

# Litter: sign of inner decay

IF BURYING the dead is the first sign of culture, what is the first sign of culture's demise? Archaeologists have been able to help us date the first burial of humans. Who will help us date the beginning of its end?

I risk the observation that our culture's death has begun with the pernicious habit of discarding our fast-food wrappers and containers wherever we have finished with them. Be it parking lot, sidewalk, playing field or roadside, we have turned our living space into one massive garbage dump.

ONE CAN speculate over the reasons for our ancestors' first burying of the dead. Perhaps it was their regard for the life shared.

Perhaps it was a regard for the environment. Perhaps it was both. One could not exist without the other. They knew the interdependence of life. Burying the dead was part of their order for life.

Order has always been important



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In the Judeo-Christian conceptualization of life, The creation stories in Genesis concentrate on the ordering of light and darkness and water and land and trees and days.

THE UNIVERSE is not simply to exist because of its individual parts. The universe is an integrated whole, with all of its members/parts in relationships.

Stewardship of life has thus been a fundamental part of the Judeo-Christian heritage. Regard for life was regard for all its parts. The care of life was the care one gave to all its parts.

The care of the environment was no less important than the care one gave to people. One could not exist without the other.

The recent news stories and pictures of people scavenging the garbage dumps in the Philippines, Brazil, Egypt et al for their daily survival are abhorrent to our order for life. There is something radically amiss in our care and regard for one another.

BUT UNTIL our indignation turns into forceful action that offers order and care for them, these people remain victims of the world we have fashioned out of our refuse.

Some will consider this an extreme response to a simply annoying problem. Fast-food wrappers/containers strewn along public thoroughfares should not be regarded as signs with ultimate consequence. We should consider them simply as the signs of careless people. Caveat emptor.

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bers from the hospital will accompany the cruise to provide regular exercise classes, informal lectures and health counseling. The cruise will leave Miami Saturday, Oct. 18. For more information, call Marilyn Yurich at Creative Travel at 423-2666.

### LAMAZE

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia is offering a series of classes in August and September. Classes should be started two to three months before the

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### CARDIOLOGY STUDY

Sinai Hospital in Detroit is looking for men younger than 70 who have had coronary bypass surgery. They are needed for a research study testing the effects of diet and exercise on blood fat levels. Participants should not be currently involved in a regular exercise program. The study offers 10 months of free diet and exercise counseling. For more information, call registered nurse Sue Hogan or Dr. David Wrisley at 493-6333.

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