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## View From Ireland

By Maurice Fitzpatrick



When students occupied Hamilton Hall in Columbia University or pitched their tents on Dickson Plaza in UCLA, donned keffiyehs and demanded that their universities divest from Israel over its invasion of Gaza, they may not have been cognisant that they were igniting a global political movement. Yet that is what has happened and it soon washed up on Irish shores.

Irish students, university administrators

and politicians had an advantage over their counterparts in the USA to learn what not to do. US universities have done irreversible damage to their credibility in students' eyes through their intolerant responses. That spread to the professors as well. On campuses across the US professors were willing to get arrested sooner than abandon their students— the academic staff at CUNY stood between the police and students and chanted 'to get to our

students, you will have to go through us first'. Congressional pressure followed, particularly after universities invited the police to clear the protests. Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez condemned the clearance of student protestors at Columbia University as 'the opposite of leadership and endangers public safety. A night mare in the

safety. A nightmare in the making. I urge the Mayor to reverse course'.

It is unclear whether the students have read the textbooks on non-violent protest, but it is abundantly clear that the university administrators are culpably ignorant of their most basic principles. Arrests, onerous fines and banning can only lead to escalation of the protests and the complete collapse of the authority of so-called leaders. Overreaction constitutes an implicit admission that their positions are untenable. The gap between the university administrators' and students' ability to grasp this reality is vast.

In Ireland just now the expression of pro-Palestine solidarity is everywhere. The Irish State is about to recognise the State of Palestine, the Palestinian national women's football team have just been given a hero's welcome in Dublin, the Galway Film Fleadh has announced that its country of focus this year is Palestine and Irish artists are raising their voices and raising awareness about the horror in Gaza. A demonstration of support for Palestine in Ireland reaches an already substantially converted audience.

So, when the protest against Israel's outrageous attacks on Gaza became organised on our campuses it was in tandem with other protests. In late April, a group of students in Trinity College Dublin blocked access to the Book of Kells—a lucrative tourist attraction for Trinity especially in the summer season—to protest a hike in student fees. Responding to the protest, Provost Linda Doyle wrote an email to students and staff: 'I want to underline that there is no problem with protest...[but] it is not permitted to disrupt the normal operation of activities in college'.

Protest is fine as long it does not disrupt? Trinity was holding that line until, a few days later, Provost Doyle and the management at Trinity slapped a 214,000 euro (\$235,000) fine on the university's Students' Union for the financial loss incurred by a few days of protests outside the Book of Kells exhibition—payable by the end of May. (It is not lost on the students that that could cover Provost Doyle's annual salary of 200,000 euro and contribute towards the upkeep of her sprawling mansion on campus).

It was at this point that the considerable pro-Palestine feeling on campus merged with the protest against higher fees. Trinity's Students' Union President László Molnárfi decried the 'shameful unionbusting' in the University Times (a Trinity paper), and said that 'students and staff stand united against university management and their suppression of the student voice protesting for Palestine, as well as fees, rents, and postgraduate workers' rights'. Undeterred, Trinity issued an ultimatum that the fine 'must be paid as a prerequisite to graduation' for the Students' Union leaders, despite the fact that the protest drew its support from a variety of constituencies around campus. That brought the students' tents out in force. I cannot recall, in the four years I spent in Trinity, Fellows' Square

being put to better use.

The following week Trinity capitulated. It established a task force to investigate its endowment investments that have links to Israeli companies and undertook to disinvest from any company blacklisted on the UN Global Compact Violators List. It offered scholarships to Gazan students and it could cite, in negotiations with students, its forceful condemnation of the attacks on Gaza. The students folded up their tents, having absorbed emancipated slave Frederick Douglass' dictum that 'power concedes nothing without a demand'. The force and mode of the demand is a credit to them. Although the 214,000 euro fine stands for the time being, Trinity management should think three times about trying to bully the students after reaching a hard-fought compromise—and shooting themselves in the other foot.

Stage a protest about student fees and incur a fine designed to destroy the student's union; camp out to protest genocide in Gaza and be fined or defunded. Students are not stupid. They can see through the mendacity and hypocrisy of the administrators and politicians. The response to May 2024 protests has been so wildly disproportionate that it inadvertently gave protesters a glimpse of the totalitarian injustice of the regime Palestinians have endured since the Balfour Declaration in 1917 mandated the violent deprivation of their rights. That was a lesson students could scarcely have picked up in their lecture halls.

There is a coda to this. Former Minister for Justice Alan Shatter argued in a letter to The Irish Times that it was extraordinary that a small group of students were allowed to 'take the Book of Kells hostage'. Inadvertently, Shatter highlighted something that many Trinity boffins are anxious to avoid. Ireland's greatest treasure has been taken hostage, but by Trinity not by its students, and Trinity has in recent decades shamelessly monetised it.

As Trinity's management totted up their 214,000 euro loss, they overlooked the fact that the book rightfully belongs in Kells, Co. Meath. Trinity procured The Book of Kells in 1654, just after Cromwell's genocidal invasion of Ireland, while his troops were still stationed in Ireland. As a Protestant university located inside the garrisoned pale, it was indeed a safer place for the book. Now that the threat of Cromwell has receded, what right does Trinity have to retain it? Applying Trinity's own metrics, the university owes hundreds of millions of euro in compensation to the town of Kells, which should be enough to establish a visitor centre there and display the ancient text professionally. In recent years, there has been a spike in enthusiasm in Trinity to examine the role Irish people played in the British Empire (soldiers, civil servants etc). There has been notably less focus on Trinity's acquisition of the Book of Kells on foot of an imperial conquest. Its students might help their elders towards that perception through a future protest?

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## Ireland's Colorful and Mystical Past

Ireland and when? Or have you Form." The pocket edition, ever heard of the Milesians?

all Irish kings descend up to another age. The pages, now Roderic O'Connor? Does Con of the Hundred Battles ring a bell? Got the name of the bishop first face miniscule. Glasses to read sent to Ireland by Pope Celestine it, a must. A lot of printing on in 431 AD, before St. Patrick? Remember who drove the Vikings out Ireland in 1014 AD? Any clue bought it "used" as a historical to the identity of the Red Branch keepsake. Only to discover,

from the Irish version of landscape over the millennia.

These are answers to often independence. mystical questions about Irish historical living. Regularly recently reminded of the long, complicated, detailed history of Ireland discovering a small catechism of Irish history I found in Boston long ago. I thought I'd lost it forever before uncovering it hidden at the bottom of a box I was attempting to consolidate.

delight at my find.

It's a tiny 3 x 5 inch papercovered booklet of sixty pages Any ideas who first colonized called "Irish History in Catechism published by Syracuse Publishing, Or can you recall from whom copyright 1912. A relic from yellowing, fall out of the binding. Putting tape on it as I write. Type each page.

More than thirty years ago I later, its wider historical These are not trick questions significance and voluminous abundance of data about Irish Jeopardy. Merely the sagas and life. Published four years before events embellishing the Irish the 1916 Easter Rising, Ireland's last great struggle for political

Even in 1912, Irish patriots were convinced the secret victory of stumping even the brightest Ireland's independence was the of Irish minds. But I was expansive and dynamic history of Ireland, itself. The facts. The stories. But unless you were an academic or a ballad singer the chances are much of the details of Irish history were hidden to you. Out of clear view from the general population. Those who ruled over Ireland from London I couldn't believe my luck and wanted no part of anyone putting

history was banned everywhere Ireland. for all practical purposes. Except America.

Just take a look at the energized patriotism of people like Lady Augusta Gregory of Cool Park, County Clare and her literary partner-in-crime William Butler Yeats. Among their greatest accomplishments in the struggle for independence in the 20th century was the establishment And "How's yourself," Kunuss of the Irish Literary Revival. In Dublin it created the Abbey Theatre as a center for theatrical productions like Gregory's controversial "The Rising of the Moon." She and Yeats believed that the Irish, even those who could neither read nor write, could still learn about Ireland's epic past experiencing actors reenact the great moments of Irish history. Understanding what had been stolen from then by their invaders.

the ballad singers in every of an Irish life reaching out for Irish freedom. Any examination of Irish history exposed the shame of the economic disaster and cultural catastrophe that rule by Britain forced on Irish people. Permitting the Irish to see and understand how the Irish liberated themselves in the past was a nightmare for their captors.

Catechism Form was rich in true story. truth-telling chapters critically examining the rule and effect of the Kings and Queens of England George V, still reigning in 1912. Irish historical honesty created a catalogue of facts, dramas, tragedies and mistakes in a long struggle.

Lists go on to itemize the detail of the late 19th century land-reform acts affecting so many people in Ireland. Tracing the development of politicalagrarian legislation often brought a healthier prognosis for Irish tenants, farmers and land owners. But attempts at land reform often appeared too complicated to fathom. But the tiny history makes a concise and well-ordered presentation. You really don't need a thousand

A concise historical narrative of Irish history is also included presented in 15 pages. Get out the magnifying glass. In large brush strokes it covers the drama and the poetic character of Ireland in a scholarly vernacular format. Climatic projections, geographic analysis and topographical conditions of ocean, sea coast, landscape and waterways provide the reader with a textured connection to Milesians in 1700 BC. Of course the island.

Irish literary people and books O'Connor, Ireland's last king, worth owning. An abundance of poems, sagas, biographies,

notions of freedom and historical valuable profile of Irish artistry grandeur in Irish minds. Irish in the turn-of-the-century

> Lists of Irish phrases are included for anyone seeking to polish their sense of Irish charm with a soft vocabulary. Written out phonetically, putting real words of Gaelic/ Irish on the lips of immigrants, scholars, toastmasters and public speakers. For example, "Thank You," Gurra mohiguth. thaw thu fain. Not a bad start.

> Also included is a list of immigrant numbers from Ireland to the United States, 1846-1861, from the Great Irish Famine to the American Civil War. A total of 3,592,779.

As clever and energized as this tiny book of questions, answers and lists about Ireland are, I find the reason for the publication of such a work equally amazing.

What was it about 1912 that lifts this data to the bookstalls Irish poets learned what and pamphlet racks of America? I suspect the equilibrium of generation knew. The details immigration and subsequent generations of Americans acknowledging their Irish roots reached new levels of curiosity. A genuine sense of interest in Irish culture and Irish politics reared its head among the assimilated Irish of America's cities. As Irish Americans become better educated, they're more aware of the critical significance caused by the lapses of historic My little Irish History in details that created Ireland's

The tide turned for Ireland internationally after the turn of the century. Irish political from Henry VIII, in 1509, to leaders discovered a unique access to American political leadership of sympathetic Irish support. Across the United States many important political leaders began listening to the issues igniting Ireland's struggle for independence. The rich traditions of Irish achievement and the nostalgia of many upwardly mobile Irish created both the need and the necessity of recapturing knowledge about Ireland's colorful mystical past.

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My bookshelves have bookshelves and the stacks of literary volumes snake through There's a list of important that date to the days of Roderic my house, everywhere but the ceiling. But now the lost volume are said to descend from them. of "Irish History in Catechism History remembers Christianity's Form," will get a place of safe toasts, humor, histories, rocky Irish beginnings when conservation, entwining me in prophesies and songs adds a Palladius arrived as the first Irish lore, phrases and tunes.

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## **G**ETTING TO KNOW THE IRISH!

BY TINA BUTLER



This month I'd like to cover Conan O'Brien, affectionately known as Co-Co! He recently debuted a new series titled, Conan O'Brien Must Go, a travel show. He goes to Norway, Argentina, Thailand, Ireland, etc..

He retired in 2021 from late-night but got back to work with a few projects, one being his travel show.

O'Brien was a TV host, comedian, writer and producer. He hosted his late show for 28 years. Before he was a TV host, he wrote for Saturday Night Live and the Simpsons.

O'Brien was born in Massachusetts. As a kid he took tap lessons and wrote



plays. His dad Tom was a physician and professor of Medicine at Harvard medical school, he specialized in epidemiology (study of how often disease occurs in different groups of people)

O'Brien's mom Ruth was an attorney. O'Brien graduated from Harvard in 1985. O'Brien has stated his lineage is 100%

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Irish & it is rare as most people in Ireland are not even 100%.

One of the things I admire about O'Brien is that he founded the anti-hunger organization, "Labels are for Jars", with his friend Fr. Paul O'Brien. He has had some setbacks as most of us

endure in life but O'Brien, through all his projects, kept reinventing himself and that is something to applaud! Initially I didn't care for O'Brien's humor, but I started to understand him and really enjoy his style. He is guite witty while I can be slow on the pick-up, not ashamed to say. His humor can take I didn't like him from the start, but he definitely grew on me. He can and will email: Molanive@yahoo.com

make a joke out of anything, sarcastic and self-deprecating. He is famous for spontaneity and being awkward. He is an oddball but smart and critics have been critical on him yet he's still standing.

Throughout O'Brien's career he has also hosted several award shows and tv specials including the Emmy Awards, Primetime Emmy Awards, MTV Movie Awards, Christmas in Washington & the White House correspondents' dinner. He hosted a re-union special in Northern Ireland for Game of Thrones.

O'Brien was named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in 2010. O'Brien was awarded an honorary Doctor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College. (New Hampshire) He was also ordained a minister by the Universal Life Church Monastery. O'Brien has starred in a few movies including Sandy Wexler and Please Don't Destroy. O'Brien had a cameo on Ros Na Run, (valley of secrets) Irish soap opera a week ago! In 2012 O'Brien visited the Irish American Heritage Center and met Maureen O'Looney who showed him around! O'Looney was the Irish matriarch of Chicago, from Co. Mayo. She passed away in 2014 at the age of 92.

O'Brien is a great entertainer & comedian; I think that's something we all want & need at the end of a long day. We want to be entertained & laugh and

> not take anything too seriously.

> "If you accept your misfortune and handle it right, your perceived failure can become a catalyst to profound reinvention. When all else fails there's always delusion. Work hard and be kind and amazing things will happen." Conan O'Brien

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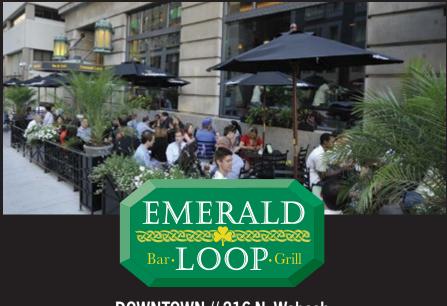
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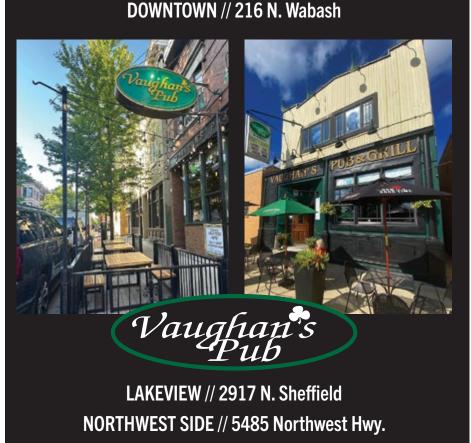
I'd like to say big congrats to my nephew Brayden Butler on graduating from Jr. High. We are so proud of you! We know you will manifest great opportunities in the future. And to my niece Katelyn Butler, you are a star and a minute to process, I think that's why always make me laugh! Love you both!

If you have any questions, please









#### Return to Ireland With Skinny and Houli 2024



"We're getting' the band back together!", with this quote from the legendary Blues Jim "Skinny" Sheahan and Mike "Houli" Houlihan have in Belfast which almost caused

Ireland this October. Hosts to and many epiphanies, (Houli

many trips to Eire from 2013- witnessing a miracle at Our 2022, which involved hilarious Lady of Knock Shrine), the lads Brothers, Irish radio super stars hijinks, (Skinny caught swiping have agreed to go back one a pillow from the Europa Hotel more time "before we croak".

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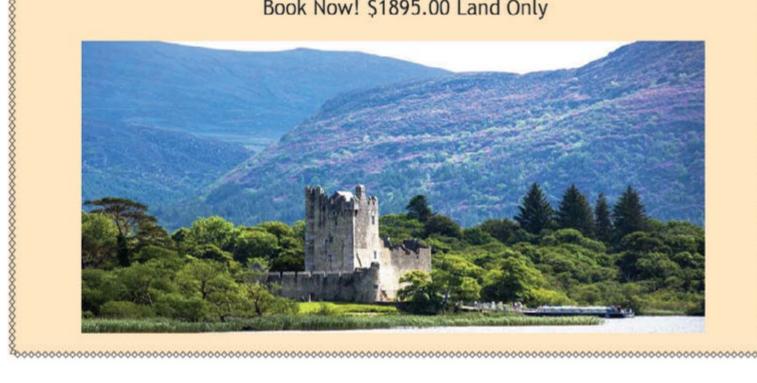
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On April 5, 2023, AOH Division 32 Outing fund the bulk of the donations of Uptown area. Since St. Mary's has this year at Edgebrook Golf Course on limited kitchen facilities to prepare and serve meals, Division 32 provided the components to hand out meal bags to the hungry. We supplied over 200 sandwiches, 140 drinks, fruit, string cheese, chips and cookies to the Soup Kitchen. Eighteen Brothers met at St. Mary to assemble over 100 meal bags for 70 people that day with the balance distributed the next day (Parishioners at St. Mary also supplied meal bags).

We also sponsored the Soup Kitchen at St. Mary of the Lake on July 12, November 1st and December 20th. In July, 14 of our Brothers purchased, prepared and served 80 cheeseburgers and buns together with drinks, chips and dessert provided by the Parishioners to serve 58 attendees.

In November, with the surge in immigrants in the Chicago area, attendance at the Soup Kitchens increased considerably. We purchased 240 burgers, buns and cheese and our Brothers gathered to cook and serve the meal to 190 attendees (up from 58 in June!).

And on December 20th, we again helped to set up for the Soup Kitchen and cook and serve the meal, supplying 300 burgers and buns. We also provided the components to prepare over 100 meal bags including over 200 sandwiches, chips, drinks, cheese and cookies. We served 208 people and all left with 1 or 2 meal bags. 26 Brothers either attended the Soup Kitchen, supplied components for the meal bags and/or made a monetary donation.

