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### Sean Farrell new Consul General

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His most recent assignment has been at Headquarters in Dublin, where he has been for the last two years the Director of the Irish Abroad Unit, of which he was the first head. In that position he had a coordinating role in official Irish programmes and assistance for the Irish communities living outside Ireland, including those in the USA. The period has seen a rapid increase in the funding available for programmes to assist Irish communities outside Ireland and to help those communities to express their Irish identity. Over the past year Mr. Farrell has had a particular focus on the issue of the undocumented Irish in the USA

Mr. Farrell returned to Dublin in 2004 from Estonia, where he had been Ireland's first resident Ambassador, opening the Embassy in 2001. His period as Ambassador saw a deepening of Irish - Estonian relations as Estonia gained accession to the European Union; cultural contacts in particular were expanded and deepened. Mr. Farrell also served as Irish Ambassador to Moldova in the same period.

Prior to Estonia Sean Farrell was Head of the Irish Foreign Ministry's Foreign Trade section, dealing in particular with relations in the WTO and US-EU trade disputes as well as taking part in economic dialogue with the countries of Latin America and the Europe-Asia dialogue through ASEM.

From 1995 to 1999 Mr Farrell was the head of Foreign Relations in Ireland's Mission to the European Union in Brussels where he headed up the Irish delegation during the first years of the Enlargement negotiations which saw the countries of Central and Eastern Europe join the European Union. Mr. Farrell specialised in relations with Eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union. During Ireland's Presidency of the Union in 1996 Mr. Farrell piloted through the negotiation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Russia and the EU Action Plan for the Ukraine.

Sean Farrell served from 1992 to 1995 as Deputy Joint Secretary in the Anglo-Irish Secretariat in Belfast before and during the IRA ceasefire. His particular speciality was the economic and cultural condition of the nationalist minority within Northern Ireland. Prior to Belfast he was a Peace Monitor in Croatia during the wars surrounding the collapse of Yugoslavia. His previous posts include spells as press officer in the Embassies in London and Washington D.C. as well as a posting in the Irish embassy in the Netherlands.

Mr. Farrell is married with three children and three grandchildren (all US citizens). A historian by training, his hobbies include reading, music and chess as well as a passion for football of all types.

### Tommy Nevin's to open new location in Naperville in March 2007

The owners of Tommy Nevin's in Evanston have purchased land on Route 59 just south of 103rd. Tommy Nevin's Naperville is part of English Rows and neighbors Tamarack Golf course. They are in the middle of securing an architect, and assure us that this pub will be grand.

Nevin's in Evanston does Irish sessions on Wednesday in addition to Sundays. John Williams spearheaded the midweek session, and now both days our very strong thanks to him. Sunday session (longest session of any Chicago-land pub) 3-6 and Wednesday night 7-10 both are hosted by John Williams.

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### Thomas P. Boyle Named Banker of the Year

The Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) named Thomas P. Boyle, President and CE of State Bank of Countryside in Countryside, as the 2006 Illinois Banker of the Year. The award was presented during the IBA Annual Conference and Trade Show at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina in San Diego.



Thomas P. Boyle

The Illinois Banker of the Year award is the highest honor the Illinois Bankers Association can bestow on one of its members. It is presented annually to an individual whose dedication to excellence has most profoundly enhanced the banking industry. This award of excellence recognizes the Banker of the year's personal leadership and service qualities, applied not only to the banking industry, but also to the promotion of civic, community and charitable causes.

Boyle, who has been in the banking industry for over 32 years, has been heavily involved in both community and bank related activities. He has been serving as a Board Member of Chicago

Gaelic Park for the past 20 years. He is also a member of the Southside Builder's Association and attends all of their events. He has been involved with school, park district, church and community affairs and is a Board Member of the local American Cancer Society organization.

Under Boyle's leadership, the communities surrounding the State Bank of Countryside's five locations can count on the generous support

of the Bank and its employees, be it in the local arts, charity events, or neighborhood schools.

The Clare Association of Chicago named Boyle the Irish Person of the Year 1992 for his support and dedication to the Irish community. In addition, Boyle was named one of Irish America's top 100 persons of 2003.

He is currently on the ABA Community Bankers Council, Board Member of Chicago Bankers Club and a member of the Irish Fellowship Board of Directors. For the past three years he served as a Board Member of the IBA Council and he is currently serving on the Strategic Planning Committee of the IBA.

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**Young Irish Donate \$20,000**

The Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago presented a donation of \$10,000 to Concern Worldwide and \$10,000 to the Off the Street Club at a party held at O'Briens in Old Town.

The Young Irish is a nonprofit philanthropic and volunteer organization that has been around for over 30 years. In that time, the organization has raised awareness for and donated funds to charities all over Chicagoland. While the club tends to promote the Irish culture, people of every ethnic origin are welcome to join and attend events. Donated funds were raised throughout the year, but primarily came from one of Chicago's largest St. Patrick's Day parties, Forever Green, hosted by the Young Irish every March.

Concern Worldwide (<http://concernusa.org>) is an international humanitarian organization committed to the relief, assistance and advancement of the poorest people in the least developed countries of the world. Founded in Ireland in 1968, Concern Worldwide works in 31 countries throughout Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, providing emergency relief and long-term assistance in the areas of education, health, livelihoods (including agricultural training and microfinance)



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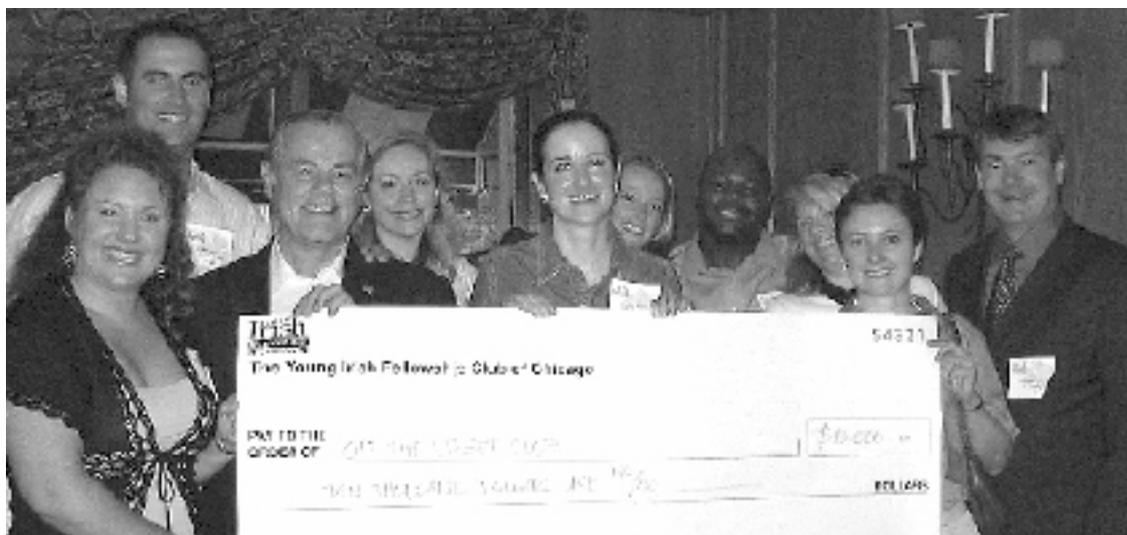
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and HIV/AIDS. The proceeds received from the 2006 Forever Green will help fund hunger relief projects in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"We are utterly amazed at what YIFC was able to accomplish with Forever Green and at how much that amount is going to do for our hunger relief projects," said Kristin Pomykala, Concern Worldwide Development Officer.

The Off the Street Club (<http://www.otsc.org>) is Chicago's oldest boys and girls club and serves more than 3,000 youth on Chicago's West side. The YIFC donation will be used to help pay for a new school bus, which will be used to shuttle youth downtown for tutoring and field trips, transport kids out to the Club's annual Camp Mattieu, and bring volunteers out to the club for after-school programs.

Leslie Engel, president of the Off the Street Club Junior Board was present for the check cutting ceremony. "That one nonprofit awareness group would dedicate the efforts of an entire year to bring this kind of money to another nonprofit is, to me, the picture of generosity," said Engel. "We at Off the Street Club are forever grateful that Forever Green has been so wonderful for us-the luck of the Irish, indeed."



The Young Irish Fellowship club presented a \$10,000 check to Concern Worldwide; as well as this \$10,000 check to the Off the Street Club pictured here.

**20th Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference**  
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The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) will hold its 20th Anniversary Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference on Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 and 28, 2006, at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., in Chicago. The two-day event will feature:

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do business with women business owners as vendors or suppliers.

- Woman-to-Woman Power Mentoring Breakfast recognizing past WBDC Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year Award winners who will host mentoring roundtables.
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- Panel discussions and workshops addressing current issues and trends affecting women business owners.
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Registration for the Conference is available online at [www.wbdc.org](http://www.wbdc.org) or by calling (312) 853-3477, ext. 24. Tickets for women business owners are \$175 and for all others \$200 before September 1, 2006; after September 1, 2006 tickets become \$225 for everyone, in advance and at the door. Entrance fee includes access to all Conference events. Individual tickets for the Women's Business & Buyers Mart, the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon, the Women's Forum Luncheon, and/or the 20th Anniversary Party are \$100 each. Tickets to the 20th Anniversary Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please check our web site [[www.wbdc.org](http://www.wbdc.org)] with any questions you may have regarding seating availability or WBDC policies.

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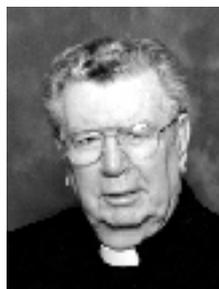
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# Tinker's Dam

by Fr. Kevin O'Neill Shanley



appeared with the French ones in many parts of Ireland.

In April of that year, Thomas Francis Meagher, the leader of the Young Irelanders, brought an Irish tricolour from a meeting in Paris and presented it as a national symbol to a Dublin meeting of the group.

"I hope to see that flag one day waving as our national banner," exclaimed John Mitchel, also a Young Irelander.

But at that time, and up to the 1916 Easter Week Rebellion, the national flag remained generally the banner with the green background and the gold harp. In 1850, however, a flag of green for the Catholics, Orange for the Protestants of the Establishment (mainly Anglicans), and blue for the Presbyterians was proposed as a flag of Irish unity. However, the idea never really caught on well in Ireland.

In the aftermath of "An Gorta Mor" (The Great Hunger), the attention of the majority of the Irish people was more focused on survival, emigration and land ownership than on nationalism itself. Although the struggle for Irish freedom never actually subsided, there were other matters for the people to attend to in those years of the second half of the 19th Century.

## Continuing Struggle

Later on, in 1883, followers of Charles Stuart Parnell and the Irish Parliament Party proposed yet another national flag to symbolize the cause of Irish independence. It featured a tricolour of yellow, white and green but arranged horizontally rather than in the traditional vertical positioning. The fall of Parnell and his Irish Nationalist

Saginaw, and Alpena. From 1853 to 1854, Irish emigrants from the Great Starvation dug the Sault Ste. Marie Canal while others dug canals in Grand Rapids and Saginaw.

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## Irish tricolour has long, and distinguished history

### Introduction

Although the green, white and orange tricolour of the Republic of Ireland does not date back as far as the "Stars and Stripes" of the United States of America, the tricolour of France, or the "Union Jack" of Great Britain, it does have a distinguished history that truly reflects the Irish nation's struggle for independence and identity.

And since the year 2007 will mark the 70th Anniversary of the Irish tricolour being designated as the authentic symbol of Ireland in its 1937 Constitution, it is a good time to reflect on the flag's history in Ireland.

Over many centuries various banners have been used to identify the Irish both at home and abroad. One of the most popular, and still used at times, is the solid green flag adorned with an Irish harp in gold or yellow. This was carried into battle by intrepid Irishmen during the American Civil War (1861-65), and during wars on the continent of Europe and elsewhere. And it is still a favorite with other Irish and Irish-related groups.

## Irish in Michigan

By Seamus P. and Eileen K. Metress

*Discovering the Peoples of Michigan*, a series from Michigan State University Press, examines the rich multi-cultural heritage of the Great Lakes State and explores Michigan's ethnic dynamics.

Irish immigration to the United States can be divided into five general periods, from 1640 to the present: the colonial, pre-starvation, great starvation, post-starvation, and post-independence periods. Immigration to the Great Lakes region and, more specifically to Michigan was differentially influenced during each of these times. The oppressive historical roots of the Irish in both Ireland and nineteenth century America are important to understand in gaining an appreciation for their concern with socioeconomic status.

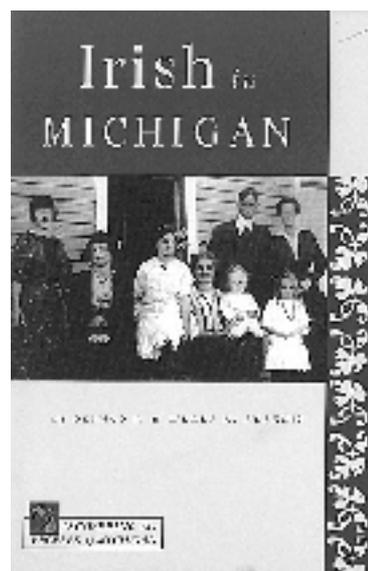
The Irish first entered the great Lakes by way of the Ohio River and Appalachian passes, spreading north along the expanding frontier. After

### Flag of Union

The Irish tricolour of yesterday and today is basically a flag to represent the union, although not fully accomplished, between the north and south sections of Ireland. The green portion is considered as representing the Gaelic-speaking, Catholic and republican tradition which seeks a republic on the entire island of Ireland. The orange segment of the flag is considered as representing the tradition of the Scots-Irish, Protestant peoples of Northern Ireland who favor union with the United Kingdom. And the white segment of the tricolour between is considered a token of unity, brotherhood and sisterhood of all Irish people, and a lasting truce of both traditions in Ireland. Such has not been accomplished as yet.

### Tricolour history

The Irish tricolour was actually first mentioned as far back as 1830 and 1844, but whispered recognition and acceptance did not come about until the Young Ireland Rising of 1848, and the French revolution that brought about the Second Republic in France. From March of 1848, the Irish tricolour



the War of 1812, the Irish were heavily represented in frontier military garrisons. Many Irish moved into the Detroit metropolitan area as well as to farming areas throughout Michigan. In the 1840s, a number of Irish began fishing in the waters off Beaver Island, Mackinac Island, Bay City,

Party also brought about the death knell of this unusually arranged flag.

It should be noted, too, that occasionally through the latter part of the 19th and early 20th Centuries, the color yellow or gold had been used in place of orange on the flag. However, by the use of this color substitution, the basic symbolism was destroyed for the Irish nation.

## The Rise of Sinn Fein

With the rise of both cultural nationalism, and the concurrent desire of separation from Great Britain, the Sinn Fein accepted the tricolor as a symbol of a free and independent Irish nation. It was flown atop the General Post Office during the 1916 Rebellion. Ironically, it is as the ensign of Patrick Pearse's "E" Company of the Fourth Dublin

Battalion of the Irish Volunteers.

Following the 1916 rebellion, the Irish nationalists adopted the tricolour as a symbol of sympathy with Sinn Fein and the nationalist movement. And with the growing strength of the Irish desire for freedom during the War of Independence (1919-21), the tricolour was flaunted everywhere. It is reported that the Cavan and Laitrim Railway boldly painted one of its engines in green, white and orange in 1917.

The 1922-37 period of the Irish Free State, the tricolour was acclaimed as the national flag of Ireland. Its position as the national flag was formally confirmed by the Irish Constitution of 1937 in which Article 7 states firmly: "The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange." - May the unity it symbolizes come true!



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## Ireland Travel Tip #1: Plan Early

By Chris Woolson of *Enchanting Ireland*

With over 6 years experience in Ireland tourism, I have recently noticed a new trend in travel to Ireland: the last minute traveler.

One out of every five calls this summer has been for travel within a one-month period and most travelers are shocked at the price of airfare, thinking there would be last-minute deals to be had.

Travel has changed dramatically over the past few years but I thought most travelers were aware that last-minute deals in the high travel season (June - August) were virtually non-existent.

Over the past few years, tourism to Ireland has increased with more tourists returning to visit family and friends or explore new niches in Ireland. Planes are filling up quickly and accommodations are booking out months in advance. Although Ireland is no longer the bargain it once was with \$499 week-long packages, following a few simple guidelines will help everyone save money whether a newcomer or a repeat visitor.

**Airfare:** Usually the priciest part of any package, the airlines set the rules and you have no choice but to play by them. Airfare to Ireland has been booking quite far in advance for the past few years, therefore waiting for a last-minute deal is likely to leave you vacationing at home or spending a fortune. Recent increases in oil have sent airfares higher and I honestly don't think we'll see them come back down. Purchase airfare as early as possible to

get the lowest priced ticket - the land portion rates are typically negotiated and set in October of the previous year so rates rarely go up.

**Car Rental:** Manual cars are not only fun to drive in Ireland but they're much less expensive than an automatic in the high season. Driving and shifting is easy to adjust to, it just takes patience, a relaxed driver and good navigator so don't let this stop you from saving money; you'll be driving on the left at home in no time. To save more money, check to see if your Mastercard covers CDW Insurance in Ireland and you can waive the insurance although you're responsible for the first 1,000 euro deductible. Gas is over \$6.00 US/gallon in Ireland so choose the smallest car possible for your comfort.

**Accommodations:** B&Bs are still the most economical way to tour Ireland and saving a little money here will allow you to spend that last night in deluxe grandeur at one of Ireland's four 5-star Deluxe Castles!

Traveling in high season you should reserve your B&Bs well in advance for major towns or you could find yourself staying outside of town. First-come, first-serve!

Off-season travelers have the ability to be more casual and make reservations the same day - the way I like to travel.

**Food:** Forget the "meat and potatoes" of years past, Ireland has had a culinary revolution and the cuisine is some of the best Europe has to offer. Restaurants rely on local fresh produce, meats and fishes combined with

world-class flavor and style. Before starting your day you cannot miss your traditional Irish breakfast at your B&B: breads, cereals, yogurt, coffee/tea, eggs, sausage, bacon, tomato and more! You'll be full well after lunchtime and it's INCLUDED in your room rate. Full from breakfast, lunch, for me, is typically a pint and some "chips" (french fries), just enough to hold me over for a good dinner. For "cheap eats" try "pub grub" and save a few dollars to splurge later in your trip. Pubs typically offer traditional Irish meals, large portions and meager rates. Restaurants are usually more expensive but the food is more adventurous and you'll have more choices.

**Discount Coupons:** Order your Heritage Card online or purchase one at the first tourist site that accepts them -- and you'll save quite a bit throughout Ireland. You could also order an "Ireland at a Glimpse" coupon booklet and receive 2-for-1 tours at many top attractions throughout Ireland, saving the cost of the booklet with just two coupons. Many tour operators offer these books free as part of their packages.

Following these few simple tips and planning in advance can save even the most seasoned traveler a few hundred dollars on their next trip to Ireland. Slán ábhaile! Chris.

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# Boyle the Kettle

By Tom Boyle

## We'll Have A Sup Of Tea

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### Sister Therese

Sister M. Therese Boyle at the age of 95 passed away Saturday, August 5th at 6PM Irish time in the Regional Hospital at Waterford.

She was the last of her generation; all of her eleven brothers and sisters preceded her in death. She was also the last of the Presentation Nuns who began her religious vocation as a novitiate in Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny. All of the others have been transferred there. October 3rd would have marked 75 years for Sister Therese at Mooncoin. She arrived there in 1931.

The first time we met was in 1969. My sister Jeanne and I arrived in Mooncoin in a Fiat 850. As we approached the convent there, was a Tinker woman sitting at the side of the road with a child begging. We gave her some money and asked which gate was the entrance to the convent. As it turns out, we were at the wrong gate, and knocked until we heard someone com-

ing. When Sister Therese opened the gate, the tears rolled down her cheeks. It was the first time she had seen any of her brother Michael's children. We had tea at the convent that evening and stayed the night at the Tower Hotel in Waterford City.

The next day at the convent she delighted in showing us the garden, where there was a small greenhouse. She would spend many happy hours over her lifetime working in the garden. In her later years when her eyesight was failing, she would feel the petals of the flowers. Wherever she visited she would gather seeds from different flowers and when she got back she went straight to the greenhouse to plant the new seeds. There's a beautiful walkway through the garden where you will see a small orchard, and some massive copper beech trees. There are sheltered benches where you can sit quietly and enjoy the garden or quietly pray.

We had arrived in August, shortly

after Apollo 11 orbited the moon when Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, July 16, 1969. The crowd in Kerry thought it was all a hoax.

I sent a lot of educational material about the lunar landing that one of my customers had printed to Sister Therese and Sister Joseph. Sister Therese in turn sent me a book, *The Homes of Knocknagow* by Charles J. Kickham. She inscribed it as follows: "11 October 1969 'May God's choice blessings on thee rest and keep thy soul from evil free... May angels guard thee and request that thou should'st often pray for me. Your affectionate aunt, Sr. Therese (Babe)'".

Now she is with her God. She was my "Little Flower" and my

"Rose of Mooncoin".

Six of my first cousins served as pall bearers at the Church of the Assumption; Thomas Casey of Ard-fert, Co. Kerry, Patrick Casey from Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry, Eddie Joe McCarthy and Patrick McCarthy, both of Lixnaw, Co. Kerry, Tom Boyle from Causeway, Co. Kerry, and Tom Boyle from Burr Ridge, Illinois.

### Diane Shaffer

A promised, I was there for opening night at the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor, New York. I flew in to MacArthur Airport at Islip, were my sister Catherine and her two sons, Gary and Michael, picked me up. It's about a fifty mile drive to Sag Harbor.

Before the play, we had dinner at the Magnolia Restaurant on Main Street in Sag Harbor.

Seems as though my playwright niece has a *succes d'es time* for her play, *Viva la Vida*. The play focused on the last 18 months of Frida Kahlo's life which was captured insightfully by the playwright's pen. The dialogue was incisive. The relationship between Frida and her husband Diego Rivera was very tempestuous. Mercedes Ruehl was made for the part of Frida and played it brilliantly. The audience gave a standing ovation as tribute to their performance.

### Rosemary

Rosemary Mulroy Kottke, the oldest of ten children, passed away at the age of 77. Rosemary was the sister of my friend Jim Mulroy who passed away earlier this year. It's hard to see old friends leave us. We grew up together in downtown Des Plaines, Illinois, one block south of the Northwestern railroad tracks near Pearson Street and Prairie Avenue. Between our two families there were 17 children. I was surprised when Frank O'Neal delivered an eulogy and said Rosemary worked at the Douglas Aircraft factory where my mother worked during World War II. Rosemary met her husband Irvin while working there. There are three sisters remaining, Kathleen, Betty and Maureen, who have lost three siblings this year. The Boyle family shares their loss.



Tom Boyle, Sr. Therese, and Sr. Maura McGuire.

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## Gaelic Storm hopes for another wave of success with "Bring Yer Wellies" CD

By Cliff Carlson

Santa Monica, California is not Hollywood, but it's close. To listen to band member Steve Twigger tell it, the success of Gaelic Storm reads much like a Hollywood script.

"I moved to Santa Monica and two blocks from my house I discovered O'Brien's Pub. I thought I had died and gone to Heaven!," exclaimed Steve. One night I was in there and the bartender, Patrick, grabbed his harmonica, jumped over the bar and started to play "Tell Me Ma." When the bar closed I would throw a party at my house on the weekends. We'd pass the guitar and play songs. Patrick had Gaelic Storm up and running. One day he said he had a slot open for a guitar player on St. Patrick's Day, and did I want to play. You bet I did," said Steve.

Steve, aka "Twiggers," said the band created their sound that day. The people in the audience wouldn't let them off the stage. They all thought then and there they may have hit on something.

Gaelic Storm became the house band at O'Brien's Pub. Since they were just getting started, there were days that the band outnumbered customers. It



Gaelic Storm

wasn't long though before people lined up around the block to get in, and that was before the success of their appearance in "Titanic." "People saw us for who we were. People enjoying life and just being themselves," said Steve.

In keeping with the script, a guy came in who said he was from 20th Century Fox and asked if the band wanted to be in a movie. "We gave him our number on a scrap of toilet paper. He called. They came to the bar and video-taped us as the usual

party was going on. They realized that kind of party would probably have been going on in the hold of that ship and they hired us.

After the success of the movie, Gaelic Storm's phone started ringing off the hook. At first the band turned down everything. Then they decided to give an outside gig a try. Their first show outside of California was in Cincinnati and they had a fabulous time. They realized they could be themselves. They didn't have to be "slick."

## 11th Annual St. Catherine's Irish Fest

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Irish Fest will be held on Friday, September 8th from 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Saturday, September 9th from Noon to 11:00 pm, and Sunday, September 10 from Noon to 7:00 pm. The fest is located on the grounds of St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Routes 31 and 72, in West Dundee, Illinois. The church grounds are just two short miles north of I-90 off of Route 31.

A lively line up of musical entertainers are highlighted by the return of the Fenians on Friday night only, Brigid's Cross, the Larkin and Moran Brothers, Mother Grove, the Chicago Irish Pipe Band, and directly from Ireland - Gael Sli. There will be plenty of Irish dancing featuring The Mayer School & Anam Mor Irish dancers. The bands featured throughout the weekend on the inside and outside stages are guaranteed to bring out the Irish in everyone! For the children, there will be a "Wee Folk" area with Irish crafts, games,

Irish dancing lessons, Irish folk singing, and several raffle drawings. Admission to the Wee Folk area is just \$3 for children.

There will be a variety of Irish and American food vendors serving everything from corned beef & cabbage to hot dogs and chips. A Celtic Marketplace highlights the festival featuring various vendors including Blarney's Irish Imports and Murray's Irish Outfitters. Participating vendors offer an array of Irish jewelry, sweaters, and Irish keepsakes. Visit the raffle tent to purchase a ticket for a chance to win \$10,000!

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They put a little tour together and appeared at Milwaukee Irish Fest. "You couldn't put another person in the area of our stage. It was almost out of control. Festival organizers asked us to move to a bigger stage and play an extra gig. We did and we broke attendance records at the stages," said Steve.

Now the band does 130 shows a year, and is on the road about 200 days. They have performed in England, Scotland, Japan, France, and Brittany. They have a hard work ethic. "We do

what we have to do," said Steve. "Being on the road has taught us a lot. There is no difference between pop, rock and Celtic. It's not just ethnic music you can pigeonhole. It's more broad-based, and you don't have to be Irish to enjoy it," Steve exclaims.

Bring Yer Wellies CD is available at [www.myspace.com/gaelicstorm](http://www.myspace.com/gaelicstorm).

