



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Vaccination could have saved son

Dear Editor:

I am compelled to write to you regarding the May 22 story about the mother who refused to vaccinate her children. At first I couldn't bring myself to write this letter, but it is important to me to share with people the importance of vaccines.

I was angered by her refusal to vaccinate her children. My son died of meningitis because he was not old enough to be vaccinated. He died of haemophilus influenza. The vaccine could only be administered to 18 month old children, he was 17 months old when he died.

Only because of research has this vaccine become available to younger children. Since his death, I have made a point of asking my friends if they have had their children vaccinated for this. I know one person who went out of her way to have her child vaccinated against meningitis when we heard about new cases in another town.

Think just how precious your child's life is. You carry a child for nine months and safely deliver a healthy baby. After the baby is born, there is the constant fear of maybe losing that child to sudden infant death syndrome. You try to rid your home of all dangers, with safety plugs, stair guards, etc. You strap the child in a car seat.

To me, vaccinating my children eliminated all the other risks. We have virtually eliminated diseases like diphtheria, polio, and whooping cough to name a few. This did not happen because people refused the vaccines that researchers spent years to make. What about penicillin and tetracycline? Where would we be without them. Sure, you can say "but she is just against the measles vaccine", I think if you look further this is not true.

As for Ms Taylor's letter to the editor published on June 3, I can only say what difference does it make to the story that Mrs. Turner is a chiropractor who should be referred to as doctor.

The story was about a mother who refused to vaccinate her children, her being a doctor hardly influences the story in any way. She wrote "thank God we have health care professionals who are cognizant of these risks and take a stand, thereby alerting those parents who are not aware".

I say, "ask any number of the families who have watched their children die so suddenly and unexpectedly of meningitis whether or not Mrs. Turner is right! Thank God there are researchers out there and manufacturers who are spending millions of dollars to find cures and vaccines so that our children can live to be adults. And that the majority of health care professionals recognize the importance of vaccinations.

Pat Copus
Milton

User fees not supported

Dear Editor:

I owe a apology to Milton Town Council.

Because I misinterpreted an article in *The Canadian Champion* I accused the council of supporting user fees for the health system. Councilor John Challinor has shown me that user fees was one of his health system proposals but at no time did Council endorse the suggestion.

I am happy to set the record straight and to give John Challinor

sole credit for this terrible suggestion.

Ken Lamb
Milton

Canada needs new management

Dear Editor:

I wish our politicians and bureaucrats would stop tinkering with the Constitution and get on with the job of running the country.

We are not running out of time in revising or reforming the Constitution, but we are running out of time in remedying the ills that beset our nation... most of them of an economic nature. The Constitution, such as it is, has been around for a long time. It has been there in good times and bad.

Amending the Constitution is not going to get this country back into business. That is going to come from political will and backbone — elements in which this country of ours is sadly lacking.

Canada is in a deep recession, and soothing words from our political masters are not going to change that sorry situation.

Our country has been going downhill since the end of the 1950s — more than 30 years — and we haven't had a leader who has done anything but make a bigger mess than his predecessor. They haven't learned a lesson, and we haven't done much better in being unable to pick a decent leader.

A great many of our industries and companies are being mismanaged... so it just isn't political. If we had good management and less corporate greed, we wouldn't need trade unions and the everlasting adversarial struggle between government, business, industry and labour which is tearing apart this country more than any constitutional problems.

Residents assist Drury gardeners

Dear Editor:

The E. C. Drury "work team" would like to thank the residents of Milton for their wonderful co-operation in allowing us to work for you. You were kind enough to hire us so we could raise money for our class trip to Manitoulin Island. This letter is to thank you for your time and patience as we maintained your gardens.

We had a wonderful time. Thank you very much.

Kevin Dunford
E. C. Drury Work Team

If we don't get back to basics soon and realize just what our real problems are and do something tangible about correcting them, there won't be a country worth living in and we won't need a Constitution.

I think we should throw out all the rascals in government, business, industry and labour and start from scratch. Maybe then we would have time on our side to do the right thing by our country and its people.

John Grimeshaw
RR 1 Campbellville

Go back to Barrie

Dear Editor:

Eastview Secondary School, in Barrie, Ontario, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. To honour the occasion a reunion is being held Friday Oct. 9 and Saturday Oct. 10, 1992. All past students and staff are invited to attend.

For information or to register for the events write to: Eastview Secondary School-Reunion, 421 Grove St. E., Barrie, Ont. L4M 2R8, call 705-728-1321 or fax to 705-728-6053.

Eastview Reunion Committee

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
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(at Milton)

MORE INFO? 416-685-1225

7—The Canadian Champion, Wednesday, June 10, 1992



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Saturday, June 13

5-9 pm

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Lobster Dinner \$22.95

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Friday, June 12

- Street Entertainers
- Poker Run - Boat Show
- Keith Burton & the All Stars
50's & 60's Street Dance
- Much Music Video Dance
- Ronald McDonald Show

Saturday, June 13

- OPENING CEREMONIES
11:00 AM Coronation Park
- Pancake Breakfast
- Poker Run - Boat Race
- Sky Divers
- Town Crier Competition
- Hypnotist Mike Mandel
- Spirit of a Nation Tour

Sunday, June 14

- Pancake Breakfast
- Ecumenical Church Service
- Tournament Volleyball
- Neighbourhood Party

2 PM - Canada's best to the nation - the Waterfront Festival invites people to form a human chain along 7 kms of Lakeshore Rd. among the two harbours to toast the nation.

- Royal Canadian Air Farce
- Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts
all day concerts & entertainers
- Grand Finale

Further Information
CONTACT: Waterfront Festival Hotline
Co-ordinator at #10-8000

Major Headliners

• THE GRAPES OF WRATH
Time: Saturday 8-10pm

• ERIC NAGLER
Time: Sunday 1:00 & 3:00 pm

• Valdy

• Waterski Show

• Fireworks & Laser Show

• Sky Divers

• Dancers

• Toast to Canada

• Royal Canadian Air Farce

• Grapes of Wrath

• Eric Nagler

• Mike Mandel

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