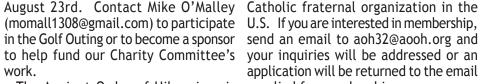
For the second year in a row, AOH Division 32 also made a \$1,000 donation from our Charity Committee and an additional \$350 in personal donations from individual Brothers for the continued work of St. Mary of the Lake's Soup Kitchen.

Misericordia Home is also a favorite charity for AOH Division 32. Between September 4th and 12th, 11 Brothers helped to set up tents, chairs, banners and signs for Misericordia's Annual Family Fest, lead by long-time supporters John and Bill Resch and Jim Murphy. Misericordia provides housing, education and support for over 600 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities from diverse racial, religious and socio-economic backgrounds. Some are housed in skilled nursing facilities as well as apartments and group homes on the campus and others are housed in Community Integrated Living Arrangements in group homes outside of the main campus. Twenty percent of the residents have no Families or are wards of the state. We also assisted with parking on September 10th, the day of the Fest, and in taking down the many booths, signs, chairs, tables and other components that make up the Fest the following week. In addition, our Charity Committee also made a \$1,000 donation to the Family Fest, as we have for at least the last 20 years.

In addition to the donations to Misericordia and St. Mary of the Lake Soup Kitchen, Division 32's Charity Committee made a number of other donations throughout the year to various groups and individuals in need of financial support.

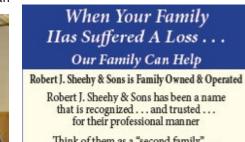
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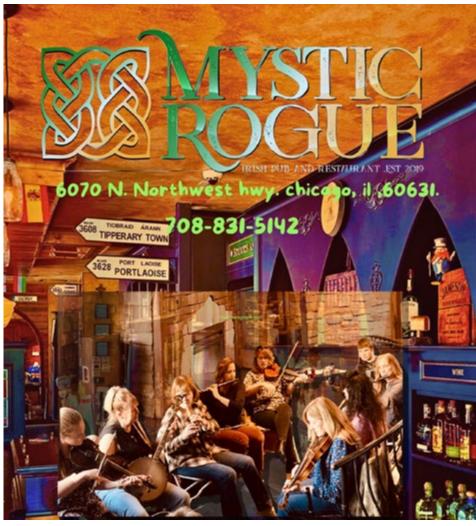
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By Shivonnia Dickson

When Jessica\* came to one of our WIC grocery centers, she had no coats for her children. One of our fellow Catholic Charities teams was onsite that day hosting a pop-up event. Jessica, and but also with coats, socks, underwear, their babies grow. and diapers-basic items every child needs to thrive.

born in the U.S. today benefit from the cereals, and other healthy products federal Special Supplemental Nutrition are available to help them take care Program for Women, Infants, and of themselves and their children. We Children (WIC). This program's purpose understand the challenges they face, is to help pregnant women and moms see their unmet needs, and connect with infants and children under age them with resources to gain more five who are economically challenged stability in their lives. We wrap them get the quality food they and their with support they may not know how families need.

the heart of what we do at the Catholic Charities partners.

Charities WIC Grocery Centers every day. We serve moms and families from all walks of life, including those who have lived in Chicago for generations as well as those who may have recently

How well we take care of moms, infants, and children determines what's going to happen in the future. Our goal is to help families improve their lives and wellbeing. We achieve this by opening access to resources, services, and support that will prevent future health problems, alleviate daily stressand build strong foundations for future generations.

When Catholic Charities first started out in this ministry in 1993, we had just four WIC grocery centers. We now have 14 WIC grocery centers across Chicago. Over 59,000 caregivers and children received benefits at one of these centers in fiscal year 2023.

It's about creating a supportive environment that enables families to thrive and children to reach their full potential. Yes, these food centers provide nutritious groceries. But they also do so much more. They are a hub for mothers and families. They are both in the community—and they help build community in neighborhoods where people often face barriers that can what must have been 60 or so other make it difficult to access basic things people, left not only with groceries, they need, like quality food to help

At our WIC grocery centers, moms are welcomed with one-on-one attention. It's estimated that one in two babies They learn which fruits, vegetables, to find, which is critical—and is only Supporting moms like Jessica is at possible thanks to our generous Catholic

For example, we offer nutrition identity.

education programs that engage clients in monthly topics with nutrition information they can take home, food demos, and tastings with recipe cards. We have mental health therapists onsite at some WIC grocery center locations. We also offer a range of services, including prenatal and postpartum doulas, parenting classes, childcare, and developmental resources. During the tax season, one of our partner agencies provides tax assistance. We are always looking to innovate in how we support our moms and families.

I take pride in being on the WIC team at Catholic Charities and serving alongside people who have been here since the program started in 1993. Our mission, and the mission of service to others, brings me to work every day. This is a faith-filled ministry, and there is joy in the daily encounters we have with moms and families.

Every day moms come through our doors looking to do what's best for their children. Nourishing their families is good for the body—and good for the soul. I invite you to join us in supporting the next generation by making a gift to Catholic Charities today. We can only do this work with moms and families through the partnership of generous people like you.

Shivonnia Dickson is Vice President, Women, Infants, and Children, WIC Access-Operations, for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Catholic Charities partners with missiondriven people and organizations across Cook and Lake counties to witness a message of mercy and hope to a world in need. We are called to serve and accompany anyone, regardless of their faith, gender, race, or ethnicity. For more information on how Catholic Charities supports and empowers mothers in need, or to make a gift, visit catholiccharities.net.

\*Name changed to protect her





## Michael Flatley Receives Home Award from Mayo County Council



Mayo County Council were delighted to present Michael Flatley with a special Home to Mayo Award to mark the 31st Anniversary of The Mayo 5000 celebrations which started his incredible worldwide success.

Michael has also kindly autographed a bottle of his new Flatley Whiskey which will be raffled at the Home to Mayo Grand Finale Concert - A Transatlantic Journey Home, Friday May 24th. Tickets on sale https://tfroyal.ie/events/atransatlantic-journey-home/

For a full list of Home to Mayo Events log on to www.hometomayo.ie

Picture - Left to right

Henry McGlade, TV Ireland, Michael Flatley, Mags Connell, Communications, Mayo County Council, Regina McIntyre

## IRISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB GOLF OUTING EXPANDS 51st Annual July 15th!

The always popular Irish Fellowship Club Golf Outing is expanding to offer two different start-times to accommodate more golfers at beautiful Ridge-moor Country Club. The Outing will be held on Monday, July 15 at Ridge-moor Country Club (6601 W Gunnison St, Harwood Heights, IL 60706) with shotgun starts at 8am or 1pm. A morning foursome is \$2800 and includes golf for the foursome, breakfast, lunch and drinks on the course along with a hole

sponsorship. An afternoon foursome is \$3000 and includes golf for the foursome, lunch, drinks on the course and a hole sponsorship. All golfers are welcome to participate in an evening reception and awards ceremony beginning at 5pm. And, non-golfers are invited to join the cocktail reception for a fee of \$125.

Says Golf Chairman John Wrenn, "The Outing has sold out quickly in the past few years and we want to make sure that more golfers have the opportunity to enjoy the day of fun and fellowship in support of the Irish Fellowship Club Education and Cultural Foundation. Even with the additional foursomes, we are sure that the event will sell out so make your reservations today." Reservations can be made through the Irish Fellowship Club website at www.irishfellowshipclub.com. Adds Executive Director Kathy Taylor, "Hole sponsorships are available for \$500 to promote your business, recognize a colleague or family member. Please check the website for details."

The driving range will be open at 6:45am with registration and breakfast at 7am for the 8am shotgun and

11:30 driving range, registration and lunch for the 1pm shotgun. All proceeds from the Golf Outing support the IFC Foundation which provides scholarships to Catholic High Schools across the Chicagoland areas and small grants to Irish cultural organizations.

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## Young Gaelic Association

The Young Gaelic Association (YGA) would like to thank everyone involved in making our first annual Kentucky Derby party on May 4 a huge success. This first YGA event of the year sold out and we had a great time dancing to music by the Birkenrocks, sampling mint juleps from McConnell's Irish Whiskey, getting our Guinness glasses engraved and partaking in some friendly horse racing competition! Congratulations to our horse raffle winners (hon Mystik Dan!) and winners of our derby best dressed competition. Thanks to everyone who participated in our split the pot raffle, YGA was also able to donate \$510 to the Healy Family Benefit.

Join us on June 7, as YGA sets sail from DuSable Harbor for a three hour party yacht cruise on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River! Three-hour premium open bar aboard the Anita Dee, lite bites, DJ music from Rebel Entertainment and optional transportation from/to The Carraig.

-Co-Presidents Kathleen Giblin & Siobhán Mulvey McGuire



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#### **CGP Event Calendar**

## Music at The Carraig

Visit chicagogaelicpark.com for more information on upcoming events. No cover charge for music at The Carraig.

June 7th - YGA SUMMER BOAT PARTY
June 10-14th - CHICAGO FIRE SOCCER CAMP
June 14th - MOTOWN REFLECTIONS
June 15th - CGP QUEEN CONTEST

June 20th - GOLD DUST DREAMS (PATIO CONCERT)
June 23rd - CLARE DAY FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

June 27th - BLOOD DRIVE

July 18th - SEVEN NATIONS (PATIO CONCERT)

July 20th - PETTY KINGS (PATIO CONCERT)

July 30 - KIDS' IRISH CULTURAL CAMP BEGINS

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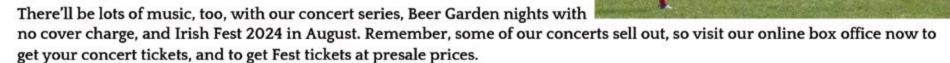


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teams won't be disappointed, and there will be many great Sundays and one special Saturday full of GAA action.



Thank you, County Mayo, for choosing CGP as the site of your first international flagship Mayo Day event. May 4, 2024 was proclaimed to be Mayo Day by both Cook County and the City of Oak Forest, and the crowds were mighty. Congratulations on organizing a very successful and entertaining day.

And finally, a shout out to the YGA (Young Gaelic Association). Their September and May events were both completely sold-out, and I suspect that might happen to their June 7th Summer Boat Party as well.

Is mise le meas,

Bill O'Sullivan - President of the Board of Directors at Chicago Gaelic Park

## Chicago Gaelic Park Queen 2023 - Maggie Schwarz



My past year as Chicago Gaelic Park Queen has been more rewarding and influential than I ever could have imagined. My family has been a part of CGP for generations - my grandpa helped in the founding and construction, as kids my mom Irish danced and my uncles played hurling and Irish football here, my parents had their wedding reception here - so I grew up coming here all the time. Becoming Queen has meant so much to me and my whole family, and everyone has loved coming to CGP with me for all the different events. My grandparents have enjoyed reconnecting with old friends, and I have loved meeting more members of the CGP community getting to know them and listening to their stories. It has brought my family even closer together and been an excuse to celebrate our Irish heritage even more frequently. My connection to my Irish heritage has always been very strong, as I have grown up very close to my grandparents, so it's been an honor to represent CGP and the entire Chicago Irish community this past year.



What I didn't realize until recently, and what has been the most influential part of my year as Queen, was that becoming Queen helped me create my own space within the Irish community. My membership to the Irish community has always been tied to my grandparents or parents, and most of my experience has been with people of older generations. During my year as CGP Queen, I've made my own Irish friends and created my own sense of belonging. I've especially enjoyed meeting all the talented young women through the Queen contest and the Chicago Rose of Tralee contest. It's truly been a pivotal moment for me in my young adult life. I know that I will be involved in the Irish community for the rest of my life, and I know I would not have been nearly as in touch if it weren't for becoming CGP Queen.

Thank you to Chicago Gaelic Park and everyone who makes the Chicago Gaelic Park Queen program possible. I am sad that my time as Queen is coming to an end, but am looking forward to meeting the 2024 Chicago Gaelic Park Queen! I hope she enjoys her reign as much as I have!

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Our 2024 Chicago Gaelic Park Queen Contest is on Saturday, June 15th! Application and information can be found on Chicago Gaelic Park.com

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#### **Connection to Music**

As a senior at the amazing Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School in Chicago many years ago, I took a chorus trip to the East Coast. We sang at the breathtaking Salve Regina University in Newport on the coast of Rhode Island, stayed in a dorm room at a small college in Maine, and stood in the middle of Boston singing acapella. Thank you Sister Ellen Ryan for this memorable trip. Traveling with a group of young women to visit the East Coast was such a formative experience, but the part that stuck with me was being introduced to an Irish band called Cherish the Ladies. Prior to



this trip, I heard "Danny Boy" a few times and "South Side Irish" but I had never really listened to Irish music. This is funny considering I

grew up in a very south side of Chicago Irish family, but being eighteen years old, Irish music was not forefront of my life at the time. As Cherish the Ladies performed on stage with tin whistles, fiddles, accordions, guitars, and beautiful harmonious singing, I was forever hooked. I bought the CD at the end of the concert and listened to this on repeat and memorized every word. If you don't know what a CD is, google it! This was my introduction to Irish music and from there, I started to discover and learn more about it. Now years later, I am always on the search for an Irish session or a band that gives me

that feeling of pure joy. The love of Irish music is one that many people share as the music and the words in Irish songs can bring you to another place. The songs can be joyful, toe-tapping, sad, humorous, romantic, and very emotional. Irish music brings groups together. You can sing it at the top of your lungs



(in most pubs) and feel so happy! It can bring you to tears and make you reflect on your own life or remember those who have gone before. You can imagine someone else's struggles and longing through a song. Irish music connects us in so many ways to the land, people, and true beauty of Ireland.

Luckily for me I have a friendship with Catherine O'Connell who is a wonderful Irish Musician who I've had the pleasure to see perform numerous times. A Chicago native who has a beautiful voice that will bring you to tears, along with a quick wit that can at times also bring you to tears. Catherine, a true Irish beauty with grace and charm, was the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Queen of Chicago in 1976 and the Chicago Rose of Tralee in

1977. Catherine has performed at pubs, Chicago's Symphony Center, churches, funeral homes, and festival halls. She is also been known to sing a ballad or two while on the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band bus while driving through the city of Chicago on St. Patrick's Day. Catherine touches the lives of her many listeners and knows how to perform, allowing the listener to get taken away. Catherine is keenly aware of when her interest in music began. When she was a little girl at family parties, all the adults would be doing Irish sing-songs upstairs and all the kids would be downstairs. Catherine would sit on the stairs and listen to the laughter and tears and applause and she was forever hooked herself. If you have not had the opportunity to be in the audience when Catherine sings, her voice is strong and sweet at the same time. Her confidence allows you to feel comfortable as a listener because she is a truly talented in every way and you know she will always perform at the highest level.

Catherine performed for President George Bush when he was in Chicago for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2002 and at the funeral of the Irish-American actress Maureen O'Hara. Catherine was told that Maureen loved her CD and was playing it when she passed. Catherine thinks that she has sung at over 2000 weddings and

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an average of 150 funerals per year (that's not a typo). She feels so blessed to have had the opportunity to be part of some very precious moments in the lives of very special people. When I asked Catherine about some of the reasons why people feel that connection to Irish music, Catherine said "Those songs that paint such beautiful scenes while tearing the heart out of you, songs that tell a story, have a message and make you laugh are all found in the music of Ireland." Catherine's father, James O'Connell, who was an amateur singer told her "Tell the story and sing the song with a tear in your voice." If you have ever been in the room when Catherine sings "Lady of Knock" or "Will You Go Lassie Go," you know that she took her father's advice to heart and still follows it to this day. How lucky we are to have the "Irish Diva" in the city of Chicago!

If you have no idea where to start listening to Irish music, check out the Hagerty Irish Hour on Saturday mornings on WPNA, 1490 AM at 9:00 AM in the Chicagoland area. The Hagerty Family knows Irish music, plays requests, and is just so enjoyable to listen to. The show started in 1951, and it is just a lovely way to hear about all things Irish. Or if you want to see some live Irish music, find one of the fabulous Irish sessions in Chicago. Just to name a few pubs that have sessions in Chicago are The Kerryman, Galway Bay, Galway Arms, and Wolfhound and there are loads more that are always advertised right in the Irish American News! Chicago is full of Irish musicians and we are fortunate enough to have musicians from Ireland and around the world come to play in Chicago. Green Road, a fantastic band from County Wexford, played at Gaelic Park recently. A great

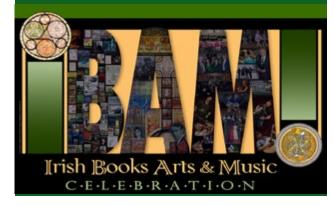
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Fest and Gaelic Park has a great line-up all set in August.

Since my first encounter with Cherish the Ladies, I have been fortunate to see them again a few times. They opened my eyes to a genre of music that has been form of music alive. I noticed Joanie Madden of Cherish journey you might go on.

way to listen to lots of Irish music is to go to an Irish the Ladies has organized a Rhine River Cruise through Germany and Switzerland filled with "music, song, dancing, and craic." I imagine connections will be made for a lifetime on this cruise- to each other and the music. So, go catch a session, check out a new Irish band, find present in my happy and sad times. Thank you to all Catherine O'Connell, turn up the Irish hour or even join the amazing Irish musicians who keep this beautiful the Cherish the Ladies River Cruise, you never know the

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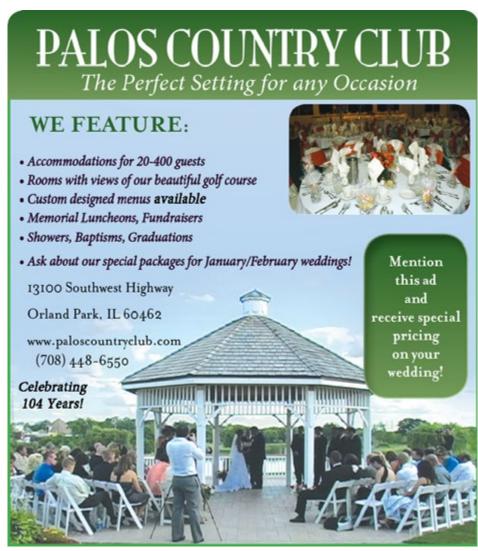












#### To Andres Vasquez Lasso and Luis Huesca



#### **Brother Buddies**





Irish American News

They were two friends from the time they met -true brother buddies right away! as good as you get! In police school together and somehow instant brothers forever but was it only one fate meeting another fate? like some fate-filled magnet? -each to be a police officer. each shot because of a serving heart for each had died - just a year apart!

