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Letters to Editor

Cremation or Burial?

Dear Editor:

Modern humans tend to gamble with their well-being from the moment they are able to make choices. These choices are often made not for reasons of survival, but for reasons we do not fully understand ourselves. Jumping out of airplanes, smoking, drinking alcohol, and driving too fast are only a few choices we make which can jeopardize our well-being.

Some in our society have become enraged because they believe a choice to incinerate waste will have life-threatening consequences in the future. Accompanied by a plastic bottle of water, many drive separately to protest incineration. The next morning, they turn up the thermostat, read the newspaper, turn on the TV, and drive through to get a coffee -- all choices which ironically, like many others we all make, will have life threatening consequences in the future.

There is an old saying, "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." Well, you can't make clean air out of waste, no matter how you treat it. In our society we can't even dispose of our dead without creating hazards for the living.

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