

## WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

### **Protesting Nuclear Testing**

This is with reference to your editorial in the May 22 *World Tribune*. I absolutely agree that under the leadership of the new prime minister of India the nuclear bomb testing was celebrated by some Indians. But I would like you to know that there are many Indians that have opposed, protested and criticized the same. They have marched with slogans “No Wars,” “No Nuclear Weapons.” They have put skeleton masks on their faces expressing the consequences of a nuclear explosion.

I personally do not appreciate the nuclear testings because I believe that India was strong and powerful even without any sort of weapons. Non-violence, tolerance and perseverance are the qualities we inherited from our ancestors, and the same are still in the hearts of all those Indians who have protested and are protesting against nuclear bombs, tests and wars.

— JYOTI RUPRELL, via e-mail

### **Worthy of Sacrifice**

For those people who haven't forgotten the infamous article you printed on vegetarianism, I came across a comment by SGI President Ikeda in his dialogue with Rene Huyghe in *Dawn After Dark* that I feel beautifully expresses the thought one might have before biting into his or her next hamburger. To quote: “Human nutritional needs require sacrificing other beings for the maintenance of life. Nonetheless, if love is given precedence at all times, meaningless killing can be avoided; and we will feel profoundly grateful for lives that must be sacrificed for our food. Moreover, realizing the precious price that must be made for our sustenance, we will strive to live so as to be worthy of the sacrifice.”

— LAURA AVED, West Hollywood, Calif.

### **No Weaseling**

This is just a note to commend your staff writer, Lisa Jones, for thought-provoking articles. As a new reader of your paper, I have found her stories to be full of information yet clearly written. On complex issues, like her recent article regarding religious belief and practice, Lisa does not weasel out of difficult questions. Her even-handed treatment of the vegetarian issue was fascinating. Keep up the good work.

— KIKI McGRATH, Washington, D.C.

### **At 83**

Though I am basically shy, I will not hesitate to say that the Soka Gakkai way is as brightening as a supernova! I also am intuitive. Thus I instantly saw the mystical power of chanting. I have no need to break it all down via mathematics or the scientists' way of evaluation. I feel it all in laughter and tears! My heart tells me what I need to know. Yes, it is fearfully difficult to remain on an even keel where one's emotions are concerned. Though the boat rocks in turbulent seas, I ever try to see horizons. At 83, I remain in love with this philosophy. It is the universe.

—JOSEPH KRENGEL, Santa Monica, Calif.

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