So we angels stepped quickly in, Lets make things better right now for them!

for fate someday is looming. But these are brother at heart and could be best of friends, blest of friends so soon and -They'll help each other in their studies and Chamnel - (angel of love and and in future police work. And perhaps in all their dedication and with our help - all this "fate" we see they could shirk!

Such a drive each man has! such a mission to succeed! such a goodness and loyality that makes crooks and evil scramble away from Chicago and you and me!

Such friends to the end! Buddies with buddy angels now - us! whom all Heaven did send. Oh nothing! no fate, no way can sway itself unto them! as long as they become everything they must.

For such an aura they each have -like golden saints of old, ancient knights who defended kingdoms in the heavenly truths wielding sacred swords so bold so that only goodness and mercy could follow them in their radience of gold!

Now they are new police officers graduating from page, to Knave, to loyal

into the realm of defenders wearing a uniform over the steely chain and how to make things better on mail

of determination like the mantle of legends of olden officers,

whose legacy story rests upon them by day or night.

Why we must have mis-read those fatefilled visions,

those angel visions we once had! for these two men back in early days

For they are so blest and graced by heavenly powers untold!

So we their gifted angels now must only smile at such brothers! -and all our help and graces lend. Buddies with buddy angels now! whom all heaven to them did certainly send!

There are some who are born as brothers we angels are so privileged

-in the same lineage of a family. Yet not these special ones! Not them! -but like we angels related to each by God, and of God, and for god eternally!

-just to do His work and support each other and proclaim to all how being buddy brothers is something gifted to those called deep in mission for all th be inspired by and for all to see!

-So like us! - brother buddies these! are angel soldiers - even thought police are like Gabriel and Michael, Raphael relationship harmony) inspiring warriors with their angel-individual talents and personalities! -yet with mission too so giftedly to glow forth gifts so heaven - sent true before other humans to witness all they can do! . . .

Oh Andres and Luis! This is you! and all being police brothers, friendship brothers and real brothers and perhaps better than any born of the same Mother could ever be! For you two from far separate families were born only of the same mission of -just like angelic angels we!

truer than true brothers were born

of God our Father

so tremendously!

And so two friends walking their different beats sometimes for lunch got to meet or on a Saturday at one of their families. they talked about the Chicago challenges and Chicago crime

everytime.

And each come to each other's side with words of hope that reverberated in the heavens shaking all the angels down! especially when one brother buddy prayed for the other as he patroled in some dangerous part of town . . .

To his brother - that prayer opened ways, routes, streets and alleys that at first even we angels could not

But only with a true brother's prayer guiding us

it was a faith-filled better way than G.P.S. could ever be!

Oh Father in Heavenhow ewe Thank Thee! to watch over and near to such brother buddies as These!

For not all human friends are gifted as family in this way. All Heaven always heard when 'er one said a prayer for the other on any day.

Yet fate stepped in and took one friend away.

"Oh what is this "fate"? -Certainly not an angel!", -we angels ever say! "The will of God?"

"Why I don't think it works that way!."

"Maybe the free-will air or hours or dealings that for good humans because of evil humans often comes to play!".

Why that's what we angels stepped in upon and saw! -and tried to stop it's menacing way! back when we saw only looming fate -but then rather - how two police students could be the best of friends

Yet years later that fate suddenly came back! as Andres was shot and we were sent to guide his sainted heart straight to Heaven away!...

with our help bak in the day!

We questioned not

for he questioned never all his police duties year after year and just did them in love always ever beyond what we could ever say or do watching here. We only stood in amazement - angel amazement! at such a good heart! and helping people or arresting crooks, stopping crime without thought to his own safety -or that he could get hurt, shot and at anytime part! How inspiring! How so like us! yet how like him we still want to be! -just like andres in every way courageous that could ever humanly be!

And the brother buddy Luis somehow deeply knew his friends great mission, that this rare final cross was holding all such a deep deep value for his brother buddy on that fateful day. -yet he missed him, he grieved him, he shouted inside a loud "Why?" and he walked around hollow and often did cry -vet understood the valiant valor that his brother Andres embraded

And I ask - Dave I ask thought I am angel" now did Andres from our far far Heaven? or Heaven actually closer at the beats of brother Luis's good beating heart -- now did Andres from our far far Heaven?

or Heaven actually closer at the beats of brother Luis's good beating heart -

in such a noble way!

- now did Andres from Heaven know



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early that day, that morning of April 21st that his very own brother buddy would be shot and pass away?

But perhaps he felt the moments of it coming on, thundering quickly louder than the firings of that gun! -and he ran and wrapt his brother in brotherly arms of loveto shield him from all Heaven or earth from all harm! that day!

--- Yet in the next moment he only heard from God -"Yes be his good guard! and carry him here home!." "I will Sir, Andres answered, "I do Sir. My brother is not alone."

just come Luis with me! Choirs are singing . . . young Mary is even Little Jesus bringing! Look! Now he's glorious and thirtythree! Friend! You're not alone! A shot? - Some shots? - From earth? Why forget it now! Heaven has a more soft and gracious All living heaven only sings here! - as poor dusty earth there only means! . . . "

"Forget what happens there -

"And I've been here - yet with you there since that day that I was shot too -For who can separate two of Living Faith?

-us from the love of God Who blesses us with strength and true life each day anew!

"Brother - we're brothers in Heaven

And as the Bible ever has sworn - all the Life of Him has won! what we lived was true! What He gae was for all and me and

"Look now! - all the officers from who have passed like you and me -O how they line and light your way! They're saluting your work and your blest eternity

- with more than they can ever say!



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In Ireland, the day is always celebrated on the third Sunday of June. It has links with St. Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary, who was the father of Jesus in a guardianship form. St. Joseph's dedicated feast day falls your house this coming Sunday and treat your Dad to a in March, but it's natural to link him to the celebrations in the mass said on the Sunday morning of Father's Day, this year on June 16th, as a guiding light and inspiration to fathers everywhere.

In 1966, President of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson, made the first presidential proclamation for a day to celebrate fathers, declaring an official Father's Day be designated every year on the third Sunday of June. President Nixon made this law in 1972. In Argentina, attempts have been made to change the date of Father's Day from its traditional June standing to August 24th, the day Jose de San Martin, 'Father of the Nation', first became a father himself.

Father's Day is also called Men's Day in regional Germany. The menfolk of the family often use it as an excuse to get drunk! Despite the fact that alcohol sales

#### Father's Day Fun Facts

\* Famously, Mark Twain said the following about his father: "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years".

was invented in the United States by Sonora Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington as a way to celebrate her own father who was a veteran of the Civil War and widower who had raised six children. It wasn't until 1972 that father was deceased. Father's Day was officially made a U.S. holiday, when

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are restricted since Father's Day in Germany falls on Ascension Day, a public holiday marking the ascension of Jesus to heaven, 40 days after Easter.

Fathers are celebrated in many different ways all over the world. Rightly so. Most fathers may not have the unstinting patience of St. Joseph himself. But there are just some occasions in life when only a Daddy will do. Who doesn't remember as a small child being tucked into bed each night, with a fairytale bedtime story to bring on the zzzzzz's? Many's the Irish hurler, footballer and rugby player who has risen to the top of their games, helped by an enthusiastic father who cheered them on in junior matches on a wet cold weekend morning. Beautiful brides everywhere would be lost without the arm of Dad to support them as they make that major walk down the aisle.

These are just some occasions we have to thank the Dads of Ireland for. Make it a good one for the man of special gift from Good Food Ireland ® this Father's Day!



President Richard Nixon helped set aside the third Sunday in June for dads.

The practice of honouring fathers is on the third Sunday, some countries use March 19 to celebrate Father's Day as that is also the feast day of St Joseph, Jesus's father on earth.

Although Mother's Day maybe more traditionally \* Father's Day was first celebrated on June 19 1910. It associated with the giving of flowers, they also play a significant part in Father's Day too, specifically roses. It was tradition wear red rose to signify that your father was still alive while a white rose indicated that your

> \* It is the fourth most popular holiday for greeting cards, behind Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day but just ahead of Easter.

> \* A tie is the most commonly purchased item of clothing for a Father's Day gift, but the third most common gift behind electronic gadgets and a day or meal out. After that, gift cards are the next most popular gift for dads on Father's Day.

> Dads are getting older. According to the Office of National Statistics, the average age of a first-time father in the UK is 33.6. The ONS reports that the age at which a man becomes a father for the first time has continued to rise over the last ten years. In fact, the average age of a first-time father in the UK has not been under 30 since the middle of the 1970s.



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Two more opportunities for you to take advantage of your Irish American Heritage Center membership! Members and a guest can enjoy great new Irish Music by Blame Not the Bard on June 9th, and our 24th annual Bloomsday performance of "Rattlin' of the Joists" on June 16th for FREE!

# BLAME NOT THE BARD and RORY MODLINKSI



## June 9 | 2:00PM

Welcome Blame Not the Bard and special guest Rory Modlinski for an Irish Sunday afternoon in the Fifth Province Pub! The pub opens at 2:00 PM with food and beverages and the music starts at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$25. IAHC members and a guest can attend for FREE! Call the office at 773-282-7035, extension 10 for the discount code.

## "Rattlin' of the Joists": the 23rd Annual Bloomsday Event at the Irish American Heritage Center

## June 16 | 3:00PM



"Rattlin' of the Joists" is back in the Fifth Province Pub! "Rattlin' of the Joists," directed by Josephine Craven, has been celebrating Bloomsday, named for Leopold Bloom, James Joyce's central character in Ulysses for over two decades with readings, music, and song. Bloomsday is observed throughout the world on June 16. It is a commemoration and celebration of the life of Irish writer, James Joyce, during which the events in his novel (set on June 16th, 1904) are relived. The date was chosen by Joyce as it was the date of his first outing with the great love of his life, Nora Barnacle Joyce. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. IAHC members and a guest can attend for FREE! Bring your membership card to the performance!



#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

We look forward to the Board Election on June 14th. This event is crucial as it will help steer the direction of our initiatives and ensure that we continue to serve our community effectively.

We encourage all eligible members to participate in this democratic process, as your voice is essential in shaping our future. Dominick Mulcrone, Anne Marie Herlehy, Caroline Hennesey, and Jeanne Angel Schultz's terms conclude this month. Many thanks to them for their dedication to our organization!

This year, our building proudly celebrates its centenary, and in 2025, we will mark our 40th year here. At our town hall meeting on May 17th, Mary Keleghan shared a precious piece of our history- an Irish American News clipping from July 20th, 1980. The article documented the Irish Family Day at Navy Pier, a significant event that aimed to raise funds for the purchase of our building. The article read

Intent is to provide a central information resource, library, and museum for those interested in Irish culture. Most importantly, it will offer a faceted program from both established and developing Irish talent to Chicago's cultural milieu. To foster appreciation of Irish dance, music, language, arts and crafts among the young Chicago population, classrooms will be made available to private teachers.



The founders of our center had a vision, and they brought it to life! Over the course of nearly 40 years, with the support of countless volunteer hours and generous donations, this school building has been transformed into a thriving Irish cultural center. We are proud to host schools that teach Irish Dance, Music, language, history, decorative, and vision arts. Our library and museum stand as a testament to the contributions of the Irish, and we continue to host performances that highlight the talent of Irish and Irish American artists.

Plans are underway this summer to further enhance our facilities, including the much-needed resurfacing of our parking lot, one of many needs our building will have in the coming years. Please consider contributing to our Annual Appeal to help pay for this and other critical building needs.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Your involvement and financial support are crucial to our success and vital in preserving the rich Irish culture that enriches our community. Here's to celebrating our history, making new memories, and looking forward to a promising future.

Warm regards,

Tom Chambers

President, Irish American Heritage Center



THE IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION

The 2024 Board of Directors Election will be Friday, June 14th at 7:00 PM. Candidate information will be listed on irish-american.org and sent to all members. All current IAHC members are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are available by calling the office at 773-282-7035, extension 10.



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# DUBLIN CITY RAMBLERS AUGUST 1 | 7:00PM

Ireland's #1 ballad group for over 50 years, the Dublin City Ramblers are coming to the Mayfair Theatre at the Irish American Heritage Center Thursday, August 1. It's a can't miss opportunity to see legends of Irish music! Tickets: \$30 IAHC Members | \$35 nonmembers.



## SOCKS IN THE FRYING PAN AUGUST 9 | 7:00PM

IAHC favorites Sox in the Frying Pan return to the Mayfair Theatre in August! The award-winning trio from County Clare continue their worldwide "Socks Invasion" August 9th at 7:00 PM. **Tickets: \$25 IAHC Members | \$30 nonmembers.** 



## BOXING BANJO AUGUST 15 7:00PM

One of Ireland's great young touring bands, Boxing Banjo makes a Chicago appearance this August in the Mayfair Theatre. Multi-instrumentalists and gifted vocalists, Boxing Banjo is a crowd favorite at Milwaukee Irish Fest whenever they play! Tickets: \$25 IAHC Members | \$30 nonmembers.



## ALTAN NOVEMBER 15 | 7:00PM

IBAM! Chicago presents superstars Altan in the Mayfair Theatre at the Irish American Heritage Center as part of the iBAM! 2024 celebration. Join us for iBAM! Music Award Winners Altan as they return to the IAHC to thrill us once again! Tickets: \$30 IAHC Members | \$35 nonmembers.



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include: JigJam, Dave Curley &

Colin Farrell, Síomha, The Friel

Sisters, The Irish Music All Stars,

The 19th Irishfest La Crosse will be

held August 9-11 on the fest grounds

in downtown La Crosse, Wisconsin.

traditional to harp to rock and everything

in between. In addition to music, there

will be Irish dancers, cultural displays,

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Sláinte! Dust off your kilt because Iowa's premier Irish cultural event is returning to downtown Waterloo! Iowa Irish Fest is a highly anticipated event in the Cedar Valley because it is a

jam-packed three-day event bursting with culture, music and family fun. Fest goers will enjoy the world's best Celtic bands, including headliners Scythian, Enter the Haggis and The High Kings! Not only will there be live music all weekend long but visitors will also be able to enjoy authentic food and drink from street vendors, cheer on friends during the Highland Games, participate in workshops celebrating Irish dance, instruments, language and



culture and so much more! Since the event's beginning in 2006, Iowa Irish Fest has grown into a festival that takes over Lincoln Park and the surrounding blocks the first weekend of August

each year. Tickets can be purchased at



Shane Hennessy, Cathal Ó Curráin & Marty Barry, Blackthorn, The Wee Heavies, Ally The Piper, On the Lash, Kennedy's Kitchen,

workshops, storytelling, Genealogy Tent, Highland games, 2 days of Tug of War, Kilt Run, an Irish Market and more. Our Harp Stage this year will again feature the Harp Twins and their

eclectic style of music. Our Wee Folks

area is sure to entertain the kids with



games, activities, contests, sheep shearing, music, puppets, and Irish dogs. There is the arcade and Aran

lowalrishFest.com or at participating Waterloo businesses including Veridian Credit Union and

Hy-Vee locations. Be sure to download the lowa Irish Fest app. The app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Updates on the Fest will be distributed via the Iowa Irish Fest website, social media and app.

Facebook: @lowalrishFest; Instagram: @lowalrishFest; Twitter: @lowalrishFest; TikTok: @lowalrishFest; YouTube: lowa Irish Fest; App (available on Apple and Android devices): @lowalrishFest.

lowa Irish Fest was founded by the Cedar Valley Irish Cultural Association as a way to foster and develop Irish fellowship and outreach into the community.

Conklin Céilí Band, Enda Reilly, Ian Gould, Ironwood, Ardan Academy of Irish Dance, and The Mona Shores

Tickets will go on sale May 2, 2024 at www.michiganirish.org. Children 12 & under are free but need a ticket, which can be ordered at the time of purchase. The 2024 ticket sponsor is Barry's Greenhouse & Landscaping.

Complete festival information can be found at www.michiganirish.

Stay tuned to the website and Michigan Irish Music Festival social media pages for additional updates. https://michiganirish.org

Islands Golf for the older kids. A variety of food and drinks will be available.

All musical performances will be under tents. Entertainment will include Onoir, Bryne Brothers, Screaming Orphans, Gaelic Storm, Seo Linn, Gadan, Goitse, The Harp Twins, The Finns, Ian Gould and others.

Advance tickets are available for \$25 for a 3 day pass or \$15 for single day on our website: www.irishfestlacrosse. org. One day tickets will be available at the gate for \$20. Youth 17 years of age and younger admitted free. Additional information is available on the website or Facebook

#### Emerald Society as well as The Shannon Rovers will also perform at Irish Fest

Please visit chicagogaelicparkirishfest. org/irish-fest/ for more Irish Fest 2024 information and to purchase admission tickets in advance at the best pricing. Parking is free and plentiful!

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## Chicago Gaelic Park Irish Fest Gaelic Brew, a Cork-based

August 24 & 25 2024

Chicago Gaelic Park (CGP) is excited to host Irish Fest once again! Irish Fest 2024 features three stages of music and dance. It also features a performing arts stage, a traditional Irish tea tent, wine These Nights (A Tribute to the Eagles tent, and the Leprechaun Tent with kidfriendly activities and entertainment, as well as shop and food vendors. Irish Fest 2024 will take place on Friday, August 23, Saturday, August 24, and Sunday, August 25. Tickets are on sale now.

The music lineup includes first-time CGP Irish Fest performers: Uillean piper/whistle player/composer, Conor Mallon from Keady, Co. Armagh; the Co. Donegal-based modern folk group, Onóir; and the German born, Irish-based multiinstrumentalist/singer/songwriter, Sina Theil. The Byrne Brothers, a multiaward-winning family band from Co. Donegal, have performed at CGP before but will make their festival debut. Irish Fest 2024 will see the return of JigJam, the renowned bluegrass and Americana quartet from Co. Offaly, as well as

Irish trad-rock band. Local musicians, The Larkin & Moran Brothers, Liam Durkin, and The Dirty Wellies, will also perform your Irish favorites.