The band plays at *Durty Nellie's in Palatine on Thursday, September 14. 847-358-9150. For more info on the band go to [www.gaelicstorm.com](http://www.gaelicstorm.com).*

## Cherish the Ladies, Tommy Makem, Frances Black to Entertain on 16th Annual Irish Festival Cruise to the Panama Canal

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Mary Rowley, executive director of Irish Festival Cruises, says that "a highlight of all Irish Festival Cruises

is the enjoyment guests derive from the informal socializing with the performers." In addition to the nightly concerts, there will be a variety of workshops on all things Irish...from learning to dance a jig or speak the Irish language to instructions on the tin whistle and bodhran.

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The festival entertainment features a highly sought after headliner, Cherish the Ladies! The Ladies are a traditional Irish music sensation and the most sought after Irish-American group in Celtic music. They are an engaging ensemble and a spectacular blend of instrumental talents, beautiful vocals and stunning step dancing. They have

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The Prodigals are one of the most successful bands to emerge from the east-coast Irish scene and are based in Manhattan. Band members largely grew up in Ireland and their originals blend a funky energy that is pure "New York" but retains a passion for traditional music of Ireland. Irish rock at its best with original songs, accordion expertise, six strings, manic percussion... a top notch Irish trad-rock band. [www.prodigals.com](http://www.prodigals.com)

Scythian started as a group of street performers with classical roots and necessity drove Scythian (pronounced sith-ee-yin) to play street corners in hopes of earning a few bucks. The band has an eclectic play list with heavy fiddle, strings, harmonica, air bass, accordion and even some cow-bell percussion. [www.scythianmusic.com](http://www.scythianmusic.com)

Blackthorn is a folk ensemble from southeast Michigan and a must see for Ireland's best contemporary songs and musical experience. Blackthorn is unique in their variety of tunes and tempos and each member plays multiple instruments, more than 10 in total. Lead vocalist Richard McMullan, a Belfast native, heads up the 4-part harmony. Always heavy on fun, Blackthorn will involve the audience in a bawdy pub song and a good laugh. [www.blackthorn1.com](http://www.blackthorn1.com)

Seamus Kennedy originally from Belfast will entertain with his quick wit and vast store of songs. Seamus is a crowd-pleaser, and in addition to his normal schedule, will perform 2 of his acclaimed children's shows. He encourages you to sing along...using his guitar or bodhran he'll play lively Irish jigs that make all ages jump up and dance. [www.mcnote.com/seamus](http://www.mcnote.com/seamus)

Switchback, a Muskegon favorite, has become the festival's house band. The duo of Brian Fitzgerald and Marty McCormack is known for a mix of traditional Irish music, but with a high-energy sound. [www.waygood-music.com](http://www.waygood-music.com)

The Band Fonn Mhor, brings its own version of Celtic music to the festival. Their sound features a driving fiddle, explosive percussion and modal guitars for a distinct new dance sound with old traditions. Fonn Mhor's music reflects the influences of Scotland, Wales and Ireland while using electronics to bring a high impact sound. Fonn Mhor are known for their entertaining live shows and their 2002 CD was named "Best World Music CD." [www.fonnmhor.com](http://www.fonnmhor.com)

Kennedy's Kitchen plays tear-up-the-floor, heart thumping Irish music, dance tunes, pub and original songs. The band has been together since 1998, when they formed on Saint Patrick's Day at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in South Bend, Indiana. Their instruments include flutes, fiddles, whistles, mandolin, bodhran, guitars, bouzouki and bass. The Kitchen's first CD, was

chosen by WPVE FM 88.1 as one of the top 25 folk releases of 2003. [www.kennedyskitchen.com](http://www.kennedyskitchen.com)

Also, appearing is the band Craic Wisely, from nearby Grand Rapids. This band features Todd Herring on lead vocals with his band mates on guitars, accordion, bass and mandolin. Other returning acts also include, the Muskegon Area Police Pipe & Drum Band consisting of seven pipers and five drummers.

The festival is offering an Early-In Free promotion on Friday only from 5-6 pm.

General Admission tickets for the festival are \$6 on Friday (5-11 pm), \$12 on Saturday (10am - 11pm) and \$10 on Sunday (9am - 7pm). For additional information, tickets, entertainment schedule and lodging facilities, call 231.722.6520 or visit [www.michiganirish.org](http://www.michiganirish.org).



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## Three Irishmen may tee up for Europe in Ryder Cup

### The Golfers

As if you need another good reason to visit Ireland, Co. Kildare's K Club will showcase the 2006 Ryder Cup with Irishmen Padraic Harrington, and Paul McGinley teeing it up for the European team. It is hoped that Darren Clarke will also play for the European team, although there was no definitive word at press time.

Clark's wife of ten years, Heather, died on August 13, 2006 of cancer. Born in Northern Ireland, she is the mother of two boys, and a friend to many of the golfers on the European and the PGA Tours. She died of cancer and was only 39 years old.

McGinley, a good friend of Darren, withdrew from the PGA Championship last month to attend Heather's funeral. Padraic offered to donate any winnings to cancer research when he played in the PGA Championship, here in Illinois recently, but didn't make the cut.

Life goes on, and we imagine Ireland's golf community will be buzzing as this is the first time the Ryder Cup has been held there since its inception in 1927. It will be interesting to see how Ireland handles the huge crowds expected.

### The K Club

While most people know that the K Club in Ireland is hosting this year's Ryder Cup match between the best golfers from Europe and America, what many people will not know is that the "K" in K Club stands for Kildare.

### The Golf

For the golfer, Kildare is a veritable treasure trove. The Palmer Course at the K Club may be the county's most famous course at present but it is not the only one by any means. In fact, the county is home to Ireland's oldest golf course – The Curragh. Historical research has revealed that golf was first played on the Curragh plain in 1852. The Curragh Club was then founded in 1883 making it the second oldest club in Ireland.

Among the other courses in the county which offer a historic dimension is Kilkea Castle Golf Club. The championship course has been developed in a magnificent setting in the shadows of a twelfth century castle. The splendour of the castle can be viewed from every fairway. Another is the Colin Montgomery designed course at Carton House. Home to this year's Irish Open Golf Championship, the course lies within the grounds of one of Ireland's finest stately homes.

These are just four of Kildare's many golf courses and there are more than a dozen others spread throughout the county. These include Craddockstown just outside the town of Naas, Athy Golf Club in the south of the county, and the headquarters of Ireland's professional golfers association – The PGA National.

### Kildare

But there's a lot more to do in County Kildare than play golf and go to the races. If it's health and wellness you're looking for

then a visit to Killashee House Hotel and Villa Spa just outside Naas is a must. Located on 80 acres of gardens and parklands this Victorian house has a winding drive and a magnificent bell tower. It combines the dignity of a major business with the casual atmosphere of a fine country resort. The spa features no fewer than 18 treatment rooms and offers a variety of therapies including dry floatation, Swedish back massage, Balneotherapy, hydrojet massage beds, and Rasul.



*Padraic Canavan attended the golf clinic put on by Padraic Harrington at the Glen Club in Glenview.*

## Harrington introduces 2007 Wilson Staff Di7 irons

Fresh off the links from the Medinah Country Club following the PGA Championship, Padraig Harrington unveiled the next generation of equipment from Wilson Golf at the Glen Club in Glenview, Illinois on Monday, August 21st. Designed specifically for the mid to high handicap golfer, the Wilson Staff Di7 is the first and only game improvement iron to combine an optimum weighted, wide sole, cavity back head with a low torque wide tip shaft.

"I am excited to have unveiled the new Di7 irons and test them with the media

and golf partners first-hand," said Harrington. "Coming off the spotlight of the PGA Championship, what better place to announce the new equipment for the 2007 season then right in Wilson's hometown of Chicago."

Kildare's rich heritage also offers much to the visitor. Kildare Town Heritage Centre is an exciting new visitor attraction situated in the picturesque town of Kildare. Located in a restored 18th century market house it is a multimedia exhibition centre telling the story of Kildare past and present. Your host Cogitosus, a 7th century monk, will take you on a fascinating journey through time - an audio visual presentation of the town from when St. Brigid established her church in 480 A.D., to later centuries when Kildare was raided by Vikings and later ruled by Normans.

County Kildare lies just west of Dublin and is an area steeped in myth, legend and boasts a rich sporting heritage matched by its more modern offerings of top quality shopping, dining, entertainment and outdoor activities.

The county's folklore goes back to the very earliest of times and it was here that Ireland's second patron saint, Saint Brigid, founded her most famous cloister and the renowned hospitality and generosity of both herself and her nuns is still to be found in the people of Kildare.

In later years Kildare became the seat of power of the FitzGerald's, chief family of Ireland's Norman rulers.

Today it is more famous for its horses, racing and stud farms. Kildare's famous racecourses, The Curragh, Punchestown and Naas are the home to exciting racing festivals, while the Irish National Stud is testament to the county's strong horse breeding tradition. The county also offers a range of other special interests as golf, motor racing, fishing, ecology, cruising and walking.

This is not to forget Kildare's many heritage attractions. For example, it is a little known fact that the heritage town of Leixlip is the site where Guinness was first brewed.

Another aspect of Kildare's heritage can be explored at the Irish Pewtermill and Moone High Cross Centre in Timolin in the east of county. The Pewtermill was once the Mill of the Monastery of St. Mullins. Casting takes place most days in the Mill which has a showroom where you can buy Celtic jewelry, tableware and heraldic tankards. And not too far away is the Athy Heritage Centre where you can find an exhibition on Sir Ernest Shackleton, the great polar explorer, who was born near Athy in 1874.

Going back even further in time the Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park is set in the heart of Ireland's largest bog land, The Bog of Allen. The Park is a blend of history, nature and fun. Historic exhibits and replica houses tell the fascinating story of the Irish people over nine millennia.

There is no shortage of quality accommodation in the county either. Kildare offers a choice of high quality B&Bs, self catering accommodation, and modern luxury hotels to suit every visitor's taste and pocket. And the dining experience is no less varied. Whether it's traditional Irish cuisine or a more international flavour you're looking for, or if it's a family fun meal or a fine dining experience, using the finest locally produced ingredients, you'll find it all in County Kildare.

Kildare is truly an experience worth saving – from the rolling pastureland of the Curragh to the wild beauty of Ireland's largest bogland, from the ancient town of Kildare to the ultra-modern facilities of the K Club, and from the peace and quiet of the River Liffey to the vibrant night life of towns such as Naas and Newbridge – the county really does have something to offer everyone, and great golf besides.

*For further information on County Kildare log on to [www.discoverireland.com](http://www.discoverireland.com).*

## Demonstrators stand by as New York mayor, Sligo dedicate monument to 'Fighting 69th'

By Joe McGowan  
TheWildGeese.com

BALLYMOTE, County Sligo – Dozens of anti-war demonstrators provided a counterpoint to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's keynote address helping dedicate a monument here to New York's famed "Fighting 69th" regiment and its most famous commander.

"Today, we remember with gratitude all those members of the Fighting 69th whose sacrifices over the past 150 years helped dig a well deep enough

to quench the natural human thirst for freedom, not only in America, but throughout the world," Bloomberg said in prepared remarks at the unveiling of the memorial Tuesday.

There were as many as 300 in attendance, along with another 40 or so anti-war protesters demonstrating against the presence of the mayor, an avowed supporter of last month's Israeli incursion into Lebanon. Gardai cordoned off the demonstrators, who were out of sight of the mayor, about 100 yards from the monument.

The monument, designed by Fermanagh artist Philip Flanagan, is a 7.5-ton column made of limestone and bronze. It honors both Michael Corcoran, a native of Carrowkeel, Ballymote, and the 69th, the regiment he heroically led during the first few months of America's Civil War. The monument depicts scenes from Corcoran's life, including his time in Ireland, his service in the war, and his time in New York.

Bloomberg arrived in Knock Airport in the morning and left from there in the afternoon. Security was extremely tight as the protestors, including local Sligo County Councillor Declan Bree, demonstrated by the unveiling site. No such security had ever before been seen in Sligo, with road closures adding hours to local travel, locals complained.

"It's not just about knowing in your heart that the slaughter of innocents in the Lebanon. Iraq and Palestine is wrong – it's about expressing these sentiments in public," said

Tim Mulcahy, of the Sligo Anti-War group. ... The destruction visited upon Lebanon, supported by Mayor Bloomberg, cannot be justified. In this context we in Ireland must show the strength of our opposition to those vested interests

when 2,819 people, from 91 different countries, perished. Kathleen Lynch's family hails from Sligo.

In perhaps tacit recognition of the sensitivities raised by continued rule of Northern Ireland by Britain and British-U.S. occupation of Iraq, the day's activities largely avoided reference to Corcoran's dedication to physical-force revolution to free Ireland from British rule. Corcoran, while serving as a revenue policeman in Donegal before he immigrated in 1849, reputedly joined the insurgent Ribbonmen. In America, he became a founder and leading military figure of the Fenian Brotherhood, an organization that in 1866 invaded British North America, today known as Canada, in an attempt to secure Ireland's freedom.

At the time of Corcoran's death by stroke in 1863, he was already renowned throughout the United States and Ireland. He was ranked first on a Fenian Brotherhood military roster compiled during the Civil War, and a likely candidate to command an anticipated rising against British rule, supported by



Ballymote, County Sligo -- New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg holds Alaska, a bald eagle from a nearby bird sanctuary, at the Aug. 22 dedication of Ballymote's monument to New York's 'Fighting 69th' regiment, with local TD John Perry to his left. Photo courtesy of Office of the Mayor.



## Corcoran helped Tipp man gain command of Chicago regiment

By TheWildGeese.com

Michael Corcoran, perhaps the most prominent of the dozens of the distinguished Irish-born commanders to emerge from America's Civil War, played a central role in the history of one of Illinois' most distinguished green-flag regiments, the 90th Illinois Infantry, also known as Dunne's Irish Legion.

Timothy O'Meara, a native of Tipperary, became commander of the 90th Illinois after Corcoran recommended him for the post. O'Meara, born in 1833, immigrated to America during the Great Irish Famine. After serving five years out West with the U.S. Army, O'Meara took a commission in the Mexican army, helping defend the regime of Benito Juarez. Joining the 42nd New York upon the outbreak of the Civil War, O'Meara within six months rose from private to captain. He was captured in battle at Balls Bluff, Md., and befriended fellow POW Corcoran, who had been captured three months earlier during the Battle of Bull Run.

John G. Coyle, in an article in the 1916 edition of The Journal of the American Irish Historical Society, writes:

"Their acquaintance ripened into friendship. Corcoran came to know



O'Meara well and to admire the Irish soldier. When Vicar-General Dunne of Chicago was raising the Irish Legion in Illinois, he wrote to General Corcoran to recommend someone to command the Illinois Irishmen. General Corcoran recommended Capt. Timothy O'Meara, and the Irish captain proceeded to Chicago and became the colonel of Dunne's Irish Legion, officially known as the Ninetieth Illinois Volunteers.

Captain O'Meara wrote to General Corcoran a day or so after his arrival in Chicago, saying:

"My dear General: I arrived in due time and immediately presented myself to the Reverend Vicar-General. who was delighted to see me in Chicago, and warmly extended the hospitality of his home. The prompt manner in which you responded to his request created for you

in his heart an undying friendship. On the next morning, in company with the Vicar-General, we visited the camp of the Dunne Legion. At present it numbers between 600 and 700 men, all of them of the true and genuine stamp. I must say that even from the green hills of our native isle there could not be found anything superior to the Irishmen that composed the regiment raised under the auspices of the patriotic and self-sacrificing Vicar-General."

The Illinois Irish Legion, under Colonel O'Meara, joined the army of General Grant in Mississippi and soon distinguished itself."

O'Meara died leading the regiment during the Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tenn., on Nov. 26, 1863, 26 days before a stroke took the life of Corcoran. They are buried in First Calvary Cemetery, in New York City, less than 15 yards apart. Sadly, O'Meara's once-impressive gravestone is nearly illegible, weathered by the ages and neglect.

Contact Gerry Regan, via e-mail at ger@thewildgeese.com if you'd like to join an effort to honor O'Meara by providing him with a new gravestone. You can read more about O'Meara and the 90th Illinois on TheWildGeese.com.

who have promoted war."

On the issue of the undocumented Irish in the United States, Bloomberg said a significant increase was needed in "the number of visas we give out to those who want to come to America and making sure that those who are already in America have the opportunity to stay."

Bloomberg was in Sligo at the invitation of Sligo-Leitrim Fine Gael TD, John Perry. At a breakfast reception in Sligo's City Hall prior to the unveiling, Bloomberg stated: "There is a new story of Ireland and New York. It's about Irish entrepreneurs and Irish businesses making their mark on Wall Street and in the boardrooms of the world's most successful enterprises."

The U.S. charge d'affaires to Ireland, Jonathan Benton, reminded the gathering that President John F. Kennedy, when he visited Ireland in 1963, presented one of the flags of the 69th to the Dail, where it still hangs. The 69th was one of the first military units to respond to the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. In acknowledgement, steel from the ruins of the World Trade Center is encased in the base of the new monument. The steel's acquisition was facilitated by Jack and Kathleen Lynch, whose son Michael, died in the towers on Sept. 11, 2001,

thousands of Irish-American Civil War veterans. In 1867, the Fenians, by then in considerable disarray, did lead a failed rising in Ireland. Had Corcoran lived, the outcome could well have been different, and Irish, British and American relations taken a decidedly different turn.

Present at Tuesday's dedication were Jack and Kathleen Lynch; Sharon Engeldrum, wife of Sgt. Christian Engeldrum, who was one of 19 soldiers from the 69th slain in Iraq, where the unit served for a year; Michael Drew, a sergeant in the New York Police Department who served in Iraq with the 69th; former European Union Commissioner Ray McSharry; his nephew Tom McSharry, Mayor of Sligo; Bishop of Achonry, Dr. Thomas Flynn; Irish army Chief of Staff, Lieut. General James Sreenan; Garda Chief Supt. Martin McLoughlin; New York-based Irish consul Tim O'Connor; the Irish army's 58th Infantry Reserve; and the band of the Irish army's 4th Western Command. Michael Flatley was also front and center, with fiancée Niamh O'Brien, and drew enthusiastic applause from the crowd by announcing their engagement. Chieftains' flutist Matt Molloy, whose father hails from Ballymote, performed several tunes, while the U.S. and Irish anthems were sung by Michael Lang.

# Irish Books and Plays in Review

BY FRANK WEST

## The Dramatist published by prolific writer of Irish mysteries

"He is a Celtic Dashell Hammett." A newspaper gave this extraordinary praise to Ken Bruen.

His writing is intriguing, strong, immediate and noirish. And he is a highly prolific writer.

He wrote the award-winning *The Guards*. Then following that his powerful *The Magdalen Martyrs*, was published in 2005. This year he has published *Calibre*, featuring Detective Tom Brant, and he edited a collection of crime short stories call *Dublin Noir*. If that wasn't enough of an output, he also has published in 2006 a major new novel, *The Dramatist*.

The main character in *The Dramatist* is private investigator Jack Taylor. He was fired from the Garda, Ireland's national police force. He had problems with alcohol and other drugs.

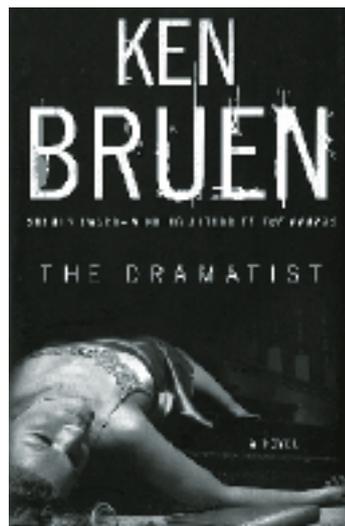
Taylor has conquered both addictions now, but still lives on the fringe of society. This gives him a unique perspective from which to observe the actions of people. He is intelligent, highly observant, and effective at finding answers to mysterious events.

*The Dramatist* is a fast read because it is all dialogue and monologue. This quickness is deceptive because it takes serious time and effort to understand the actions of people.

Quoting from my review of one of his books: "His noir style of writing reminds me of Dashell Hammett and Cornell Woolrich. Noir writing is characterized by: lots of dialogue; and with both inner and outer monologue; and a dark, almost hopeless

view of life." Or as a character in one of his previous books says, "The moving finger having writ, has not moved on."

A feature I really like is the literary illusions and quotes scattered throughout the book. Bruen begins each chapter with a quote from a mystery novel. This focuses the attention of the reader on the events that are about to unfold. This one I particularly liked. It is a quote from Ed McBain's *The Big Bad City*. "In this city things were happening all the time, all over the place, and you didn't have to be a detective to smell evil in the wind."



Literary allusions? Two Irish students have apparently fallen down stairs in their apartment to their deaths. Being students of Irish literature, there are books everywhere. Accident? Jack Taylor thinks not because under each body is a copy of a work by Irish playwright and writer J. M. Synge (pronounced sing). Taylor read many books about Synge to find clues. He finds that they were murders, disguised, but murders.



How to prevent the next one? This is the goal of Jack Taylor and the plot of *The Dramatist*.

I promise you, you'll savor every page. Enjoy these quotes, Ken Bruen's writing is captivating.

Describing a drug dealer: "He could only have been in his late twenties and was always impeccably dressed. The personification of the new Irish youth, displaying all the traits of this bright new age: smart, confident, literate, hip, mercenary. They bought into none of the shit we had been reared to. The 1916 Rising meant as much to them as the G.A.A.: in other words, nothing."

Coming to St. Jude's Retirement Home, Taylor ponders: St. Jude "the patron saint of hopeless cases all right. I rang the bell, heard keys being turned. The sound was remarkably similar to Mountjoy (a prison). A middle aged woman opened it."

"Yes?" "She had the severity expression down cold. If they were ever looking for a dominatrix, here she was. As if she'd simply moved right along from her previous incarnation as a warden at the Magdalen Laundry."

The tough police detective gets ready to go out for the night: "... He selected a bespoke suit (muted navy), white shirt (Armani), police federation tie (stolen), and brown shoes by Loake (impressive). Splashed on some cologne, Tommy Hilfiger, and poured a small brandy, toasted himself in a full length mirror."

"I once heard if you want to change life, your attitude, you begin by altering your behavior. Do the opposite to what you used to do and change will come down the pike. So instead of embracing my usual destruction, I stayed busy."

*The Dramatist* by Ken Bruen. St. Martin's Minotaur, New York. (0-312-31647-X). Hardcover; 242 pages; \$22.95. [www.minotaurbooks.com](http://www.minotaurbooks.com)

## Belfast City Hall- One Hundred Years

by Gillian McIntosh

Opened to an admiring public on August 1, 1906 as 'a monument to the character of the people of Belfast and of the time in which it was reared', Belfast City Hall, with its lavish architecture, unmistakable silhouette and stormy demonstrations, has come to be regarded as the physical and symbolic heart of the city.

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## Irish Theater in Chicago

By Frank West

The Irish Repertory is ceasing operations.

However, there are other theater ensembles that present Irish themed plays. I have seen several beautiful and powerful productions of Irish plays.

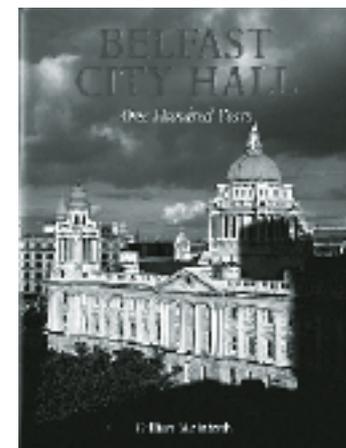
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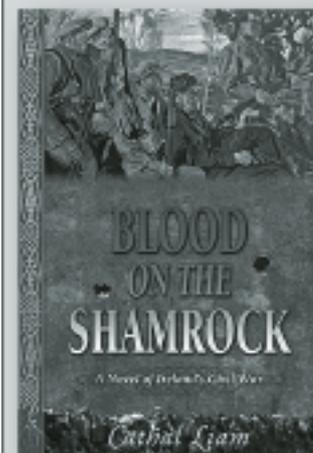
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**Sinn Fein supports DUP motion on disbandment of paramilitary groups**

All paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland should disband immediately, a cross-party agreement concluded today.

Political parties including Sinn Fein have approved a Democratic Unionist Party motion calling for the standing down of armed groups.

Representatives met at Stormont near Belfast recently at the Preparation for Government committee ahead of the November 24 deadline for restoration of devolution.

East Derry DUP MP Gregory Campbell said: "We are pleased that the representatives of all the parties,

particularly Sin Fein, accepted the impact that such a move would have on community relations and that it should occur immediately."

The motion approved by all five parties stated: "That all parties support the standing-down of all paramilitary organizations with immediate effect as the most important step towards achieving a shared future."

Mr. Campbell added: "Today's agreement, if taken forward and delivered upon in a practical way by the Provisional IRA and all other paramilitaries, could mark the beginning of some progress. There must be more than simply words, actions are required."

However, republicans said unionists should do more to end the influence of paramilitaries in their own community.

A Sinn Fein spokesman said the party had been committed to non-violence for many years. "Sinn Fein's peace strategy has been built on the desire to take the gun out of Irish politics. Today all we did was restate that commitment. What we would like to see from people like the DUP is them being prepared to deal with the issues facing the community they represent."

**Autumn at Gaelic Park**

Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest enjoys the autumn season with the 7th Annual Heritage and Harvest Day on Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 2 p.m. Old time farm implements such as the threshing machine will be on hand for viewing, along with customary preparation of milk for churning, piking the straw and the making of the sughan. Kids games include a three-legged race, water balloon toss, obstacle course, pillow fight and more. Adult games testing strength and stamina will be played, as well as barrel races, water balloon toss and Skittles. Set dancers will also perform. A barbecue on the outdoor patio complete with ribs, hot dogs, ice cream and a variety of beverages will be available.

Gaelic Park's monthly Musical Luncheon is the perfect way to spend an early autumn day. Beginning at noon on Wednesday, September 6th, 2006 the Musical Luncheon includes an afternoon of fun waltzing music and dancing along with a delicious lunch. Tickets to this party are \$12 and reservations are required.

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### Jury Duty: What To Expect

(Part 2 of a 2 part series)

Lawyers get the question quite often from family and friends, "I just received a jury summons, what do I do?" Last month's column discussed the philosophy of the jury system and the first stage of jury duty, namely, jury selection. Once the jury is selected, the courtroom is ready for trial. This month's column will discuss the stages of trial and jury deliberation.

From a juror's perspective, a trial can be divided into six components from beginning to end: opening statement, evidence, closing arguments, jury instructions, jury deliberation, and lastly, the jury verdict.

Opening Statement is each party's opportunity to address the jury on what the evidence will show. The attorney provides a roadmap, or frame of reference, of the forthcoming evidence to aid the jury in better understanding the facts. While the Court will not allow argument in Opening Statement, attorneys will paint a picture that is favorable to their theory of the case.

