

# Remember Hiroshima

Dear Sir:  
 August 6 was the 41st anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan during World War II. On that day many innocent people died for a reason some, especially the children, didn't even understand. In the days and years that followed, many more people died. They are still dying of radiation sickness today.

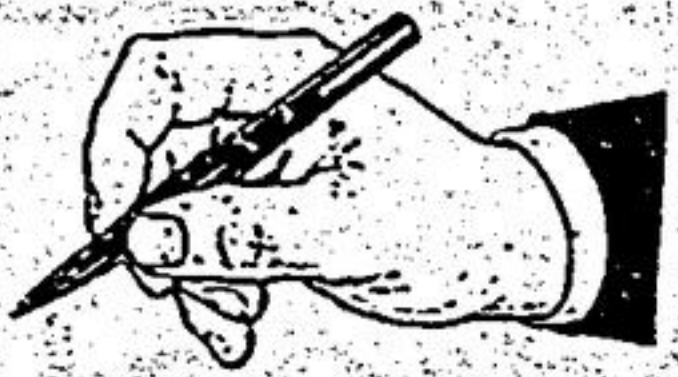
out the sun, creating what is known as "nuclear winter" in which only cockroaches could survive. There is no such thing as a limited nuclear war.

The world has already seen what a very, very small atomic bomb can do, and we don't like the look of it. That is why each year Hiroshima and Nagasaki are remembered by millions world wide. Each one of us is hoping that a nuclear war won't happen. Each one of us is trying in our own way to prevent it. As a teenager, I worry that it is the young people who would suffer the most, because it is our future that could be blown away from us.

The bombs that were dropped in 1945 on Hiroshima and nearby Nagasaki were very small and powerless compared to the atom bomb of today. It is estimated that if a nuclear war broke out today, NOTHING would be left. It is predicted that the results would block

Heidi Priesnitz  
 Unionville

## Editor's Mail



# Safer biking urged

Dear Sir:  
 With regard to the Weekender Comment in last week's paper "Drivers must be watchful"—I agree that drivers must be ultra-cautious as always around cyclists, but surely you are condoning the unsafe cycling habits that seem to be the norm in Markham. I have lived in Markham for six years and I have yet to see a cyclist (other than in my own family) stop at a stop sign or a red light. I was under the impression that the laws of the road applied to all road users, including cyclists. Not in Markham, it seems. Why do parents allow children to take their lives in their hands in this way? Why don't the police ever stop and caution or ticket this obvious breaking of the law? Perhaps I have missed the point somewhere but I would appreciate an explanation as to why cyclists need no road safety rules in Canada. Perhaps, if children learnt these road safety rules as cyclists they would grow up to be better car drivers. Perhaps some sort of Cyclist-Safety classes could be included in school curriculums as they are on other countries?

Heather Davidson  
 Markham

# Drop us a line

If you have a beef or want to pat someone on the back, sit down and write a letter to the Weekender. Deadline is noon Thursday prior to publication. Names may be withheld on request at the discretion of the editor. Under no circumstances will anonymous letters be published. The address is 9 Heritage Rd., Markham, Ontario L3P 1M3.

## First rodeo Thanks from the Optimist Club

Dear Sir:  
 As you were aware, the Markham Optimist Club completed its first annual bicycle rodeo which was held at the Markham Festival. Our club feels that such an event is important as it serves to teach children about bicycle safety, highway traffic rules and bicycle equipment in an enjoyable manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizations that helped to make our first rodeo a success—the York Region Police for the traffic signs and pylons, the Ontario Provincial Police and

the Metro Police for handouts, Markham Parks and Recreation for fences and Dickie Dee of Markham for their sponsorship. I would also like to thank one other organization that always seems to support community projects but never seems to get any credit, and that is the Markham Economist & Sun for ensuring that people were aware of this project.

The winners of the bike rodeo were Chris Helsby and Julie Canaglia.