The inclusion of the rock cover band 4Cast and three tribute bands-One of



and their Solo Work), Dancing Queen: An ABBA Salute, and An Irish Heartbeat: A Musical Tribute to Van Morrison—will be sure to please a wide range of musical tastes. The Bagpipes & Drums of the

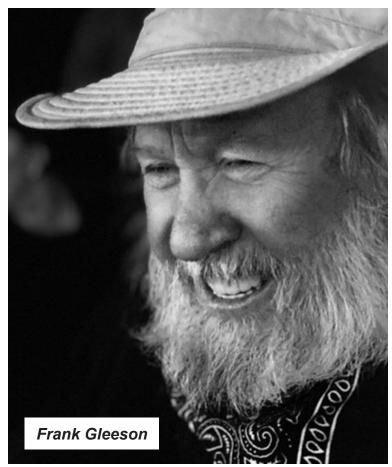




## Rattlin' of the Joists 23rd **Annual Bloomsday Celebration:** A Tribute to Frank Gleeson

two decades, Rattlin' of the Joists, single day—June 16th, 1904. This directed by Josephine Craven, (Listen to Lit) has been a beacon as it marks Joyce's first outing of Bloomsday celebrations, paying with his beloved Nora Barnacle, homage to James Joyce's literary the woman who would become masterpiece, Ulysses. This annual his lifelong companion and his event, held at the Irish American muse for the incomparable Molly Heritage Center (IAHC), is not Bloom who has the last word in just a commemoration of Joyce's Ulysses, 'yes'.

date holds special significance



work but a vibrant celebration of music, and song.

In a poignant tribute to a man whose passion for literature and left a void in the hearts of many, but his legacy of dedication and creativity lives on through our annual celebration of Bloomsday.

Frank's contributions to the IAHC were extensive and impactful. Serving two terms on the Board of Directors and chairing the Cultural Committee for several years, he was instrumental in shaping the center's cultural programming. It was Frank who first proposed the idea of hosting a Bloomsday celebration at the IAHC in 2000, recognizing the importance of honoring James Joyce's masterpiece, Ulysses, and Ireland's rich literary tradition.

The title Rattlin' of the Joists itself, a playful nod to Joyce's love of wordplay, was coined by Frank-a testament to his wit and creativity. His vision and enthusiasm were infectious, inspiring others to embrace the spirit of Bloomsday and delve into the complexities of Joyce's work.

Bloomsday, observed worldwide on June 16th, is a tribute to James Joyce and his groundbreaking novel, Ulysses,

Rattlin' of the Joists has evolved Irish culture through readings, over the years, expanding its scope beyond Ulysses to include excerpts from Joyce's other works such as Dubliners, Portrait Irish culture was unrivaled, this of the Artist as a Young Man, and year's Rattlin' of the Joists is even the notoriously challenging dedicated to the memory of Frank Finnegan's Wake. The event Gleeson, a beloved figure at the serves not only as a celebration IAHC. Frank's recent passing has of Joyce's literary genius but also as an introduction to his life and works for newcomers.

featured theatrical adaptations of Joyce's writings, with actors donning full costumes and performing scenes on stage. However, as Josephine Craven In the heart of Chicago, for over which unfolds over the course of a recalls, it was Frank Gleeson who advocated for incorporating readings into the program—a more manageable approach that still captured the essence of Bloomsday. Music and song have always been integral to the event, reflecting Joyce's own appreciation for music and his inclusion of musical references in his works.

One of the most ambitious editions of Rattlin' of the Joists took place in 2004, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the date on which Ulysses is set. Once again, the brainchild of Frank Gleeson, this was an almost week-long the usual Rattlin' of the Joists performance, a Music of Joyce concert, a Joycean Symposium, the Chicago Premiere screening at Pipers Alley of Bloom the 2004 movie adaptation of Ulysses starring Stephen Rea and an insanity-fueled bus tour of 'Joycean' Chicago inspired by the Dublin landmarks traversed by Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus guided by none other than the characters themselves. In 85-degree heat we brought our audience around Chicago stopping at landmarks pretending to be their Dublin counterparts. Thus, the Adler Planetarium became the Martello Tower where Buck Mulligan and Stephen Dedalus acted out the opening pages of the book. Graceland Cemetery became Glasnevin Cemetery for Paddy Dignam's burial in the Hades episode, Martyrs on Lincoln Ave was Davey Byrnes for lunch, and the Hidden Shamrock on Halsted became Bella Cohen's brothel for the infamous Circe episode. I describe this as insanity-fueled because in hindsight I have no idea how Frank talked us into

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affair featuring, in addition to it off. We all had full time jobs city of Chicago and the IAHC in back then and no cell phones!

global reading of Ulysses which started in New Zealand and ended in the US. Actors, writers, enthusiasts based in 28 cities family affair! across four continents read the

this milestone event. Fun fact -In 2013, Rattlin' of the Joists Frank's nephew Flannan Gleeson, participated in the first public who was working at the Irish Embassy in Beijing at the time, read with the Irish contingent representing China that day. musicians and James Joyce Thus, it was both a global and a

Many question why Bloomsday



Frank Gleeson and his beloved Josephine

live on the internet. Despite the a century after Ulysses was first In its early years, the event doing it or how on earth we pulled a privilege to represent the great

entire 264,861-word text aloud in continues to resonate with people a single 30-hour session broadcast all around the world more than technical challenges, it was such published? For us, it's because Continued on next page

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### Rattlin' of the Joists 23rd Annual Bloomsday Celebration: A Tribute to Frank Gleeson Continued

Joyce's novel celebrates not Kings and Queens, not Lords and Ladies, but ordinary folk going about their ordinary day, thinking and doing ordinary things. Leopold Bloom is everyman, everywhere, full of pain and compassion and kindness, and that has much to teach us about the world. - advice on how



as in 1904. our tradition of Bloomsday celebrations at the IAHC, legacy of fostering creativity storytelling, and music. While we deeply miss his musical guidance and infectious smile, we carry his spirit forward in

to cope with grief; how to be frank about death in the age every note played and every word spoken during this of its denial; how women have their own sexual desires special event. Join us on June 16th, 2024, at 3 pm at and so also do men; how to walk and think at the same the Irish American Heritage Center for an unforgettable time... how to tell a joke and how not to tell a joke. journey into the heart of Joyce's Dublin. Step into a world Through the character of Leopold Bloom, Joyce offers where every word in Ulysses is a brushstroke on the canvas profound insights into human nature, grief, love, and of comprehension, and each page holds secrets waiting to

the human condition. Themes be unlocked. From readings and music to reflections on that remain as relevant today Joyce's life and works, this year's event promises to be a As we continue fitting tribute to one of Ireland's greatest literary icons.

Featuring: Brad Armacost, Raven Bongiani, Kevin Cassidy, Josephine Craven, Brigid Duffy, Eileen A. Ellis, Bill we honor Frank's enduring Fritsch, Cynthia Judge, Maureen O'Shea, Mark Piekarz, and Sarah Severson Snow—all generously donating their and championing Ireland's time and talent as a fundraiser for the IAHC to further rich traditions of literature, its cultural mission. (All ticket sales and any donations go to the Center!)

June 16th, 2024 Time: 3:00 PM Location: Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N Knox Ave, Chicago, IL 60630 Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door Members of the IAHC may attend with 1 guest for free. For more information, visit

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#### The IASCW has selected Three Local Students for Irish Life Experience Home Scholarships

The IASCW will provide \$4,000 to each of three scholars toward the ILE tuition. They will travel to Ireland in June. 2024 scholars include:

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## 38th Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games Moving to Dupage County Fairgrounds 708 442-7268.

DuPage County Fairgrounds! The Chicago Scots are proud to headliners, Seven Nations, announce the Midwest's Largest who are celebrating their 30th Scottish Event, the 38th Annual County Fairgrounds, 2015 largest service organization, Manchester Road in Wheaton,

Scotland is headed to the done, guests can enjoy terrific Celtic folk and rock, especially anniversary in 2024.

At the Festival, Chicago Scots Scottish Festival & Highland will recognize and celebrate Games, is moving to the DuPage the Scottish roots of the world's



and Saturday, June 15 (9ambring a whole load of Scottish to lead Rotary International fun, fanfare, music, culture, tradition, skill and athleticism to the Festival's new home. All proceeds from the weekend will benefit the Chicago Scots' principal charity, Caledonia Senior Living & Memory Care in North Riverside.

Cherished by generations, this family-friendly event attracts 10.000-15,000 attendees

on Friday, June 14 (1pm-10pm), Illinois-headquartered, Rotary International, whose current 10pm). This beloved two-day President, Gordon McInally is one summer kick-off celebration will of only two Scots to be elected in the organization's 119-year history. The Chicago Scots will feature Rotary International as the "Honored Clan" and President McInally will lead the "Parade of Tartans," which showcases Scottish families, clans, and organizations. All Rotarians are enthusiastically invited and encouraged to march with President McInally. At just before dusk on Saturday, June 15, when



annually. The festival features the all the piping and drumming largest pipe band championship competitions are done, the in North America, Scottish heavy athletics like the iconic cabertoss, highland dancing, dogs of bands," during which President Scotland, a kids area and Scottish petting zoo, Celtic rock music, Scottish food & drink, whisky tastings, a classic British car show, a marketplace featuring kilts, candy, jewelry and other authentic Scottish treasures.

The festival features formal competitions and championships like highland dancing, heavy athletics, and bagpiping. Guests will see and hear some of the world's greatest Grade 1 pipe bands. The festival also features fun competitions, challenges and contests like the hilarious "knobbly knees" contest, the "running of the bairns," shortbread contests, haggis hurling and haggis eating. After all the competitions are

entire festival will gather for the incredibly moving "massed McInally, will receive the "Salute to the Chieftain."

Ticket prices for the 38th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games are as follows:

Friday: Children 12 and under FREE; Adults \$20; Seniors (60+) & Active Military \$15

Saturday: Children 12 and under FREE; Adults \$30; Seniors (60+) & Active Military \$25

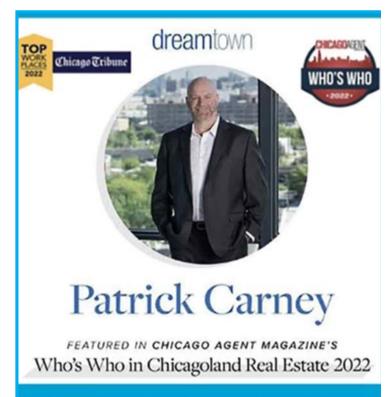
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VIP Two Day Pass: \$200 admission includes complimentary food and beverage service (with a Scottish flare), whisky masterclass, meet & greet with the National Chef of Scotland, Gary Maclean, premier parking, and more.

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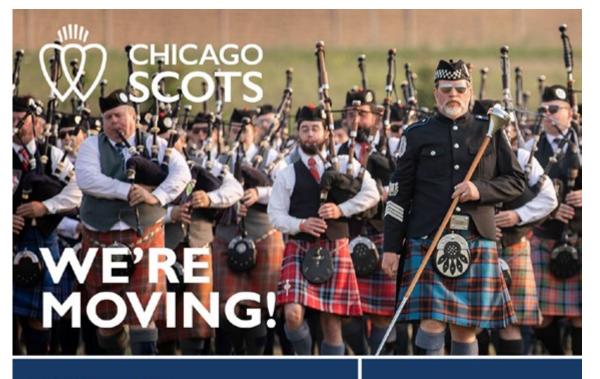
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https://irish-american.org/event/bloomsday-100th-anniversary-rattlin-of-the-joists-2/

See story on page 21



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## Your Business! By Katie Fitzpatrick





## Fore! Your Guide to This Season's **Irish Golf Outings**

Warmer weather is now upon us, which means that Irish organizations across the area are planning to host golf outings throughout the summer and early fall. Safe to say, golfers (and their non-golfer friends) interested in supporting Irish causes will have many opportunities to spend time on the links this season. See below for sampling of the many outings and how to get involved.

**Irish Community Services** Date: Saturday, June 8 Location: Indian Boundary \ Golf Course

What we're hearing: "Irish Community Services is extremely excited for our upcoming golf event on June 8th. We're looking forward to coming together with friends and community partners to celebrate good times, good people, and, most importantly, a good cause," said Scott Brennan, who serves on the ICS Board of Directors and as Chair of the Golf Committee.

How to sign up: Visit www.irishchicago.com or call 773-282-8445.

Concern Worldwide Date: Monday, July 15 Location: Chicago Highlands

What we're hearing: "Help change the lives of the world's most vulnerable people by registering for the Concern Chicago Golf Outing at the stunning Highlands Golf Club in Westchester, IL - a specialized links course with sweeping views of the Chicago skyline and 75foot elevation changes. You can expect an exciting day on the links and the opportunity to help Concern raise critical funds for our life-saving

programming around the world," said Bridget Conway, Development Manager, Midwest, noting that tickets include a round of golf, lunch and refreshments on the course, and attendance at the evening reception.

Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago Date: Monday, July 15 Location: Ridgemoor Country Club What we're he

aring: "Chaired by former Chairman John Wrenn and his outstanding committee, the event is sure to be a sell-out. The outing includes a shotgun start with various competitions across the course. Golf is followed by a cocktail reception, awards, and a raffle. Please

join us for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship."

by e-mail at momall1308@gmail.com.

Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago Date: Saturday, August 17

Location: Old Orchard Country Club

What we're hearing: Patrick Gill of the Young Irish Fellowship Club Board of Directors shared that the YIFC annual golf outing unite golfers of all ages to enjoy a day on the links to fundraise for their charities, Cara Chicago and Pat Mac's Pack.

How to sign up: isit www.youngirish.com.



How to sign up: Visit https://www. concernusa.org/event/concernworldwide-chicago-golf-tournament.

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Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance Date: Friday, July 26

Location: Deerpath Golf Club What we're hearing: "We are so excited for the third annual golf outing in support of this dance school on the North Shore," said Tim Lynch, who chairs the golf outing. "Last year, we had over 150 people come out, and this year we're hoping for even more. It's quickly becoming an annual rite of summer, with live Irish music in a beautiful setting in Lake Forest and a special performance from

the Fitzpatrick School dancers. The event is open to golfers to play eighteen holes and anyone else who wants to join for dinner and refreshments."

How to sign up: Visit www. fitzpatrickschoolofirishdance.com.

**Ancient Order of** Hibernians Division 32 **Date: Saturday, August 17 - 3:00** pm 773-282-7035 ext. 10. shotgun start Location: Edgebrook Golf Course

What we're hearing: Division 32, Chicago of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) - - is hosting its 25th annual charity golf outing to fund the bulk of the donations of the Charity Committee throughout the year. The AOH supports groups, individuals and families throughout Chicagoland with donations and member participation. A few organizations that benefit from the AOH's philanthropy include Misericordia, St. Mary of the Lake Soup Kitchen and The Well of Mercy. The AOH is the oldest and largest Irish-American Catholic fraternal organization in the United States with members in 49 of the 50 States and Canada.

How to sign up: Contact Mike O'Malley

Gaelic Park / Carraig Pub

What we're hearing: The Gaelic Park team is still finalizing the details of this year's event, so please keep an eye out for sign-up information here in the Irish American News or online at www. chicagogaelicpark.com.

Irish American Heritage Center Date: Saturday, September 14 Location: Billy Caldwell Golf Course

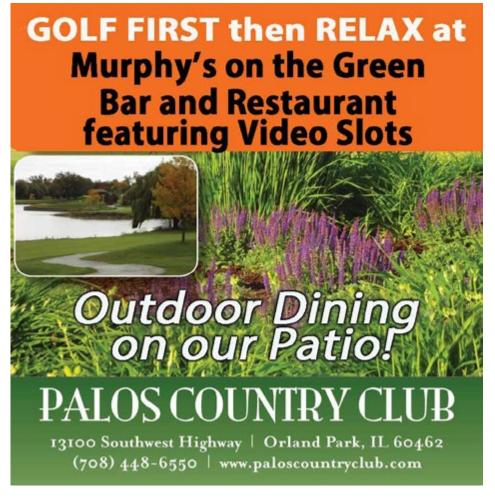
What we're hearing: Marianne Lynch tells us, "Join us for a grand time on the green! The day includes nine holes of golf, carts, lunch, prizes, awards, raffles and more in the Hospitality Room at the Irish American Heritage Center following the outing, and admission to the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Center. There will be prizes for most green worn on the course!"

How to sign up: Visit www.irish-<u>american.org</u> or call the main office at

#### Irish American Partnership Date: Monday, September 16 Location: Beverly Country Club

What we're hearing: "The Partnership is delighted to be hosting our Chicago Golf Tournament at the wonderful Beverly Country Club in September," said Clodagh Boyle, VP of Communications & Engagement at the Partnership. "For more than 30 years, our supporters enjoy the opportunity to play one of the finest courses, and to compete for a spectacular first prize of roundtrip tickets to Ireland. A great day's golf, while positively impacting the lives of thousands of young people across the island, north and south."

How to sign up: Visit www.irishap. org/chicago-2024





## **Quarter Life**

turning 25. Honestly, I haven't spent much time thinking about my birthday... the excitement surrounding them began to wear off in my mid-teens, but I think I've hit an all-time low on the excitement scale for this one. As the years go by, I have a feeling that that trend might continue. I guess that's what getting old is all about.

25 is halfway to 50, and 50 is halfway to 100. So I suppose that this birthday will leave me at peak vulnerability to a midmid-life crisis. I don't really anticipate that I'll experience something of that nature in the coming months, but then again I don't know if anyone can ever really plan for or anticipate an existential have noted that Gen Z spends less and

My forthcoming birthday has, however, had me reflecting about what it means to be a '99 baby, and what my generation is making of itself. Much has been written, both positively and negatively, about Generation Z (or "Zoomers"). Intergenerational revulsion, curiosity, and admiration is nothing new of course. Folks tend to look at their own generation through rose-colored glasses, while casting aspersions on the folks who came before my goals and aspirations continue to and after them. I don't claim to buck that trend.

for IAN posing the question: "How will Gen Z Americans craft their identity?" I generation, have collectively experienced. Ultimately, I concluded that column with a note of hope for my generation. I still have light new considerations for me to think

about. To me, Gen Z can be categorized by an overwhelming sense of anxiety. On the 23rd of this month, I'll be These are the babies born in the midst of the first attack on US soil since Pearl Harbor. The ones that tugged at their parent's shirtsleeves while they sifted through foreclosure documents. The ones that saw the American political paradigm upended in between SATs and biology homework. And, most recently, the ones that were forced to cope with extreme social isolation and virtual learning, even as they tried to forge their own identities at college and university. For most of my peers, I'd venture to say that Gen Z's understanding of the world can be boiled down to two words: "What next?"

