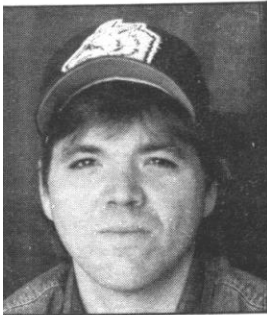


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Reflecting on the hardships of '95



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It's difficult to decide what good came from 1995. Each of us must answer that for ourselves.

According to the media, we learned that war still raged in the former Yugoslavia and innocent children lost their lives for no reason at all when a bomb went off in the United States.

While poor people thousands of miles away were fighting for survival, a similar war was going on in Canada — a war with our own government. Some homeless died while others became homeless.

In America, a one-time hero of sports was put on trial for murder.

Some say justice for O.J. was a joke. When the verdict was reached, no one really cared if he was guilty or innocent. It was finally over.

In 1995, it seemed a city lost its innocence. St. Catharines was almost unknown to the world before last year. Suddenly, everyone knew where it was and what happened there.

If history has taught us anything, it's this: anyone can be killed and it's the criminals and not the victims that are remembered. Paul Bernardo will always be remembered for what he did, but his victims will all soon be forgotten.

We remembered what Lizzy

Borden did over 100 years ago but do we remember her victims?

What were the names of the victims of the Holocaust in the Second World War? We all remember Hitler and a few of his key men.

Newspapers have always catered to people such as Hitler and Bernardo and their crimes. They make front-page news.

Good news will never be on the front pages of newspapers. Front pages are reserved for gory pictures and their stories.

What good came out of 1995? It's up to each of us to decide.