If the judge allows notes, Opening Statement are a good time for a juror to take extensive notes. Since Opening is the only time you'll get a clear picture of each party's theory, your notes may help to connect the dots later on when you not sure what the attorneys are trying to prove. You can refer to your notes at anytime. Notes are especially helpful during Closing Argument, where you can refer to your notes and see if in fact each party delivered on their promise.

### Minister Dermot Ahern Welcomes Breakthrough for 'Shot At Dawn' Campaign

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dermot Ahern, T.D., welcomed today's announcement by the British Government proposing new moves towards a retrospective pardon for those soldiers executed for military offences during the First World War, including 26 Irish volunteers.

The Minister said "We believe that a grave injustice was done to those young men and the Government has therefore given its full support to the Irish Shot at Dawn Campaign. This was done so that we could recover their memory from dishonour and bring comfort to their families, and also in the wider spirit of recognising the experience and sacrifice of the tens of thousands of young men from all across this

Evidence is the heart of the trial. Evidence is any testimony, exhibit, document, photo, etc. that tends to prove or disprove a theory in the case. This includes direct and cross examination of witnesses on the stand. The judge will instruct the jurors to only consider evidence presented at trial when reaching a verdict.

Closing Arguments are each party's last chance to address the jury. As the name suggests, the Court does allow argument, that is, the attorney is given wide latitude to persuade the jury on his or her theory of the case. The Court will instruct the jury that closing arguments are not evidence. Although the jury is instructed not to discuss the case until deliberation, many commentators believe that some jurors have already formed an opinion by the time of Closing Arguments. Nevertheless, Closing Argument can be effective in arming jurors on your side with arguments to promote your client's view in jury deliberation.

Jury Instruction occurs right after Closing Arguments. The Judge instructs the jury on the applicable law in the case. The instructions on the law are also written so the jurors can take them into the jury deliberation room. The instructions include the burden of proof, the issues to be proved in the case, definitions of law, and a jury verdict form.

Jury Deliberations are easy to describe, but not easy to do. Jurors are instructed to select a foreperson who will tally juror votes, but aside from that, the jury is on its own to apply the law to the facts and render a verdict. Jurors will have to judge the credibility of the witnesses, assess the

weight of their testimony and express their opinion to the other jurors.

In most states, verdicts must be unanimous, that is, in order to return a verdict, all jurors must agree to it. If not, the result is a hung jury, which is no result at all, and a retrial will occur. A hung jury is rare. When a jury communicates to the judge that they are divided, the judge will often instruct the jury to keep working through the evidence, because the more jurors work together, the more they leave behind their biases and the more they view the evidence objectively.

When a jury reaches a verdict, they emerge from the deliberation room, regather into the jury box, and announce their verdict in open Court. It is very interesting to see that even initially reluctant jurors will admit that they respect the process. Jurors often gain fresh perspectives from fellow jurors. Most jurors we interview agree that serving as a juror is an important and meaningful experience.

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# Beyond the Abbey

BY SEAN CALLAN



## Which Irish playwright had the most produced plays in the past century?

The answer to that and a whole lot more, as advertisements often promise, can be found at [www.irishplayography.com](http://www.irishplayography.com).

phy.com.

That recently completed website is a treasure trove of information for anyone interested in trolling through Irish theater trivia. For one thing, it lists more than 2,000 plays professionally produced in Ireland since 1904, the year the Abbey Theatre was founded. For another, it provides detailed information about each play both alphabetically and by year produced. It lists the cast and crew of the premier productions along with a brief synopsis of the work. There is a short biography of each playwright as well. The site does not confine itself only to plays put on by the Abbey or major theaters. It includes productions from all over the country and makes interesting reading.

"The playography is very much the people, the actors and the writers and the production people that give life to Irish theater" said Caroline Williams, research director for the project, in an interview with the Irish Times.

The website was conceptualized originally by Loughlin Deegan, a producer with Dublin's Rough Magic Theatre, an independent company founded in 1984. He wanted a means of listing plays and archiving information so that both could be referenced easily and not lost. The Irish Theatre Institute in Dublin accepted his idea and advanced the project, which took 5 years to complete. Development was overseen by Williams who said she enjoyed her role in delving into all aspects of Irish theater,

especially the earliest years.

"The minutiae produced some surprising things. For example, it was well known that Annie Horniman provided funding for the Abbey, but she also designed the costumes", said Williams.

Ms Horniman, a wealthy English woman came from a Manchester Tea Merchant family. Horniman subsidized the Abbey after Edward Martyn one of the theater's co-founders bowed out as patron. She was a friend of William Butler Yeats and supposedly romantically attracted to him. But Yeats had his heart set on Maud Gonne, who liked him but wanted nothing romantically to do with him. Gonne, an Irish patriot and talented actress, had her share of lovers to keep the intellectual "Willie" at bay. Her most passionate and long lasting affair was with the dashing Lucien Millevoye, a French writer, reputed philanderer and political activist. He literally swept Gonne off her feet when she first arrived in Paris some fifteen years before the Abbey was founded.

There was friction even among friends in the early years of Irish theatre. For example, Gonne did not care for Yeats in his role as director of the Abbey. They had conflict over *The Countess Cathleen*, in which Gonne played the lead. She thought Yeats too authoritarian. He in turn thought that she was not professional enough because she turned up late for rehearsals. She was even tardy on opening night. Nevertheless, Maud Gonne wowed the crowd with a magnificent performance.

"Never again will there be such a splendid Kathleen as she. A beautiful tall woman with her great masses of hair and her voice that

would charm the birds off a bough" enthused William Fay, a Dublin producer.

In 1907 Annie Horniman and the prickly Yeats parted company. After that, Horniman stopped supporting the Abbey and gave her money to a theater in England. Because of

that, the Abbey fell on hard financial times.

Probably of interest to theater groups is the fact that information about plays' rights and permissions may be obtained from the Irish playography website. It lists agents and whether or not older plays are in the public domain. The site also links to other sites where plays can be purchased or downloaded as a PDF file for a fee.

So who was Ireland's most prolific playwright?

Augusta Lady Gregory, with 36 plays or adaptations professionally produced. That was in addition to her writing several books retelling stories from Irish mythology.

Some Irish theatre aficionados in Chicago may have been disappointed that the Windy City was not included on the itinerary for *DruidSynge* this year. *DruidSynge*, all six John Millicent Synge's plays at one sitting by the *Druid Theatre of Galway*, was presented only in the Twin Cities and New York. It premiered in the US at the opening of the new Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis in June and was a highlight of the Lincoln Center Festival in the Big Apple in July. The performance started at two in the afternoon and, apart from a 90 minute intermission for dinner, continued like a long day's journey into night until all was done. One reviewer said that the eight and a half hour marathon was "a challenge to both bum and brain," with the brain winning. This was the first time that all six Synge plays were presented as a continuous production. The compilation was initiated and directed by talented Garry Hynes, the first female director to receive a Tony (for *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*.) *DruidSynge* started at the Galway Arts Festival last year before moving on to Dublin and Edinburgh, where it received critical acclaim.

Synge, who died in 1909 aged only 38, was a protégé of the early Abbey. Since then, he has been idealized as Ireland's national playwright. Hynes believes that this has been to Synge's detriment. She told *American Theatre Magazine* that for her, Synge's fundamental attraction "is that he wrote extraordinary roles for women. He wrote savagely and very honestly about the isolation of women."

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# Hooliganism

Mike Houlihan



uncanny ability he used to pick apart the defense of opposing cagers. His eyes roamed the room like a laser

**"Ya can't bs the ol' coach."**

Coach Howie Fagan was my speech teacher in sophomore year at Mt. Carmel. Howie was also the basketball coach back then, and later went on to take the Caravan to the city championship in 1966. He was assistant to head football coach Tom Carey for the 1960 city champs, one of the greatest teams in Chicago history. He was a formidable presence for a group of wise ass sophomores in 1964; a tall black Irishman with a droll delivery and a relaxed Sean Connery way about him, but every kid knew if you screwed around in his class, it could get ugly real fast.



Howie Fagan

The boys in class were assigned 5-10 minute speeches to write and present in front of class each week. It was good training, but also a source of constant amusement watching Carmel guys pontificate. You could give a speech on almost anything you wanted within bounds, Howie Fagan's bounds. There was no way all the boys could deliver their speeches in one class session so the chance of giving your speech on the day it was due was pretty slim. Consequently a lot of guys would play the odds and have nothing ready until Howie would scan the room with his bloodhound eyes and pick out the guy who looked the least prepared.

Coach would be standing at the lectern to the side of the blackboard with his arms folded in front of him and announce, "Well, who should we start with?"

You could almost see the glimmer of a grin on coach's face as he perused the sweaty pimply foreheads, some guys bluffing by staring right back at him, others pretending to be studying their speech notes while their hearts pounded in betrayal. Coach would extend a long finger from his hand as he leaned forward and pointed out the next victim. He discovered the weakest links in the room with the same

and would always land on the biggest mope he could find. It was another sport for Howie.

Making a fool of yourself in front of the class was no big deal to most of the guys but all dreaded the humiliation at Howie's hands. He would sit on his stool at the lectern while the clown tried to make something up and after a few minutes he would proclaim, "That was brutal, Moran!"

One day a kid named Doogan was sitting in the sixth row with a cast on his leg and crutches, the result of some sports mishap. Doogan was playing the odds, no way he was gonna get called on. Howie pointed at Doogan and said, "Let's start with you."

Doogan awkwardly got up with the crutches and trudged to the front of the class as his face turned crimson. He looked out at us and began, "I wonder how many of you guys have ever broken a leg. Let me tell you about it."

Doogan looked down at his cast, "Um..." Howie cut him off.

"Sit down Doogan! You are unprepared. F. You can't fool the ol' coach."

The class erupted in laughter. Coach had trapped another goldbricker.

The ol' coach is 42 years older now and so am I, but you still can't fool him. After taking Carmel to the city championship, he enjoyed a stellar career as a basketball coach at the University of Detroit, where Chuck Daly was his assistant. Howie ran basketball clinics with Al McGuire, Ray Meyer, and Bobby Knight. When he left Mt. Carmel, Coach Howie took most of the starters to St. Leo College where he was the new head coach. In the '60's the crackers weren't crazy about the idea of black basketball players in their sleepy Florida town. The KKK burned a cross on Howie's lawn and the ol'coach stood firm, starin' em down with

his bloodhound eyes. Those young men all got college degrees thanks to Howie Fagan.

These days Howie is the director of Special Events at Hawthorne Racecourse, working with his old head coach from Mt. Carmel, Tom Carey.

My pal Charlie Carey is President of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame and recently teamed up with Tom Carey and Howie Fagan to present the induction ceremonies at Hawthorne. It's coming up this month on the 14th. Check out the announcement printed below or elsewhere in this paper.

Charlie recruited my son Billy and myself to help promote the event. Howie gave us our marching orders. "Get all the biographies written by next week."

Now the Hall of Fame this year is inducting 18 sports legends, each with a story that evokes Olympian feats of another era. Billy and I figured we had plenty of time to scribe the life stories of the champions. We stalled Howie, mostly with bs about computer snafus etc.

It was ironic that we chose to stall the ol' coach because that was exactly one of his daring strategies as a coach at Carmel. There was no shot clock then. His squad was so good they could just dribble the ball at half court and pass it around and drive the other teams nuts. We played Rice in a playoff game and the score was something like 8-4 at halftime.

The stall would tire out the other team and Howie would unleash his shooters. Then it would rain.

But our stall could not withstand Howie's persistent pressure and after holding out for a few days, we banged out the bios. The whole shebang came out to over 7,000 words, three times the length of Anna Quindlen's last novel,

**"Goo-Goo Diary".**

Coach Fagan caught me on the phone on the final day of our stall. He drawled into the phone, "Houli, I've known you a long, long time. Don't ya know, ya can't fool the ol' coach?"

Howie had trapped another goldbricker. Now that the program is done it's time to start promoting the night and hang on to our starting positions on this team. So why not join us at Hawthorne on Thursday September 14th for the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. You'll be helping out Father John Smyth for a great cause and rubbing shoulders with over a dozen sports legends.

I'm counting Coach Howie Fagan as one of those legends as well, he's still teaching lessons. "Ya can't bs the ol' coach."

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## Authors Marketing Group Meeting

The Authors Marketing Group was formed in the fall of 2002 by two authors who are published with Author House, James Durkin and Sheila Peters. The group was created to "share positive marketing ideas and experiences to help everyone SELL MORE BOOKS." The group is having two meetings in the next few months with valuable and interesting presentations anticipated.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th at Shanahan's (formerly the Corner Clubhouse). It is located in a strip mall at the SE Corner of 75th and Woodward Avenue in Woodridge. Networking time begins at 6:45PM and the regular meeting will begin at 7PM. (Note: Happy Hour will begin at Shanahan's after the regularly scheduled meeting ends.) Our guest speaker on September 26th will be Sharon Woodhouse. She is the owner

of Lake Claremont Press in Chicago. She will discuss what her company does to promote the books of the published authors of her firm. Most importantly, Sharon will continue the string of a series of expert guest speakers over the past two years regarding the marketing aspect of the publishing business.

Travis Thrasher will be the guest speaker at a future meeting on Tuesday October 17th at the Woodridge Public Library. (Note: Date was changed from October 24th for scheduling purposes.) Travis is a local author from the western suburbs and sells 20-30 books at each book signing and does NO publicity. He will participate in role play exercises to demonstrate how he sells a lot of books at such events.

In the fall, the group is shifting to a fee-based not-for-profit corporation. Therefore, there will be a dues structure for the following year. However, everyone is permitted to attend one meeting, free of charge. *More information is available about the group at <http://www.authorhouse.com>*

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## Kerry Association to hold 27th annual dinner dance

The Kerry Social & Benevolent Association of Chicago will hold its 27th Annual Dinner-Dance on Saturday, October 14th at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois.

Mike O'Connell & his band will provide the music. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 pm.

Scholarships will be awarded at the dinner-

## 2006 Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame Dinner at Hawthorne Racecourse 9/14

Charles P. Carey, President of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame, recently announced the 2006 class of inductees. "I'm honored to present another celebration of champions at our new home, Hawthorne Race Course." Carey said. The Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame annual induction ceremony and dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 14 at Hawthorne Race Course, 3501 South Laramie in Stickney, Illinois.

The 2006 Inductees represent retired champions, current coaches and officials from a variety of professional and intercollegiate sports. Football legends include Chicago Bears Richard Dent, Bobby Douglass, and scout Ken Geiger; Deerfield HS Coach Paul Adams; Big Ten Official Tom Quinn, and Green Bay Packers great Tony Canadeo, (posthumous). Basketball inductees are NBA superstar Terry Cummings; Jerry Colangelo, CEO of the Phoenix Suns; Bradley University head coach Jim Les; Catholic League coach Ed Galvin; Big Ten Basketball Commissioner Jim Delany; and Billy Donovan, coach of the 2006 National

Champion Florida Gators. Baseball inductees include former White Sox players Jim Rivera and Billy Pierce; Minnesota Twins and Triton College alum Kirby Puckett, (posthumous). Boxing champ and Farragut HS alum Ernie Terrell; track superstar Ken Popejoy; and Chicago sports radio personality Mike North will also enter the hall of fame. All inductees will be present for the awards ceremony.

The Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame is an Illinois non-for-profit organization with proceeds benefiting the Father John Smyth Standing Tall Foundation and Chicago Baseball Cancer Charities.

Former Chicago Bear and popular Chicago sports broadcaster Mike Adamle will emcee the program in the Gold Cup Room at Hawthorne. Cocktails begin at 6:00 PM, buffet dinner and ceremony kick off at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$100 each; \$1000 for a table of 10, and \$1500 for a sponsorship table which includes a full page in the Hall of Fame program. *For tickets please call 708-780-7050.*

## Emerald Society of Illinois to bestow honors

The Emerald Society of Illinois, Irish American Police Association will hold its 31st Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, September 22, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Hotel, 350 N. Orleans, Chicago, Illinois.

During the evening the following men will be honored. Emerald Society Irishman of the Year - Christopher Kennedy. Police Officers of the Year: P.O. John Curry, Chicago Police Department; P.O. Al O'Connor, Chicago Police Department; P.O. Hugh McCormick, Chicago Police Department.

Emerald Society President's Award Recipients: Thomas Curran, Chicago Police Department, The Joliet Police Department, Teacher Patsy Donahue.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:30 pm.

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## Subliminal Message

Man's ultimate mechanical creation is one of his greatest secrets...the secret world of the ballistic missile submarine.

It was one I thought I'd never get to enter despite having entered the naval service back during the Cold War and having had friends, many long since retired, go through an entire career in the Navy without having stepped aboard one of these seagoing weapons platforms.

And it was at sea where I would today board the USS Alaska, one of the last of a mammoth series of Ohio-class submarines, which slip silently beneath the waves to maintain a nuclear deterrent against an opponent that may or may not still exist in the changing geopolitics of the post 9/11 era.

They are nicknamed "boomers" for their volatile cargo that can be launched from beneath the sea at precise targets thousands of miles away. More than 25 years earlier, when I trained aboard a nuclear powered attack submarine as a midshipman, I had no idea that I would ever have the opportunity to be aboard a missile boat.

The distinctions between 1980 and 2006, not to mention the two different types of submarines, couldn't be more different. Back in that time, sailing out of San Diego on a sub whose only weaponry was torpedoes, the only nearby adversary seemed to be the gesturing environmentalists aboard a Greenpeace vessel sailing alongside to protest our power supply. We were just a few sailors, topside in lifejackets, armed with little more than binoculars, as we "steamed" our way out into the open Pacific.

Now present-day, the view is quite different as the support vessel I am on heads to a moving rendezvous with the surfaced Alaska as she journeys home off the coast of Washington state. This sub dwarfs my old one, seemingly twice as long and twice as wide...and on the bridge and along the deck below, sailors are armed with rifles and automatic weapons at the ready...with coast guard



cutters fore and aft similarly armed.

It is indeed a less innocent and more fearful world due to the awful events of 2001. Stepping

onto the hull, as part of a group of VIPs from the Anchorage Council of the Naval League of the



a surprise first strike on the United States. To someday be labeled a doomsday weapon or (as have the several earlier classes that have retired before it) as a weapons platform by historians who will note it as a weapons system that never had to be used, fulfilling its mission by never being fulfilled.

Despite the easy camaraderie of the men aboard there is an exact discipline to the technology and handling of both the nuclear propulsion and the ominous strike capability it propels. All observed within the submariner's wise-aleck creed that "there are two type of ships in the world—submarines and targets."

Some cities have neglected their relationships with their namesake subs—Alaska and Anchorage embrace it. Alaska U.S. Senator Ted Stevens even once successfully lobbied to have the massive USS Alaska make the tight journey up Cook Inlet into the Port of Anchorage.

After a day of drills and familiarization, and the usual excellent chow the submarine service is noted for, we arrived home near the secret base at Bangor, Washington.

Exiting the ship with its protective cordon of support equipment and security personnel, I notice a group huddled not far away. For the most part it was husbands and wives and children reuniting after many months separation in a hostile world. A world some say was made safer a generation ago by

United States, citizens that support the sea services, I realize that I am on perhaps the fastest of surfboards, and standing astride the hatches of nuclear missiles which could seemingly lay waste to even the Olympic range mountains in the distance.

Going down the 75 foot deep ladder into the ship, I am lead, surprisingly soon, through "Sherwood Forest," the corridor between the 24 rust colored and numbered missile tubes which now serve as the main nuclear deterrent in the world.

Difficult to track with all movements and schedules ever secret, the ballistic missile submarines remain the biggest question mark for any large nation-adversary that would attempt

the vigilant patrol of the Alaska and her sisters across the globe.

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## IAHC to present Ronan Tynan for evening of inspirational speaking

The Irish American Heritage Center is proud to present *Hitting the High Notes: Living Life To The Fullest*, a motivational speech by Ronan Tynan. The event will take place on Sunday, October 29 at 7pm.

Irish-born Ronan Tynan moves audiences like few others can. His stirring performances have brought him international fame, and his personal story of triumph in the face of adversity have made him one of the most sought-after speakers today.

A champion disabled athlete as well as a physician and celebrated tenor, Tynan's life was the subject of an ABC 20/20 profile and the BBC documentary, *Dr. Courageous*. Born with a lower limb disability, Tynan had both of his legs amputated at age 20. Within a year after the operation, he was competing in the Paralympic Games; both in track and field and as an equestrian. Between 1981 and



Ronan Tynan

1990, Tynan won 18 gold medals and set 14 world records, nine of which are still in place today.

Tynan was the first disabled person ever admitted to Limerick's National College of Physical Education and became a doctor specializing in orthopedic sports injuries. He then set his sights on yet another goal. Less than one year after he began studying music, Tynan won both the John McCormack Cup for Tenor Voice and the BBC talent show *Go For It*. The following year, he won the prestigious International Operatic Singing Competition in France.

From sold-out concerts to speaking engagements, Tynan's career knows no bounds. In 2002 he starred in a PBS concert, *Ronan Tynan: The Impossible Dream*; published his memoir, *Halfway*

*Home: My Life 'Til Now*; and came out with his first solo CD, *My Life Belongs to You*.

Companies and associations like IBM, GlaxoSmithKline and Coldwell Banker have invited him back repeatedly, captivated by his sense of humor, lively spirit and inspirational message about overcoming obstacles and living life to the fullest.

*Tickets for Hitting The High Notes: Living Life To The Fullest are \$35 and \$25, with group and corporate rate discounts available and can be purchased by calling the IAHC at 773-282-7035, ext. 10.*

*Programming at the Irish American Heritage Center is supported, in part, by generous grants from The Illinois Arts Council, CityArts grants, from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Humanities Council.*

*The Irish American Heritage Center, fosters the practice, study and celebration of Irish, Celtic and Irish-American cultural traditions. Membership in the Center is open to anyone with an interest in these traditions. For more information, call 773-282-7035, or visit [www.irishamhc.com](http://www.irishamhc.com).*

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## Shapeshifters Theatre Plans Fall Season

Shapeshifters Theatre Committee is proud to present *Letters of a Successful T.D.* by John B. Keane for its fall show. The play will be presented by Pispog Productions, assisted by Shapeshifters. Bud Beyer, Theatre Professor at Northwestern University will direct.

Dramatist, novelist and poet John B. Keane (1928-2002) was born in Listowel, Co. Kerry in 1928. His plays include *Moll*, *The Year of the Hiker*, *The Field* and *The Chastitate*. Keane a prolific writer of letters, short stories and novels,

whose wit and talent shows up throughout his many journalistic compositions, some of which have been collected in volumes of short, chatty essays, including *Letters of a Successful T.D.*

Shapeshifters and Pispog's production will make its exclusive debut at the Center in October. The show will run for five weeks in the intimate performing space on the Center's Cultural Arts floor.

*Letters of a Successful T.D.* opens Friday, October 6 and runs through Sunday, November 5th.

Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 3:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale at the Center office on September 1st. Call 773-282-7035, ext. 10 for ticket prices.

Shapeshifters wraps up summer fest season with its one-act play, *Bedtime Story* by Sean O'Casey. The comedy is the story of the minister's associate John Jo whose simple misadventures grow out of control. If you missed the play during fest season, catch it at Chicago Celtic Fest in Grant Park on Sunday, September 17th at 4pm

## ShawChicago announces "You Never Can Tell" as season opener

ShawChicago begins its 2006-2007 season with a concert reading of George Bernard Shaw's comedy, *You Never Can Tell*. The production opens October 14th at the Ruth Page Theater, 1016 N. Dearborn St., and runs through November 6, 2006. Performances are Saturdays & Sundays at 2:00 pm and Mondays at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00.

*You Never Can Tell* is Shaw's commedia dell' arte masterpiece about a Victorian "Miss Manners", clinging to the last days of the 19th century, attempting to shield her daughter Gloria from a love-struck dentist, her family from the ills of modern society and from "that horrible man" their estranged father.

Artistic Director Robert Scogin directs members of the ShawChicago ensemble. For reservations please call (312) 409-5605 beginning Monday September 18, 2006. For more information please visit our website: [info@shawchicago.org](mailto:info@shawchicago.org)

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## Course on Northern Ireland offered this fall

The IAHC will offer a class for adults on the history of Northern Ireland this fall. The 13-week class, *The History of Northern Ireland*, will be taught by Laura Weinstein.

Weinstein holds a BA in European History from Northwestern University and an MA in Irish Politics from Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is currently working on a PhD in European History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her undergraduate thesis was on Sinn Fein and the IRA and her master's thesis was on Irish republican women.

The focus of the class is the political history of Northern Ireland from the "Plantation of Ulster" beyond the Good Friday Agreement.

The *History of Northern Ireland* runs on Saturday from September 16-December 16 from 1:30-2:30pm in the Shamrock American Room. There will be no class on Thanksgiving weekend. Tuition for the course is \$125 and class size is limited to 25 students.

Registration is required and class slots can be held by calling the Center office at 773-282-7035, ext. 10.

## Willy Fahy Dies at 90

Willy Fahy, formerly of New York and San Antonio, Texas died in his native Galway City at University College Hospital Galway of leukemia on Monday, August 7, 2006. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Augustine's Church, Middle Street with burial at Ragoon Cemetery. Born May 21, 1917 in Galway City, Willy was educated at the Monastery School and St. Joseph's Secondary School (The Bish). During World War II Willy worked at various capacities in Britain and following the war immigrated to the United States. He served in the U.S. Army as a Surgical Technician at Brooke Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas from 1948 until his discharge in 1950.

Willy worked as a chemist with Shell Chemical in Union City, New Jersey from 1950 until his retirement from Shell in 1971. His proudest accomplishment was working on the plastics for the first satellites that went into space. He also was proud of the fact that he knew the late John F. Kennedy personally. Upon his retirement

## Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns in concert

St. Mary of the Woods Fine Arts Council will present Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns in concert at 7:30PM on Sat., Oct. 21st, 2006 in St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7033 N. Moselle Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

Anthony Kearns performs many solo concerts in the United States each year, generally during the fall and spring. These concerts are presented in recital format, accompanied by a solo piano played by Patrick Healy. This is a dramatic way to present *The Voice*, one in which it must carry the music enhanced by no orchestration. It leaves no doubt that one is hearing an incredible talent.

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from Shell, he joined the Irish Tourist Board in New York where he served honorably until his retirement in 1983 at which time he returned to his native Galway. Willy was active with many Irish organizations in New York while writing for the Irish Advocate among other publications. In 1985, Willy began to divide his time between Galway and San Antonio, Texas where he developed a working relationship with travel agencies and Irish organizations throughout the southwest. Willy helped in the development of Executive Resources for Irish Networking (ERIN) in Phoenix, Arizona. He was a member of the Harp and Shamrock Society of Texas in San Antonio and developed the Tourism Table for the Irish Cultural Society of San Antonio's Irish Heritage Day.