> Several economists and sociologists saves more than Millennials, while simultaneously engaging in fewer vices (e.g. smoking, risky sexual behavior, drugs, gambling) than virtually every other preceding generation. I speculate that this is a symptom of my generation's tendency to white-knuckle its way through life. Why open ourselves up to financial vulnerability by going out all the time when we can just stay home and watch Grey's Anatomy?

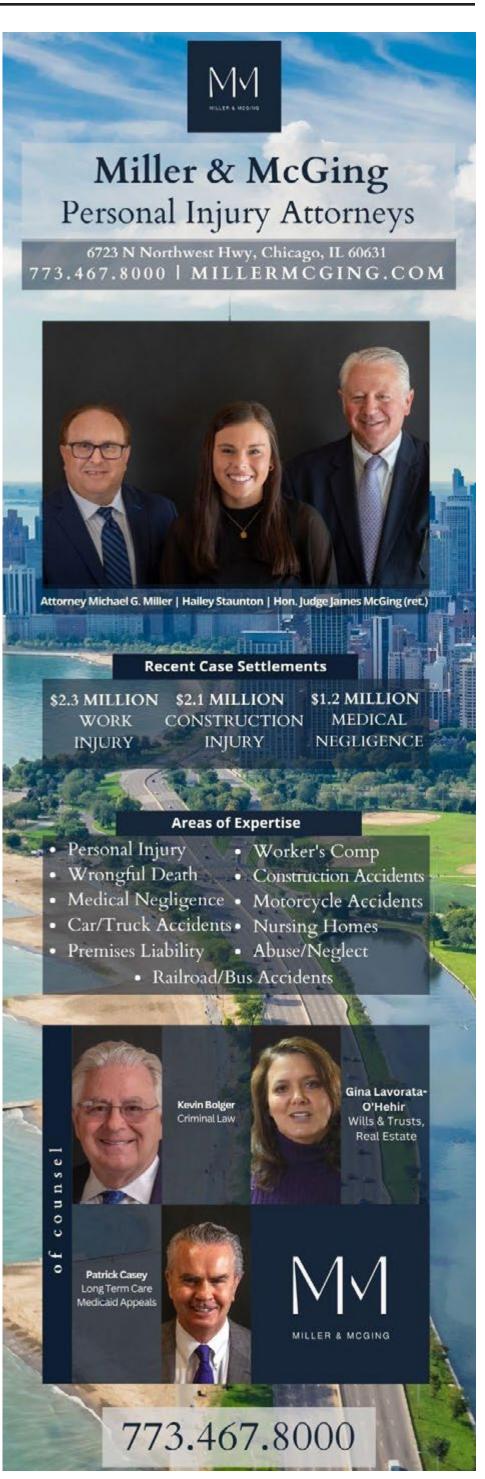
As I turn a quarter of a century old, revolve around making the world a better place-and I think that that desire is a In November 2022, I wrote a piece common thread tying Zoomers together. Fulfillment, peace, and stability are the values that I hold dear, and they're also reflected on the wacky history that we, as a the ones I work towards achieving in my personal and professional life. I know that my peers feel similarly. Can we just have a year or two where we don't feel that hope, but adulthood has brought to like the world is crumbling all around



Megan Grealy, Eileen O'Reilly, Sandra Hamilton, and Irish Vice-Consul, Padraig Manning, attending the luncheon for Women of Concern Worldwide U.S..

the Consulate to attend the Women of Concern annual event highlighting their critical work promoting the rights of women in the most impoverished and war-torn regions of the world. Speakers Saara Bouhouche, Humanitarian Policy Advisor at Concern Worldwide, and Rachel Isely, Humanitarian Programs work going on in Afghanistan with New York.

It was a humbling and a pleasure for some hopeful results of the work of Concern Worldwide US there, as well as the work that continues in the fight against inequality, structural violence, discriminations, and advocating for intercultural dialogue, and the protection of women and minority groups' rights. We are extremely grateful to Candance Patel Taylor, Bridget Conway and Colleen Director gave great insights into the Kelly for their leadership in Chicago and





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#### Irish Hilarity

you laugh or smile and I am loathe to analyze the entire history of the celebration of calamity, language can be barbarous,

often ludicrous. I will be quoting both the written and the spoken My intent here is to define Irish word. This requires the reader humor as something that makes not to be squeamish about bad language or blasphemy. to intellectualize it. In fairness Ireland after all is a socially it's not possible in this space and religously conservative country and a favorable climate Irish hilarity. It involves a mix for comic rebellion. Trust the of graveyard humor, mockery, writer, it is not easy, if even possible to analyze precisely the the farcical, the curses, comic entire history of Irish hilarity. damnation, satanic laughter, We take much for granted. and always present the profane For example we go along with tangled with the sacred. All the notion that statuary in the of it honed somehow to a city of Dublin translates into a fine art. Nevertheless, the target for mockery, scornful, or affectionate. In Joyce's book his own statue, a bench, it is outrageous, exaggerated and Dubliners, two of the three alleged that sometimes he sat don't tell anybody." Back in from the bed, steering into

statues that appear are derided, and, in the last thirty years monuments have been raised to Anna Liffey symbolising Dublin's river, to Molly Malone of the song, to a down-counting millennial clock and let's not forget two

earned a more or less disdainful is what he penned. nickname respectively.

in the jacuzzi, the tart with the cart, the box in the docks, the chime in the slime and the hags with the bags. Incidently, the new statue to joyce, has been named the prick with the shtick! Even Seamius Heaney is involved. When rewarded with



Brendan Behan

it, and who pissed on it! In-Finnegans' satirized the Lord's prayer. It is reported that as late as 1980 several vignettes in French were said to be the work of

Jesus raised the already Let's name them: the floozie putrefying Lazarus from the dead. And later that same day he beheld Lazarus close by and inquired "how is it that returned to life, I do not find you smiling?" Lazarus replied: "why did you lie to us, Jesus, about the afterlife? I've been there. I know about it. There's nothing!

on it and wondered the day blasphemy in Ireland who made love on and even today is utilized as a variant form of satire especially in a nation of once strong Wake Joyce twice believers. Austin Clarke's poetic drama "The Son of Learning" was highly respected when he changed the act of contrition to the act of nutrition! Another example of blashpemy comes from Joyce contained in the women shoppers. Each has Oscar Wilde who was dying. This his book Ulysses, and I quote here the parody of the apostles creed:

> They believe in Rod, the Scourger Almighty, creator of hell upon earth, and in Jacky Tar, the son of a gun, who was conceived of the unholy boast, born of the fighting navy suffered under rump and dozen, was scarified, flayed and curried, yelled like bloody hell, "I know, said Jesus, "but please the third day he arose again

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Heaven, sitteth on his beamend **Derry** till further orders whence he shall come to drudge for a living and be paid.

Jesus-Chain Saw Massacre! May of Irish laughter. Meanwhile, Protestantism in Irish Catholic eyes was a straight forward affair with its Lutheranism, Calvinism and Zwingliism. It was entwined in the reality that Henry 5th wanted a new wife. A gaelic poem, written by a priest in the 17th century and later mischievously translated by Brendan Behan:

Don't speak of the alien minister

Nor his church without meaning or faith.

For the foundatin stones of his temple

Are the balls of King HenryVIII Brendan Behan arrived in the United States in 1962 live in those days. Host Jack minute his place was taken by her extreme nervousness, he and London. added "as far as I'm concerned, anything goes———so long as it Degree graduate Irish History be arranged prior to arrival. doesn't frighten the horses."

## **Guided Tours**

such satire, and the Gibson's and historical tours of the passion movie entitled the City of Derry and Donegal. All guides are fully trained and Sunday.

Gleann Doherty is a studies.



Statues in Derry depicting reaching out to both sides

and was invited to appear on native of Derry, born in the tours provides a range of tours the Tonight Show, which was Brandywell area in 1971, and brought up in Derry all These would include: Derry Paar was ill and at the last through the conflict. Gleann lost his father on the day of St. Columb's Cathedral, Arlene Francis who knew little Bloody Sunday at the age of 7 about her guest. She inquired months and has been involved Derry Presbyterian Church. what he would talk about, in the Bloody Sunday Justice Derry coach tours, political and Behan replied: "sexual Campaign and also attended Derry tours, murals tours experimentation". Observing the Saville Inquiry in Derry Derry. Custom tours of Derry

and Politics from the Magee Visits to The Apprentice Boys

campus University of Ulster 2013, which ensures that tours, can be tailored to cover Derry Guided Tours offers any aspect of Irish history. There is now less fear of unique and factual political These tours are compatible with both education systems on the island of Ireland, university groups studying be proof that nothing is too have been directly affected Irish history and or the sacred to escape the mockery by the conflict, and Bloody political conflict as well as peace and reconciliation

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## Bambie Thug, Greta Thunberg and the Anti-fun Brigade Hit Town...

The last time I wore stockings, a corset and suspenders, of twenty. It doesn't make it so and a quick was forty years ago. I was also sporting high heels, had on full make-up and a fake upper arm tattoo of a heart with a dagger through it and the word 'Boss' scrawled above it. I was dressed as Frank-N-Furter, the sweet it's unlikely that you actually are one. transexual transvestite from Transylvania, who was the main star of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show'. I'll tell ye, lads: those were the days.

This would have been around early 1984, because I had just travelled from Limerick to Dublin to start a new job at the Shelbourne Hotel. I was a very occasional audience member, but the real regulars of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' -- which showed at the Classic Cinema in Harold's Cross every weekend for 21 years -- would have been dressing up and having a great old time for a while at that stage, so I was late to the party.

I was in my early twenties, working out with weights a fair bit and actually had a waistline in those days; so, I like to think that I looked like a vaguely sinister drag queen. In reality I'd imagine that the auld fellas in the local boozer where we met up beforehand were sniggering into their pints and mumbling 'Would ye ever look at those feckin' eejits?' as they peered at the Frank-N-Furter's, Riff-Raff's, and Janet Weiss's who had gone to the trouble of dressing up in order to literally go dancing in the aisles.

the same when I saw the line-up of feckin' eejits for the recent Eurovision Song Contest. Except that they didn't seem to have the same sense of fun and 'it's-onlya-bit-of-a-laugh' feel to them that we had. I'll come back to that.

I was also crazy about horror, science-fiction and Ken Russell movies -- and those I never grew out of. And all this is by way of showing that I've always had a soft spot for camp, kitsch and over-the-top fun. But it was a long way from fun that the recent camp, kitsch and horrific-for-thewrong-reasons Eurovision wandered.

And it's DEFINITELY a long way from Wee Dana in 1970 - although it's certainly about 'all kinds of everything'. Unless you're straight and identify as Male or Female. In that case you don't have a hope in hell of getting anywhere.

When it comes to box-ticking I think that my favorite just had to be Sabu of Denmark, who told us:

"I hope and believe that I, as a brown woman who is also adopted, queer and struggling with mental challenges, can play an important role in making Malmö (southern Sweden) an inclusive party, where I can represent a lot of people and Denmark in my own way."

You can nearly hear the singer saying: "Brown; adopted; queer; mental health issues; have I left out anything?" Of course, once again 'inclusive' doesn't mean straight, belonging to one of the two ACTUAL genders or - perish the thought -Christian. That would get you Nil Points.

As to Ireland's own Bambie Thug...oh boy, here we go. She was born Bambie Ray Robinson in 1993, hails from Cork and 'identifies' as nonbinary, which is already becoming a bit pointlessly

boring. Being non-binary, that is; not being from Cork, ha ha.

I mean, in my heart I identify as a really good-looking young fella

look in the mirror confirms that it's not. It's a bit like identifying as a dolphin. Unless you're a good swimmer and called Flipper

were having fun like this since well before she was born. In the '60s Michael Moorcock's famous creation Jerry Cornelius was what would today be called 'gender fluid'. And in the '70s, much to my parents' bewilderment, I was very fond of Alice Cooper. I thought his stage show - full of Satanic imagery; sound familiar, Bambie? Sound familiar, Sam Smith? - was exotic and riveting, like a night at the circus. But here we go again: Alice always knew that it was fun, it was Grand Guignol, that he was having a laugh. Oh yes, and the songs were actually good.

This current lot...why so serious?

(God help us!) started in on the Eurovision act with their demands, I knew that this was NOT going to be a barrel of laughs. Add to that the scowling, petulant face of Greta Thunberg, who never saw a happy grin that she didn't want to turn upside down and you just knew the anti-fun brigade were out in force.

And so it proved. Thousands of protestors took to the one place ahead of Bambie Thug, I'm happy to say. street to demand the removal of the Israeli contestant Forty years on, I can't say I blame them. I felt much Eden Golan. You see, 'inclusive' only means what they want it to mean; and makes me wonder if Lewis Carroll's a horrendous week for her, with boos and catcalls Humpty Dumpty might have been an early member of accompanying her appearances. Kindness? You would the LGBTQ community.

> They and the Pro-Palestine groups talk much about kindness and inclusivity, but that does not include But as I've noted, kindness and inclusivity don't count

## **Swimming Upstream**

By Charles Brady



empathy with the citizens of Israel. And it's not as if Bambie doesn't seem to realise that we Old Codgers they are unaware that in Israel same-sex unions are taken for granted, but in Palestine they are illegal and in Gaza itself they carry a sentence of ten years in prison under the British Mandate Criminal Code Ordinance of 1936.

> Turkeys voting for Christmas. Then again, the disapproval of Palestinian law is outweighed by sheer hatred of Israel, which is what this has always really been about.

I wonder how our Jewish citizens in Ireland felt as they listened to some of the utterances of Bambie Thug? Many of them have lived and contributed so much here for many, many years. Who speaks for them, during yet As soon as the U.K. 'activist' group Queers for Palestine another terrifying period in their terrifying history, when the whole world seems to be turned against them, even the ones who don't approve of how their government is handling this war?

> I trust that they will take note that while Ireland's jury gave no points at all to Israel, the vote from the Irish PUBLIC gave them ten points. And Eden Golan finished

> Happy, why? Because Ms. Golan acted with class and composure throughout what must have been have thought that this elegant twenty-year-old girl was physically in Gaza herself, spraying the bullets around.

for much when the alphabet community don't like

Incidentally, I might have had a little more respect for Bambie if she had stuck to her guns over the pro-Palestine sentiments that she had scrawled over her in ancient Irish. But once the Euro bosses said that they come off or she doesn't go on, her high-flown and loudly shouted principles went out the window.

Funny, that.

LATER: You may have noticed that I've decided to dispense with the ludicrous 'non-binary pronouns' some of these characters want to be used in place of 'his' or 'her'. As someone who enjoys the English language, I can't do it. However, it's just been pointed out to me that I'm not the only one and that the May 3 'Catholic Herald' carries an amusingserious article by Katherine Bennett, who thinks likewise and writes:

"...or Sam Smith gyrating breathlessly and unashamedly in nothing more than nipple tape, sparkly comfort knickers and devil horns. Thank God that Sam's plurality exists only inside his own head and not in reality. One of him is enough."

I couldn't agree more. In fact, I'd say that one of him is too many; but these days that would probably get me arrested for a hate crime.

"The above article was written a week before our government's decision regarding Palestine. For what it's worth, it was in my opinion an unhelpful and ill-judged decision - to put it mildly."

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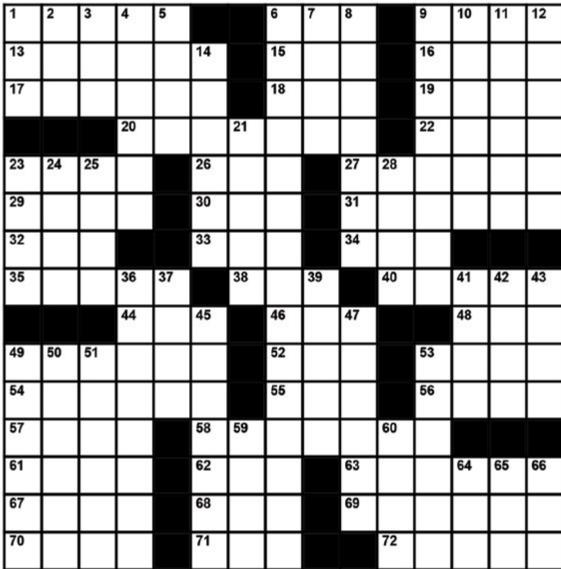








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by Miles Mellor

#### Across

- 1. Scarlett of Tara
- 6. Restroom, to a Brit
- 9. " in Boots" animated film
- 13. Place in the kiln again
- 15. Dolt
- 16. Encourage wrong doing
- 17. Playful rodent
- 18. Reggae relative
- 19. Automatic
- 20. Popular Irish drink
- 22. Untimely
- 23. Area in London or Manhattan
- 26. Alcott book "\_\_\_\_ Boys"
- 27. Got up on one's soapbox
- 29. \_\_\_ as we speak
- 30. Days past
- 31. Salon jobs
- 32. Belly
- 33. Address of endearment
- 34. Affection, briefly
- 35. Pal
- 38. Et \_
- (footnote abbr.)
- 40. Strange
- 44. City on the Danube
- 46. Drag into court
- 48. "Falcon Crest" actress Alicia
- 49. Gal, to an Aussie
- 52. Highland hat
- 53. U.S.N. rank
- 54. Disney's \_ Montana
- 55. out a living
- 56. Rhône's capital
- 57. "The emerald of Europe"
- 58. Neighbor of Turkey
- 61. Lip
- 62. Uppermost

- 63. Results of blizzards
- 67. Rolaids rival
- 68. West of Hollywood
- 69. Satellite radio
- 70. Jacuzzis
- 71. Airport abbreviation
- 72. Twilled cloth

#### Down

- 1. Web site address ending
- 2. Half a laugh
- 3. Egypt's continent, abbr.
- 4. It might be cut by a politician
- 5. Operatic solo
- 6. Flips, 3 words
- 7. Tasting of wood, as some spirits
- 8. More or less, 3 words
- 9. Lingo
- 10. WWI, II undersea vessels
- 11. Sofa
- 12. Mounts
- 14. \_\_\_ Wood in Tolkien films
- 21. Company symbols
- 23. "\_\_\_ good example"-2 words
- 24. Reproductive cell
- 25. Chrysler engine
- 28. Agitate
- 36. Popular Irish drink
- 37. Pot
- 39. Shake
- 41. Stand-up comedian,
- Youssef 42. \_\_\_nesian
- 43. Bring in
- 45. \_\_\_\_ Gandhi
- 47. Blue-pencils
- 49. Bedding pieces
- 50. Lacking funds, 2 words
- 51. Puzzling situation
- 53. Danes of "Homeland"
- 59. Crowd sound at Croke Park, e.g.

