

OPINION

No politics, please

We hope the Ontario government's decision to forego a public inquiry into the deaths of hundreds of patients in Ontario hospitals from *C. difficile* bacteria was motivated by protecting the public rather than saving their own political skins.

Health Minister George Smitherman rejected a public inquiry on the grounds the government and hospital officials already have all the information they need to deal with *C. difficile* outbreaks. An inquiry would only delay new safety protocols even longer, he said.

An inquiry would also cost millions of dollars that could be better used fighting this deadly disease.

No doubt, though, a public inquiry would raise

questions about whether the Ontario government reacted quickly enough to initial reports of *C. difficile* outbreaks at hospitals.

Did people die needlessly because local hospitals lacked direction or funding from the Province to control the outbreaks?

These questions will likely remain unanswered.

In the meantime what can we do? It would seem the best action is to follow your mother's age-old advice and wash your hands thoroughly, especially when entering and leaving a hospital.

People go to the hospital hoping to come out cured of their illness. They shouldn't have to worry about contracting another more deadly disease during their hospital stay.



ReadersWrite

E-mail your letters to editorial@miltoncanadianchampion.com.

Thanks to all who supported children's identification clinic

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Campbell Lodge 603 in Campbellville, I would like to express the thanks and gratitude of the lodge members to the supporting sponsor, Royal LePage Meadowvale Realty, that gave generous support and offered the use of its office space for the recent children's identification clinic.

Also, a big thank you goes

out to the *Champion* for promoting our clinic, as well as to all the members of the different lodges who came to help. It was truly a pleasure to work beside them.

The event was a great success.

To the parents who took the time to bring their children in to be fingerprinted, photographed and have a dental swab taken, we say kudos.

But pray that you never have to use the information put on the disc.

And for the parents who missed the Milton clinic, watch around the province, as there are similar events going on in most places — also put on by our masonic brethren.

**STEWART HADDON,
MATER
CAMPBELL LODGE 603**

Return of purse was much appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

Some weeks ago I was shopping at FoodPort, and after loading my groceries in my car I drove off leaving my purse in the shopping cart.

Half-way home I realized my purse was missing. I drove back to FoodPort in a panic. There were several important documents in my purse.

A cashier at FoodPort told me the purse

had been returned to the store. A lady had returned it, but didn't leave her name.

I would like to thank the staff at FoodPort, as well as the good person who returned my purse. I would like to thank her in person.

It's so nice to know there are still good and honest people in the world.

God bless you, and thanks.

**BETTY HILL
MOFFAT**

Gift card and flowers were a wonderful gesture

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently I wrote a letter about how milkshakes I bought for my ill mother had been stolen outside my parents' home in Milton.

Troy of Troy's Diner read

my letter in the paper and phoned me to tell me how sad he was that this had happened.

He and his sister Crystal showed up at my house in Burlington with a gift card

for the diner for my mom, as well as flowers for both of us.

What a nice thing to do.

I just wanted to say thank you, Troy.

**JUDY CARTWRIGHT
BURLINGTON**

Let's start speaking up for the unborn

DEAR EDITOR:

Wow! I absolutely love the *Champion*.

Having lived in this area for more than 30 years, it continues to be a delight to experience such a hometown feel to our newspaper. You put us in touch with the most amazing stories and people, as well as communicate concerns about educational and governmental issues.

I've always felt super proud of the way we've stepped up to the plate with compassion and generosity toward others.

I'm writing to comment on your editorial 'It's about time,' and I agree that it's very difficult when lawmakers have taken so long to "protect man's best friend and all other creatures that enrich our world." Having had cats and dogs for years, I understand how unfair their mistreatment is.

However, there's another group that has been neglected and abandoned even though we pride ourselves on our determination to make change where it's needed. I'm asking for dialogue to open up concerning the most vulnerable in our nation — the unborn.

Did you know that Canada is one of the few nations in the world where there's absolutely no protection right up until birth? That means a baby could be killed in the womb at nine months gestation and it's not considered a person.

In the words of Dr. Seuss, a person's a person no matter how small.

There are solutions. Isn't it about time we affirm what's noble and right? Let's speak up for them as well.

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