Willy is survived by a sister, Agnes, of Galway, a brother, John, of England, and a brother, Frank of Australia. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews in the US, Ireland, England and Australia and his friend Joan Moody, of San Antonio, Texas.

## Irish book discussions

The IAHC Library will offer a book club discussion group this fall. Great Irish American Books and Authors will run from September 2006-May 2007 in the IAHC Library on the second Sunday of the month at 2pm. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The discussion will be led by moderator, Virginia Gibbons, a teacher at Oakton Community College. Gibbons has taught at Oakton Community College since 1989, as a writing and ESL teacher. She has taught Modern Irish Literature and Chicago literature. Gibbons is a member of the Geneva Writers' Group and holds a B.A. from Loyola University and an M.A. in Applied Linguistics from Northeastern Illinois University.

Some of the books discussed will be

## Celtic Art Classes at the IAHC

The Irish American Heritage Center School of Celtic Art will continue its traditional Celtic art classes for beginners and intermediate students this fall. The classes, taught by member Frank Crowley, will include an Introduction to Painting and Coloring Celtic Art. Classes will include techniques on knot-work, interlacing, calligraphy and spirals.

Classes are offered on Tuesday nights from starting September 12 through November 14. The cost is \$100.

The Center and Windy City Arts are participating in an outdoor mural project in the Wicker Park/Bucktown neighborhood. Teens and adults are invited to participate. The mural team will have meetings to discuss the mural design and review techniques of mural painting. All experience levels are encouraged to join.

For more information, call Frank Crowley at 773-489-6396.

*Testimony of An Irish Slave Girl* by Kate McCafferty, *Empire Rising* by Thomas Kelly and *Pearl* by Mary Gordon.

For more information on the Great Irish American Books and Authors discussion group, call the IAHC at 773-282-7035, ext. 19.

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His unique style gives the viewer a feeling he is right in Ireland.

Stop in enjoy a cup of tea and biscuit and see Philip's beautiful works in person.

*Celtic Cottage is located in the heart of Palos Heights, at 12244 Harlem Ave, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463, ph 708-361-8800.*



Maeve O'Malley of Enterprise Ireland and Philip Gray. Philip will be signing in person at the Celtic Cottage in Palos Heights.

## Aer Lingus' to welcome you with bottled water

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Aer Lingus, Ireland's National Airline flies to Ireland from New York, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles with connecting service to Europe. With each seat having a litre bottle of water, Aer Lingus estimates distributing over 2,200 bottles of this "Welcome Water" per night from the U.S.

"We will continue to review all aspects of the travel environment and where possible alleviate the added burden of necessary airport activity," Jack Foley continued. "Fall is a great

time to visit or do business in Ireland and Aer Lingus and the Emerald Isle will continue to extend the welcome mat to its North American friends." Aer Lingus is operating a full transatlantic schedule and connecting service to the United Kingdom and over 45 destinations across Continental Europe.

*Aer Lingus will continue to keep its customers informed of revised security guidelines and service developments through its website [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com).*

## Letter to Editor

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## Galway Committee Hosts Poetry Slam Winner, September 10

The Cúirt International Festival of Literature Poetry Grand Slam is the national showcase for the very best of performance poetry in Ireland. Galway is the natural home of Slam in Ireland as the city is famous for its spontaneous and cosmopolitan cultural energy.

For the last three years, the winner of the Grand Slam has had the opportunity to visit Chicago, Galway's sister city, to perform in the spiritual home of Slam. Previous winners Trish Casey and Stephen Murray have had the privilege of perform-

ing for a Chicago audience and the 2006 winner, Brendan Murphy, will be travelling to the Windy City September 10th for a performance at the Green Mill.

The 2006 Grand Slam was a roaring success and took place in one of Galway's most famous pubs, The King's Head. The unanimous winner was Brendan Murphy with his tense, inventive and hilarious poem, "It's History".

*Event Details: Brendan Murphy, September 10, 2006, Green Mill, 4802 North Broadway, Chicago, \$6 cover.*

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# Southbend's Celtic thrive at Fiddler's Hearth

By Cliff Carlson

*You have probably never thought of spending a few days or a week in South Bend, Indiana. Maybe it's time you did.*

## Start with a Céad Mile Fáilte

Let's start with a basic and gather around the fireplace for memorable food, drink and ambiance at Fiddler's Hearth. Located at 127 S. Main Street, the building is hard to miss, painted white and green and flying flags from every Celtic nation.

Fiddler's prides itself on being a family-owned public house celebrating the food, drink, music, dance & culture of the seven Celtic nations thanks to owners Terry and Carol Meehan and their son, Sean.

Their menu is built around Celtic traditions. Fish & chips come wrapped in a page of the South Bend Tribune and are far & away the biggest seller on the menu, with shepherds pie and steak & Guinness pie coming in as distant seconds. Everything is cooked from scratch. Before the Meehan's opened, they gathered Carol's own Celtic recipes and researched many on the internet to give to their chef. The chef then worked them over for about 6 weeks prior to opening and took them from good to great! "We've been told by many UK and Irish Nationals that our fish & chips and our scotch eggs are even better than the ones they get across the pond," said Carol. We didn't add corned beef to the menu until 2004 since it isn't an Irish dish, but rather a New England original. When I finally gave in, I made sure it was the best corned beef in town," she continued. Fiddler's uses round instead of brisket for a nice lean cut and then cook it long & slow with brown ale, brown sugar, mustard and garlic. The owners consider their 'Celtic Traditions Menu' sacred and it doesn't change much, but the chefs are allowed to flex their culinary creativity with the Celtic-inspired appetizers, dinners, salads, & sandwiches.

Chef Jerry Coop went to Johnson & Wales culinary institute and brought a real flare to the menu when he joined Fiddler's team in May 2005. In February 2006, Sean took Jerry to Scotland & Ireland where they met with the chefs of several pubs to learn about the new cuisine of

the Celts. On their return, Chef Jerry produced a new menu with several new appetizers and dinners – Irish Mist Chicken Wings; Indian Pakora; Indian Curry; Smoked Salmon Sandwich (with onion caper sauce); Lamb Chops with red wine reduction sauce; and Herbed Quail. If that's not enough patrons ordering off the dinner menu choose two side dishes from a list that includes 12 pratie (potato) options!

Open since 2002, Fiddler's offers lunch & dinner daily with live music every day but Tuesday.

Every Monday at 8:30 pm. they have a traditional open Irish music session led by Kim Hoffmann and David James by the fireplace.

Every Wednesday at 8:30 pm. an open acoustic stage hosted by Al Kniola. Al is the host of "The Backporch", a folk music radio program on their local NPR station – WVPE – on Sunday nights.

Thursdays at 9:00 pm. they usually feature accomplished local acoustic folk musicians.

Fridays & Saturdays at 9:00 pm. you will find local, regional, national, and even international Celtic Bands for your enjoyment.

Sundays at noon. acoustic folk musicians provide live music during the Sunday brunch.

## Carol the Catalyst

In Carol's words, this is how it all started. "My interest in things Celtic began as an adolescent going to Scottish Highland

Games as a bagpiper. When I asked him if he had fun going to the games as a competitor and not just a spectator, he said that athletes & dance competitors

We brought our interest in things Celtic to South Bend when we coordinated a ceili at St. Patrick's Church as a fundraiser. (We'd done them for Sean's pipe



*The friendly fireplace beckons. Most of the decorations have been donated to Fiddler's by customers*

Games with my father. Terry's interest in things Celtic began when he met ME! Our kids grew up going to the Highland Games every year, and when Sean showed some musical talent in school, I encouraged him to try the bagpipes. He hated it at first and confessed later that he used to hope his teacher would get sick so his piping class would be cancelled. That all changed after he went to his first Highland

are pretty cool, but at the Highland Games the bagpipers are GODS! (Pretty heady stuff for a 13 year old!) Sean still pipes with Midlothian out of Chicago, teaches, and is pipe major for a local band in South Bend. He's in Scotland at least once annually for the world piping competition in Glasgow. (One year his pipe band took 2nd place in Grade 3 at the world competition!)

band to raise money for the band, so it was something we knew how to do for the church.) We set the gym for 300 and hoped to get at least 200 for the event. We had to shut the doors 15 minutes after opening because we were over capacity. Police estimated over 1,000 people tried to attend. The party spilled into the parking lots where we had bagpipers outside entertaining the folks who couldn't get in. We promptly ran out of food and did a hot dog run just to have something to sell. After that, the Celtic Heritage Society was formed and we started doing ceilis a couple times a year, a Robert Burns Supper in January, highland games in the summer, and offering weekly Irish music and dance classes at St. Patrick's Parish Center.

We knew there was a strong appetite for Celtic culture in South Bend from the explosive growth of the Celtic Heritage Society events, so when the opportunity arose to open a Celtic public house in South Bend, we were confident that it would be a success if we made sure it was truly a "public house" aka the Celtic community living room. With Terry's background in safety & loss control and



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Main players at Fiddler's Hearth include Chef Jerry Coop, Sean, Carol and Terry Meehan.

insurance; my background in human resources and the hotel/banquet/events planning industries; and Sean's connection with the Celtic music community, knowledge of Scottish culture, and accounting experience... we threw ourselves into the business and held our ground when our lenders questioned our high entertainment expense. (In the first month of operation, we brought in Battlefield Band from Scotland; Gaelic Storm from California; and Seven Nations – it immediately put us on the map as a leader in live Celtic music. We consider good live music is a marketing expense.

A lot of folks think we're successful because of the Notre Dame Irish. But in truth, our primary customer base is made up of local neighborhoods, families, and downtown business people. When Notre Dame is on break, we don't see much difference in our business levels. However, when Notre Dame has a home football game, we are PACKED! But you can't run a successful business based on six or seven weekends a year, so staying true to our concept and our community is critical. We have been defined by our community. Over 90% of what hangs on our walls are donations from patrons – many were brought back from Ireland or Scotland and given to us by our locals when they went there on vacation! Our "South Bend Wall of Arms" boasts coats of arms and family histories of surnames resident in South Bend (and are not necessarily Celtic). But intermingled with the Celtic stuff on the walls, you'll find an abundance of community representation to include police & fire department patches, school flags & T-shirts, and local history photos & collectibles. We are, after all, the SOUTH BEND IRISH. (574) 232-2853.

**Room at the inn**

If you are going to stay awhile you need a place to stay. Just up the road from Fiddler's is a charming Irish bed and breakfast, The Innisfree BnB. Owners, Cindy and Terence Lewis are very proud

of their B & B and it shows.

Known locally as "The Fredrickson House," this home is a gabled and turreted wonder. It was originally built in 1892 by Arthur Kelly, whose daughter then married Arthur Fredrickson and made it their home. They had two sons, who never married, but lived in the home until their death in 1982. It was willed to the city of South Bend and sat empty for several years. It was purchased in 1986, and moved four blocks to its current location by the Fredrickson House Partnership. The home was completely renovated between 1986 and 1988 and made into a bed and breakfast. Cindy and Terence have restored it as a

residence as well. It is filled with antiques and family treasures. Innisfree is on the National Historic Register, and also enjoys local status.

Innisfree-a-Celtic-Bed-and-Breakfast has six rooms, all with private or semi-private baths. All have central air, cable TV with VCR and phone privileges. A large VCR library and books are at your disposal. Innisfree is within walking distance of the Studebaker mansion, known as Tippecanoe Place, the Studebaker

Auto Museum, Copshaholm, and The St. Joseph's River East-Race. It is minutes to the University of Notre Dame, College of St. Mary's, Holy Cross College, Indiana University and The College Football Hall of Fame. There are quaint shops in town and Shipshewana is a 40 minute drive away. Wineries and antique malls are in the area, as well as ranked golf courses. Located at 702 W Colfax, 574-283-0740, email: [innisfree.1@juno.com](mailto:innisfree.1@juno.com). [www.innisfre-a-celtic-bandb.com](http://www.innisfre-a-celtic-bandb.com).



View to fireplace in living room at Innisfree

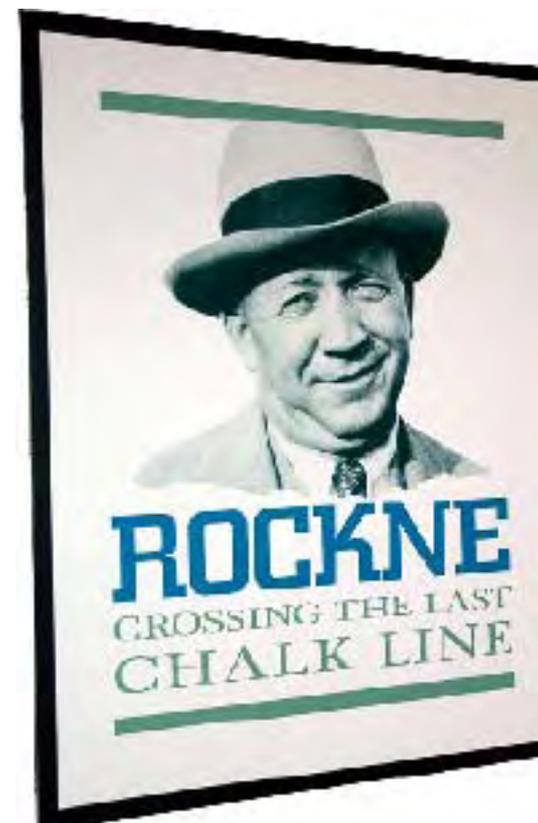


Innisfree Bed and Breakfast has been beautifully restored.



←  
*Inside St. Patrick's Church, South Bend, Indiana. Below is the outside of the church, founded in 1858.*

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*The Northern Indian Center for History is featuring Knute Rockne until January 7, 2007*



### Feed the spirit

St. Patrick's Church was established in 1858. Founded by Father Thomas Carroll, the church was first a small brick and stone structure on Division and Scott Streets. It was only sixty by 30 feet and held up to 350 people. In 1886 a larger church was started by Father Hagerty. He purchased the property where the church is located now. The church stands proudly just a few blocks from Fiddler's at 309 S.

Taylor with masses on Sunday at 10:30 and 5pm. 574-232-5839. The church is beautifully maintained and will remind you of Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago. In 1920, St. Patrick Church was raised into a higher order with its consecration. Through consecration, a church building may only be used for the worship of God within the Roman Catholic Church. In 1972 it became an Historic Landmark.

### Are you ready for football?

Notre Dame is nearby, boasting a beautiful campus that seems to go on forever. There are two public golf courses, and a two-story book store on, or near the campus. Home football games are September 9, 16, 30, Oct 7, 21, November 4, and 18. From the soaring vaults of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to the quiet cove of the Grotto, from six

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If you're looking for a magnificent historic site that showcases an elegant, 38-room Victorian mansion, a charming cottage reflecting the 1930s, a gallery that chronicles local history, a gallery of Notre Dame history, a children's museum plus compelling exhibitions you want to visit the Northern Indiana Center for History. It is also in the neighborhood. Located at 808 W. Washington, 574-235-9664. There is a great exhibit on the late great, Knute Rockne, who died 75 years ago which tells the Rockne story, from his childhood to his days as a student, player and coach at the University of Notre Dame, the events surrounding his death, and the legend that developed and remains to this day. Artifacts associated with Rockne are featured in the exhibit, including many that have never before been shown publicly.

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Morris Performing Arts Center. 211 N Michigan St., 574-235-9190. [www.downtownsouthbend.com](http://www.downtownsouthbend.com). 574-282-1110.

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# Investment Ideas

By David Gaffney



## Whats your financial stage?

Are you a builder, a cruiser or a coaster? These may seem like farfetched labels for describing yourself, but depending on what stage of your financial life you're in, you may fit into one of these categories. By better understanding these categories and your investing goals, you can work toward achieving those goals.

**The Builders.** If you are younger than age 35, working to establish yourself financially and professionally and possibly just getting started on a family, you may be a builder. Builders still have some time before retirement and are in the initial stages of their financial lives, therefore they can afford to be a little bit more aggressive with their investing.

Builders are mostly focused on managing any debt they may have accumulated and at this stage it's important to develop systematic savings strategies. The majority of your portfolio may be focused on equity investments, such as stocks. A smaller portion of your portfolio may also be invested in fixed-income securities, such as bonds, and the smallest part would be invested in cash or liquid investments, such as money market or savings accounts. However, it is vital to also have some liquid investments for emergencies – usually three to six months of living expenses.

**The Cruisers.** Cruisers, between the ages of 35 and 50, are more established professionally and may have a family to provide for financially. Cruisers are usually getting closer to retirement age and should focus on accumulating assets for retirement as well as allocating some of their portfolio to income needs that may arise.

At this point, you may be trying to save for and pay children's expenses, such as tuition and weddings. Your investment mix might still be focused on equity investments in order to continue to build a solid foundation. However, there may be

a need for your portfolio to start shifting towards more investments in the fixed-income sector, such as Treasury securities and bonds in order to begin receiving some income and bring more stability to your portfolio. Still, just as before, you may want to maintain a small portion of your assets liquid in the event that you need to dip into these funds.

**The Coasters.** The coasters – aged 50 and older – are either preparing to retire or already retired. In this phase, your financial needs are very different than they were just a few years ago. Income becomes the most important component of your asset allocation as you work to pay down long-term debt and focus on estate planning.

When you reach this stage, most of your investment mix may likely be in fixed-income securities, which provides you a steady income stream. You may still have some portion of your portfolio invested in equity securities but it should no longer be the main focus. In addition, some liquid assets are always handy as unexpected medical and other expenses may be more difficult to manage without a monthly paycheck. Keep in mind that reviewing your insurance needs at this time becomes crucial, as well as adjusting your investment outlook to accommodate major life changes.

As you can see, determining your financial goals early, and consulting with your financial consultant to determine the most appropriate allocation based on risk tolerance, time horizon and investment objectives can help you in any of your life stages.

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Henry created a new type of Irish landscape painting of sky, bog and turf, that was unromantic and sympathetic to the lifestyle and environment of the poorest people of the west of Ireland. Some of his famous landscape paintings are, "Lakeside Cottages," "The Potato Diggers," "The Watcher," and "The Roadside Cottages."

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## Community Event to Benefit Injured Arlington Heights Police Officer Tim Sheehan

On February 15, 2006, Arlington Heights Officer Tim Sheehan was critically injured when a drunk driver hit his squad car head on. Thankfully he survived the crash, but not without daily struggles to regain pieces of the life he once knew. Officer Sheehan suffered significant neurological and orthopedic injuries requiring numerous surgeries and a lengthy hospital stay. Currently, he attends daily intense outpatient therapy, with the assistance of his wife Maryann, with the long-term goals of mobility and self-sufficiency.

Officer Sheehan, a fourth-generation police officer, followed in his family's footsteps 25 years ago. He began his law enforcement career at the Des Plaines Police Department followed by a short time with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. In 1987, Officer Sheehan joined the Arlington Heights Police Department where he has served the Arlington Heights community in myriad ways including patrol, investigations, field training, and as the department's sketch artist.

In addition to working as a police officer, Officer Sheehan has enjoyed sharing his tremendous talents as a bagpiper with his fellow officers and the community. You may have seen him in the annual Arlington Heights Independence Day parade among others! Officer Sheehan remains a dedicated member of the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, Chicago Police Department, and The Glengael pipe band from Mount Prospect through which he has volunteered his time and talent to perform at police funerals, memorial services, and benefits. As a soloist, he has provided lasting family memories at wedding and funeral services throughout the Chicagoland area.

### IAHC To Hold 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance

2006 marks the 30th anniversary of the Irish American Heritage Center as an organization.

On Saturday, September 30, the Center will celebrate the lean years, the good times and countless successes with a 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance. The evening begins at 6:30pm with appetizers, an open bar and the Academy of Irish Music's Pleraca. At 7:30, there will be a family-style dinner and dessert. From 9pm to midnight, there will be dancing to the music of Joe McShane and the SilverBride Band.

Tickets for the dinner dance are \$45 per person for IAHC members and \$50 per person for non-members. Reservations are required by September 25th and can be made by calling 773-282-7035, ext. 10.

Officer Sheehan and his family are long-standing, contributing members of their local communities and take great pride in their service-oriented professions. His wife, Maryann, works for the Arlington Heights Park District, his brothers, Tom and Brian, serve the Chicago Police Department as a Mass

Transit Sergeant and Marine Unit Officer, respectively, and his father is a retired Chicago Police Department Captain. Officer Sheehan has resided in Arlington Heights with his wife and children – you may know Mike, Mark and Katie – for over 20 years.

The Arlington Heights FOP Lodge

80, with assistance from Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, is hosting a benefit to support the Sheehan family. Proceeds will be used to make Officer Sheehan's house handicapped-accessible. This is a community event and all are welcome. Friday, October 20, 2006, Arlington Park Racecourse,

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## radition In Review

By Bill Margeson



Just back from Irish Fest in Milwaukee. Editor Cliff, as usual, jumping up and down and demanding the column. Some quick thoughts on this year's Fest. One of the very best. Nova Scotia and Cape Breton were incredibly well represented by their cultural area, which was packed constantly for the incredible concerts and the kind, warm welcome from the Canadians themselves. The Celtic Colours Music Festival there in October is now on our "must do" list. The whole thing was amazing. J.P. Cormier gave what may be the concert of the year. The Cottars, Jerry Holland, and the Kitchen Parties were a ball. Clearly, the people who were in charge of the presentation chose to promote the culture of the area—the music, the art—and the people themselves. Critically, and wisely, they did *not* choose to promote special hotel rates and golf packages, with car rentals. This was about the real Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. Best promotion of its type we've ever seen, and we've seen a ton of 'em. We cannot tell you the number of people we talked to now made aware of this incredible area and who are planning to go. A major coup for the Canadians, Irish Fest and the smart Fest-goers who made their way to the Celtic Roots Stage. Irish tourism authorities would do very well, indeed, to contact Nova Scotia and find out what it is they did. The Irish presentations of this type have ranged from nice to barely adequate. The Canadians have this down pat. Major winner. Stunningly well done. Up Canada!!

The Irish music was, as usual, superb. Dave Munnely and his band were massive hits, as were the Bridies. Grada got some very good reviews. Of course, Gaelic Storm was packed—though their music can no longer really be called Irish. Radio partner, Shay Clarke continues to be impressed with their drawing power, but that is something in the music area he can grasp, so he clings onto it for dear life. They are still hugely popular. Sliabh Notes played beautifully when away from the ceili events. The Irish Rovers drew raves, as did Richard Thompson. Ragus drew big crowds. Gan Bua tore it up in some extremely well-received shows highlighting their new album, "Live At Martyr's". Terrible weather Friday night. Lousy with humidity—though later in the evening it was fine. Saturday and Sunday were lively. Vendors reported great business, if slightly down. The new Miller Stage is brilliant.

Again and again, when we remember this year's Fest, though, we will return in our memory and our heart to the Nova Scotian experience. Let's get a bus and we'll ALL go! By the way, Tommy Makem seemed to be in fine performing shape, despite his serious illness. The Ward Brothers and Barry Stapleton all had big smiles the entire weekend—so we know they realized they had another hit on their hands. They and we are also looking forward to their first-ever Irish Fest Cruise, February 18-25. Big lineup of musical fun and a great time, for sure. Go to the Irish Fest website,

and read all about it. We have offered to carry the Wards' and Stapleton's' luggage—but so far to no avail. A great party at sea! Ahoy!

As we write this, we are planning our Peoria trip for that town's great festival, the last weekend in August. Cathie Ryan is the headliner this year. Need we say more?

Perforce, this is going to be a short column this month, as we are under pressure to get the thing in! Next month, the long-promised CD Slam, featuring a bunch—a *big* bunch—of current releases in Irish Music. Some will include the aforementioned Gan Bua treasure, "Live At Martyr's" and the re-issue of the great, great Irish documentary, "Mise Eire". Plus, lots lots more!

Don't forget our weekly radio show, Blarney on the Air, with my partner, friend and one of the most musically bewildered people we have ever known, Shay Clarke. Lots of fun. WDCB—90.9 fm every Monday night in Chicago from 7-9. Also available worldwide on the net over [www.wdcb.org](http://www.wdcb.org).

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Dave has introduced many American and Irish pieces of music to his already vast Bagpiping repertoire, to appeal to the widest possible audience in the Chicagoland area. Dave is aware that many people associate the Celtic sound of the bagpipes with the Irish and he is keen to help further cement this connection within both social and business circles.

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# Raised On Songs and Stories

By Shay Clarke



Back to school at last...not me...the kids of course, although I have now been at college for 8 months—the College of DuPage, for our weekly radio show on 90.9 FM every Monday from 7-9 and on the web at WDCB.ORG. It's hard to believe that the old "Blarney on the Air" was heard with difficulty in Rockford, IL, and now we have listeners from Cavan in Ireland and Maui in Hawaii—thanks to the world wide web. The "we" of course is "yer man on the other page," Bill Margeson who knows little about real Irish music, but a lot about "reel" Irish music. Yah know yourself he can't be beat at the "diddely-aye" stuff but we keep him around for the laughs. Tune in on Mondays for a great show. The Rascals of Radio, The Celtic Odd Couple—call us whatever you like but we can't be ignored. We bring you the best mix of traditional and ballads, contemporary and classic. We are the Irish answer to Monday Night Football.

## Good News—I Have A Granddaughter, Alex

Sharon, my daughter in Dublin, had a baby girl on Saturday, August 19th. She is a gorgeous baby, and I am now proud to be a grandfather for the second time. Now Josh my 2-year-old grandson has a baby sister. I hope to get back to Dublin soon to see them all. I am overjoyed!

## Festifying Has Been In-tents

The last month has been intense as Irish Festival season has now passed its Zenith. We are now A.M. (after Milwaukee.) The superfests of Dublin and Milwaukee were brilliant and are still the benchmark for all the rest. The United Irish of Dayton who host the Dayton Irish Festival have in 4 short years shown amazing success and foresight. Hats off to all of the organizers who put the events together. It's no easy task and totally dependant on the weather and many outside influences. Their dreams could not become reality without the generosity of sponsors and the hard work of volunteers. The great Irish American public who attend these events should also take a bow- keep on supporting these events that keep our culture alive and vibrant. As usual, to the musicians, without you it would not happen at all. You bands and minstrels- whether you play on the main stage or the pub stage, you are the reason for our season... its all about the music.

## Ireland's Best Stand-up Comic, Tommy Tiernan

When I was home in Dublin last year, my family, knowing how much I love a good laugh, told me about Tommy Tiernan. So I bought his DVD and became an immediate fan. He is truly hilarious, and I predict that he will soon achieve stardom here in the USA.

I have yet to see him live, but he is coming to Chicago for the first time this month, and I urge you all to be there. I would not miss him for all the tea in China. Believe me, I could do with a good laugh.

