Palm Springs bomber's pro-death insanity

Stanley M. Rubin Fresh Meadows As the dust literally clears from the Palm Springs terrorist blast on May 17, we can see yet another example of the plague of madness that is sweeping not only our society but the world ("'Pro-death' bomber," May 19).

A new Ted Kaczynski-like social psychotic has crawled forth from the pseudo-academic ideological swamp to do his harm.

As Kaczinski raged against modern technology, Guy Edward Bartkus raged against life itself. Why? Because life brings with it suffering and eventual death. Clearly, the "joy and happiness" part did not figure in Bartkus' estimations.

His idea was that the unborn as well as the unconceived have a right to consent to their births and conceptions. And he was willing to be martyred to vindicate that right. From what hole can such madness emerge?

There seems to be a social contagion of such madness sweeping people up. I think it is rooted in a hyper-narcissism that's increasingly indulged by our society.

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