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Letters to the Editor:

Incinerator Woes

If we toss everything into the fire, does that make it disappear? Sounds like Sarah Palin Science at its ridiculous worst. Would we continue to focus on better solutions, once the heat is off, so to speak, knowing the capacity of the human brain to rest in solutions?

Not very likely.

Some might question my anti-incinerator stance since I worked, in the 80's, to close our landfill. Aware that we were drowning in our own waste, we asked people to think about it, and to weigh their garbage. At that time, there was no compost recovery or blue box in our garbage plan; we took our plastics to a plant in Lindsay that recycled them into furniture, and we lugged newspapers to a central depot. I had a strong commitment to the environment, twenty years ago, when I purchased the licence plate 3BIG RS. Our systems, and our understanding, have grown by leaps and bounds since then. I'm bothered by the fact that our own household still creates garbage, but it is lessening, and will continue moving in the right direction with improved methods of re-use becoming available.

On countless levels, our world is engaged in a huge learning curve, a forward-moving process that has the potential to make or break the health of our people, the quality of our air, and the future of our planet.

Incineration is a defeated slog into an uneducated past.

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