Tommy Tiernan was born in Donegal, spent his teenage years in Navan, has lived in Africa and London, spent some time at a religious boarding school and now calls Galway his home. With all of that I'm sure he has enough comic material to last a career.

When I spoke to Tommy last week he was in Roscommon, and he is really looking forward to his Chicago visit where he will be recording his first American DVD at the Mercury Theatre on Southport Ave. on September 28th, 29th and 30th.

You may have seen him recently on Letterman where he was incredible and has been invited back. There is also an upcoming HBO Special and The Comedy Channel.

He is huge in Ireland and in England, where he has won many comedy awards. But as he says himself, he prefers Cork to Sheffield and he loves the Irish audience: "It's the stuff that makes the journey worth while" says Tommy, whose current ambition is "not

to conquer America, but to gently persuade."

Now that he is a Galway man, though still regarded as a "blow-in" he tells me that the Galway people "love us in their B&B's, but don't wear their County Jerseys."

Tommy Tiernan is coming our way and deserves our support. So let's get behind Ireland's best comedian. You never know. You could be on his next DVD or on HBO. *Mercury Theatre, September 28, 29, 30 (see add in this paper).*

## Damien Dempsey-Breakthrough Singer Songwriter

If you are a fan of Shane McGowan, Luke Kelly or Christy Moore, then you are going to love Damien Dempsey. He was in Chicago recently supporting Morrissey, at the Avalon Ballroom and unfortunately, I missed the show. But he's back in October at the Irish Fest Center in Milwaukee. For tickets call 414-476-3378. He will also appear in Chicago at Gunther Murphy's, Sunday October 15.

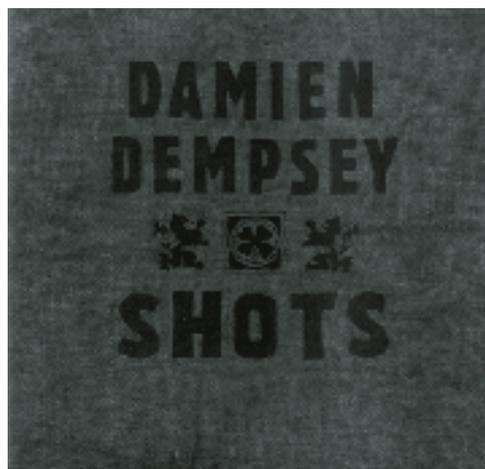
Damien Dempsey from Donaghmede in Dublin wrote his first song when he was a "nipper" but his family did not believe that he wrote it. "He got that from some magazine," they said, but Damien never lost sight of his goal. He writes songs about social issues, they are raw, gutsy, and all about life as he sees it. I spoke to Damien last week by phone from his home in London. He has a huge fan base all over England and Ireland and is now set to share his gifted talent with American audiences.

Damien has four albums to his credit, 3 studio recordings and one, Live at the Olympia Theater in Dublin. "Shots" his first U.S. release is nothing short of brilliant, with songs like Colony, Sing All Our Cares Away, and Choctaw Nation. The spirit of Luke Kelly lives on in Damien Dempsey.

When I suggested that there was a lot of anger in his songs he said that he is starting to mellow. "I never wanted the millions," he said, "I'm living the dream. Its all about life" and believe me so are the songs. He is touring with Eamon de Barra on whistle, flute, and bodhran and Damo himself on vocals and guitar. A true blue Dubliner with great heart and soul—the future of Irish song writing is in good hands. Check

out his website [Damiendempsey.com](http://Damiendempsey.com).

*Next Month: An interview with Paul Baker of Bridgid's Cross. Also, an interview with Susie Watkins, the girl who tamed the skallewag from Cork, Patrick Murphy.*



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## Renowned Flutist Sir James Galway Touring U.S.

Sir James Galway, known as "the man with the golden flute," will embark on a 12-city U.S. concert tour starting Saturday, September 9th, in Phoenix, Arizona. Locally, Sir James will play with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra in Elgin, Illinois on September 17, 2006. Performance highlights in selected cities include a new arrangement by David Overton of Mozart's most popular instrumental and vocal compositions as well as the world premiere of the Berg Concerto for Alto Flute and Orchestra with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. Coinciding with the tour will be a new album *My Magic Flute*, a Mozart extravaganza featuring Sir James, his wife, leading flutist Lady Jeanne Galway, and superstar harpist Catrin Finch which was recorded with the Sinfonia Varsovia and will be released on Friday, September 15th, by Deutsche Grammophon.

*My Magic Flute* features the three top virtuosos unveiling their beautiful sound and breathtaking technique all at once. The album includes a new recording of Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, plus all-new arrangements of some of Mozart's most popular instrumental and vocal compositions, including the famous Rondo a la Turca, Ruhe sanft mein holdes Leben from *Zaide* and the Andante from the Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major, devised and specially arranged for two solo flutes and orchestra by David Overton.

Internationally regarded as both a matchless interpreter of the classical repertoire and a consummate entertainer

whose charismatic appeal crosses all musical boundaries, flute master Sir James has made over 60 solo artist recordings which have sold more than 30 million records. Sir James' unique sound, superb musicianship, and dazzling virtuosity have made him one of the most respected and sought-after performing artists of our time.

In addition to performing as a soloist, Galway, who is the Principal Guest Conductor of the London Mozart Players, has received many honors including the President's Merit Award from the Recording Academy, Billboard Magazine's Record of the Year Award and Artist of the Year from Musical America. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England has honored him twice: in 1979, with an Order of the British Empire and in 2001, with a Knighthood for services to music.

## Here Is The River

"Here Is The River confirms me in my belief that Eamon Friel is just about the best songwriter anywhere at the moment. I am aware of no contemporary songwriter writing such powerful and beautiful songs." *Hugh Jordan, Sunday World*

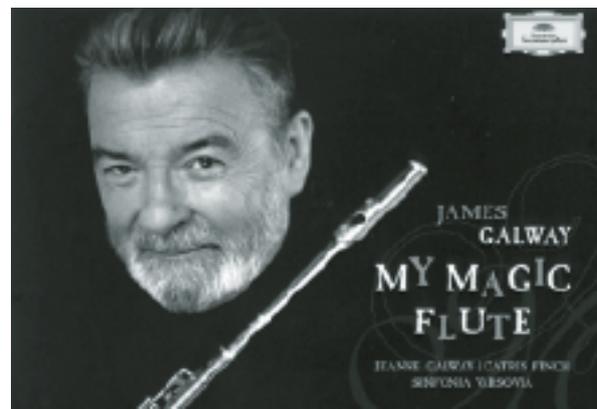
Eamon Friel's new album *Here Is The River* is a collection of songs by a writer who has truly come of age. Those who have observed the career of Eamon Friel have seen this likeable Derryman blossom as a broadcaster, performer and songwriter through a canon of five albums *Logrhythms* (1985), *Stepping Stones* (1993), *Word of Spring* (2000) the critically acclaimed *Waltz Of The Years* (2003) and now *Here Is The River*. It is probably fair to say that Friel's music and song writing surfaced before the broadcasting took place. However his dual talents appear to have matured at the same time.

If proof of his ability as a songwriter were ever needed, we need look no further than recent song covers from Bill Jones, Sean Tyrell, The Fureys and the Japanese band Brahman.

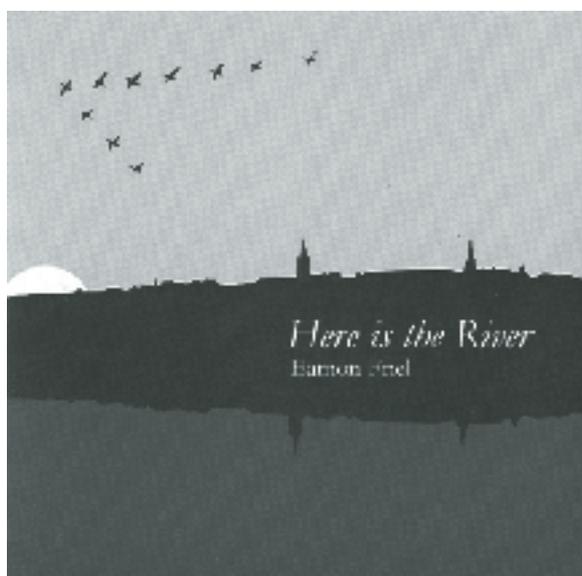
In his homeland of Derry, Eamon Friel is a respected broadcaster via his very excellent Sony award winning show Friel's Fancy a BBC Ulster musical flagship. At the weekend he can be found on BBC Radio Foyle presenting Saturday Club.

Eamon Friel is the son of a Mayo mother and Derry father. He writes about his life, experiences and his observations of the world around him. Friel's writing is Irish, that is to say he is generous with words each one carefully chosen and lovingly placed upon the page. If there was such a thing in song writing his style could be compared with that of the landscape painter.

Born in London's Stockwell with childhood summers spent in Ireland, the family left Stockwell and returned to his father's troubled hometown of Derry, Londonderry, Stroke City call it what you will.



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It was the youthful experience of cultural change and upheaval that left a lasting impression on the mind of a young man that would later emerge in songs penned in W.B. Yeats like mystical imagery from a place in time and a time in place.

His album *Word of Spring* received much praise and found its way on to programmes like BBC Radio 3's Late Junction.

*Here Is The River* is very much the product of someone who has arrived and brought all the component parts of his artistry together at one time.

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# B Full Irish Breakfast

by Maureen Callahan



## Steer Your Ship to Grace O'Malley's in Chicago's South Loop

Known as The Pirate Queen of Ireland, Grace O'Malley was a mother, wife, clan chieftain, gambler and tyrant of the ocean. Born in 1584, this spunky, red-haired woman was a powerful force during the 16th century. Believed to have lived on Clare Island, she commanded her small fleet of ships on the high seas, conquering Ireland's rugged western lands. More than 400 years later, she now has a well-earned namesake in this pub, the main social scene in Chicago's South Loop. Grace's direct descendent, owner Matthew O'Malley, has done her proud in this truly classy mahogany wood setting.

For starters, this is the first Irish pub I've visited to offer flatbread pizzas for appetizers. All served on lavash (traditional flatbread), the South Loop is a tasty mixture of pesto, tomato, basil and mozzarella. For something with a bit more kick, the Southwestern includes grilled chicken, Irish cheddar, salsa and cilantro. In addition to the standard previews, the mini pub sandwiches are another good way to get started. Featured in a variety of buffalo burgers, turkey veggie, reuben or barbecued pork, they can be mixed and matched. At \$8 for four sandwiches, this is a good value for the neighborhood.

The soup and more-than-ten-salad selection is pleasantly varied. The In-Law will put a better taste in your mouth than some almost-family members would with chicken, romaine, iceberg, spinach, red cabbage, pasta, tomato, apple smoked bacon, green onion and sweet vinaigrette. The Chopped Blamey is a palatable medley of grilled chicken, chopped romaine, bacon, tomato, cucumber, avocado, blue cheese, egg and ranch. For those taking the Atkins (or similar) route, the Toasted Pecan will help you keep on track, as it's a plate of chicken, lettuce, cheeses, toasted pecans, and bacon.

The specialty of the house is an Irish bleu cheese crusted pork loin served with au gratin potatoes and crispy onions. Taste it and you'll understand why



it's the signature plate! While Grace's offers the typical Irish pub fare, each item has a unique twist. Most items are served with excellent julienne vegetables. The grilled salmon is an 8 oz filet rubbed with pastrami and served with whole grain vinaigrette. The ribs are slow-cooked in Guinness BBQ sauce, and it's no wonder the Chicago White Sox insist on their fill of them after their games. That same sauce also compliments the half chicken served with red potatoes and corn on the cob.

Even the sandwich menu is a distinct mix. The Crispy Buffalo Chicken with pepper jack cheese and bleu cheese dressing will go

well with Grace's excellent Guinness. If you can't get used to the dark stuff, there are 12 other drafts to accompany your Dublin Cheese Steak topped with Irish cheddar. For the lighter fare, there is an excellent cornflake crusted whitefish sandwich served with chipotle tartar sauce or a vegetable panini wrap to match another dozen bottled beers. The wide selections of burgers are even better served on a specially baked south-side pretzel bun.

Come in on a Thursday nights for pub trivia and test your knowledge of the obscure for gift certificates. Stop in on the third Tuesday of the month for "Pub Club" to participate in a monthly event put on by different liquor distributors. July was Glenmorangie Scotch night. For \$30, regulars sipped six types of whiskey and sampled appetizers made with it. August was a Jameson whiskey tasting. Monday night is family night. Bring the kids in to eat free, decorate their own ice cream and pull prizes from the treasure chest. Grace has three upstairs rooms to accommodate up to 250 guests for private events. Stop by after the concerts at Northerly Island. It's the closest bar to Soldier Field and will be showing all NFL games this season on flat screen TVs.

Come in for the Half Way to St. Patrick's Day party on September 15th, featuring Big Shoulders blue grass band. It will be a set fee for all you can drink. Then participate in the Grace O'Malley look-alike contest for a chance to win a two-night hotel stay downtown along with dinner at the Chicago Firehouse restaurant across the street.

"The Pirate Queen," a new musical based on the life and legend of Grace O'Malley herself is scheduled to run October 3rd through November 26th at Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theater. This musical comes to us from the Tony Award winning makers of "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon", so it's sure to be well worth the price of admission. Bring your ticket in to the pub for a complimentary Irish coffee before or after the performance during the run of the show. It's definitely Chicago's best, made with a secret ingredient. For a night of excellent cuisine in one of Chicago's classiest Irish pubs, steer your ship to Grace O'Malley's at 1416 South Michigan Ave., (red line stop Roosevelt, buses #4 Cottagegrove or #12 Roosevelt).

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# SHARING A PINT

By Scott Powers

Hypothetical questions have always annoyed me.

"If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you bring?" Obviously, a boat. Leave me alone, please.

"If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?" Thanks for reminding me that I'm broke, and that I still need to pay my cell phone bill... Jerk. Leave me alone.

"If my teeth fell out, I gained 150 pounds and I started to smell, would you still love me?" What?! I'm trying to watch the game. Honey, ask me later.

I know those questions have a point to them. They're supposed to make you think and possibly learn something about yourself. Still, I hate answering them. I like to deal with reality questions. And no, I'm not talking about questions regarding American Idol.

Lately, there has one been hypothetical question I've been dealing with. I guess it isn't so much a hypothetical anymore, but as real as it gets.

"If your father had cancer and hope was running out, what would you say to him?"

It's not a question that can be brushed off or answered with a smart-aleck response. It's not something that will wait any longer either.

This month, I decided to share a pint with my dad.

Born William Paul Powers, my dad provides the Irish side of my heritage. Relatives a few generations before him arrived in America from southeast Ireland. My dad's never been as passionate about his roots as I have. To get a glimpse of his personality—he knows how much I'm into Ireland's past, and once told me that my uncle discovered that I was related to British ancestors who fought the Irish. He kept a straight face for as long as he could.

My father spent 30-plus years on the Chicago Police Department. He rose within the ranks going from sergeant to lieutenant and retired as commander of personnel. He spearheaded a number of programs for



William and Scott Powers

the CPD. For his work and dedication, the CPD will honor an officer each year at its annual recognition ceremony with the William Powers Command Leadership Award, which will be given to someone whose actions "have expanded the Department's impact on a population in need, has exhibited integrity, compassion, and caring for fellow members and their families, and who has the ability to inspire members to exhibit their best."

Growing up, I always wanted to

follow in his footsteps. I used to drive around my Big Wheel screaming my head off imitating a police siren and pretending to be Ponch and Jon from the television show CHiPS. Later, I decided that it wasn't the career for me. For one, I just didn't possess that aggressive personality to be a cop. More so, I realized I never would be able to match what my father accomplished. My brother did decide on that route, though, and is still my ticket to get out of a ticket.

My father also earned a doctorate in psychology and taught at Northwestern University, Roosevelt and the Adler School of Psychology. At Adler, he developed a psychology program for police officers. Annually, Adler will also be presenting an award to a student each year in my father's name.

He also set up a counseling office at Addison Street Community Church, where he is an active member. Even with his cancer, he has been putting the finishing touches on a novel he's been working on for years.

Most of all, he's been a great father. He collected baseball cards with us, played and beat me in video games and took me to Wrigley Field (Soldier Field was always too cold for him). He showed support when I chose an out-of-state college and a journalism career. He backed me three years ago when I moved back to Chicago to start up my own publication. From him, I got my love for reading, my sense of humor, my ability to be independent, my passion for the Cubs (which I'm actually not thankful for), my strong belief in integrity, character and accountability and my dedication to God and family.

This isn't a tearful column. Yes, cancer sucks. It's not a poetic way to put it, but that's as simple as I can describe it. I've seen first hand how the disease can break down a person piece by piece. But I'm not banging my fists or head into the wall. I won't allow myself to dwell on the negative.

My parents have gone through a number of definitions for the disease. It started off being characterized as evil, which made sense, but they later decided on calling it "The Blessing." That perplexed me, but in time I've come to understand what they mean.

When you realize there aren't too many tomorrows left, you begin taking advantage of today. You no longer hold back. You ask questions you've always had. You say whatever it is you're feeling. You reflect on the good times and try to understand what happened during the bad. You stop tiptoeing around life. There isn't room for fear or insecurity anymore. This has been our chance to eliminate the "I wish we would have..." sort of statements from after he's gone.

One of his dreams has always been to sit in the first row at Wrigley Field and put his drink on top of the dugout. We once got our hands on second-row tickets, but it wasn't the same. Just recently I took him to Alexian Field, the home of the Schaumburg Flyers, an independent league baseball team. Because I cover the team for the Daily Herald, I was able to get him on the field, show him the dugout and take him into the clubhouse. Our plan had been to sit in the front row and put our drinks on top of the dugout, but the weather didn't cooperate. Before we left, we did walk down to the front row and took a picture. It wasn't exactly the dream, but we'll take it.

On the way home, we listened to a CD by comic Lewis Black. It was only fitting the CD included a bit about Ireland. Black said, "There are no fights in Ireland. The people get so drunk it's, 'God damn! Son of a bitch!' And then they pass out." It was good to share a few laughs. Laughter has helped pass many of the tough days over the last year. We later tuned into the Bears game and celebrated together as Rashied Davis returned a kickoff for a 100-yard touchdown. Of course with the Bears, we also shared some frustration.

I'm not sure how more days we have left like that, but it was one I'll never forget.

Now that I'm reaching the end of this column, I realize I haven't answered the one question.

"If your father had cancer and hope was running, what would you say to him?"

I couldn't have been blessed with a more loving and caring father. Dad, I love you.

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Editor's note: Let your son know he is "rich." You did good dad!

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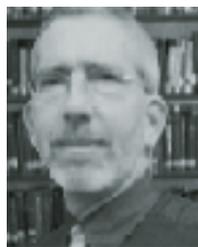
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# Voice of the Immigrant

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## Immigration Reform Update: Keep Your Eye On The Voters

Everyone was shocked when the House quickly and overwhelmingly passed a strongly anti-immigrant bill (H.R. 4437) last December. Apparently those House members, who represent their local areas, really believe the American voters are strongly anti-immigration, and they might be right. Despite being a nation of immigrants, the U.S. has always had a somewhat xenophobic streak. But after that shock, the immigrant community became relieved when, after a lot of discussion, two-thirds of the Senate passed a Comprehensive Immigration Reform bill at the end of May, which, despite strong enforcement and border security provisions, at least contained the earned legalization and guest worker programs – both of which at least provided some way for legalization of the undocumented and legal jobs for economic immigrants.

President Bush supposedly supports the Senate program, although he may be forced to cater to the interests of conservatives in order to keep his party in power after the elections. The House and Senate Bills were then supposed to go to a joint chamber Conference Committee to work out the differences before being submitted to the President for his signature that would make the bill become law. All of this must be completed before the end of next January or it becomes a dead issue.

But instead of going to the joint House-Senate Conference Committee, the House once again hijacked the issue, sending its bill back into hearings before various House subcommittees. There the bill is apparently intended to languish until after the November elections, when the will of the voters will be expressed. Conservative members of the House continue to

hold one-sided hearings that are intended to whip up their conservative base and focus attacks on the Senate approach.

In the meantime, Congress is in its August recess. Anti-immigration Republican House members are enjoying their summer vacation by trying to aggressively influence public opinion on immigration reform before Congress reconvenes in the fall. Many of them are holding “town hall” style meetings in their local districts during the August recess, including in Arizona, California, Georgia, Tennessee, and Texas. They call them meetings on “immigration reform”, but they mostly turn out to be meetings to promote the anti-immigration reform agenda.

We are happy to see the immigration issue on the front page of the newspapers every day, with sympathetic stories about the unfairness of the laws and the system to enforce those laws, how the families are broken apart, how the people suffer, how the immigrant workers help the economy. With Congressional elections coming up in November, the immigration issue will be tested before the voters, unless an issue of greater importance captures the attention of the voters in the meantime, such as the economy or World War III breaking out in the Middle East. Just as the people seemed strongly divided (51:49) in the 2000 election, they are becoming increasingly polarized on the issues of the day between moderates and conservatives. A very remarkable example of this is Senator Joe Lieberman’s recent loss, in Connecticut’s Democratic primary, to an even more liberal anti-war opponent. We can only hope that as the voters become more educated on the issues surrounding immigration, they will become more sympathetic to comprehensive immigration reform that includes legalization.

Question from the Citizenship Exam: What form of government does the United States have? An-

swer: Did you think “democracy” because the citizens vote for their leaders? No, the correct answer is “republic.” Why? Is that because George W. Bush is a Republican President? Most people mistakenly think that is why the U.S. is a republic. So does that make the U.S. a democracy when we have a Democratic president? Most people say “yes”. Wrong! The real reason the U.S. is a republic is because the citizens do NOT vote for the President. If the citizens voted for the President, Al Gore would be President, since he narrowly won the popular vote in 2000. The citizens vote for members of the Electoral College, who meet in a convention and elect the President. The citizens do elect their local representatives directly, but the Electoral College dates from the days before mass media and communications, when nationwide vote counting would have been almost impossible. Remember, this nation was founded as a confederation of more-or-less independent separate colony-mini-nation states. The U.S. is a democratic republic. The correct answer on the citizenship exam is “republic.”

### Building wealth

Today, we will start a series about the basic steps to building wealth. Why? Because the young people don’t always look for the future so they can someday retire. They think they are immortal. Immigrants from another economic system may also not understand how people in America save for retirement, to buy a house or to put their kids in college. It is not like Communism. Sure, we have all the many rules, the privileged elite, and the oppressive laws (especially for the immigrants), but we do not have universal comprehensive health care or guaranteed retirement pensions. The government is not going to give it to you; social security is usually a poverty wage by American standards. Even if you have a private pension after working 20 or 30 years for the same employer, you cannot count on that if the employer goes bankrupt or finds some way to dodge that obligation. Young people and immigrants today are well-advised to understand the landscape that faces them in the real world, and better to start earlier instead of later to plan and save towards a goal.

“Building wealth” means collecting or accumulating value in money, accounts, financial assets, real estate, or tangible assets, so that how much you own or the wealth that you have been able to

build, exceeds what you are able to save from your weekly paycheck after you pay your bills and buy your groceries.

It is that savings that stays on the table: how to collect it, make it grow, make it work for you. It does start with what you are able to save from your paycheck, although some lucky few may be able to add a little money if they inherit or if they sell something they don’t need. But even lottery winners must apply the same principles to find the best use of their money, to maximize the value of their winnings, so that the value will grow rather than shrink, to invest most efficiently, and to “buy wisely.”

“Wealth” can be better defined as “net worth”. This is the total of the market value of all assets owned or possessed minus the total of all debt that is owed. “Assets” and “debt” are what stay on the table after “income” and “expenses”. The first step is to make sure there is a steady source of income, usually from employment at first, then later maybe also from “return on investment” (ROI).

ROI is, for example, interest on a savings account or rents received from a rental property owned. Income must of course exceed expenses on a current periodic basis, like over a week or a month or a year. This is your “positive cash flow.” You must have a positive cash flow to put extra into savings. Savings grow until there is enough to “invest”. An investment is nothing more than a way to SAVE that earns more ROI, than for example, burying the cash in the back yard or some low-interest rate savings account. To SAVE more efficiently means to INVEST by BUYING an investment vehicle: a mutual fund, shares in an index fund, stocks, rental real estate like a six-flat, other investment real estate like a parking lot, even investing in your own business. In other words, to make the best use of your little bit of money which you save from your paycheck, you have to BUY wisely. You have to spend money to make money, even if it means locking up your money

in a mutual fund investment, which you buy from a broker to whom you pay some kind of small fee. The “broker” is a person who sells you a financial investment vehicle, and then manages it for you to make sure you get the best ROI.

So, the first step is to make sure you have a steady source of income, usually from employment. Because you want to generate a “positive cash flow”, so you have something to save and invest, the second step is to write down a budget showing all your bills and all your income for every week and month. You have to figure out how to get the most income for your time and abilities and how you can cut your bills down, so you can get something out to save. Get a cheaper apartment, a used car, get rid of cable, whatever you can do to save money. Then you must stick to this budget plan like a religion! Try to work out a little bit to save out of each and every paycheck – a little bit adds up to a lot if you do it regularly. Make sure to PAY YOURSELF out of each and every paycheck! Why give it all to the landlord, the bartender, the fortuneteller? Think of yourself, your future self, first, and take care of Number One. Stick to that budget plan, create some small savings, and then we will work on managing credit.

*Next Month:* Understanding and improving credit scores. Managing credit to be able to use other people’s money at the lowest cost to you, so that you can achieve maximum Return On Investment in today’s market.

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# CHICAGO Gaelic News

BY PAT HENNESSY



thews, Joe Dunphy and others. He is also a famed golf player with a 5 handicap. He visited Chicago a few years ago and was the guest of P.J. and Mary O'Dea. We had the pleasure of meeting him at Gaelic Park and he autographed one of his fine books for us. He told us at that time that he had checked with Guinness World Book of Records—on the record of continuous radio programs. But was informed that the record was held by a Puerto Rican man, Jose M. Agrelot who has been on the air since 1949, 4 years before Sean. And that the continuous record was held by "Rambling with gambling" which has been running continuous for over 78 years on WOR Radio in New York.

I can recall listening to Sean Og and his beloved father back in the early 50's in Kilkenny. Both of them were eagerly looked forward to every Sunday night as they brought us the results from all over Ireland. We gathered early for the show and woe befall any one of us that would dare to interrupt. Thank you Sean, for all the pleasures you and your Dad have brought gaels all over the world, some of whom still listen.

## Prayers for Cardinal George, Maggie Daley

News that Cardinal George and Mrs. Maggie Daley came through their surgeries recently was received with joy for their legion of friends throughout Chicago, Illinois and indeed the entire country. Both received good reports and prediction of full recovery in time. The rest of course is up to God.

