

targeting motorists who are not legally parked, rather than adopting a more practical approach that punishes those flagrantly in breach and cuts some slack to others.

Those responsible for policing parking in the city are in defensive mode, arguing that fewer tickets were issued over an identical period last year. However, statistics can be produced to back up or to demolish almost any argument. No matter where the real truth lies, the real problem here is one of perception. If the average motorist has been angered by a ticket or becomes convinced that parking wardens are lurking behind corners waiting to pounce, then the big losers will be the city centre itself and the traders who depend on busy footfall for their livelihoods.

There will – we hope – come a day when the city has been transformed to

stand – to run the risk of turning people off in this way. Around the county towns, fine local businesses are depending on local support this festive season. We highlight many of them in Leader 2 this week. So when it comes to local spending this Christmas the competition has never been as fierce. Against that background, the city needs all the incentives it can muster to draw people in, not disincentives.

It goes without saying that without the deterrent of wardens there would be parking anarchy. It's too easy – and simply wrong – to join the chorus of those who say tickets should be abolished for Christmas period or that parking on the street should be free anywhere and everywhere. But trying to win an emotional argument like this by flourishing cold statistics about the number of tickets being issued is not the way to go.

for our kabayans (our fellow countrymen, women & children) who have suffered greatly as a result of Typhoon Yolanda.

The Limerick Filipino community says a huge Thank You to the people of Limerick from the very bottom of our collective heart. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

We would like to also express our deepest thanks to the Limerick media, volunteers and all those who supported our efforts.

Thank you, thank you Limerick

MARILOU ENOC  
CRECORA, CO LIMERICK

## Small railing could make big difference

I HAD the misfortune recently to hear of someone that I knew well take their

I would like to thank my trade-union (TEEU), especially Tommy Guilfoyle and Brian Nolan for their unwavering support and dedication to my case. Only for them, this matter would not be resolved.

Last but not least, I would also like to thank Aine Fitzgerald and the Limerick Leader for her initial front-page story and the photograph.

I will be making a donation to the Children's Ark in the hospital on behalf of all the people as a token of my gratitude.

LIAM MOLONEY  
BALLYHOURA HEIGHTS, KILFINANE,  
CO LIMERICK

## Memories of Brother Raymond Grainger

BROTHER Raymond Grainger was a De La Salle Brother who died in 2007 in Castletown, Portlaoise; he was 92 years

AFTER reading Willie O'Dea's column in last Sunday's Independent I feel obliged to comment on what an outstanding, well written article it was. Though I agree with most – if not all – of his points, I do feel that the whole situation has been blown way out of proportion.

For a fictional character in a fictional television series to make an agreeably lazy insult about Limerick is surely nothing to be worried about. It was merely one sentence, and to be fair could have been much worse.

I don't believe that because of that one sentence anybody will look at Limerick any differently than before, nor should they.

Love/Hate is set in Dublin, yet this is not seen as a downgrading of that county, so a single sentence should not either. I can understand that it was completely irrelevant and definitely was not needed, but it was no more than a joke.

## the Constitution

AS readers of the Limerick Leader may be aware, the Convention on the Constitution is currently holding a series of nine public meetings around the country, asking members of the public to give their opinion on the constitutional issues they think we should be looking at in our final two meetings early next year.

We're finishing off the national tour next Wednesday, November 27, in the Strand Hotel in Limerick at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

Those interested in learning more about what we are all about can visit the website [www.constitution.ie](http://www.constitution.ie). In the meantime we look forward to hearing the views of the people of Limerick at next week's public meeting.

ART O'LEARY  
SECRETARY TO THE CONVENTION

# Burn the bonds, not our nation's billions

THEY'VE started singing it already, the new Coalition Chorus – Ireland is about to successfully exit the bailout! It's a lie, a false front being presented to the world. Here at home however we're only too familiar with the truth – far from exiting a bailout we're entering the fourth year of Ireland's bail-in, the fourth year of at least 40

years of debt-slavery to Europe.

There is a perception abroad that Ireland Inc. went crazy during what became known as the Celtic Tiger, that the country borrowed its way into trouble and we have now been 'bailed out' by the Troika.

The world is being duped and with this bank-debt burden on top of the crushing national debt

on top of the mortgage crisis, with depression, emigration and suicide rising in every community, we're the fall-guys. This is our reality, as opposed to the Irish 'success' fantasy as told and sold worldwide by Enda Kenny.

At 9pm next Wednesday, November 27, the Dáil will vote on a motion that will be

proposed by the Technical Group (16 TDs, Independents and smaller parties), calling for the full and final destruction of Promissory Note bonds.

In Ballyhea we've been marching every week for 142 weeks with that as one of our prime goals. We're asking now that (a) people ask any of their local TDs – regardless of party

– who hasn't yet supported the motion to do so, and (b) stand with us for just four hours at the Dáil on that evening, from 6pm to 10pm. Add your voice outside to those arguing our case inside.

Burn the bonds, not the billions.

DIARMUID O'FLYNN  
BALLYHEA, CO CORK

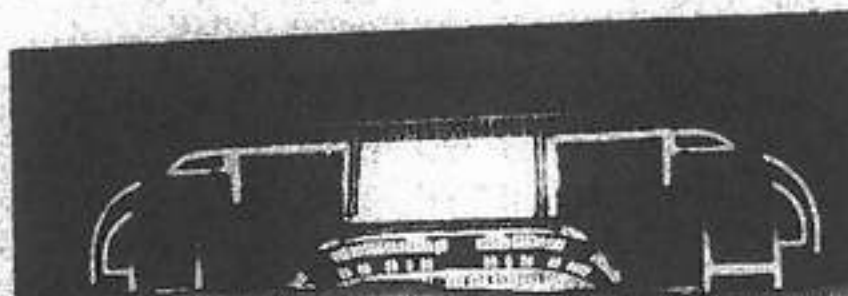
## RELIVING THE NEWS with Sean Curtin

### Committee plan to save Savoy's organ

BY JOHN

O'SHAUGHNESSY

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## Landmark to be saved

From the Limerick Leader  
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THE SAVOY'S Compton Organ, the only one of its type now remaining in the country, is in danger of being dismantled for the scrap heap.

It is understood that the owners of Ireland's largest theatre have decided to remove the 46-year-old organ but are prepared to present it free of charge to any interested

parties.

The trouble is that it is estimated it would cost in the region of £35,000 to dismantle and re-build it.

### LANDMARK

A committee is being formed in Limerick this weekend to help save

this valuable piece of equipment which is as much a Limerick landmark as the Savoy itself.

A spokesman for the committee told the Limerick Leader that it was their wish to keep the organ in Limerick and to house it possibly in either Mary Immaculate College or the NIHE.

"There are other possible locations, too," he added.

But Mr. Earl Connolly of the Limerick Leader, who has retained an interest in the organ since it was introduced to the Savoy in 1935, warns that it could be a most difficult job to perform a "transplant." It is a huge instrument and spreads out like an octopus under the stage," he said.

### GLORY DAYS

He recalled the glory days at the Savoy when the Compton Organ was in use three times daily.

"There were actually people who paid to hear the old maestros play the organ," he said.

Mr. Connolly regrets the management's decision to remove it. "But then, I suppose this is just one of the many changes we can expect at the Savoy," he said.



A marvellous picture of the legendary Gordon Spicer pictured in the 1960s playing the famous Compton organ in the Savoy Theatre

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