- 60. Colorful flower from a bulb

- 66. Compass point
- 64. Douglas \_\_\_\_
- 65. Jerk





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# Terry From Derry by Terry Boyle

#### **Breaking Hearts**

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You have to keep breaking your heart until it opens

(Rumi)

If you're like me, you read the above statement (Rumi is a medieval Sufi mystic) and think how very profound it sounds. No doubt you've already encountered a lot of internet mystics bombarding you with similar sage advice. There are daily meditations on how to get through the day. I'm not knocking the attempts to make us feel better but sometimes there's no quick fix in life. As Antonio in Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice says; In sooth I know not why I am so sad. It wearies me, you say it wearies you. But how I caught it, found it, or came by it, What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born, I am to learn. And such a want-wit sadness makes of me, That I have much ado to know myself.

Sometimes we're hit by a malaise that refuses to be defined as anything other than a melancholic feeling. We might not even know the origins or cause of such a feeling. This lacklustre state of being is often attributed to depression. I'm no doctor, at least of medicine, but from what I've read true depression is the result of a chemical imbalance that can be corrected with the right sort of medication. Other feelings of depression, or what we term depression, can be the result of a traumatic loss or a catastrophic event. These feelings have an obvious cause. In other words, there is a causeand-effect to our sadness.

What Antonio seems to be describing is that free-floating sense of anxiety that is simply a part of life. In the play, Antonio, who has pledged a pound of his flesh to Shylock, is freed of his bond by the clever the legal loophole (you can have the frees Antonio from his bizarre contract. You would think that a man who has

We are uncomfortable with things that cannot be defined. There has to be a reason, a cause, to give us a sense of security. To acknowledge that we cannot understand or know the cause would be to admit to the unknown, which leaves us feeling uncertain. However, we live in a time of uncertainty. Our world has been shifting away from the concrete answers for a long time. The modern age, with its scientific discoveries, has left us bereft of clear certainties.

Religion, for example, offered us some understanding of the meaning of life. But in the 19th Century, with the rise of Higher Criticism, we see that sacred texts are not as infallible as we previously thought. The writers of these texts were flawed human beings trying to make sense of their world. They were influenced by the culture and politics of their time. Their understanding of life was determined by what they knew, and what they knew was limited. We now look upon those texts with some degree of uncertainty and scepticism. Our modern age distrusts such absolutes for good reason.

wrangling of Portia. She brilliantly finds flesh if you don't spill any blood), which been living under a death sentence would be ecstatic but he's not. The play, for the most part, has a happy ending. Couples are paired together, and Shylock is forced to become his worst nightmare, a Christian but at least his depression is rooted in a definite cause. It is Antonio who stands apart as being plagued with a pervasive melancholy. Critics argue over what the cause of the despondency is as if there has to be a definite cause.

We have evolved and discovered that what we thought we knew is not entirely certain. Scientists, for example, learned that sub-atomic molecules did not operate as expected. They also revealed to us that our objectivity is limited by observation.

The ramifications of these discoveries lead us to a place of unknowing. We're forced to acknowledge that what we thought we understood as truth is no longer absolutely true. which leaves us unsure about who we are and where we're heading as a people. Added to this existential insecurity are the radical changes in our world. We've moved into a phase of environmental changes that cannot be undone. With the onset of global warming, we have yet to see the consequences of our actions. Our refusal to change our ways will lead us to experience many unknowns. Rising tides will threaten the lives of many, and changes in weather patterns will prove challenging for all of us.

Added to the environmental changes are the political changes. New threats in the Middle East keep us wondering if these events will spill over into something more global. Equally, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has universal consequences. Conflicts, such as these, keep us at the tipping point of another world war. There is also another concern that is closer to home, and that is the erosion of democracy. We've seen from the last U.S. elections how fragile our democracy is. Almost 4 years have passed since the 2020 election and we've discovered how a large group of individuals tried to undermine the right of the majority to elect their respective candidate. Such conspiratorial actions have seriously damaged our trust in democracy.

Inspired by a man who lies, and cheats to get his way, these people have abandoned the democratic process and become the enemy within. Since we find ourselves in a vacuum of political idealism, we are prey to the cynics who pull at the vestiges of a system that has prevented us from falling into fascism. Should these people have their way, and there is no guarantee that they won't, we will find that our anxiety has a definite cause, and no amount of sage advice will eradicate a political bully. If we're feeling anxious, and suffer from this sense of free-floating anxiety, it's because the world is changing, and these changes seriously affect our mood but we cannot allow those feelings to leave us powerless.

It's not enough to accept things as they are when we can do something to change them. Antonio bemoans his condition. His inability to engage with the world around him disempowers him. He is incapable of changing his feelings because he is resigned to them. We all have a choice. We can accept things as they are and do nothing or we can determine to make ourselves better by trying to change the world around us for the better.

## The 36th Clare Association of Chicago 'Day for Special People" at Gaelic Park 6/23



The 36th Clare Association of Chicago "Day for Special People" will be held at Chicago Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St. Oak Forest, IL on Sunday, June 23, 2024. As in the past, our day will start with 10:00 Mass on the patio dedicated to those who God has made "Special." A buffet Irish breakfast will follow during which we will hold the Grand Raffle. All of our "special guests" will be entered in this raffle upon entering the park

that morning, and if their name is called, they will be able to pick a prize of their choice from a wide variety of wonderful prizes. All of the above is free to our "Special" guests who look forward to this day all year. They only need to register to participate in the day. There will be a nominal charge for breakfast to anyone other than our "special guests," Following the breakfast and Grand Raffle, our guests are invited to play games on the patio for which they will receive a maximum of 4 table prizes of their choice from tables laden with assorted prizes.

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the Tribesman county. It is in the province of Connacht. My sister-in-Law Catherine but fondly known as "Gertrude", God rest her, was from Galway, a very smart and kind woman. She still has family in Galway & many people who miss her.

areas such as Spiddal, Leitir Moir and However, he lost his nerve when a lovely

Rossaveal and also the largest Gaeltacht called Connemara. These areas speak the Irish language all day. What I can say about Irish, is I speak some Irish. I can speak more Irish and remember more if someone brings it out of me. However, in school I wish we were treated better while learning the language. There wasn't room for error and that made the language all that harder.

are three rocky Islands near Galway Bay. and finally Inisheer. The Islands altogether Aran Islands is home to the Aran sweater and the currach. (small fishing boat) The movie "Banshees of Inisherin" was filmed partly on Inishmore and the TV series, Fr Ted was shot on the islands.

Raidio na Gaeltachta, Foinse newspaper (discontinued in 2015) and national TV station TG4. (Teilifis na Gaeilge)

Scientific.

This month we will cover Co. Galway Irish republican who died in the 1916 Easter Uprising

I will leave you with this true story of Dr. Howard Kelly. I read this touching story of a boy selling from door to door to pay for his school. One day he found he had only one dime left, and he was hungry. He decided Galway has several Irish speaking he would ask for a meal at the next house.

> young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal, he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry and brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it so slowly and then asked, you?" You don't owe me anything," she replied. never to accept pay for kindness." He said ... "then I thank you from

my heart." As he left the house, he felt Galway includes the Aran Islands, which physically stronger, and his faith in God and man was strong. Many years later, The largest is Inishmor then Inishmaan that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They have a population of roughly 1300 people. finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. A strange light filled his eyes when he heard the name of the town she came from. Immediately he rose and went Galway city is home to the radio station down the hospital hall to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went in to see her. He recognized her at once.

He returned to the consultation room There are several business & medical determined to do his best to save her life. headquarters in Galway, some include From that day, he gave special attention IBM, Oracle, Cisco, Medtronic and Boston to her case. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to Some notable people from Galway him for approval. He looked at it, wrote include Saw Doctors band, actress Nicola something on edge, and sent the bill to Coughlan (Derry Girls) and Eamonn Ceant, her room. She feared to open it, for she





was sure it would take the rest of her life kindness does to others is that it makes to pay for it all. She looked, and read these words ... "paid in full with one glass of milk." (signed) Dr Howard Kelly. Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "thank you, God, that your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands. Dr. Howard Kelly (1858-1943) how much do I owe was a distinguished physician who was one of the four founding doctors of Johns Hopkins, the first medical research "Mother has taught us university in the USA. "No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that

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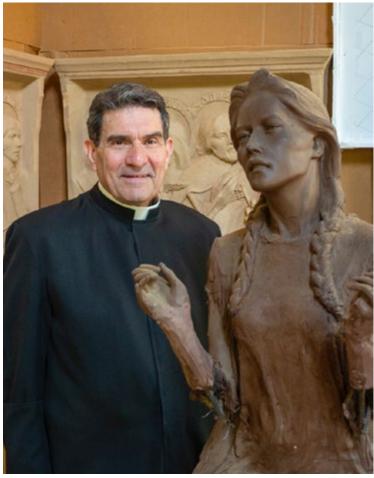


#### Priest, Sculptor, and Irish Musician, Father Anthony Brankin Uses his Talents to Serve the Lord

Father Anthony J Brankin, multi-talented Chicago pastor, sculptor, and Irish musician, knew he wanted to be a priest since the age of 7. "As a child, I had a beautiful dream.... in which I felt a strong presence of Jesus and His Love. The experience was palpable, and the memory indelible." That began Brankin's life-long journey devoted to serving God and His people. On June 15th starting at 430pm with

the time comprised about 25% of Chicago's population. Their son, Anthony J Brankin Sr was born in 1910, and grew up to become a Captain in the Chicago Police Department. He married Angela Carioscia, and the couple made their home at 60th and Fairfield in St Rita's Parish. The future Father Anthony Brankin, b.1949, was the second oldest of their five children.

When asked if he had any priest



Mass at St Thomas More Church at 81st and California, Brankin celebrates his 50th anniversary as a priest.

Brankin's Irish roots trace back to his grandparents Philip Brankin of Co Armagh, and Annie Philbin, of rural Co Mayo. In the early 1900's, Philip and Annie met and married here in Chicago, settling in Bridgeport, among the growing seminary training at a very masses of Irish people who at young age. So, at age 13,

role models, Brankin offered, "Oh yes, the Augustinian priests at St Rita's were all great men... all the more manly because of their Catholic faith and piety. You could see in their demeanor and hear in their voices, kindness and generosity and the Faith. They were fathers to us."

In the 1960's, men entered

Brankin entered Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, at 77th Street and Western Avenue, joining over 1600 other like-minded young men. He spent the next 12 years learning to be a priest. Brankin said one of the first things he had to learn was "how to

think critically." Instrumental in helping Brankin achieve this was educator Father Victor LaMotte. "He (LaMotte) was brilliant, really brilliant.... he pushed all of us to think, to push back to the first principles (root causes) and build your argument from that.... like Socrates must have done."

Though Brankin learned to draw alongside his siblings as a child in the Brankin home, it was during those long seminary years that he discovered sculptor Malvina Hoffman, best known for "Hall of the Races of Mankind," a collection of 104 life-size bronze statues created for Chicago's Field Museum and exhibited during the Chicago World's

Fair of 1933. Around 1967, while still in high school, Brankin picked up Hoffman's book, "Sculpture Inside and Out," and by following her detailed instruction, he produced his first statue, a bust of an early 19th C General. He noted "I was quite pleased with it, and that began my career in sculpting. She (Hoffman) really inspired me." Brankin received Holy Orders in 1975.

Father Brankin believes he has done at least one major statue annually since 1983. He has never advertised or had an agent or a website promoting his work. "I never



made statues to sell them. I have only been commissioned; someone would come to me asking I do a statue and I would do it." Working mostly in bronze, he most often creates religious art. His works are scattered throughout Chicago, the United States, and Europe (Rome). Most are quite large.

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(featured on the cover of IAN in January of 2010), St Patrick baptizing St Brigid and St Brendan at St Alexander's Parish in Palos Park (unique in that it has a functioning water feature), and Guardian Angel and Street Children at Mercy Home Chicago.

> Further north in LaCrosse WI is St Joseph the Workman, commissioned by Cardinal Burke for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In this piece Saint Joseph is teaching young Jesus how to work with wood. California is home to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, informally known as the Lily of the Mohawks.

> Nowadays Brankin spends most of his time on his family farm in Galena IL, spending at least 4 hours daily working on his sculptures. His current project is an altar screen of the Apostles and Evangelists, commissioned by Archbishop Jerome Listecki of Milwaukee WI. The farm is equipped with a large art barn, where



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and store his statues.

has loved and played Irish music of piano lessons as a child got him started, but after that he was self-taught, learning accordion, Because of his abilities, it is no surprise he makes Irish harps, Celtic art.

assignment as a priest was at Our Lady of Charity, Cicero IL. After 6 years there, Cardinal Cody sent

he has plenty of space to work Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma (Academy of Fine Arts) and pursue As if not enough to be brilliant a doctorate in sacred theology priest and gifted sculptor, Brankin at the University of St Thomas (Angelicum). When he returned, for many, many years. Two years he was assigned to St Thomas More Church, where he would spend the next 21 years with its heavily Irish population. He wrote mandolin, and Irish harp. His and directed a series of Irish favorites are piano and harp. musical plays, intended to bring people together as a community and to highlight the beauty of and decorates the soundbox with traditional Irish music and song. Brankin put his heart and soul In 1975, Brankin's first into those plays, and those who participated in them still talk bands! about them 40 years later.

In 2004, Brankin had a



commission from Cardinal Burke, and then started at St Odilo in Berwyn, where he retired in 2019. He did not speak a word of Spanish when he got there, but after just 2 years, he became fluent enough to give sermons and hear confessions. His parish community musical showcases continued in the form of the annual "Odilopalooza," celebrations, featuring all types of music, and except for the mariachi bands, Brankin would share the stage with the Blues Bands and even the Irish Ceili

One would think it would be difficult to juggle all these talents and avoid them competing with one another. But that has not been an issue for Brankin. He reflected, "Priesthood has always been the most important thing in my life and any other talent I had, I used to serve my vocation." Thus, drawing, sculpting, music, instrument-making all served his priestly calling. His art and music depicted the beauty of God; his sessions and plays brought his parishioners together in community, and he often made harps for other musicians. Brankin's motivation in all is love and service to others.

When he returns to Chicago for his 50th anniversary of priesthood, over 1500 parishioners, friends, family, and clergymen are expected to honor him. St Odilo parishioner Virginia Cannella explained why he is loved so much by his parishioners, "Father Brankin is a relatable person and prayerful. His priesthood impels him to make every action a prayer and that comes across

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in how he responds to people and through his actions." A former parishioner, Chris L said, "Fr. Brankin has a big heart, and freely gives a lot of love to his parishioners. The natural response is to love him back."

In a world where the Irish priest is becoming a relic of the past, Brankin stands out as a gem, a shining example of total

life-long commitment to the priesthood, and use of his vast talent in service to that vocation and his people.

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goji berries, and the list goes on. out for the occasional frozen own which is what I do. What could be easier than Margarita. If not you can pick up grabbing a handful of sweet an inexpensive one at Target or berries from the fridge for Wallmart. I also use my blender a snack, or add to salads, for making creamy vinaigrettes

of additional ingredients like protein powder to suit your taste or dietary needs.

As far as pancakes go you can use a store bought ready mix or make your

Pancakes 2 cups flour ½ tsp baking soda 11/2 tsp baking powder ½ tsp salt

> 2 tbls sugar 1 egg beaten 1tbls melted butter or vegetable oil Buttermilk

Place all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix. Add egg, butter and enough buttermilk to form a thick batter that's not too runny. It doesn't need to be completely smooth. Some lumps are ok. Add the berry of your choice. I like blueberries. Heat a flat cast iron griddle or frying pan over medium heat and add a knob of butter. Ladle or spoon batter on to the hot griddle creating a 4 inch circle. You can test the temperature of the griddle by dropping a little water on it. The water should bubble and quickly evaporate. When bubbles

form on top of the pancakes and the edges are firm gently flip pancakes with a spatula, and finish cooking for 3-5 minutes. Don't worry if the first batch are too dark just adjust the heat. Stack pancakes with a tab of butter on top of each cake. Continue cooking and stacking until all the batter is used. This recipe makes about 10-4inch pancakes.

The world of berries is endless allowing you to try and taste a variety of new flavor combinations.



like muffins, cobblers, cakes, pies, fruit bars, compotes, jams, sorbets, and ice cream. My favorite is blueberry pancakes. Try combining berries with stone fruits like peaches. We all know how delicious a rhubarb and strawberry tart is. The flavor combinations are endless.

For a healthy alternative to a milk shake try making a smoothie. Smoothies are great for breakfast and super easy to make. The only appliance you need is a blender. Most of us have one that we drag

is emulsified.