We join with all their friends in a united prayer to God for a speedy and complete recovery for both of these beautiful people. We all know how powerful prayer can be and of the many "cures" it has been attributed to, including Blessed Br. Edmund Rice, who is awaiting one more "miracle" in order to be confirmed saint. He was beatified by the late Pope John Paul II in 1996 after a miraculous "cure" attributed to him for a man in Ireland. Either one of these two beautiful people, or better still both of them, would be an ideal choice now.

This is the prayer to Bro. Rice for "Special Favours". It is recommended that it be said with the patient, or at least in his presence for nine or more days.

*Prayer for Special Favour to Bro. Edmund Rice*

*"Lord God, who through the Holy Spirit inspired Edmund Rice to glorify you by the true Christian example of his life, through his intercession I now make this petition*

*(Make the petition for a speedy and complete recovery for Cardinal George and Maggie Daley). And so hasten the day when his name shall be honored among those of your saints. I ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen".*

## Deepest Sympathy to the Mannion Family

Deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to the Malachy Mannion family in Chicago and other brothers Billy in Galway and Kevin in Limerick with Sister Eileen, Holy Spirit Order, Texas, on the recent death of a beloved brother Patrick in Athenry, Co. Galway.

The late Patrick was a very respected and well known progressive farmer not only in the Athenry area but throughout Galway and indeed throughout the country. He and his family worked "the fields of Athenry" with all the modern machinery available and his advice and counsel was often sought. His son was active in the Irish Farmers Association throughout Ireland, with which he and his father worked closely.

In typical Mannion family tradition, the late Patrick loved the games, language, song, dance and music of the gael and, indeed, all the old traditions of his beloved land. He and his family were staunch Catholics and always said the family rosary before retiring at night. And a half an hour before he passed on to Eternal Rewards he gathered his family around him and said his beloved Rosary. Ar dheisDe go raibhn an ainm.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his beloved family, his loving wife, and children, to brothers and families Malachy, Billy, Kevin, Sister Eileen, relatives and close families. Once in a lifetime we hear of such great men and women and of the tremendous deeds that they perform "down on the farm". The late Patrick and family are such people and "the lives of all great men reminds us that we too can be sublime and in passing leave behind us footprints on the sands of Time".

## Sympathy to the Neil Hartigan Family

We join with the countless friends of the Hartigan family in offering deepest sympathy and condolences in the untimely death recently of their beautiful and charming daughter Bridget. She was the loving daughter of Neil and his late wife, Marge. Neil was the Illinois Attorney General in the 1980's and is a well known political leader in our city for the past several years. Bridget's grandfather David was the Alderman of the 49th Ward and

Treasurer of the City of Chicago.

With such a Public Service background it was to be expected that Bridget would follow her father and grandfather and that is what she did after she graduated from St. Ignatius and Georgetown University in Washington, earning a Masters degree in Government Affairs.

With her sister Laura, she joined the then Governor Bill Clinton's Presidential Campaign. And after his victory she joined the U.S. Dept. of Commerce headed by Bill Daley, brother of Richard M. No doubt both of them helped in securing Capital Grants for the Ireland Fund and one can also assume that both of them played parts in having Senator George Mitchell named to represent President Bill Clinton as the "Honest Broker" in the Ulster Peace Agreements in Ulster.

Speaking of his daughter's death, her father Neil said, "After 12 cancer operations, the way she carried herself, she is this generations definition of brave". A statement that all of us would readily agree upon.

Unfortunately, such courageous ladies as Bridget, who do most of their great work behind the scenes, not only for their own country, but also for the country of their ancestry without fanfare, do not receive nor do they expect any recognition. It is only after their deaths that we learn of their herculean work and all we can do is to say in the old Irish language, Gur a mile mait agat, a cara, agus Ar dheis De go raibhn an ainm.

Bridget's huge wake at Maloney's Funeral Home on West Devon and her beautiful funeral mass at St. Ignatius testified to the popularity of the charming young Irish—American lady. Other relatives include her husband, Thomas Routh, brother John, and grandmother Kathleen Dunne. "O those lovely Irish ladies going from us one by one, who will tell the story of the good that they have done".

## The Late Jim Sayers

Reader and well known Chicago gael at Gaelic Park, Breda Dowd, proud native of Kerry tells us a little about her late and great Kerry and Laois gael, Jim Sayers. The late Jim who died a few months ago was a native of Dingle, Co. Kerry and as a great school teacher taught at Rathdowney. Laois, before returning as Principal to Timahoe, also in the Kingdom.

Jim starred with the great Laois football team of 1946 that beat Kildare in the Leinster final. That legendary team included such household names as Tommy Murphy and

## Thrilling Hurling and Football at Gaelic Park

With the return of the Harry Boland hurlers and Wolfe Tones footballers to the senior American Board league some thrilling and hard fought games have been witnessed over the past few weeks. With only a few points dividing the sides in the hurling contest both teams pulled out all the stops in their games, and with the Bolands in the lead 2—1 as we go to press, the next few games should be worth seeing.

Champions Cuchulianns with most of last year's team had to fight every inch of the field against old rivals Harry Bolands with an almost new selection, with stars from Tipperary, Kilkenny, Down and other Irish strongholds in Ireland. Unfortunately, the attendance has not been as expected, but the absence last year of these games in senior competition set back the promotion somewhat and this will take some time to right itself. The Immigration problem also had a bearing and if it continues it will no doubt harm the promotion. Hopefully, congress will correct the situation after the election in November.

Team building Wolf Tones in contests with champions St. Brendan's displayed all their great craft and football skill and their contest with the Brendan's produced some great encounters. Hopefully, next season both clubs will be back to normal

producing more thrilling moments as good as can be witnessed this side of Ireland.

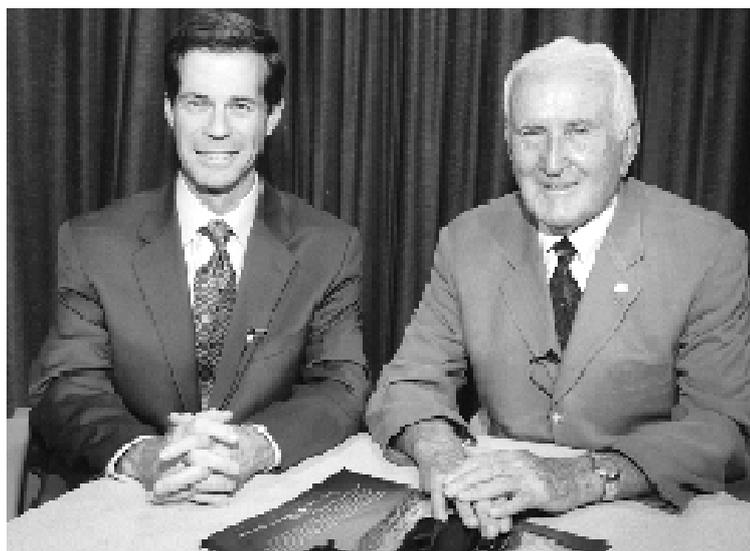
In junior football competition St. Brendans, Wolfe Tones and Parnells still reign supreme and any one of them will be worthy Chicago champions and capable of bringing back a title to the Windy City in the American Board playoffs over the long Labor Day weekend. Ladies football champions, Cantogie and Juvenile champions will also be competing in the playoffs and we wish all of them every success.

Our congratulations to the Chicago GAA Board who came back in true gaelic form after a dull season last year. Led by well known Chicago gaels, Joe Begley, Harry Costello (a man for all seasons) they weathered a bad scene and in the spirit of the true gael their decisive action prevented a disaster. Beanact De ar an oibre a cairde gael.

## Our Sports Editor Receives Accolades

Sean Og O'Ceallachain, our well known sports editor, received well deserved accolades by Irish sports writer, Sean Creedon in the Irish Echo recently. He was praised for his long service to the GAA, starting with his late renowned father, broadcasting Irish sports Sunday results over RTE, over 53 years ago.

Sean was a star hurler with Dublin senior teams and played with such greats as Kevin Mat-



Ed McElroy, host of "Community In Focus" which airs weekly on Comcast Channel 19, had the opportunity to have Oak Lawn Mayor David Heilmann (left) on the program on August 8th, where he discussed current happenings within the village.

the Delaney family, all four of them. With Jim as a great full back that team went on to meet Roscommon in the semi-final but unfortunately lost by a disputed goal.

Had Laois won that game they would have played against Kerry in the final. But, it was not to be and Jim never won a place on a Kerry team and that was one of his big regrets.

However he had the great satisfaction of seeing his grandson star for the Kingdom. Pdraig Clancy was his pride and joy. Jim's wife died young leaving him to raise seven daughters which he did with great love and dedication. His passing at the great age of 86 was mourned by his legion of friends and gael's all over the world. He will be missed. Ardheis De go raibhn an aims. Deepest sympathy to the Dowd family in Chicago and to the Sayars family in Kerry and Laois.

### Benefit to Aid Medical Missionaries of Mary at Gaelic Park, Oct. 6th

A benefit to aid the many missions of the Medical Missionaries of Mary will be held at Chicago Gaelic Park on Friday night, October 6, starting at 7:00PM. Details later according to Chairman, Malachy Mannion.

The famed Medical Missionaries founded in Ireland in the 20's has now spread to countries all over the globe, including our own. Heroic women, far away from home and friends, bring the word of God plus medical help and aid to countless poor people along the way. These wonderful ladies are doing God's work most times under almost impossible difficulties and even the risk of bodily harm. They ask little of us except our prayers and a little financial help now and then. Don't forget the date, Friday, October 6th at Gaelic Park, where our good friends, Malachy and Marie Mannion, Martin and Mary Fahey and others will be waiting to greet us. For more information, Malachy Mannion can be reached at 1-630-243-8779.

### All-Ireland Hurling and Football Finals at Gaelic Park, this Month

September is the biggest month in the year for the Gaelic Athletic Association as gael's from all over the globe make their way to the Mecca of Croke Park in Dublin for the All-Ireland hurling and football finals. The huge sporting stadium recently renovated is one of the finest in the world and seats over 80,000 fans, at both finals. And no doubt if the stadium was huge enough tickets could

be sold for double that number, such is the excitement of these two big games for the blue ribbon titles and for possession, at least for one year, of the much coveted Liam McCarty and Sam McGuire prized cups and gold medals.

Two of the top teams in the country, Cork and Kilkenny will meet not only for the cups but also for bragging rights, in Cork's case—three wins in a row—or for Kilkenny, to hold the Leesiders to a two title lead as top hurling county in Ireland and indeed the gaelic world. Cork just beat Waterford in the semi-final by the slenderest of margins, 1-16 to 1-15 whilst Kilkenny also had to battle against a coming Clare team, 2-21 to 1-16. And so the stage is again set for old rivals Cork and Kilkenny.

What glorious memories the meeting of those two leaders of the Irish hurling world bring to mind. Over the years their meetings in All-Ireland finals have created legends for the Irish people having their pints at the bar, or sitting beside a cozy fire on a cold winter's night. They have broken records after records in establishing themselves as hurling kings. And no doubt this year's final will also be a nailbiter.

Both finals will be beamed live into Chicago Gaelic Park, the hurling on Sunday, September 3rd and the football on Sunday, September 17th. Both games start at 8:30AM (we are 6 hours behind Irish time). Harry Costello (the man for all seasons) and great Wicklow gael, Joe Begley, will have everything available and a hearty cead mile failte awaits each and every one of us. No gael can afford to miss either game, such is the thrills and excitement provided in both games.

In the football final, as we go to press several are still in contention so its impossible to predict the contenders. But from all accounts from Irish sports writers, the lads from the Kingdom of Kerry and the Dubs, are hot favourites to be the teams battling for the Sam Maguire Cup. Best of good luck to all four teams, of course only two can win. Hopefully that will be the better two. For more information, call Gaelic Park, 1-708-687-9323.

### Appeal to Aid Retired Christian Brothers

Those of us who attended Christian Brothers Schools either in Ireland or America will recall with great pride those happy days and the wonderful Christian Brothers and Lay teachers that helped in our growth and development. In my case it was a saintly Wattie O'Brien, Bro.

Bill Byrne, a powerful Tippearyman who loved the hurling game, Bro. McNamara and Nick Fogarty, Irish teacher. They inspired us not only educationally, but also spiritually. They also promoted our love of Ireland, its culture, games, language and the song and dance of the gael in a way that we could never forget.

Unfortunately, my time among them ended when I was 12 years old, as I accompanied my mother to Chicago after our father died. Be that as it was, I shall never forget those great Irishmen and shall ever be grateful to the men that taught me, to the ones that followed and to the equally great educators today who follow in the footsteps of this beloved Founder, Kilkennyman, Blessed Edmund Rice, who today teach students in over 30 countries throughout the world. Beannact De ar an oibre a cairde. (God bless your work).

A recent letter from Bro. Donald McGovern, Development Officer at Bro. Rice School in Chicago, reminds us of "The Brothers Retirement Fund" to aid those wonderful men when they retire. These men devoted their lives to educating the youth of the world and now in retirement depend upon us for the

humble comforts of retirement. We must not forget them. Please send your checks to Bro. Donald McGovern, P.O. Box. 42903 Evergreen Park, Illinois. 60805. Toll-free tel, 1-866-511-9079. Gut a mile mait agat. (Thank you).

### Thank You John Curran

Our sincere thanks to John Curran, Director, Bettenhausen Recreational Center, Tinley Park, Illinois, son of the late Sean Curran, well known Kerry gael and his charming wife, Peggy, who provided excellent facilities at this beautiful Center and Water Park, for our 35th annual Hennessy Clan Picnic recently. Ideal weather also helped and over a 100 members enjoyed the big event. Members travelled from four states, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The Clan has grown over the years and can trace its ancestry back to the late 1800's when members of the Clan arrived here and settled in New York and Chicago. Over 400 relatives have been traced and accounted for. Other annual events that the Clan participate in include a marching group and coach in the southside St. Patrick's Day parade and an annual Christmas dinner at Gaelic Park each

November. Members of the Clan have participated in every southside St. Patrick's Day parade since the start in 1953.

### Thank You Mary Laney

Well known Chicago Sun-Times columnist, Mary Laney commenting on the Mel Gibson incident recently said, "What do you call a large police vehicle that hauls away multiple people that police arrest? If you call it a 'Paddy Wagon' you are guilty of using a very prejudicial term".

She went on to explain how it got that name, during a period that the Irish were considered uneducated low-life. A period when they dug the Cal-Sag Channel, built the railroads, on little or no pay after their food and housing was deducted from their paychecks. The only recreation that they could afford was going to the tavern for a pint or two. They were considered to be drunks and when the police of those days called for a squadrol they named it the "Paddy Wagon" for the 'drunken Irishman'. It's time to call it a squadrol. Call it that or you will be insulting every American of Irish heritage". Thank you Mary Laney. I couldn't have said it better myself.

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# Swimming Upstream

By Charles Brady



## Beautiful St. Lucia

As regular readers of this column know, I wouldn't tend to have an overly high opinion of the behaviour of my fellow human beings much of the time. In fact, I've always rather liked the comment from Texan writer Robert E. Howard (1906-1936): "Barbarism is the natural state of mankind. Civilization is unnatural. It is a whim of circumstance. And barbarism will always ultimately triumph." Yes, it's a bleak view of the world; but as we emerge from the bloodiest century in human history and face a new one that isn't shaping up to be much better, Howard's pessimism doesn't seem too overdone.

In the New Ireland, meanwhile, people trample over each other as the urge to make more and more money at any cost takes over. We even have Bono—who has made a second career out of gouging tax dollars from whatever country he can—taking the fabulously wealthy U2 Corporation and leaving the country for Holland because of the cap that was put on artist's tax exemption. So it's left for the ordinary Joe to look after paying towards the cost of schools, the roads and the infrastructure. Yes, it would be fair to say that I'm cynical. And then you experience something that reminds you of the innate goodness in the human heart.

As I mentioned last month I have just returned from the West Indies.

Work has taken me all over the world in the past couple of years, but I can say with hand on heart that I have never visited a more achingly lovely island than that of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. I was privileged to stay in the wonderful Jalousie Plantation. Once the sight of an 18th century Sugar Mill Estate, it faces onto Eden Bay, sprawling between awesome twin peaks and backing onto a tropical rainforest. The resort is a series of villas, each with it's own pool and with beach and mountain views. I have seldom felt happier. I found myself looking at the sunsets and thinking that there is hope for this world yet.

This was reinforced by the relaxed beauty of the population, as happy and friendly people as one could ever hope to meet. As one of the hotel's staff put it: "When you're blessed you don't get stressed." The villas are for sale and anyone who wishes to invest in Paradise need look no farther.

Later we moved to the fabulous LeSport Resort in the north of the island where the same thing applied. I simply felt the pent-up feelings of the last hectic months drain away. But before this column turns into a holiday piece, to the point. Forty minutes drive from the resort we came to a small fishing village, quiet during the week but bursting into startling life at the weekend with an open air celebration of life known locally as Fish Friday. There is exuberant dancing in the

street, while everywhere there is fish being cooked right in front of you. There are large skips full of ice and beer, rum of course and I was amused to see young black men swaying to the music with bottles of Guinness in their hands. And I thought: Different people really can live together, given the right conditions. There was no sense at all of a distinction between the black and white cultures. These great people simply got on with life. I found the words to Bob Dylan's "Mozambique" going around in my head: "...the sunny sky is aqua blue/ it's very nice to spend a week or two/ ...and when it's time for leaving/ to say goodbye to sand and sea/ you turn around and take a final peek/ and you see where you want to be/ among the lovely people living free/ ...lovely people dancing cheek to cheek..." It's fair to say that I left this slice of Heaven that has fallen to the sea a less cynical man.

By the way, the tour operator is *Classic Custom Vacations* and the contact number is 1.800.544.2883.

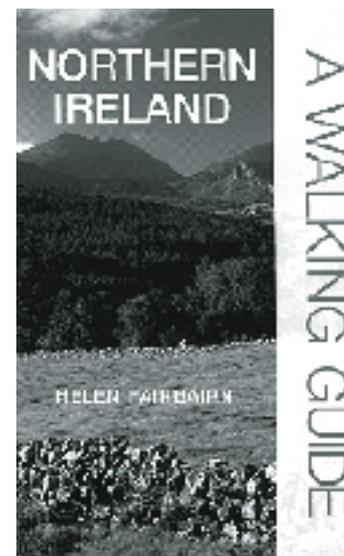
## Northern Ireland - A Walking Guide

by Helen Fairbairn

This is a guide to the best walking routes in Northern Ireland, from rugged mountain peaks to spectacular coastal scenery, from challenging hill walks to shorter woodland and waterside excursions. Every part of the region is covered, from the mountains of Mourne to the Giant's Causeway, from Fermanagh's 'lake district' to the rolling Sperrins.

Routes vary from two-hour strolls to eight-hour upland challenges, chosen for their quality, meaning only top-class walks are included.

This is the most comprehensive walking guide to Northern Ireland published for some time. A compact region with huge scenic variety, the province is ideal for walking yet has been largely overlooked. This authoritative guide changes that, using the author's enthusiasm and knowledge of Northern Ireland to introduce the best of the region to locals and visitors alike.



*Northern Ireland - A Walking Guide* by Helen Fairbairn. The Collins Press. Exclusively distributed in the US by Dufour Editions Inc.; Publication Date: September 20, 2006; (1-905172-21-4); \$19.95; 235 pages; info@dufourEditions.com.

## Harrington introduces 2007 Wilson Staff Di7 irons

Fresh off the links from the Medinah Country Club following the PGA Championship, Pdraig Harrington unveiled the next generation of equipment from Wilson Golf at the Glen Club in Glenview, Illinois on Monday, August 21st. Designed specifically for the mid to high handicap golfer, the Wilson Staff Di7 is the first and only game improvement iron to combine an optimum weighted, wide sole, cavity back head with a low torque wide tip shaft.

"I am excited to have unveiled the new Di7 irons and test them with the

media and golf partners first-hand," said Harrington.

"Coming off the spotlight of the PGA Championship, what better place to announce the new equipment for the 2007 season then right in Wilson's hometown of Chicago."

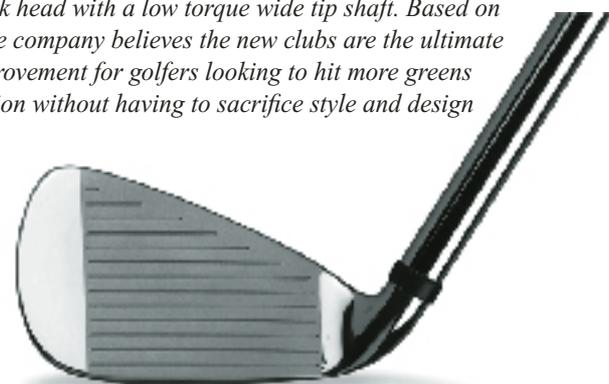
Following the presentation, Harrington conducted a Golf Clinic for

those in attendance. Harrington then hit the links with Wilson Golf's key retail golf partners and media to enjoy a round on Chicago's renowned, championship course, featuring beautiful hills and stunning vistas.



The Wilson Staff Di7 irons will be available in both left and right hand options in October 2006. Details of the clubs and the testing results can be found at [www.wilsonstaff.com](http://www.wilsonstaff.com)

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"The Di7 iron compliments our family of Wilson Staff irons perfectly, -from the classic Fi5 forged irons to the Pi5 performance irons used by Pdraig Harrington, to the more recent Ci6 control irons," said Tim Clarke, General Manager of Wilson Golf. "The addition of the new Di7 iron allows us to offer to-performing clubs to golfers of all abilities."

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# Sporting Log

By Sean  
Og. O Ceallachain



The GAA received another cash injection of 5 million euro last month when they staged the quarter finals and semi final of the football and hurling championship in the All-Ireland series. The combined attendances over the particular weekend broke the 150,000 barrier. With tickets priced between 20 and 35 euro and the sale of match programmes, the Association had no problem reaching the predicted 5 million euro target. The Dublin - Westmeath quarter final attracted 82,000 but the poor showing of the midlanders spoiled what really was a disastrous day for them. At no stage did they measure up to the Dublin challenge and spectators were leaving the park long before the finish. Indeed such was the dominance of Dublin, who led 1-10 to 0-2 at the interval, that they could afford to bring in five of their reserves during the second half.

Dublin have the largest football following in the country, wherever they play, and this helps to generate huge money for the GAA and the business people in the various towns. There is an unfortunate off-shoot to the major games involving Dublin at Croke Park. The Dublin fans like to visit the local pubs before match time and end up going late to the admission gates. The game listed to start at 4 pm had to be delayed for 15 minutes to allow fans to gain admission.

Croke Park officials are worried about this trend which could set a dangerous precedent for major matches involving Dublin in the future. When Dublin and Laois met in the Leinster senior football semi final the game had to be delayed for 15 minutes. The late comers know that if a big crowd arrives late the Gardai will ask that the starting time be delayed for security purposes. This practice is very unfair on the early comers

who arrive on time. They could miss trains to carry them home if the match starts later than the programme times.

The Gaelic Players Association, the Gardai and the GAA have to work together on this one, because if a trend develops whereby the start times of games is decided by the last supporter to leave the pub, there are chaotic days ahead. The Gardai must have some idea on how to address this problem; they can draw up a plan to prevent people congregating at the turnstiles at the same time.

It is hypocrisy of the highest order to pretend to be a loyal fan, but only when that final pint is finished. There is always the temptation to start the game on time and teach the latecomers a lesson.. But if, as happened on the Dublin-Laois occasion, there were 60,000 fans trying to get through the turnstiles in 30 minutes there is no option but to delay the throw in. After all, safety must come first.

There is good news for GAA clubs who are not at all pleased with the way valuable local county championship games suffer when the major qualifiers dominate the fixture programme. The Games Committee who arrange the major

games intend to streamline the football championship. They are considering the following suggestions: a later starting date; more games compressed into a shorter period of time; fewer All-Ireland qualifier rounds... are among the proposals. Running provincial championships on a round robin basis and scrapping the qualifiers altogether is another option.

However, it is unlikely that the review committee which was set up by Nicky Brennan when he took over as president last April, will attempt to put forward that latter proposal, as it would never get instant approval. The real purpose is to create more space for club activity in a hectic summer programme, something they believe can be achieved by not starting the championship until possibly the third weekend in May as opposed to the first Sunday which is currently the norm.

The various provincial championships would be run off quicker than previously. They will also consider ways of cutting the number of qualifier rounds from four to three in order to free up another weekend for the clubs. Naturally the qualifier system will be retained as it's seen as being a

massive success since being introduced in 2001. The committee are anxious to streamline it to create more opportunities for club activities. The Tommy Murphy Cup and the National leagues are also being reviewed. It's possible that the Leagues will revert to four Divisions of eight, based on rankings, although retaining the current 16 team first and second divisions remains on the agenda. However, once relegation and promotion were decided, the various groups would be decided by draws every year in order to increase promotional opportunities.

The final draft of proposals will be completed in the coming weeks and released in good time to allow counties debate them before considering them at a special congress in October. The Hurling Development Committee under the chairmanship of Kilkenny chairman Ned Quinn, are also reviewing structures and will be releasing their findings at the same time as the football committee.

The Laois County Board are looking for another hurling manager. It was decided not to re-appoint the present official Dinny Cahill of Tipperary whose term of office has expired.

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# Word With Father Boland

*The Voice of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago* Administrator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago



“The hope and privilege of New Hope is to walk with people at this stage in their lives when they are beginning to transform themselves – and their journey takes tremendous courage, discipline and stamina!”

This is how Eileen Higgins, director of Catholic Charities’ New Hope Apartments, describes the mission of this remarkable self-sufficiency program that restores permanent housing, financial independence, family stability and human dignity to 175 families each year in Chicago and the suburbs. On the first Saturday in August, 170 New Hope parents and children gathered in the St. Rene Goupil Parish Hall on Chicago’s Southwest Side to celebrate their “Success Day” and the graduation of 14 women from poverty into independence.

Olivia, a graduate of New Hope Apartments, expressed the spirit of the day in her heartfelt talk to the group: “Thank you, Catholic Charities! I have a second chance and a

new beginning. You have made a difference in my life. I was an adult with overwhelming debt, no savings and no home, and in a treacherous downward spiral.” Thankfully, hope was on the way. “At a desperate time in my life, the Catholic Charities New Hope Apartments program was my lifeline.”

Olivia praised the Catholic Charities’ New Hope case managers who walk with each client for providing “a great support system”, helping her to find housing and offering useful information and guidance. With the help of her “exceptional” case worker, she learned how to “create a budget and save, reverse my bad credit, and deal with my student loans.”