Sincerely,  
 David H. Tsubouchi  
 President  
 Optimist Club of Markham

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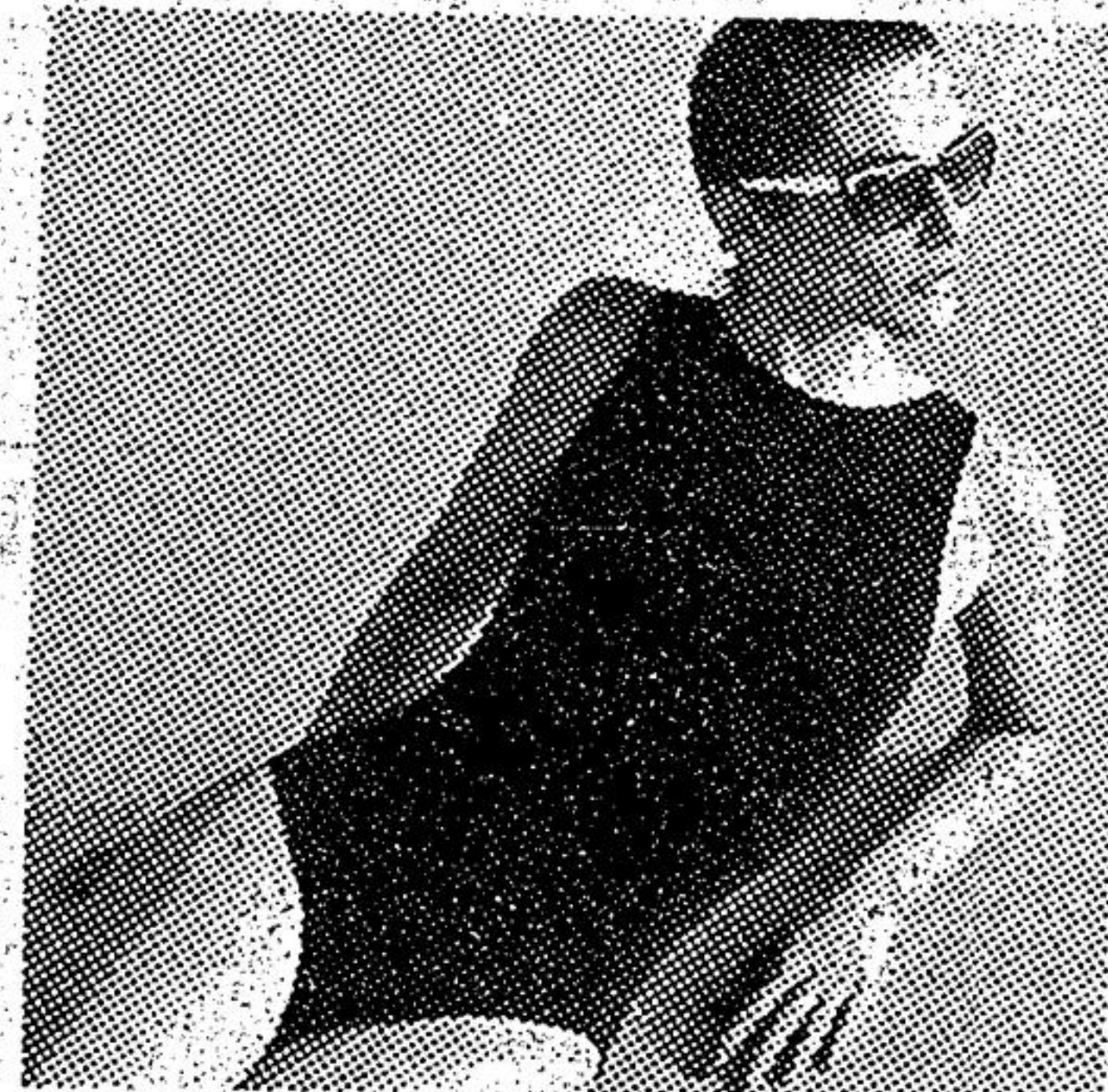
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