For a basic smoothie you will need:

3 cups of berries

1 banana

½ cup Greek yogurt 1 ½ cup almond milk or regular milk

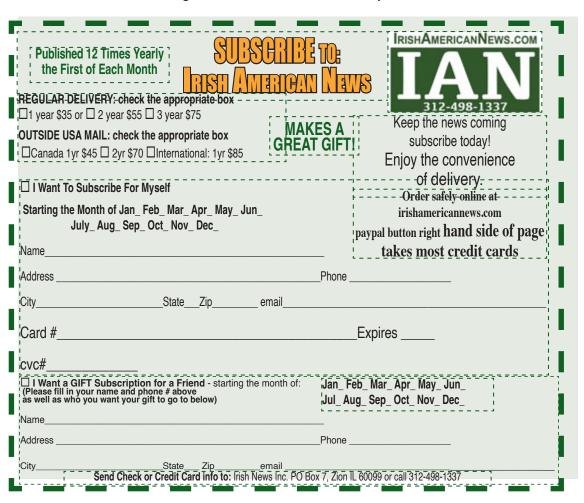
½ teaspoon vanilla extract 2 tablespoons honey 1 cup ice

Place all ingredients in a blender and blitz until smooth. Add more milk if too thick.

You can add a variety



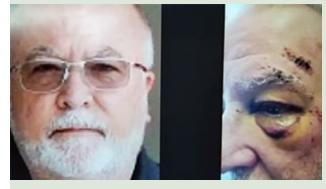




#### Support One of Our Own if You Can

chucks-recovery

Chuck, a 67 year old husband, father and grandfather was beaten and hospitalized, in the Portage Park best in people! neighborhood of Chicago, while walking to work the morning of 5-8-2024. He sustained head trauma and will need surgery to rebuild his eye socket that was broken in his life.



after being hit multiple times with a pipe. Even after the rest of his life.

to do so both on his personal life and throughout his career with Berman Subaru of chicago and the Berman Auto Group. He is an advocate of and cares deeply for https://www.gofundme.com/f/5ksm66-support- his community and his neighborhood. Although this event was very tragic, I know Chuck will continue to support his community as he has in the past. He always sees the

> Please help with any contribution as he will be out of work while he navigates through this horrible time

From Chuck: I am ok aside from a broken left orbital floor, which has my left eyeball unsupported and possibly lowering into my left sinus cavity. Surgery is was postponed until Tuesday, where they will replace the orbital floor with a metallic mesh. Then I need to hope that the eyeball resets properly so I stop seeing double. Other than a few other bruises, ok.

Yes, he came up from behind with a pipe or possibly a blackjack. Hit me a few times as I went down and was on the ground. He wanted me to get up and run down the alley in the opposite direction and not to look back. When I finally got up, I turned to him. He had my phone in his right hand. I grabbed it, and we both were tugging surgery he runs the risk of having double vision for the on it, me swearing at him both telling the other to let go. I had bled quite a bit and could not see his left side, Chuck has a love for helping others as he has continued which he hit me the jaw a few times with the weapon.

But I was too weak and disoriented. He pulled the phone away and took off down the alley. I walked a block to the Dunkin Donut I get coffee at every morning. Police are still following up.

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devoted James Joyce fans. This year's salon in a saloon will be a continuation of the regular commemorations begun in 2004 on the 100th anniversary of the day the novel is set, "Bloomsday" June 16th at 5pm

Banned in The United States and many other countries, including Ireland, when it was first published in 1922 by Sylvia Beach, the owner of Shakespeare and Company Bookstore in Paris, in 1998

Ulysses was selected by The Modern Library as the best novel of the 20th century.

Following the design of The Odyssey of Homer

Puddin'head Press will present The 20th within the setting of 1904 Dublin, Ulysses is a Helgeson featuring local actors, writers, scholars, and filled with allusions, extended passages of stream-

of-consciousness, and word-play of every kind.

Additionally, this year's "Bloomsday in Chicago" will begin with the performance of selections from Dubliners Sung, an album-inprogress by J.B. Pariah that sets Joyce's short stories to Celticflavored song and verse.

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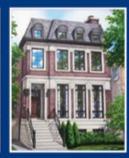
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This month the Galway Film Fleadh will hold the Irish Premiere of Kneecap on its Opening Night, and has chosen Palestine as Country of Focus for their 36th event, which takes place from July 9-14th in the Town Hall Theatre and Pálás Cinema.

Based on the origin story of the Irishlanguage rap trio Kneecap, the movie stars the band's Mo Chara, Móglaí Bap

and DJ Próvaí in their acting debuts alongside Academy Award-nominated Michael Fassbender. Set in West Belfast in 2019, it chronicles how fate brings the trio together and how they then go on to "change the sound of Irish music forever".

Speaking about the Irish premiere, Kneecap said:

"We're honored that Kneecap has



been selected to open Ireland's leading

Moving in front of the camera, and shooting is underway in Dublin on John

diner just six weeks after his release."

Colin and his sister Claudine Farrell will also earn producer credits on the movie through their company, Chapel Place, and he is also executive producer on current Netflix series Sugar, where he plays John Sugar, a private investigator looking into the disappearance of a young woman.

Filming for Belly of the Beast is scheduled to begin later in 2024.

Also due to start shooting around



film festival. Sundance was something else (where the won the Audience Award), but nothing beats the West of Ireland! We're buzzin' mostly for the first Irish audience to see the film and get all the little references that sailed over the yanks' heads! And for an Irish language film to have, no doubt, plenty of speakers in the room."

Kneecap

Carney's upcoming musical comedy, Power Ballad, starring Paul Rudd (Ant-Man) and Nick Jonas (Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle). The story follows a wedding singer (Rudd), a rock star (Jonas), and the song that comes between them, and Carney and Peter McDonald (The Stag) co-wrote the screenplay.

"I'm delighted to be working with so many great people," said Carney. "I've been working on this script with my buddy Peter for years, and now Paul Rudd and Nick Jonas are in my kitchen."

Oscar-winner Neil Jordan, who is set to direct an adaptation of his own novel, The Well of Saint Nobody, starring Jeremy Irons, Helena Bonham Carter, and Aidan Quinn. The story follows William, a famous

the same time is the latest movie from

concert pianist who retires to a rectory in West Cork and hires a local woman, Tara, as a housekeeper - someone he has met before, but doesn't remember. She remembers him though, and when an abandoned well is found, she shares the legend of its magical history with him....

Finally, actor Tom Hanks has expressed his interest in bringing the story of Irish nun Sr Mary Ignatia Gavin, a crucial figure in the founding of worldwide organization Alcoholics Anonymous, to the big screen.

In a recent interview on a history podcast, he spoke of his admiration for Sr Gavin, who came from a small village near the town of Castlebar in County Mayo, and later moved to the US and joined the Sisters of Charity St. Augustine in Ohio.

She established one of the world's first hospital-based programs for alcoholism - an eight-bed ward that thousands of people passed through on their journey toward recovery - and this became the template for the AA program.

"I know men and women who had their lives changed by Alcoholics Anonymous," said Hanks. "There is probably no other life-altering movement quite like it."

Hanks's own son Chester had previously shared his struggles with addiction, and now his father has pointed out the lack of cinematic exploration around the lifechanging program, even asking if anyone was interested in getting involved:

"If there's anyone out there who wants to throw down, let me know," he said.

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Ben Stiller and Collin Ferrell

Also in the future, Castleknock native Colin Farrell is set to star alongside Ben Stiller in a new true crime film called Belly of the Beast, from director Andrew Haigh.

Adapted by Haigh from the Jerome Loving nonfiction book Jack and Norman: A State-Raised Convict and the Legacy of Norman Mailer's 'The Executioner's Song' it tells the true story of two unlikely friends - literary legend Norman Mailer, portrayed by Ben Stiller, and his protégé, Jack Henry Abbott, played by Farrell.

The plot goes as follows: "Bolstered by Mailer's mentorship, Abbott is paroled after nearly a decade in prison; he gains instant popularity among the literary elite, but struggles with life on the outside. Mailer, creatively frustrated and envious of Jack's rising star, turns his back on his infamous protégé, and Jack spirals out of control, committing an act of violence in a New York City

#### The Soldiers of Mexico Musical Ensemble

by Cathy Cooney Millar Sones de Mexico and the Irish who called themselves the St. to this day. Music School of Chicago shared Patrick's Battalion (Batallón de

formed mainly Battalion the Mexican Army or by recent Irish (Batallón de San Patricio). They immigrants to the United States, are regarded as heroes in Mexico or Mexican songs or dance it was

The production showcased

Whether it was the cultural Irish email: nothing less than phenomenal talent. The story was being told Ensemble is to promote greater by the back and forth of both groups of talented musicians singers and dancers. If these two sublime groups come together again, its an absolute must to see For more information on the this amazing production!

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of heroic soldiers they formed the Saint Patricks jigs and the Sones of Mexico to Irish School of Music please tell the story of Los San Patricios. contact (773) 412-5082; or

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to the St. Patrick's Battalion (Batallón de San Patricio).

To state this is a unique Irishan understatement. My husband and I attended the performance not knowing what to expect and facts.

Mexican soldiers against the U.S. invasion.

emigrated to the United States we left inspired by the historical the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848, Riley led several

the stage to present a tribute San Patricio), fought alongside these events through Irish and Mexican folk singing, dancing and balladry. As the story was Patrick Riley was an Irish being told, it was narrated by Mexican theater coloboration is soldier in the British Army who either the Irish Music School of Chicago or the Scones of Mexico. and subsequently enlisted in The level of storytelling through the United States Army. During the cultural differences of the music, song or story telling was absolutely superb by melding In 1846-48, during the other defectors in the ranks the fiddles, harps, accordions, Mexican-American War, a group who defected to Mexico, where foot tapping and voices of Irish





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#### The Hunter

Tana French

Viking Press, March, 2024 Tana French is a gifted Irish procedurals with a lyrical style lives in Dublin.

new slow burning, moody a retired American cop named Cal Hooper who soon discovers her to upgrade and repair

the bucolic landscape hides a sinister subtext. The Hunter is a sequel to The Searcher (2020), a novel with a western American writer of police feel like the John Wayne film of a similar name. Many of and expressive dialogue. She the characters, including a near feral teenager named Set in Ireland, Tana French's Trey Reddy from a disgraced family, are familiar. Cal has thriller, The Hunter, features tried to rescue Trey from wasting her life by teaching

furniture. In The Hunter, Trey, now 15, is becoming a professional carpenter and moving beyond her family's bad reputation when her con artist father, Johnny, shows up with a "dodgy Englishman" to convince the locals through his smooth companion that the hills are sprinkled with gold. Suddenly, the stakes are raised-the madness of a gold

French knows the power of gold to blind even sensitive men.

"A solid thing appearing in front of the men's faces, brazen and undeniable, has a different kind of power, to which they're

which they have few defenses."

Cal is alerted to the potential for fraud, yet this is an unusual police thriller in many ways. It does not start with a dead body, murdered, and it builds slowly in a charming Irish landscape with colorful, yet very real but often wary characters. to do whatever it takes to Her writing never stoops to the of her craft.

**Books** Review By Michael Corrigan



protect Trey, but ultimately, Trey doesn't want protecting. What she wants is revenge.

TANA

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The Hunter

The Hunter is a darker

Cal's often witty conversations with a neighbor, always the sense terrible damage." of a dangerous subtext, even

unaccustomed and against when comic. Once again, the bucolic countryside of Ireland hides undercurrents of evil, surprise.

French writes powerful, although a major character is authentic dialogue. This may be due to memorizing lines during to her career as an actor. She is brilliant at ambience: the pub scenes, the cadence of Cal and Lena are both ready local Irish speech and rhythms. French is a meticulous master

easy cliché.

The reviews have been very good to raves.

"Hailed as the gueen of Irish novel than crime fiction, French spins most detective a taut tale of retribution, stories, despite sacrifice, and family."—TIME.

As Stephanie Merrit states, "French ratchets up the tension in increments, until the reader Mart Lavin, an realizes, along with Cal, that assumed leader the plan has escaped Johnny's of the local control to a point where every farmers. There is possible outcome must entail

Damage indeed. Perhaps Tana's French special gift, in addition to tight plotting and powerful dialogue, is that her characters are vivid long and the ultimate "reveal" is a after the story has ended. Cal's love for the vulnerable Trey is genuinely compelling. French's novels are police procedurals but often reach the level of a dramatic literary work. The latest novel, The Hunter, confirms that Tana

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#### Nonprofit Founder Shares Her Path From Widowhood to Healing in Hope Givers there are resources out

her 36-year-old husband, Kevin O'Donnell, to ALS in 2001. Since mental health professionals, that time, she has devoted and friends whose wisdom and

herself to giving back to others touched by lifelimiting diagnoses or other challenging transitions in life. She is the founder of Hope Loves Company, the only nonprofit dedicated to supporting the children and grandchildren of people living with ALS. She is also a

motivational speaker, life coach and every one of us." and host of the podcast, Gratitude to Latitude: Stories of Hope and Resilience, through which she celebrates the people and the stories that have fueled her purpose and passion for personal growth and healing.

And now, in her new book, Hope Givers: Conversations and Stories of Hope, she takes readers inside her own deeply emotional journey through caregiving, loss, grief and those hardest, ubiquitous lessons of adult life.

Part memoir, part exploration into the essence of hope in a life touched by a terminal illness, and part inspirational conversations drawn from her Gratitude to Latitude podcast, Hope Givers is a raw, unfiltered look that focuses on O'Donnell-Ames' successes while acknowledging her failures and shortcomings with candor.

"Our biggest challenges can result in our deepest clarity and

Jodi O'Donnell-Ames lost creation," O'Donnell-Ames said. Along the way, thought leaders,

> perspectives bring valuable lessons and comfort share their helpful insights.

"Somewhere among these pages, you will find a moment of connection and insight," she said. "It's an indisputable truth that while life is complicated and difficult, hope is reserved for each

Proof of hope is evident on every thoughtful page of Hope Givers.

"There are people and there that will support

you in your journey and that will help you find a way to process what you're feeling," she added. Hope Givers is one of those resources.

#### About the Author

Jodi O'Donnell-Ames is a TEDx speaker, nonprofit founder and MSW student. She is the founder of Hope Loves Company, the only nonprofit committed to helping the children and grandchildren of ALS patients. She is also the author of two previous books, The Stars That Shine and Someone I Love Has ALS. For more information, please visit www.joaspeakson. com, or connect with her on Facebook (jodi.odonnellames), Instagram (@jodi\_odonnellames) and Twitter (@jodonnellames).

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### Ulysses Abridged ~ A Shorter Journey through Now, retired

James Joyce's Masterpiece San Jose State Joyce's 1922 classic, Ulysses, is professor Michael Fallon has

one of the greatest novels in the English language. Radical in its day for its modernist construction, stream of consciousness narrative, and its unvarnished exploration of sexuality, Ulysses - like the sirens of Homer's Odyssey

daunting, due to its length and

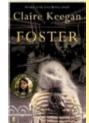


crafted an abridged version for its centennial, Ulysses Abridged ~ A Shorter Journey through James Joyce's Masterpiece. Fallon, an Irish-American Joyce devotee, spent years studying the novel about a day in the life of Leopold Bloom in early 20th century Dublin. Fallon has pared Joyce's

upon which it is based - calls to epic masterpiece by a third, readers, but reading it can be leaving the original storyline,

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#### **Books** Under Review

By Sabina Clarke

#### A Boy and His Father Find Each Other ... After an Ocean Apart

This raw sparely written heartfelt memoir narrated in the form of a long letter to his Irish father Brendan is packed with emotion and dedicated to his mother Maryellen who raised him alone with the support of her family at a time when unmarried single working mothers were often frowned upon.

The author's happy childhood is overcast by the absence of a father who lived across the ocean in Ireland---a father who



years, sporadic visits that left a young boy with even more longing and

Vivid memories from his boyhood through adulthood are unraveled and examined up-close and will resonate with anyone who has experienced any kind of loss—"the way one discovers having missed an entire way of life when it is too late."

Traveling to Europe in the '70s, his adventuresome mother Maryellen met his Irish father Brendan through her best friend, an Irish Londoner. For his father , it was just a summer romance. For his mother, it was something more. She informed Brendan of their son's birth by letter and nursed a deep hurt caused by unrequited love.

footage is eerily familiar: it was filmed

What makes this more visited a few than a personal memoir is times over the the author's search for his Irish heritage kindled by his mother at a very early age when she would read him children's stories in Irish and every night put him to bed saying good night in Irish- "Oiche mhaith."

Interwoven with personal memories is Irish history and stories about The Rising and iconic heroes such as James

Casement—with chapters that open with lyrical lines from the great Irish poets such as W.B. Yeat's, "Come away. O human child! To the waters and the wild with a faery, hand in hand, for the world's more full of weeping than you can understand." ('The Stolen Child')

My Father Left Me Ireland An American Son's Search For Home Michael Brendan Dougherty

And in telling the history the author offers his own thoughts of that time suffused with his unmistakable delight in connecting to his roots -his birthright -his Irelandthat he inherited from his father while reclaiming his lost other family—his Irish father and his Irish stepbrother and step-sisters.

The very sad note is that his mother Maryellen did not live to read her son's posthumous tribute to her.

Connolly and Padraic Pearse and Roger She died four years ago at the age of fiftysix. A tale well told—some of which is heart rending.

> About the author: Michael Brendan Dougherty senior editor at National Review and formerly an editor at The Week is a graduate of Fordham University where he majored in history. This is his first book.

inspired her to write such a propulsive been shortlisted for a number of awards, including Irish Crime Novel of the Year at the Post Book Awards in 2022, 2021 and 2018. She lives in Dublin, Ireland, with

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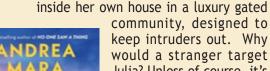
her husband and three children.

#### Someone in the Attic

By Andrea Mara

Anya is enjoying a relaxing bath when she hears a noise coming from the ceiling. Through the open bathroom door, she sees the attic hatch swing down, and a masked figure drops to the floor. Thirty seconds later, Anya is dead.

Across town, Anya's old school friend, Julia, sees an online video of a masked figure climbing out of an attic. She suddenly realizes why the



keep intruders out. Why would a stranger target with any questions! Julia? Unless of course, it's not a stranger at all. Masterfully written,

Someone in the Atticwill get under your skin-and make you check under your bed at night. I hope you will consider coverage as we get closer to August! Mara is available for interviews. You can hear more about what

about the book, Mara, and advance praise below my signature. Please be in touch

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thriller here, and find more information

One Small Step

by Michael Flavin (Author) On 21st November 1974, a child's life is blown apart. What comes out of the rubble? Danny Cronin is a tenyear-old boy from a Northern Irish Catholic family living in Birmingham, far away from The Troubles. Danny wants to be an astronaut when he grows up and writes sciencefiction stories with himself as the hero.