It was during a domestic violence workshop, however, that she had a major awakening, realizing that her negative choices and behaviors were the result of the environment she had experienced as a child and young adult. She is resolved not to pass that legacy on to her children. With inten-

sive help from her Catholic Charities case workers, and enormous effort on her part, Olivia has achieved a sense of pride, self-worth and dignity that she has never known.

Two years ago, Donna, another graduate, was the homeless young mother of a new baby who had special needs. She thanked God and an array of Catholic Charities case managers for giving her the strength and support to change her life for the better. Donna recounted how her case worker brought her to her first apartment and then gave her a box of food. In addition to monitoring her monthly savings plan and walking with her through a domestic violence program, her case worker arranged for her entry into a job readiness program, offered ongoing support as she went through training, and upon her successful completion of the program, presented her with a gift of new work shoes as she began her first job as a CNA (certified nursing assistant).

Donna also thanked her Catholic Charities’ family therapist and counselor who made sure she kept her meeting schedules, and the case workers who encouraged her to pursue a degree, helped her find another apartment and did well-being checks on her and her child.

Housing, food, work, shoes, education, respect... the simplest, most necessary things that so many of us take for granted were gifts that brought grateful tears to Donna’s eyes.

With a lot of compassionate professional help, Donna has indeed moved on from hopelessness to success. As she summed up her experience on Success Day: “I have new hope and a new attitude! I am a working citizen with my own place, and I am feeling more established every day!”

Similar stories are repeated all year throughout Catholic Charities’ numerous long-term self-sufficiency programs for thousands of formerly homeless families. They include the award-winning Family Self-Sufficiency program in Lake County for 188 families blessed with 424 children; Forever Free, a residential program for women in recovery and their children; Cooke’s Manor Hines for veterans in recovery; four family homeless shelters; the St. Leo’s Campus for homeless veterans; and the new Streets to Home program for

people living on the street.

In fact, every one of Catholic Charities’ 168 programs that help the poor and vulnerable—seniors, families, children, the hungry or those in danger of homelessness—is designed to put each family and individual on the road to self-sufficiency.

The homeless families and individuals who come to us are strong – but when weighed down by debt, domestic violence, homelessness, illness or family crisis, they don’t feel their own strength. But we see their strength and their future and say to each person and family looking for the road out of homelessness and helplessness: “You can do it! We’ll show you the way!”

Catholic Charities’ mission is to reach out with faith in those we help, offering them the hope and the tools to build a future rich in worthwhile work, healthy family relationships and the dignity that is theirs as children of God. Please keep these courageous families in your prayers. May God bless you and your families.



Barack Obama spoke at the FOP convention recently. Pictured are (left to right) Mark Donahue, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7; Senator Barack Obama and Bill Dougherty, 1st Vice President of Lodge #7.

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Charles, Lara, Alice, and Tanya Sheehan, with Jack Hartman.

### Goodbye Irish Consul General Charles Sheehan and family

*A number of parties were held in honor of the popular Irish Consul General, Charles Sheehan. Some of the folks who wished him well are on this and the following page.*



Natalie Gordela, Charles Sheehan, and John O'Hara.



James Sweaney, Charles Sheehan, and Sean Sweaney.

*The Sheehans travel back to live in Dublin, but with the many friends they have made in Chicago, we expect we will see them again!*



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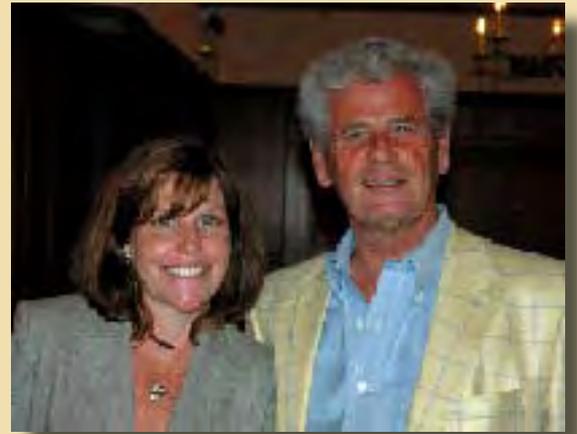
*O'Brien's Restaurant, Lizzy McNeill's, and the Irish American Heritage Center were among the venues we covered.*



*Kathy Taylor, Charles, Maureen Connors and Jack Hartman*



*Jennifer Tremblay and Charles*



*Rose Dougherty and Larry O'Brien*



*Kevin Coleman, Dan Ryan, Charles, Rose Dougherty and Jack Kane*



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*Lorretta Manton, Alice Sheehan, Marie McKown, Joanne Hogg and Pat Neary*

## Setanta Sports announces schedule of English Premier League matches through October 2006

*With more than 90 EPL matches for the season, Setanta Sports to telecast additional live matches from the world's most prestigious soccer league*

Setanta Sports has finalized its August through October schedule of Barclays English Premier League matches that will air live on the network starting August 19.

In the first ten weeks of the season, Setanta will telecast some of the League's biggest games including Chelsea v Liverpool, Manchester United v Liverpool, Manchester United v Newcastle United and Arsenal v Everton. The EPL season continues through May and Setanta Sports will announce matches for the rest of the season shortly.

Setanta Sports is a pay network available on DirecTV (Channel 615) and GlobeCast WorldTV. Setanta Sports is offering additional, select EPL games LIVE on DirecTV Channel 670 (noted with asterisks below\*\*). These matches are available free of charge to Setanta Sports subscribers on DirecTV only.

### Schedule

*All times ET; schedule subject to change; check listings at [www.setanta.com](http://www.setanta.com) for primetime repeats*

Sat., 8/19, 7:30 am	Sheffield United v Liverpool LIVE
Sat., 8/19, 9:30 am	Arsenal v Aston Villa LIVE
Sat., 8/19, 2:30 pm	West Ham v Charlton Same day delay
Sun., 8/20, 8:30 am	Manchester United v Fulham LIVE
Tues., 8/22 3:00 pm	Tottenham Hotspur v Sheffield United LIVE
Wed., 8/23, 3:00 pm	Charlton v Manchester United LIVE
Sat., 8/26, 7:30 am	Liverpool v West Ham United LIVE
Sat., 8/26, 10:00 am	Wafford v Manchester United LIVE
Sat., 8/26, 5:00 pm	Charlton v Bolton Wanderers Same day delay
Sun., 8/27, 9:00 am	Aston Villa v Newcastle United LIVE
Sat., 9/9, 7:30 am	Everton v Liverpool LIVE
Sat., 9/9, 10:00 am	Chelsea v Charlton Athletic LIVE
Sat., 9/9 4:00 pm	Newcastle United v Fulham Same day delay
Sat., 9/16, 7:30am	Charlton Athletic v Portsmouth LIVE
Sat., 9/16, 9:30 am	Everton v Wigan LIVE
Sat., 9/16, 10:00 am**	Sheffield United v Reading LIVE**
Sun., 9/17, 8:30 am	Chelsea v Liverpool LIVE
Wed., 9/20, 3:00 pm	Liverpool v Newcastle United LIVE
Sat., 9/23, 7:30 am	Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur LIVE
Sat., 9/23, 10:00 am	Fulham v Chelsea LIVE
Sat., 9/23,, 10:00 am**	Manchester City v West Ham LIVE**
Sat., 9/30, 7:30 am	Bolton Wanderers v Liverpool LIVE
Sat., 9/30, 10:00 am	Manchester United v Newcastle United LIVE
Sat., 9/30, 10:00 am**	Charlton Athletic v Arsenal LIVE**
Sun., 10/1, KO 9:00 am	West Ham United v Reading LIVE
Sat., 10/14, KO 7:30 am	Wigan Athletic v Manchester United LIVE
Sat., 10/14, KO 10:00 am	Liverpool v Blackburn Rovers LIVE
Sat., 10/14, KO 10:00 am**	Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur LIVE**
Sat., 10/21, KO 8:00 am	Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham LIVE
Sat., 10/21, KO 8:00 am**	Wigan v Manchester City LIVE**
Sat., 10/21, KO 10:00 am	Middlesborough v Newcastle United LIVE
Sun., 10/22, KO 8:00 am	Manchester United v Liverpool LIVE
Sat., 10/28 KO 7:30 am	Sheffield United v Chelsea LIVE
Sat., 10/28, KO 10:00 am	Bolton v Manchester United LIVE
Sat., 10/28, KO 10:00 am**	Arsenal v Everton LIVE**

*\*\*Additional live matches available on DirecTV Channel 670, for Setanta Sports subscribers only.*

*Additional programming information for the Barclays English Premier League games and other top soccer and rugby airing live on Setanta Sports is available at [www.setanta.com](http://www.setanta.com).*

## Youth GAA Championships

The Irish Cultural Centre of New England, near Boston, was host to the Gaelic Athletic Association's Continental Youth Championships in July, 2006. Twenty clubs from ten cities sent over 80 teams, and more than 200 matches were held on the Centre's seven pitches.

Several football teams and a hurling team were sent to the competition

by the Chicago Youth Gaelic Football Club. Its Under-8 football team, coached by Brendan Gallagher, was victorious.

Club Secretary Mary Ruane, who is also a member of the O'Neills Continental Youth Championship Steering Committee, stated: "We are very proud of all our players, especially our Under-8 and Under-16

champions and our new Under-12 hurling team. I'd like to thank all our coaches for their tireless efforts, and our friendly rivals to the north (Chicago Celtic Youth) for some great competition. With the help of President James Staunton, the rest of our Board, and all the families involved, we had a great 2006 season. We look forward to hosting next year's Continental Youth Championships at Chicago Gaelic Park."



*Chicago's Under-16 Gaelic Football players were winners at the GAA Continental Youth Championships in Boston in July. The team, pictured here with coaches Peadar Hurley, Tom Ennis and Maria Moloney, included players from both the Chicago Youth (South Side) and Chicago Celtic Youth (North Side) clubs.*

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## De La Salle Names Tom Combes Head Varsity Wrestling Coach

De La Salle Institute proudly announced that Tom Combes has been named its new head varsity wrestling coach.

Combes, a 1994 De La Salle graduate, has spent the last seven seasons as an assistant wrestling coach.

Combes' name is prominently displayed among those on the Wall of Fame in the De La Salle wrestling room. He holds the distinction of being one of the Meteors' two double medalists in the IHSAA individual wrestling tournament.

In 1993, Combes finished second at 119 pounds in the Class AA tournament. The following year, he placed fourth at 125 in Class AA.

Along with his wrestling duties, Combes will remain the head coach of De La Salle's varsity softball team. This spring, Combes guided the Meteors to an 18-13 overall record, as well as their first-ever regional championship.

"As a former De La Salle student-athlete, I am really looking forward to guiding our wrestling



Tom Combes

program and participating in one of the state's elite wrestling conferences in the Chicago Catholic League," Combes said. "De La Salle has tremendous facilities, the educational aspects of the Institute are outstanding and there is great support for the program from alumni, administration and parents. "I believe there is great potential for the success of De La Salle's wrestling program."

## Interactive Television Networks, Inc. to launch Setanta Sports

### Partnership with Setanta Sports Delivers Live International Soccer and Rugby to ITVN Subscribers Nationwide

Interactive Television Networks, Inc. announced recently the addition of an extensive lineup of popular European soccer and rugby programming from Setanta Sports. Setanta Sports is dedicated to live European soccer as well as the best of worldwide rugby.

"As ABC News reports, this year's World Cup viewership increased 65% as compared to the 2002 World Cup," said Charles Prast, CEO of ITVN. "Throughout the US, the popularity of soccer, rugby and other sports available on the Setanta Sports channel is growing. The availability of Setanta Sports on ITVN's award-winning service will increase the awareness of ITVN within a large and growing market of international sports enthusiasts."

Setanta Sports' programming features no less than 1,000 top-quality, live and short delay sports productions including more than 90 live matches this season from the Barclays English Premier League, the world's most prestigious soccer league, starting August 19, 2006. The network also telecasts the Euro 2008 qualifying matches; the UEFA Cup, the secondary, Europe-

wide knock-out competition for Club sides; The Coca-Cola Cup; The French and Dutch national soccer leagues; and exclusive programming from Manchester United Television and Chelsea Television. Setanta Sports also has extensive rugby coverage, including Six Nations, Tri-Nations, Super 14 and others to be announced shortly.

Setanta Sports is available to ITVN subscribers at \$14.95 per month. Subscribers receive a free ITVN set-top box with a 12-month commitment to Setanta Sports.

"The network is designed primarily, but not exclusively, for European expatriates living in the U.S. and those of European ancestry whose passion for popular national sports keep them connected to their country of origin," said Simon Green, Chief Executive, Setanta Sports North America. "With the growing interest in soccer in the U.S., Setanta Sports is confident it's European-style, on-air presentation and programming line-up will appeal to these new soccer fans, from all walks of life."

For more information contact [www.setanta.com/usa](http://www.setanta.com/usa).

## Hurling, Football Finals crown new champions at Gaelic Park

By Pat Hennessy

Harry Boland hurlers and Wolf Tone's footballers dethroned champions CuCuchlainns and St. Brendan's in thrilling hurling and football finals at Chicago Gaelic Park last Sunday. Other winners include Parnell's, last year's champions over old rivals, St. Brendan's, in Junior A football. St. Bridget, last year's Ladies football winners repeated their conquest of Erin's Rovers. Other teams representing Chicago and Philadelphia over Labor Day weekend include Junior hurling champions, St. Mary's, and a Juvenile all-star squad. We wish them all a great weekend and hope they bring back a few national championships to Chicago Gaelic Park.

The hurling final between old rivals Harry Boland's and Champions CuCuchlainns produced some brilliant and fast

moving caman craft with both teams holding their own in see-saw scoring by Kilkenny men, Nick Grace for Boland's and his comrade from the Marble City, T. Buggy for the champions. At the half way stage it was anyone's game and the crowd anxiously awaited the second half.

The second half started off in the same manner as the first and it looked a nail biter finish until the Boland's with stars, Grace, Edna Ryan, leading the pack. Gradually the pressure on the champions was too much and the Boland's went on to a comfortable win in the finish. They meet either Fr. Toms or Wexford from Boston in the American final. For the champions, Cashman, Cohen and star Buggy were outstanding.

In the senior football play-off Wolfe's and St. Brendan's

exchanges were about even in the first half with Geraghty, Lennon and Hafferman for Tone's and Graven, Fenton and Buckley, for the champions outstanding. It was another thrilling see-saw scoring game after the interval until Wolf Tone's kicked into high gear and won pulling up in the end.

The largest crowd of the year witnessed the all-star program and certainly got good value for their money. Ideal weather added to the excitement of the day for all supporters who enjoyed some thrilling action seeing Ireland's national games hurling and football played by all-stars.

Our thanks to Eamon Kelly, former American Board Pro for supplying the results. This was the first final games I have missed since 1950, the year the Chicago GAA was reactivated.

## 17th Annual IAHC Golf Open

The 17th Annual Irish American Heritage Center Golf Open will be held September 9, 2006 at the Fresh Meadow Golf Course, 2144 S. Wolf Rd. (22nd and Wolf Rd.) in Hillside, Illinois. The event starts at 12 pm and the \$100 fee includes lunch and dinner at the course, green fees, golf cart, and open

bar. Prizes will be awarded for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and a \$10,000 Hole-In-One prize. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Irish American Heritage Center.

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Patrick Harstad, grandson of Pat Hennessy, in full Kilkenny black & amber colors, will cheer on Kilkenny in the All Ireland Hurling Final Sept. 3, 2006.

## Hubbard Street Dance Chicago warmly welcomed for its Ireland debut at Galway Arts Festival

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC), the internationally acclaimed contemporary dance company, made its debut in Ireland with five performances at the prestigious Galway Arts Festival in July.

Earlier this season, the festival's artistic director, Paul Fahy, contacted HSDC Executive Director Gail Kalver to inquire whether the company planned to be in Europe during the summer. The company already was booked for two performances at the Sintra Festival in Portugal. At that point, Fahy, who knew Hubbard Street from its international reputation, agreed to meet Kalver in Purchase, New York to see a performance by the company. That performance convinced Fahy to invite the company to participate in the 2006 festival.

Artistic Director Jim Vincent was pleased to offer festival audiences "one of their own" with Irish choreographer Marguerite Donlon's *Strokes Through The Tail*, a work she created for HSDC that combines virtuosic

dancing with a delightful hint of irreverence, set to Mozart's Symphony No. 40. For the remainder of the program, Vincent chose works that represented HSDC's repertoire of today's leading contemporary choreographers and showcased the talents of the dancers: American choreographer Susan Marshall's soaring, provocative duet *Kiss*, set to music by Arvo Pärt; *Gnawa*, created for HSDC by Spanish choreographer Nacho Duato, which combines the spirituality and rhythms of the Mediterranean to a score of Spanish and North African sounds; and Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin's *Minus 16*, a clever and humorous full-company piece that breaks down the barrier between audience and performer, set to music ranging from Dean Martin to cha-cha, mambo, techno and traditional Israeli music. "The programme exemplifies Hubbard Street's eclectic repertoire and how the company draws inspiration from disparate sources," wrote The Sunday Times.

Galway Arts Festival Artistic Director Paul Fahy commented, "Hubbard Street Dance was one of the runaway successes of Galway Arts Festival 2006 with performances sold out in advance of their opening. With standing ovations following each performance and huge media critical acclaim, Hubbard Street tickets were the hottest in town. We look forward very much to welcoming the company back to Ireland again."

The critics responded with equal enthusiasm. "It is a show that defines itself through its performers' prodigious physical skills, hard work and sheer talent and it is one that reveals the unwritten Arts Festival avowal to bring the very best of the world's artistic practitioners to Galway," wrote the Galway Independent. The company "ensures that contemporary dance, when done with such verve and artistry, is uplifting, engaging and enormously popular." Wrote The Irish Independent, "the energy and exuberance were overwhelming, the solo performances were dazzling, and

the sheer imagination and brio were irresistible." And the Irish Times described the program as "rigorous and very satisfying."

Chicagoans should be proud that HSDC represents our city—and our country—with such artistic grace and athletic prowess.



Hubbard Street Dance Company's performance of Irish choreographer Marguerite Donlon's *Strokes Through The Tail*

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# For The Republic

By Chris Fogarty



**Michael McKeivitt** languishes in Portlaoise Prison, sentenced to 20 years by his own, Irish, gov't. The miscarriage's initiators, MI5/FBI specialists in perjury and evidence fabrication, achieved against McKeivitt in Ireland what they failed at against us in Chicago. The difference is that Chicago's federal judiciary, despite its reputation for siding with power more than with evidence, proved less corrupt than the juryless Dublin court that convicted McKeivitt. Shocked by the injustice inflicted upon McKeivitt, people everywhere are beginning to demand justice for him. Among the justice-seekers is a sublimely good and courageous man, one of the main consciences of Ireland, Fr. Desmond Wilson of Belfast. In [www.michaelmckeivitt.com](http://www.michaelmckeivitt.com), Fr. Wilson writes:

*"Reasonable people will read this account of what is happening to Michael McKeivitt with a mixture of sadness and anger. People who value good legal systems and appreciate the courage of those who struggled to create them will read it with deep disappointment as well.*

*The treatment and trial of Michael McKeivitt will outrage all of them. Some of us who attended the Green St. court (Mary and I also attended it; in the self-same courtroom where Robert Emmet, "the darling of Erin," was sentenced to death nearly exactly 200 years earlier) any time during the hearing of his trial will always remember the grip of cold fear we felt at how similar this trial was to what we had read about years ago, the show trial of the dictatorships.*

*Bringing in a witness who admitted he was motivated by money, opening the court to free passage of police and (foreign) government agents, and the complacency of judges and state lawyers created the clear presumption that the safety of the state is more important than justice for the individual. We had heard it all before. In the past, however, news media and church and universities and all kinds of people had condemned what was happening in those countries which they described as under dictatorship or communist rule. Now we are witnessing in our own people's courts the misuse of a system which we believed was so superior, so basically just, presided over by people of such integrity that it would always be found better to set the guilty free than to convict even one innocent. This trial has been one of the most frightening and revealing of the past forty years in Ireland's*

*courts, north and south.*

*The case of Michael McKeivitt must go to the European courts and when it does our fellow Europeans may well be shocked. We who are already shocked need not feel helpless. Michael McKeivitt and his family need our help and that help should be given for the sake of justice for all of us. In no circumstances must we allow political needs to dictate how our courts will work. And if there is one prisoner unfairly treated then every one of us should feel honoured to make justice rather than political opinion prevail. If any prisoner needs help we are bound and privileged to give it.*

*Please read this document. Please do what you can to make clear that the safety of the state can never be served by the persecution of even one of its citizens. Desmond Wilson"*

The document that Fr. Wilson refers to is almost certainly a booklet that recounts key elements of McKeivitt's trial. It is accessible at the above web site. Or ring me (312) 664-7651 for a photocopy of it.

**The Big Lie Era.** The news media played a key role in the framing of McKeivitt. They had set the stage for it by parroting Brit psy-ops lies for the previous 38 years about "IRA terrorism" while covering up the homicide data that prove that by a margin of 8 to 1 the Brits are the actual terrorists. Now, the US news media provide abundant airtime and ink to "experts" who call for the Bush/Blair/Zionists to control Arab nations more efficiently by emulating the British tactics of Occupied Ireland. They make it seem that, in contrast to the Bush/Blair/Olmert mass bombings, Britain managed to re-secure its occupation of the Six Counties by "more civilized means." These "experts" are all over TV these days; telling the world how Britain defeated the "terrorist IRA." This; despite the indisputable data on political murders which prove that it was by terror that Britain succeeded in thwarting democracy in Occupied Ireland. Those promoting the Brit line on how to grab and hold colonies also lie as to the tactics Britain actually used in Ireland. I don't offer mere opinion but direct you to the military manual that set British policy there.

**Low-intensity Operations** by Brit Gen. Frank Kitson is that manual. It was while brutally suppressing democracy in places such as Malaysia, Brunei, Oman and Africa that Kitson developed its theses. Seeing that all of those British colonies became free

despite British (including Kitson's) crimes, his book evidently promotes changed tactics seeing that it later worked brilliantly in reestablishing British control over the occupied Irish. The manual calls for fewer mass military engagements. Thus, while maintaining a military presence on the streets of Occupied Ireland, the Brits switched to covert death squad operations to more effectively terrorize the people. It also refined its torture methods to result in fewer deaths and physical mutilations (though it still resulted in making Britain Europe's most-convicted Torture State). Some if not all of those new torture practices were demonstrated and taught at our School of the Americas in Ft. Benning, GA for use throughout Central and South America and, later, throughout our international torture Gulag. But the manual's main thesis amounted to a direct assault on democracy's foundations. It called for (and the Brits pulled it off) the subversion and harnessing for military purposes of four vital elements of civilization; 1) the news media, 2) the police, 3) the judicial system, and 4) the Church.

1) **The News Media** There must have been a mass purging of truth-telling reporters and editors as, despite the actual murder data, "IRA terrorists" became a media shibboleth. It is a mystery how the Brits got our US news media, without a notable exception, to spread that brazen falsehood and to cover up the actual data. As the news media in Occupied Ireland had always supported British power, Kitson's manual did little additional damage there. It was in Ireland and the US that Kitson's policy of news falsification re: Ireland was most effective. Until then, many of us had believed that Ireland's largely State-controlled news media would never harm its own people by acting as conduits for Brit propaganda. And millions of us had, until then, seen the US news media as liberty's sentries.

2) **The Police** The Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC, now PSNI) had always been Britain's chief weapon against the Occupied Irish. But upon official incorporation of Kitson's manual, many RUC officers became members of his death squads. Obviously, none of these hundreds of murders have ever been prosecuted.

3) **The Judicial System** in occupied Ireland had always been corrupt; but upon incorporation of Kitson's manual by the State, jury trials for republicans were abolished. So-called Diplock courts were established in which verdicts were rendered by 3-judge panels using fabricated evidence and paid perjurers (called "grasses" and "supergrasses").

4) **The Church** in Occupied Ire-

land, excepting a minority of priests and nuns, has tended to acquiesce to British power, even to the murder of their parishioners by British troops. (Odd, that while Britain remains stuck in squalid monarchy its Protestant sects are, except the State church, republican in structure; while the more politically-advanced Irish, fully republican, adhere to the Catholic Church despite its monarchical structure and outlook.) It is unknown whether Kitson's manual was the cause, but some (or many) Catholic priests began to publicly spread Brit propaganda. For example, two Belfast clergymen visited Chicago. Fr. Tom Toner and a Protestant minister; with the former playing lackey to the latter. Fr. Toner spread Britain's lie of exclusive "IRA terrorism" from the altars of Holy Name cathedral and Fourth Presbyterian church and from a well-promoted event in the basement of the Episcopalian cathedral. (We sent a tape of that event to Belfast groups who thus learned what Toner was spreading about them. Also from Belfast came Messrs. Canavan and Dallat, one a priest, who uttered the same lie over radio WBEZ. More came to hearings in the Illinois and Chicago legislatures where they spoke, like the Brits, against enactment of the MacBride Principles for Fair Employment in Northern Ireland. We, Irish-America, won; the Brits lost.

**Thus, all four,** the news media, the police, the judicial system and the Church became the Crown tools designated by General Kitson. His plan for all four institutions promptly succeeded in Occupied Ireland but who would have foreseen his corruption of the Irish and U.S. news media? How did he accomplish it? And, despite Brit success in "flipping" Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness (with the help of Fr. Alex Reid), would it still have kept its grip on the Six Counties had the Irish and U.S. news media not disseminated the "IRA Terrorism" lie? And, seeing that the actual data on political murders show that the Brits are the terrorists by a margin of 8 to 1, how did Kitson and the Brits manage to keep every newsroom in the US and Ireland from publishing that crucial data? (See my undisputed [www.terrorismireland.org](http://www.terrorismireland.org).)

**Let's always remember** that throughout these years there were many honest and courageous individuals and groups, true patriots, bearing honest witness. Though blacked out by the news media they were, and are, active in Ireland, the U.S., and everywhere, including British military men who refused orders to murder Irish innocents. The Crown persecuted its honorable soldiers and murdered some Irish

truth-tellers and falsely imprisoned many more. Spokesperson Bernadette D. McAlesky, at home in bed at night, was shot some eight times, and her husband, six, by Brit agents who had invaded their home intent upon silencing them forever.

**Reason for hope.** "All Lies, All The Time" could well be the new motto of much of our news media. They have fully adopted Britain's policy of deception. It is a measure of their success that some thirty percent of Americans still believe that Saddam Hussein was involved in 9/11, and some forty percent believe that his WMDs threatened us. But here is why we can be hopeful: polls show that even the most deceived Americans, Fox TV viewers, while rating Bush slightly higher than those who get their news elsewhere, ride the fluctuating general rating. This is important, perhaps crucial for the survival of our nation. While all of Fox's show hosts spin for Bush & Co., they have failed to deceive most Fox TV viewers about him. Fox televiewers are evidently getting info from other sources such as relatives and friends serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. CNN is only slightly more truthful than Fox. But let's focus upon the main disseminator of truthful news on TV, as follows:..

