



COMMENT

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Someone out there knows something -- call the police

It goes without saying that the arson at the E.C. Drury sports building early Friday morning was senseless and is taking a needless toll on numerous people.

Taxpayers' money is being spent funding a police and fire investigation, sports groups are being inconvenienced by the loss of their facility and school officials are putting in substantial time and energy dealing with reconstruction and replacement of equipment.

We strongly urge the arsonists to confess and face the consequences of their cowardly and destructive act. They are fortunate no one was in the building and a firefighter wasn't injured battling the blaze.

At the same time, it's likely someone out there who may not have been involved knows something and they have a responsibility to report the information to police.

Either way, we trust the culprits will eventually be caught as the police investigation continues.

Anyone with information can contact detectives at 878-5511, ext. 2419, or can provide information anonymously for a reward through Crime Stoppers of Halton at 825-TIPS.

Karen Smith



OUR READERS WRITE

Put your newspaper in my mailbox

Dear Editor:

I find it incomprehensible that The Champion would not only condone, but encourage pollution in our region by systematically discarding plastic bags full of newsprint in all our streets.

For an item to be considered delivered, it must be placed in a mail deposit box, not thrown in ditches and roadsides. If The Champion is as dedicated to the community as it says it is, then you would ensure and enforce that your distributors act in a responsible manner, and place your material in the mail boxes.

Recently, your plastic bag of newsprint ended up chewed up by my snow blower

and strewn all over the roadside.

I hope that through my writing you will revise your delivery procedures and become a responsible member of our community.

If you cannot comply with this request, then please discontinue delivery of your garbage at my address.

**Yohan Cherrier
Campbellville**

Editor's note: There appears to be a contradiction in your letter. If the paper is garbage, why do you still want it as long as it is delivered in a manner more to your liking?

R.K.

Obstetrics closure affects whole community

Dear Editor:

It is with great concern that I write you this letter. The recent closing of the obstetrics unit at Milton District Hospital has affected the entire community. As a first-time pregnant woman, I, quite naturally, have many things to worry about. Being able to use my local hospital should not be one of them.

I cannot believe that I live in a town that places a higher value on criminals than it does its citizens. I watch daily as we spend millions of dollars to build a new super jail — just so we can have the distinction of having the largest jail in Canada complete with both male and female prisoners, all of who will have the privilege of using our local hospital.

Meanwhile, I, a law-abiding, tax-paying citizen of Milton, have to make arrangements to go to another hospital to have my baby. What's wrong with this picture? Will the dangerous inmates get priority in the emergency department so they don't have to wait with the poor public?

My family physician has suggested that I go to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for my delivery.

Based on other experiences there, along with the coverage given in the Canadian Champion, I have refused. I know of women who were sent home while they were in labour because "they were too busy" and

didn't have enough beds. If I have to drive 45 minutes to get to the hospital while I am in labour, I cannot take the chance that they will send me home. I also know of women who delivered late in the evening and were sent home the next morning, less than 12 hours later. This is not the childbirth experience I want to have.

The Oakville doctors have understandably refused to work at both sites because they are already working 80 to 120 hours per week. I fail to understand how adding 350 extra deliveries to the 2,200 already done in Oakville annually is considered a solution.

When I read Dr. Walter Koslowski's letter in The Champion, saying that an obstetrician had been found, but the board of directors found the salary expectations were too high, it made me wonder how hard they are actually trying to resolve this.

I also read the full page advertisement in the local paper and called the number that promised more answers and a return phone call as soon as possible. It has been weeks and I still haven't heard back.

I have now chosen to go to Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington for delivery, but I still hold out hope that over the next four months, an obstetrician will be found and I can have my baby in my home town.

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