

LETTERS

LEGAL COLUMN

Hergott dreaming if he thinks the Mrs will comply

To the editor:
Re: Sexual Favours Have No Place in a Moving Vehicle, May 24 *Capital News Westside*.

and pull over to where the offer can be accepted safely."

First of all, what really is road head? When I first heard the term, I thought it was a band. When I discovered its true meaning, I joined my husband on the "safe driving" bandwagon.

And now Mr. Hergott has suggested that this might be something that I would even remotely con-

sider. I would hire a lawyer for defamation of character, but frankly, they cost too darn much.

And so I will simply say, for the record, that there will never be a need for Mr. Hergott to pull over to a safe location.

The only way "road head" would ever happen in our vehicle, would be in his dreams, and we all know that Mr. Hergott

would never drive tired. It might be noted that this entire column came about when I challenged Mr. Hergott to write a column showing that this particular distraction might not be safe while driving. As ever, Mr. Hergott has taken my suggestion and jumped on the bandwagon.

I, along with millions of females out there, thank Mr. Hergott for showing

us the danger of the particular distraction while driving. I say we should unite and take a safe driving pledge—no more putting on our make-up, talking on the phone, texting our friends, and above all, no more road head.

Let's all do our part in making the roads a safer place.

**Terri Hergott,
West Kelowna**

WEST KELOWNA

Ice cream truck music ban embarrassing

To the editor:
I am writing in response to West Kelowna council passing a bylaw that stops ice cream trucks from playing their music.

What I would like to know is how many complaints are there in West Kelowna regarding this issue and how much time and money went into making this decision?

When I ran for city council last year, my understanding was that the current council wanted to support small businesses and even encourage and develop more opportunities in West Kelowna. How is this supporting business, not to mention promoting West Kelowna

as a family-oriented place to invest and move to?

Those ice cream trucks are the music of summer. I believe the parents in West Kelowna are capable of making good choices for their families.

Coun. Zanon "...feared that children would run in front of traffic." Really? How many children were admitted to hospital last year after being hit by an ice cream truck?

West Kelowna needs to consider that we live in one of the most beautiful places in B.C. and a couple of months of ice cream truck music should not be a subject up for debate.

Watching Global BC (TV news) this morning embarrassed me. What's next, the music at Save-on Foods, Shoppers or Starbucks should stop? It is usually bad '70s and '80s music.

Why don't we take a look at the movie Footloose—is that really what this city is coming to?

I completely agree with Coun. Winsby, this has become a place where family fun and creating memories for our children is not allowed.

**Cathy Sinclair,
West Kelowna**

To the editor:
Re: Ice Cream Trucks Must Keep Quiet, May 24 *Capital News*

Come-on West Kelowna resident's, let's band together in support of our now famous council decision to ban the music from ice-cream trucks.

If this is one of council's higher priorities, we are in serious trouble. What's next—maybe lets ban parades, and how about fire

works? We put up with other noisy occurrences daily, like loud motorcycles and cars racing up and down our streets. These things are dangerous to children—not the music of the ice cream truck.

Parents need to parent. We all have witnessed the meltdowns/temper tantrums of children in grocery stores or other places where they didn't get their way.

It is not council's objective to parent our children.

Mayor Findlater's comments, as reported in our media, are appalling. The council members that supported his comments also leave one bewildered and amused.

Thank you Coun. Winsby for not supporting this foolishness.

**David W. Kuhn,
West Kelowna**

HELPING OUT

Allergy-prone dog helped by sportsmen

To the editor:
Thank you to the Peachland Sportsmen's Association.

totally by donation, rescued a lovable dog named Benji.

Due to severe food allergies that result in hair loss, emaciation and yeast infections, Benji can only

eat deer/elk meat. In trying to meet Benji's dietary needs we enlisted the cooperation and support of the Peachland Sportsmen's Association.

We want to public-

ly thank that group for the donation of deer meat they have been able to provide. The generous and compassionate support for Benji reflects well on your association and

should be known across the Okanagan.

Again, our thanks.
**Carol Cullum
director,
Okanagan Small
Dog Rescue Association**

MLA thanks teacher for time

To the editor:
Re: Teacher Will Give Up Volunteering Time For Students, May 4 *Capital News*.

I read James Pengilly's open letter to me for the first time in the *Capital News*. I checked with my constituency office staff; his letters had not shown up there—perhaps his coach's whistle, which he enclosed, prevented delivery.

I disagree with some of Mr. Pengilly's words, such as calling Dr. Charles Jago an "unqualified patsy." Dr. Jago's resume speaks for itself, and there's simply no reason to call his integrity into question.

That said, I understand Mr. Pengilly is frustrated. This is a tough economic time for everyone, and the province simply could not justify the tax hikes it would take to pay for the BCTF's de-

mands. Bill 22 means B.C. teachers accepting the same deal as every other public sector worker in the province.

It's important to note net-zero does not mean there will be no wage increases. Teachers will still be eligible for automatic pay raises, year after year, within the salary grid for their particular position. It's also worth pointing out B.C. teachers received a 16 per cent increase in the last round of negotiations.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank Mr. Pengilly for his 13 years of coaching. I'm sure the students whose lives he has touched appreciate his time, support and wisdom.

**Ben Stewart,
MLA
Westside-
Kelowna**

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