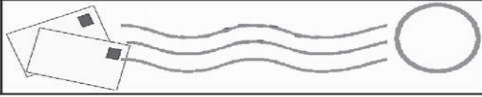


# Letters



## Finds 'Irish Humour' offensive

To the editor,

I am writing with regards to the Mike O'Leary column of March 12 2009, titled "Irish Humour."

I am wondering what was your reasoning in allowing the last two jokes to be published?

One deals with a drunk, a priest and the use of the confessional as a toilet.

The other deals with a lost monogrammed golf ball which is found "stuck right in the middle of the cow's fanny". It continues, "Still holding the cow's tail up, I yelled to my wife, 'Hey, Bridget, this looks like yours!'"

If this column had been titled "Polish Humour" or "Canadian Humour", would it have been published?

I am also wondering if Mr. O'Leary

would feel comfortable telling these jokes to his children (and their children) or to a priest?

I find the last joke mentioned above to be offensive on many levels.

As a person of Irish parentage, as a woman, as a mother, and as an avid newspaper reader, I feel the content is more suited to a dirty joke book than to a small town, family newspaper.

I am looking forward to your response.

*Carmel Euwen*

*Editors note – Columnists are allowed a certain amount of latitude, not extended to other items in the newspaper. Sometimes they tread a fine line between what is acceptable and what is not. In this case Carmel Euwen found it offensive. Others may have, too. We regret any offence it may have caused.*

## Memorial to be 'decommissioned'

**Gone, but not forgotten**

The aging Memorial Arena in Georgetown will be "decommissioned" – a polite way of saying demolished – but it will be memorialized forever.

The Memorial Arena will continue to be used until another ice surface is built, but only enough money will be put into the 86-year-old facility to keep it safe and useable.

Council unanimously voted to decommission the Mill Street facility, faced with the fact that even if they spent a lot of money on the building, it would still be sub-par. The Town voted last year to spend \$1-million over the next four years to keep it operational. The facility runs at an annual deficit of \$130,000 annually.

There are strong feelings for Memorial Arena,

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which played a large role in development of hockey in Georgetown.

Noting that the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council has a number of suggestions on how to honor the building, Ward Two Councillor and former NHL referee Bryan Lewis, who said he began his career in the facility, said, "The building itself may disappear, but Memorial Arena will never disappear...it will be memorialized forever."

Members of the Georgetown Arena Task Force will report back to Council this spring on ways of developing new ice surfaces. Even with Memorial in use, there's a need for two additional ice surfaces to meet the need in Halton Hills.

offered care and comfort to many area residents.

Ill health forced Dr. Vanderbent to retire last year and now his former patients, family, friends and local politicians want to formally say goodbye, beginning with a meet and greet at the Royal Canadian Legion, followed by a dinner.

Tickets are available at Halton Hills Furniture, the Links2Care office on Mill Street, the Acton Seniors Centre and from Acton Councillor Jon Hurst at 519-853-2015.

Any additional funds raised through ticket sales will be added to a bursary in Dr. Vanderbent's name that will be awarded to an Acton High graduate who studies for a medically related profession.

**Salaries and expenses**

Salaries and expenses for municipal politicians in Halton Hills cost the Town \$319,764 last year. The six members of the Town's Committee of Adjustment earned \$5,676, and the two fence viewers/property standards committee members earned \$150.

A mandatory annual report of the remuneration and expenses paid to members of council and others shows the lion's share of remuneration went to Mayor Rick Bonnette who received salary and benefits valued at \$60,914, along with \$2,092 for conferences and seminars and \$1,611 for parking, ETR and kilometrage.

Three councillors submitted conference and seminar fees, led by Ward Two Councillor Joan Robson who received \$1,912 for conferences and seminars and \$1,120 for parking, ETR and kilometrage.

Ward Three Councillor Dave Kentner received \$1,623 for seminars and conference and the highest amount for parking, ETR and kilometrage at \$1,915.

Three councillors – Jane Fogal, Acton's Jon Hurst and Bryan Lewis – did not submit any expenses for conferences and seminars or parking, ETR and kilometrage.

### Revealing thaw

The recent thaws have revealed why the Town is preparing for its annual spring clean up blitz – snow no longer covers much of the garbage and debris that has been left along roadsides and in parks over the winter.

The Town's 20-minute makeover – when businesses, organizations, schools and citizens are asked to clean up their part of Town for 20 minutes – is slated for Friday April 17. Last year all of the schools in Halton Hills took part in the blitz and at a recent Council meeting Mayor Rick Bonnette said he hoped for the same level of support this year.

The Town-wide spring clean up takes place the next day on Saturday, April 18 and the focus is on public property – parks, open spaces and roadsides. People taking part are asked to register with the Town's works department in advance and take advantage of an offer of free gloves and garbage bags.

### Fond farewell

A public farewell reception and dinner will be held on Friday, April 3 to formally say thanks and goodbye to retired Acton physician Dr. David Vanderbent, who for 40 years,



## KIDS' corner

### Book FACT:

WHAT IS THE STORY AND NON-MUSICAL PART OF A THEATRICAL MUSICAL CALLED?

ANSWER: THE BOOK

## Musical Crossword

1		2				3
		4				
		5		7		
6						
			8			

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Relating to music
4. Beneath something
5. Percussion instruments
6. Proceed
8. Musical group

### CLUES DOWN

1. In motion
2. Noise
3. Ancient Greek stringed instruments
7. North American country (abbr.)

ANSWERS

Across  
1. Musical 4. Under 5. Drums 6. Go 8. Band  
Down  
1. Moving 2. Sound 3. Lyres 7. USA

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- 1969: SINGER/SONGWRITER JOHN LENNON MARRIED YOKO ONO IN GIBRALTAR.
- 1985: LIBBY RIDDLES WINS THE IDITAROD, BECOMING THE FIRST WOMAN TO DO SO.
- 2003: U.S. GROUND TROOPS ENTERED IRAQ.

### new word

harmony

combination of simultaneously sounded musical notes

### How they SAY it in...

**ENGLISH:** Song  
**SPANISH:** Canción  
**ITALIAN:** Canzone  
**FRENCH:** Chanson  
**GERMAN:** Lied

### Did YOU KNOW?

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW PIANO BE TUNED FOUR TIMES THE FIRST YEAR (WITH EACH CHANGE OF SEASON) AND THEN TWICE ANNUALLY AFTERWARD.

### get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?

ANSWER: GUITAR

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