**"Democracy Now!"** is on Chicago cable Channel 19 from 7 to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Amy Goodman, its host, doesn't opine, but presents the news that the rest of the media cover up or twist. Suburbanites, if it is not available on your TV, you can lobby TV networks to provide it, or access it at [democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org). One is forced to admit that, after Democracy Now, the remotely next best news source is BBC. Though BBC is Brit State TV with all the negatives that implies, it is a measure of the drastic degradation of U.S. TV news companies that BBC is relatively truthful. It spreads lies for Britain, but is less careful re: Bush's policies. Meanwhile, it is uplifting to learn that college students tend to favor TV's Jon Stewart and Steve Colbert. These aren't news sources but they use comedy to expose false news and the pomposity of its spreaders.

**Patriots unite!** Let's fulfill our civic duties, let's stop Bush & Co's deadly misuse of the lives of America's poor in Iraq, 2,607 to date. Let's stop Bush & Co's murdering of Iraqis in our names, more than 200,000 to date. Let's stop the daily waste of \$250 million of our taxes; totaling \$315 billion to date in Iraq alone. The reason we were attacked on 9/11? Bush says it's because of our freedoms while Osama says it's because of our then-murderous sanctions against Iraq, our bases on Saudi

## Celtic Women International Chicago Branch

Celtic Women International is a world-wide non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing the contributions that Celtic Women have made to the world. Membership provides an opportunity to share in CWI's mission - to honour, celebrate and promote Celtic women and their heritage. Anyone who supports the CWI mission is eligible to apply for membership.

CWI is the first women's group in the USA to have its own tartan, designed by Marjorie Warren of Thistle Studios and Lochcarran. It is registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority. The underlying background colors of the tartan are lavender and black, the colors of Celtic Women International. Four other colors are taken from the flags of the seven Celtic nations - red, white, green and blue.

The seven Celtic nations, linked by common history, culture and above all, language, are: Brittany, Cornwall, Galicia, Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland, and Wales.

CWI's Chicago Branch holds "Third

Tuesday" meetings running from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, in the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL. All meetings feature plenty of time to socialize and network with other Celtic women, along with a formal program. All are welcome.

The Chicago Branch of CWI will kickoff its third year on Tuesday, September 19th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Center with a program on Northern Ireland. Andrew J. Wilson, historian from Loyola University Chicago, will discuss President Bill Clinton's role in the Northern Ireland peace process, the subject of his latest book. He will examine interpretations of why Clinton got involved and the impact of his interventions at various stages of the peace process. Wilson will also briefly discuss women's roles in the peace process, and will head a brief (but probably intense) question and answer session.

American involvement in the Northern Irish peace process is not a new topic for Wilson. He has published numerous articles on American-Irish

and Irish immigrant involvement in the peace process in a number of journals, including *Eire-Ireland*, *The Recorder*, and *The Irish Review*. His book *Irish America and the Ulster Conflict, 1968-1995* has been described as comprehensive, extremely objective, telling the complex, fascinating story of Irish America's longtime role in the Ulster crisis. In a postscript to the book, Wilson examined the Clinton administration's involvement in Ulster, and his subsequent research has led to his latest book specifically on Clinton's role. Andy Wilson, Historian, will present a program on women's roles in Northern Ireland.

Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17 - Join us at our booth at the Chicago Celtic Festival in Grant Park. Tuesday, October 17 - Theresa Choske, President of the IAHC Poetry Club, will present a fine arts program on Irish artist Sarah Purser. Tuesday, November 21 - The annual CWI holiday party kickoff featuring Celtic holiday traditions, baking, and music. [www.celticwomen.org](http://www.celticwomen.org).

### *For the Republic ... cont'd.*

soil, and above all our complicity in Israel's genocide of the Palestinians. We are now out of Saudi-Arabia and we have ended our blockade of food and medicine to Iraq. Is it permanent U.S. policy to spend lives and money so disastrously and to continue shocking the world's consciences merely to continue abetting and funding Israel's "final solution" of the Palestinians? We justice-seekers are not alone. The Law is beginning to assert itself. The Supreme Court has rejected torture by rejecting the notion that our naval station in Guantánamo Bay (above which flies Old Glory) is a legal black hole where official crime has impunity. (Let us never forget that had Bush appointed just one more Supreme Court justice, torture could have become the law of the land, *in America!*). Also, a federal judge has declared Bush & Co's policy of unauthorized wiretaps unconstitutional. The Dems are little better - both parties have been bought by AIPAC, the Israeli lobby. Nevertheless, we must play our parts. Phone Sen. Durbin (312/353-4952) and Sen. Obama (312/886-3506) and your congressman. Ask them courteously to undo the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq, to stop funding Israel's genocide of the Palestinians, to stop taking AIPAC money, to block Bush's planned war against Iran and Syria, to stop the torture and the illegal wiretapping and to stop sinking America into bankruptcy. Tell me the responses. Phone me at 312/664-7651. Corrections of fact are always welcome and appreciated.



*Paraic Hayes, Raelene McAteer, Fergus McMahon, and Conor Cuneen on hand at Lizzy McNeill's to say goodbye to Irish Consul General Sheehan. (See pictures on pages 45 & 46).*



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## Irish ensemble Gráda touring U.S.

Innovative young Irish ensemble Gráda have embarked on a tour of the US through September 23rd. They'll be playing at Ballydoyle Pub in Downers Grove on Sunday, September 10th, 2006.

Gráda is a band poised at the brink of international recognition for their multi-faceted take on traditional Celtic music. Taking their influences from Irish, Breton, eastern European and other diverse regional styles, Gráda compliment their instrumental virtuosity with an elegant, timeless vocal style. They're a breath of fresh air blowing through contemporary Irish folk.

Now well established in Irish music circles, Gráda - both collectively and individually - continue to win new fans via an intense concert schedule and numerous appearances as sidemen. Flautist Alan Doherty is now being widely heralded for his solo performance on the film score of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Between them they have played with such a diverse range of performers as Damien Dempsey, Louis Stewart, Damien Rice, Bill Whelan and Coldplay's lead singer, Chris Martin.

In addition to traditional songs and tunes, their album *The Landing Step* boasts material drawn from Emily Saliers, Oscar Wilde, Linda Thompson, and New Zealand songwriter Greg Johnson. Don't miss the arrival of one of the hottest up-and-coming bands Ireland has to offer. Remaining Tour Dates:

- 9.7.06 / Ann Arbor, MI / The Ark
- 9.8.06 / Remus, MI / Wheatland Music Festival
- 9.9.06 / Remus, MI / Wheatland Music Festival
- 9.10.06 / Downer's Grove (Chicago) / Ballydoyle Pub
- 9.13.06 / Kennett Square, PA / Green Willow Concerts
- 9.14.06 / Sykesville, MD / Baldwin's Station
- 9.15.06 / Cuyahoga, OH / Cuyahoga National Park
- 9.16.06 / Charleston, WV / Cultural Center Theater
- 9.20.06 / Traverse City, MI / Union St Station
- 9.22.06 / Kenosha, WI / University Of Wisconsin
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## Galway Tribes Oyster & Music Fest Sept., 15-17

Oyster Fest entrants will compete against the clock to see how many oysters they can suck down in a 2 minute time period. There will be prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Those interested in entering this competition, can register online ([www.thegalwaytribes.com](http://www.thegalwaytribes.com)) and filling out the "Enter the Oyster Eating Contest" form.

What's the record? Two US record holders sucked and slurped down 99 oysters in 90 seconds and 124 oysters in 2 minutes, respectively. The world record is: 432 oysters in 10 minutes! The Rules:

- Eat as many oysters as possible in 2 minutes
- Each contestant will have a box filled with 40+ pre-shucked oysters on the half shell. (The box will be refilled if needed)
- Oyster must be swallowed for it to count.
- Oyster must be in the contestant's mouth at the end of the time limit (i.e. not in the contestant's hands).
- Judges will count shells to determine winner.
- Contestants are allowed to "flavor or dress" each oyster however, they are not allowed to remove the oyster from its shell prior to starting.
- Number of heats to be determined by number of contestants.
- Contestant that consumes most oysters at the end of all heats will be declared champion! All contestants are required to pay a \$5 non-refundable registration fee and sign the waiver prior to competition.

### Tribes Covered Patio Events

#### Friday night (7pm. to Close)

Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, 7pm  
Step Dancers (Sullivan School of Dance), 8pm  
Larkin & Moran Brothers, 9pm  
5 different Varieties of oysters being shucked to order for just \$1 per piece (5pm to close)  
There will be a bar on the patio serving Guinness, Smithwicks and Harp, (5pm to close)

#### • Saturday: Face Painters (Noon – 3pm)

Clowns & Jugglers (Noon – 3pm)  
Oyster Opening and Cooking Demo., 2pm  
Oyster Eating Competition; Includes DJ from 99.9FM (we play anything) chairing event! 3pm  
Brendan Loughrey (former lead singer of Bluestack); Will record his Live CD from the Tribes! (4-7pm)

Pipes and Drums of the Emerald Society, 7pm  
Step Dancers (Sullivan School of Dance), 8pm  
Traditional Irish Music by ANISH, 9pm - Close  
Five Different Varieties of Oysters, shucked to order, for just \$1 each (11am – Close)  
Bar On Outdoor Patio, Serving Guinness, Smithwicks, and Harp. (11am – Close)

• Sunday: Five Different Varieties of Oysters, shucked to order, for just \$1 each (11am – Close)  
Bar On Outdoor Patio, Serving Guinness, Smithwicks, and Harp. (11am – Close)

Traditional Pub Sing-along with Brendan Loughrey and John Condron at 6pm, *The Galway Tribes Irish Pub & Restaurant, 9680 Lincoln Way Lane, Frankfort, IL 60423, 815-464-9881, www.thegalwaytribes.com*

## Gael Sli tour Midwest

Irish traditional music stalwarts Gael Sli will fly in from Dublin Ireland to the Midwest this September for a whistlestop tour.

Their only Chicago dates include two session nights *only* in Johnny O' Hagan's bar, as well as a festival appearance in West Dundee, Illinois

Gael Sli were voted "best live act" of Indy Irish fest in Sept '05, garnering some 17,000 votes ahead of such luminaries as Gaelic Storm, Seanson and others. Catch them whilst they are here! Check out their website for more dates in other states ([www.gaelisli.com](http://www.gaelisli.com)).



Gael Sli

## Letter to editor

Subject: Hop till you drop

Dear Shay:

Your article is right on target. I'm a former dancer from many years ago. My siblings and I danced through grammar and high school. We had a fun time. We wore our uniform, shawl, tights, and the proper dance shoes for the music. My Mom was a stay a home my while my father was the sole bread winner. He sent us to parochial schools and worked very hard to keep up with 5 children to raise. The price of the enjoyment of dancing today would not have allowed us to take step dancing. I agree 100% with your comment about having a child perform in a simple attire and see what is important to the Judge. The skill of the performer or the attire.

Thankyou for your article. I too will be interested in what others have to say.

Sincerely,

Kathy Stanker,

Nora Haring Gardener School of Irish Dancing, former student

Friday, 9/8 Johnny O'Hagans, 9-12pm; 3374 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60657. PH 773-248-3600  
Saturday, 9/9 St. Catherine's Irish Festival, 8:15pm, West Dundee, IL ([www.stcatherinesirishfest.com](http://www.stcatherinesirishfest.com))

Sunday, 9/10 Johnny O'Hagans 9-12pm; 3374 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60657. PH 773-248-3600



## National Convention

Join us as we remember the 1981 H-Block hunger strike and discuss its impact on today's Ireland.

Friday and Saturday September 29 and 30, 2006

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<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:00AM – 5:00PM Speakers, Lunch, Hunger Strike Documentary</b>	<b>\$125 for Saturday Only</b>
	<b>6:00PM – 9:00PM Dinner</b>	

### Speakers:

**John and Dermot Finucane - Son and brother of Pat Finucane**

**Nuala O'Loan – Northern Ireland Police Ombudsman**

**Mary Nells – Irish Activist and Derry Sinn Fein member**

**Terry Kirby - Former H-Block blanketman**

**Bobby Lavery - Former Sinn Féin Belfast City Councilor**

**Marian Walsh - Founding member: Victims & Survivors Trust - Belfast**

**Margo Harkin – Independent film producer from Derry**

**Matt Morrison – Former Irish Republican political prisoner**

**Maureen O'Looney - Chicago IAUC member and lifelong Irish Republican**

**Doug Cassel – Attorney and scholar specializing in international human rights**

Sponsored by IAUC, Chicago Chapter - Reservations required by September 21 - For more information or to buy tickets, call 815-667-4939

## Pheasant Run Resort presents Flanagan's Wake

Noble Fool Theatricals announces another season of crazy sing-a-longs, witty tales, and plenty o'pints with "Flanagan's Wake" at Pheasant Run Resort September, 1 2006 – June 24, 2007

Back by popular demand, *Flanagan's Wake*, the interactive Irish comedy now running in its 11th year throughout the U.S., will extend into Noble Fool Theatricals' 2006/07 season in the Preservation Hall Studio Theater at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; box office 630-584-6342).

*Flanagan's Wake* will continue through Sunday, June 24, 2007. Show times are Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$27. Special group rates and overnight packages are available.

*Flanagan's Wake* takes place

in the village of Grapplin, County Sligo, Ireland, where the townspeople tell tales, sing songs and mourn the passing of one of their own, Flanagan. Audience members are transported to the Emerald Isle to grieve as only the Irish can. They can share tales of their own experiences and misadventures about dear old Flanagan, or simply enjoy the stories and songs of the locals as they recall life with "Himself."

In late February of 1994, a group of actors, improvisers, and musicians thought to incorporate their talents at Irish brogues, improvisation, audience interaction and music to put together a show for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day. Thinking the show would last as long as the general public's taste for green beer, they put together an outline and started performing completely impro-

vised wakes for dear departed Flanagan. The Wake continued to draw mourners long past that St. Patrick's Day, and has been going strong ever since, and is now in its 11th year.

## IAHC elects new officers

The Irish American Heritage Center recently elected its new officers for 2006-2007. The new Board consists of Noel Rice, President; Tom Boyle, Vice President; Beth Rocherd, Treasurer; Peg Murphy, Secretary; and other board members, Frank Gleeson, Mike Griffin and Pat Burke.

## Ten Little Indians at Drury Lane

*Ten Little Indians (And Then There Were None)*, directed by the Award-winning Michael Halberstam, will run through September 24 at Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace Theatre, 100 Drury Lane.

For reservations, phone (630) 530-0111 or call TicketMaster at 312-599-1212. You may also visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.drurylaneoakbrook.com](http://www.drurylaneoakbrook.com).

## Wordgloss: A Cultural Lexicon

*New Updated and Expanded Edition by Jim O'Donnell*

Words and phrases are the common currency of our lives. We use them, exchange them, discard them, drawing on a wordhoard accumulated over thousands of years. But often we use them carelessly. What exactly do we mean, for example, when we refer to a draconian measure, an apocryphal story or laissez-faire policies?

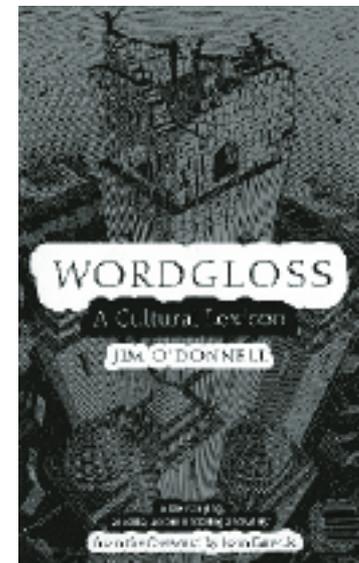
One of the great cultural losses of our time is the virtual abandonment of Latin and Greek. Wordgloss restores these classical references that our education no longer provides. It is full of the words and concepts you always meant to look up, telling you where they came from and how they acquired the meanings they now have.

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and speechwriter, teacher and student, writer and reader. It is a treasure-trove that will intrigue, delight and enrich, and it belongs on every desk, library shelf, and bedside table.

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## M.W.R.D. receives AAA bond ratings



Pictured is President Terrence J. O'Brien, Commissioners Gloria Alitto Majewski (left) and Kathleen Therese Meany (right).

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the bond rating agencies of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Services and Fitch have all given the District their highest possible ratings. The District is one of only four wastewater and water agencies in the country to have the highest possible bond ratings from the three largest rating agencies.

President O'Brien stated that "these ratings are good news as the District prepares to sell \$350 million in General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds." Moody's Investors Services cited the District's conservative budgeting and reliance upon stable

property tax revenues and the essential service provided by the District as a reason for the high rating. Moody's also stated that they believed the District's financial plans will remain strong.

President O'Brien went on to say, "careful fiscal planning and sound investment practices mean the District is committed to maintaining the excellent bond ratings—AAA from Moody's Investor's Services, AAA from Fitch and AAA from Standard and Poor's."

The M.W.R.D. of Greater Chicago collects and treats wastewater from more than five million people and the industrial equivalent of another 4.5 million people in Cook County. The District's 2006 budget is \$1 billion. [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org).

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## Bad Company coming to the music savvy Ballydoyle Irish Pub

Yes, it is true; Ballydoyle is bringing Bad Company to its stage. Ballydoyle is becoming the place to see great music in the suburbs. From Irish music and country to rock, you can see some of the best bands in the country at Ballydoyle Irish Pub.

Now, Bad Company is being added to its play list. Long regarded as one of rock's legendary voices, Brian Howe started his career in 1983 as lead vocalist for Ted Nugent, recording Nugent's "Penetrator" album and fronting it's subsequent world tour.

In 1984, the 2 existing members of Bad Company - drummer Simon Kirke,

## Horoscopes

By Therese Castro

**ARIES:** If you were born in early April the full moon eclipse of September will be helpful to you. Your health and work situations will be positive for some time to come. Be thankful for these times because you have earned a break.

**TAURUS:** The stars of September are smiling on you for once in a long while. You will begin to see the results of your labors. Now you can relax just for a bit and recharge your batteries for another push forward in your affairs.

**GEMINI:** The full moon eclipse of September will be a challenge to you because of the tense aspect it makes to the sign of Gemini. You will have to work harder than before to make your mark on the world at this time. You are capable of it!

**CANCER:** Even though there is a stressful eclipse in September to contend with, you should do well with the help of the moon and Jupiter this month. You might even get in a little "ME time." You deserve it!

**LEO:** You have been having such a hard time lately. Saturn and the full moon eclipse of September seem to be conspiring to knock you down. It is true that you may be feeling the effects of the prevailing planetary weather, you would do well to continue on your path to success.

**VIRGO:** It is your birth month and the planets are acting up again. It is truly a case of what goes around comes around. This is especially true of the planets and their fixed orbits and completely dependable movements. So as they progress to make good or not so good aspects to us we can rest assured that good times will be back again.

**LIBRA:** Few of the planets are aspecting the sign of Libra itself but that doesn't mean things aren't happening. A full moon eclipse this month is causing quite a flap for many folks. Hang in there.

**SCORPIO:** Some folks, especially

and guitarist Mick Ralphs courted Brian to replace Paul Rodgers as the lead singer. Brian decided to accept the offer and continue the legend of Bad Company. This was not an easy task, but along with Kirke and Ralphs, Brian created, wrote, recorded and toured for the next 10 years, headlining every major venue around the globe.

Along with Bad Company's highly acclaimed 1993 live CD "What You Hear Is What You Get - The Best of Bad Company - Live", Brian wrote and sold 19 million additional albums highlighted by such radio and video hits as "Holy Water," "If You Needed Somebody," "No Smoke Without A Fire," and "How About That," - not to mention a few of the group's previous hits as recorded on the "live" CD.

Millions of records later, Brian is back and ready to unleash his awesome vocals upon his audiences and fans performing all of Bad Company's hit songs including such classics as "Can't Get Enough," "Bad Company," "Holy Water," "Ready For Love," and many other Bad Co. hits.

Show starts at 9:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$20.00 or \$25.00 the day of the show. Tickets are limited for this special engagement. Visit Ballydoylepub.com or call 630-969-0600.

## Celtic Cruisin' with Milwaukee Irish Fest to set sail in February 2007

Milwaukee Irish Fest is known for bringing Ireland to the shores of Lake Michigan every third weekend in August. Now, it will also be known as Milwaukee's first festival to set out on the high seas. Celtic Cruisin' with Milwaukee Irish Fest will board the Norwegian Sun Cruise Ship from February 18 - 25, 2007, on the emerald waters of the Caribbean.

Everyone and anyone can reserve space on the ship. All who enjoy the August festival will be able to experience Irish Fest's trademark entertainment and a variety of other activities such as Irish workshops, dancing and music sessions. This week-long adventure will also allow guests to add a Western Caribbean flare to their Irish festivities by visiting the exotic ports of call including Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico, Belize City, Belize, and Santo Tomas Castillo, Guatemala.

"Irish Fest is more than a festival. It's a spirit and a tradition that continues to preserve the music and culture that is alive in our hearts all year 'round. Celtic Cruisin' with Milwaukee Irish Fest is an extension of that and great way for festival-goers to continue to enjoy the authentic Irish culture and entertainment that

makes our event unique each year," said Chuck Ward, Irish Fest Entertainment Coordinator.

Sailing from Historic New Orleans, cruisers will enjoy the finest in Irish and Irish-American entertainment including: Danny Doyle, Grada, Schooner Fare, Green Fields of America, Seamus Kennedy, Seven Nations and Malachy McCourt.

"It's important that Irish Fest entertainment be the best whether it's being enjoyed on land or on water and the cruise's featured line-up reflects that ideal. Guests will not be disappointed with this vacation. It's a once-in-a-lifetime," Ward said.

Cruise prices from \$1,295 for an outside cabin and based on double occupancy. Cost includes cruise, all meals and Irish entertainment, transfers and port taxes. Reservations are limited. Take advantage of the early booking bonus that extends shipboard credit to all reservations with names and full deposits by June 13, 2006, a credit of \$50 per cabin for Oceanview and \$75 per cabin for Balcony.

For more information or to book your cruise, please visit [www.irishfest.com](http://www.irishfest.com), or contact Fox World Travel at 1-800-463-6946. Air fare is available from most cities.

## Cré na Cille - available on CD

2006 is the centenary of the birth of one of the greatest modern Irish writers of our times, Máirtín Ó Cadhain. As part of the centenary celebrations, a dramatized version of his outstanding novel, Cré na Cille, has been published on CD by Cló Iar Chonnachta in conjunction with RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, Ireland's national Irish language radio service.

Cré na Cille is widely considered to be one of the most important literary works in the canon of modern Irish literature. Set in a graveyard in Conamara sometime in the late 1940s, its principal character is an old woman, Caitríona Pháidín. On her burial, she finds a lively community of her already-dead neighbours below ground arguing between themselves over whatever issues were uppermost in their minds when they died. As they continue their arguing and wrangling, newcomers to the graveyard impart the latest information about the world of the living. It makes for lively exchanges and oft times hilarious repartee and razor-sharp dialogue between a motley crew of characters.

In 1973, one year after RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta was founded, a dramatization for radio of Cré na Cille was produced by Johnny Chóil Mhaidhc and Aisteoirí Chonamara. It featured the cream of Conamara's acting talent with a cast of twenty six actors involved in over twenty five half-hour episodes. This project illustrated the confidence and vision of the new radio station, which was still in its infancy.

The production has been revisited by RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta producer Máirtín Jamsie Ó Flaitheartaigh as part of the station's commemoration of Ó Cadhain's birth. Twenty-five episodes were broadcast on Sunday mornings from January to June of this year. The production is now available as an 8-CD pack from Cló Iar Chonnachta and is published in conjunction with RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta. It is available in bookshops and on the web at [www.cic.ie](http://www.cic.ie), price €40.

A stage production of Cré na Cille played to full houses as part of the Galway Arts Festival recently and has toured the Aran Islands and Tír an Fhia in Co. Galway, with upcoming Dublin dates at the Axis Theatre, Ballymun in late October. Some of the actors in this stage production also featured in the original radio drama, and are household names thanks to the TG4 soap opera Ros na Rún. They include Tom Sallí Ó Flaithearta, Máire Pheter Uí Dhroighneáin and Joe Steve Ó Neachtain. Further Information: Email: [news@cic.ie](mailto:news@cic.ie)



Grandpa's Place has finished their remodeling. Directly across the street from the train depot in Glenview, this famous Northside watering hole offers plenty of indoor, outdoor, and bar seating. Call 847-724-1390.

those of you born in the late 1950's have been through the ringer all summer. Now come the eclipses of September to bring everything to a head. Fortunately, Jupiter comes to your rescue, especially if you're born around the middle of November. Yay!

**SAGITTARIUS:** Keep cool under the pressures of the September planetary antics. You are being put to the test at this time but as the planets move, so do

the fortunes or infortunes they signify.

**CAPRICORN:** The eclipses of September are not as hard towards your sign as the other signs. This doesn't mean that it will be entirely smooth sailing but you have an easier time of it now. If you have any projects you are involved in it would be a good time to conclude them.

**AQUARIUS:** The eclipse of September is helping your financial prospects.

You could gain some unexpected cash or some other benefit that will brighten your life. Some of you might inherit something as well. Play lotto.

**PISCES:** The full moon eclipse of September occurs in your sign and has special significance for you. You could see some sort of difference of opinion or something more serious. Try not to allow disputes to drive a wedge between you and someone important.

September  
15th-17th



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## FRIDAY, SEPT 15

Emerald Society Pipes & Drums, 7P

Irish Step Dancers, 8P

The Larkin & Moran Brothers, 9P

## SATURDAY, SEPT 16

Clowns, Jugglers 'n Stuff, 12-3P

Oyster Cooking Demo, 2P

Shuck 'n Suck Oyster Contest!, 3P

(Register online or in person Saturday)

Donegal's Brendan Loughrey, 4P

Emerald Society Pipes & Drums, 7P

Irish Step Dancers, 8P

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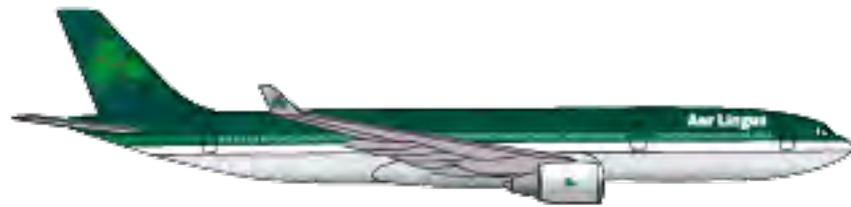


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