course there

were other events and other factors which have so dramatically influenced the course of events.

But that's what this century is all about. We are led not so much by facts, not so much by tangible forces as by unseen forces which threaten to stangle us all.

It's been a century of feelings, of senseless rebellions and inexplicable murders. A thickening fear is climbing up our nostrils and all the pious speculations of scientists and technocrats can't lessen its impact.

Ours is a world of concentration camps, political purges, secret police, midnight arrests, ghetto blasters and gut-destroying processed food.

It's not trivial to place bad food next to the horrors of the totalitarian state. Both are symptoms of a totalitarian world. We're always being forced to accept the dictates of a little clique of mind-benders.

We're all coming to the horrifying realization that technology is both our saviour and destroyer like the dualistic gods in ancient mythology. Technology, as a few people are trying to tell us, is our God.

Isn't the atomic bomb so indicative of technology's dichotomous personality? Heralded as the savior in the last war it might turn out to be the Great Destroyer in the next one.

But the truly horrifying thing here is that I shudder to think of a world without atomic bombs. I know, it sounds contradictory, but so much thought in a contradictory world has to be. Sometimes I wonder if this planet will survive with or without the bomb. We would always find some other method to annihilate life.

Think again of that world without atomic bombs. I wonder if it sounds as languid as it did before.

The eradication of nuclear weapons might just send us back to an era of escalated spending on conventional weapons, increased tension in Europe and a lessened will to avoid war because the awful threat of global destruction no longer exists.

No atomic bomb might make us build a bigger bomb.

You can never tell what man's ingenuitive mind may concoct on its eternally self-destructive path.

Don't get me wrong: no one really loves the bomb. It's rather a case of hating what might come after it.

If you'd rather have peace than freedom, take a gun to your head and pull the trigger. As it stands now, that's what nuclear disarmament could mean for the NATO alliance.

We've been playing the military game by nuclear rules for so long that we couldn't readjust overnight. Peace in the Gulag.

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