The Troubles come to Birmingham. Two bombs, planted by the IRA, explode in two pubs, murdering twenty-one people and injuring over two hundred.

The next day, a Northern Irish visitor Step-Michael-Flavin/dp/1839194685

ONE SMALL STEP

calls at the Cronin's house. What will his arrival mean for Danny and where was the stranger on the night of the bombings?

Michael Flavin teaches at King's College London. He holds a degree, three master's degrees and two doctorates. He is the author of two books on nineteenthcentury literature and two on technology enhanced learning. One Small Step is his début novel. He grew

up in an Irish family in Birmingham. The Birmingham pub bombings and their aftermath form part of his early memories

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#### A Million Miles From Yesterday

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Connolly

Hank Cleary, the town doctor in Alma, Wisconsin, when she died.

In spring 1999 he struggles to climb back into

A Chicago expatriate, he is challenged by other migrants: the Chicana owner of Livy's Bar and Café, an old man who loves jazz, a Navajo family transplanted from the Southwest, a strange woman who rarely speaks, a drifting Menominee, and the iconoclastic Bookstore Ladies.

#### Ulysses Abridged

characters, motifs, and Joycesian prose to be enjoyed by new readers and those liking to experience Bloomsday again.

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If you're like many who have yearned to read Ulysses, but were put off by its length and complexity, here is an accessible version of the masterwork that will give you the flavor, nuance, wit, and passion of the original.

At last these new readers can finally say, honestly, 'Yes, I know Ulysses.'. Read it now — Bloomsday, (Friday, June 16th) is coming sooner than you think!

Ulysses Abridged is available at: schulerbooks.com, theirishbookclub.com, Amazon, and through your local bookstore.

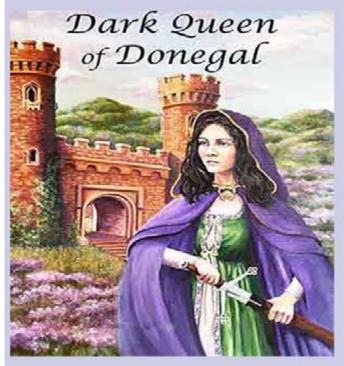
By Maureen Disparate cultures rub up against each other.

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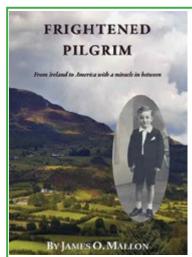
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- Mary Pat Kelly, bestselling author of Galway Bay

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An 8 yr-old boy (James Mallon) grew up on a small farm in Northern Ireland in the 40's. He had an accident that damaged his left shin. Doctors wanted to amputate his leg, but his parents refused. After cobalt treatment, the wound remained. Neighbors took up a collection & sent him to Lourdes in France. After he returned from Lourdes the wound disappeared.

at Barnes & Noble & Amazon



Welcome back to all lovers of Irish children's literature. I am currently in West Clare and happy to report the children's book market here is thriving. The shortlist for the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Award is now out, and the titles are wonderful. There are picture books for the younger kids like Wider than the Sea by Molloy, all the way up to young adult titles like Catfish Rolling by Kamagai. The

from the contemporary fiction book of My Life as a Chameleon by Anyakwo to the futuristic fantasy of The Girl Who Fell to Earth by Forde. Some are set in Ireland, but many are set in the wider world, though all the books are by Irish authors. It is an intriguing list, and next month I'll be able to tell you the winners. For now, you can go onto childrensbooksireland.ie for more information about these books.

The other exciting event this month for children's books in Ireland is The Whole Wild World Bus Tour of children's authors. Patricia Forde the Laureate na nOg of Ireland 2023-2026, sponsors the tour and is going from Malin Head in the North to Mizen Head in the South with a few of her author friends to promote children's books. I was able to catch up with the tour in Galway, met several of Ireland's best authors for children, and attended a rollicking workshop led by Patricia Forde in which the children in the audience worked with four author/ illustrators to write their own story. children of Ireland!

So, fresh from the excitement of The Whole Wild World Tour, let's look at two books by authors on that tour.

The Golden Hare is a picture book

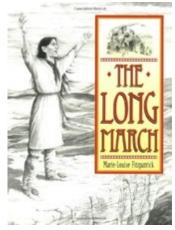
Donnelly in which Meara and her Grandad take a camping trip in search of the golden hare, an

animal that can still be found on Rathlin Island off the coast of Antrim. Even though they never find a golden hare, during the trip Grandad imparts lots of information about other Irish animals, such as otters, puffins, and the painted lady butterfly. The importance of noticing and preserving the beautiful Irish landscape is a major

theme with Meara being given a journal to record her own observations. The last page of the book details some interesting facts about Irish wildlife, and the author reveals that every single illustration has a picture of the golden hare hidden somewhere in it. As you would expect from so accomplished an illustrator, the pictures are just right-whimsical and engaging -and searching for the hidden golden hare in the illustrations kept me busy for quite a while.

nOg, Patricia Forde, is set in the near future. It is a fantasy book about the time after the Melting (climate collapse) when only a small band of humans survive. Most of the survivors live in a town called Ark in which everything is controlled in order to prevent humans from bringing about more catastrophic change. The leader of this group, John Noa, was a forward thinking individual who helped these people survive, but over the years his power has become more and more disturbing. but is most concerned with banning are taught in school, and the wordsmith is in charge of writing these words for apprentice and later the Wordsmith herself, can speak List, but she can also speak the Old Language. The book is arranged in chapters by words that are either List or Non-List. List words include terms like food, danger and name. Non-List words include music and hope. The dialog

in the book is extremely intriguing because people who speak List (nearly everyone) speak in a stilted, abbreviated way. Complexity abounds in this book. For example, John Noa rightly observes that language is what got humanity into trouble before the Melting, but Letta also rightly observes that language is what makes us human. Choosing between right and wrong is not as straightforward as Letta would



like. For this reason, and for the fact that there is occasional violence, this book would be better suited for children above fifth grade. A finer example of a thought-provoking book for young people would be hard to find, however.

Both books are amazing examples of the best in contemporary Irish children's literature. I'll be back next month with the winners of the KPMG

Award. Until then, happy reading!

Sheryl O'Sullivan is a retired professor of elementary education and children's literature. Her doctorate is from Ball State University, and she taught several elementary grades and was a school principal before moving to higher education. She has a cottage in Co. Clare and lives there in the summer which is all anyone ever wants to know about her!

#### Truth About Surprise Taliban Attack on US Marines in Afghanistan

New Book Written by Jeanne air in mind-blowing detail in her new McKinney Unveils Truth About Surprise Attack on US Marines' Last Stronghold Against Terror in Afghanistan

Leveraging the mandated drawdown of U.S. troops and "British complacency to security," the Taliban launched a surprise attack on September

14, 2012, at Camp Bastion in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, home to U.S. and U.K. expeditionary forces. Touted as "impregnable," Camp Bastion had, in fact, been breached before. Under the cloak of darkness and with American troops spread thin while still fighting a violent insurgency, 15 heavily armed Taliban took an uncharacteristic move

to face U.S. Marines head-on, with intent to kill and destroy in what amounted to a suicide mission for the attackers.

"The Taliban would learn in a harsh, unforgiving way they miscalculated U.S. aviation Marines," writes awardwinning military journalist Jeanne McKinney. "On that dark night, the true character of Marine warfighters shone brighter than the hellish enemy fires."

Yet, what should have been immortalized as a brave, nail-biting mobilization of grit and power to save lives, aircraft and property went sorely under-recognized.

"The battle was covered up and misrepresented by top U.S. officials, wielding injurious political influence for reasons that still mystify, during a dwindling U.S. footprint adding immeasurable risk to all in the region," McKinney said. "I wrote my book to repair some of that damage and restore the legacy earned by 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Marines for their actions against the Taliban that night."

Over the course of nine years, McKinney conducted in-depth interviews with 13 key Marine warfighters. She shares their relentless experiences on the ground and in the

book, Triumph Over the Taliban: The Untold Story of US Marines' Courageous Fight to Save Camp Bastion.

"I can honestly say that I was astonished by this true story and admire the fighting spirit of the USMC Aviation Combat Element crews and support

> personnel, who found themselves as the last line of defense against a formidable enemy force. This incident validates the 'Soldier First' mentality for all soldiers deployed on warlike operations. Highly recommended read," said (former) Sgt. Tyran Jarman, Australian Army Aviation Maintenance Manager, (former) Mission Commander, Unmanned Aerial

System Operator, FOB Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan.

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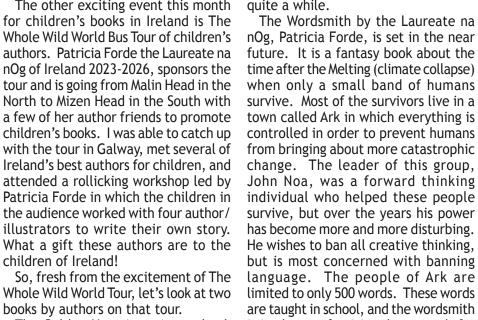
With keen investigative prowess, McKinney reveals the true story of what happened at Camp Bastion on that fateful night. After 10 years of research about this battle, McKinney paints a vivid picture of this gripping saga, sharing intimate life and death moments of fighting the Taliban on the Marines' home turf — showcasing how Marines saved civilian contractors, each other, and over \$5 billion in aircraft and equipment.

McKinney also unravels unexpected, latent post-attack investigations that reveal skullduggery about Bastion being breached in the first place and what dominoed into unjust actions that harmed many.

Most importantly, readers will meet the U.S. aviation Marines who fought like infantry — exuding valor to the nth degree, proving to their bold enemy the Marines' indomitable will to succeed. Triumph Over the Taliban is their remarkable story, with a Foreword by Lieutenant General James Terry, U.S. Army, Commander ISAF Joint Command.

About the Author

Jeanne McKinney is an awardwinning military journalist as well as





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a military documentary filmmaker. Her focus and missions throughout Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa, Syria Journalism Awards, including eight First-Place passion are telling the legendary stories about United States active-duty military members in their fight to keep America and her allies safe and free. McKinney offers an inside look at men and women who do the hard and very dangerous job of counterinsurgency notorious terrorist groups. She shines a light on America's amazing warfighters, telling their stories

or wherever the next global hotspot erupts.

She is currently in the final stages of writing, directing and producing Ronin 3: The Battle for Sangin— a three-part documentary series that follows 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines through a labyrinth to stop and disrupt the plans of the world's most of murder holes and IEDs in a heavily entrenched Taliban stronghold, on their mission to restore security to the local Afghan people. McKinney has as if readers were there with them on combat won multiple San Diego Press Club Excellence in

honors. The President's Own Marine Band performed an original score for her film series at a World Premiere in August 2022.

For more information,

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#### Colin Farrell Interested in Making The Ruin, by Dervla McTiernan, Into a Movie

Internationally bestselling and critically acclaimed writer, Dervla McTiernan is the author of The Ruin, The Scholar, The Good Turn (together the Cormac Reilly series), and her stand-alone novel, The Murder Rule, as well as her novellas, The Roommate, The Sisters, The Wrong One and The Fireground.

Dervla's novels and novellas have been number one bestsellers in multiple territories — The Murder Rule was No. 1 for four weeks in Australia, The Sisters was No. 1 Audible for four weeks in the US, and most recently, The Fireground was No. 1 Audible Australia (Fiction).

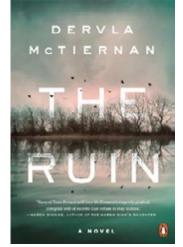
The Murder Rule is in development as a premium limited series at FX.

in International Thriller Writer Award.

years working as a lawyer. Following the global financial crisis, she moved from Ireland to Western Australia and turned her hand to writing. Dervla lives in Perth, with her husband, two children and far too many pets.

She has sold over one abuses in the church. million book and they can be found online at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, thriftbooks, Lake Forest Book Shop and many more worldwide.

Her crime novel, The Ruin



Spanish.. In his book, Abraham Lincoln and Mexico, Hogan shows how Lincoln risked his political career objecting to the invasion of Mexico (1846-48) and how, after he became president, he secretly aided Mexican republicans in their struggle against Maximilian and of a beloved child? How can the prisoner in maximum the French Occupation while remaining outwardly

remain neutral so the French would not join up with the Confederacy. C.M. Mayo calls this work a "shining contribution to the history of Abraham Lincoln..." It was nominated as the best book on US-Latin American relations, featured in the Smithsonian, and has consistently appeared on Amazon's best-seller list in Mexico. Hogan's histories are in over 600 schools and colleges throughout the world as well as in hundreds of libraries.

Hogan's most recent work, Women of the Irish Rising: A People's History, provides the reader with a rich panoply of primary sources, including diaries and journals, news accounts and field reports,

philosophy, personal memoir, and the philosophies of and other archived historical documents. The book is enriched with a wide range of visuals: a timeline of the week-long rebellion with maps and charts, images of weapons and flags, along with a treasure trove of picctures of key women and men who planned, coordinated, and led the insurgent uprising. Robert America, two novels, and the best-selling Irish Soldiers DiYanni of New York University writes: "Hogan's great of Mexico, a history of the Irish battalion in Mexico strength is that he is a natural storyteller as well as which formed the basis for an MGM movie starring Tom a historian. His books have fascinated readers of all

#### Living Is No Laughing Matter

How did death camp inmates such as Viktor Frankl, Elie Wiesel and Bruno Bettelheim not only survive Nazi captivity, but create lives of hopefulness? How does one find purpose for one's life after the death

security hope to come out a better person despite the degradation and brutality of confinement? How can ordinary folks carve meaning in their lives in times of economic hardship and quarantines? Living Is No Laughing Matter, provides some paths to selffulfilment especially in times of grief, isolation, or extraordinary stress. Written by a well-known educator who has worked with university and high school students, prison inmates, and at-risk populations, it utilizes a variety of illustrations, including testimonies of death camp survivors, contemporary poetry, transcendental

William James and Viktor Frankl.

#### About the author

Michael Hogan is the author of twenty-six books, including two collections of short stories, eight books of poetry, selected essays on teaching in Latin Berenger. Many of his works have been translated into ages." drmichaelhogan.com

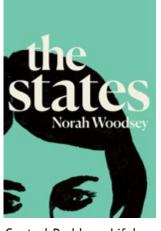
#### The States by Norah Woodsey

Dream a little dream of better days gone by in this speculative contemporary reimagining of Jane Austen's classic Persuasion. The States (self-published, Apr 30, 2024) by Norah Woodsey introduces young Tildy Sullivan, who enters a sleep-study allowing her to lucidly dream of summers in Ireland and the boy she was forced to leave behind.

From the acclaimed author of The Control Problem and Lifeless, Norah Woodsey offers a fresh twist on the beloved classic. Four years in the making, this novel was first drafted during NaNoWriMo 2020. Focusing on her love for Jane Austen and inspired by Galway, Ireland. Woodsey reinterprets Anne as a young contemporary woman faced with the harsh realities of her family's situation and the desire to escape into a dream world.

Tildy Sullivan is the middle child in an elite yet fading Manhattan family. Her quiet practicality hides her deep, profound longing for childhood summers in western Ireland. She also carries a secret regret. After her mother's death, she's persuaded to abandon Ireland and the love of the local boy, Aiden.

When Tildy volunteers for a lucid dreaming



experiment, it gives her all she wants - a life lived for her family during the day and a secret, perfect Ireland of her own at night. Will she face reality, or succumb to the ease of her dreams?

The States is a modern reimagining of Jane Austen's Persuasion, a story of love, obligation, and second chances.

Norah Woodsey is the author of The States, The

Control Problem, Lifeless, and the novella When the Wave Collapses. After short careers in finance and tech, she has dedicated herself to creating fiction. Her subjects of intense interest but not quite expertise include history, physics, genetics, sociology and gender studies. The product of four generations of Brooklynites,"she now lives in California with her husband, children and their dog Saoirse.

Find out more about her at <u>norahwoodsey.com</u>

Dervla has won numerous awards, including two will possibly be made into a movie as Colin Farrell Barry Awards, a Davitt Award, a Ned Kelly Award and and his sister Claudine are teaming up with producer Lee Magiday (The Favourite) and Hopscotch Features Dervla spent twelve on a screen adaptation, marking the first project for Farrell's new production company Chapel Place Productions.

> Irish writer Dervla McTiernan's well-received thriller, set in Galway, follows detective Cormac Reilly as he is thrown back into a case from 20 years before involving two children whose mother died of an overdose. Through the eyes of the detective we see into dark corners of Ireland including police corruption and



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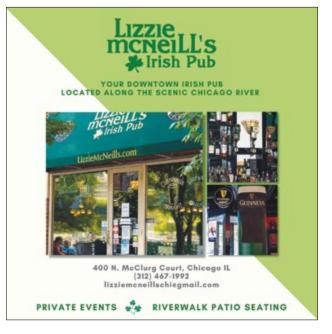
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#### Ireland's Colorful Mystical Past

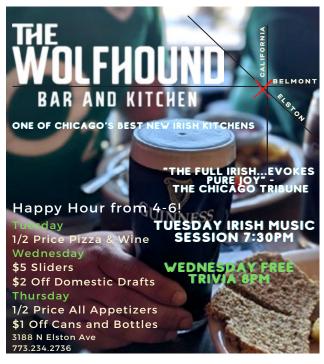
Any ideas who first colonized Ireland and when? Or have you ever heard of the Milesians?

Or can you recall from whom all Irish kings descend up to Roderic O'Connor? Does Con of the Hundred Battles ring a bell? Got the name of the bishop first sent to Ireland by Pope Celestine in 431 AD, before St. Patrick? Remember who drove the Vikings out Ireland in 1014 AD? Any clue to the identity of the Red Branch Knights?

These are not trick questions from the Irish version of Jeopardy. Merely the sagas and events embellishing the Irish landscape over the millennia.

These are answers to often mystical questions about Irish historical living. Regularly stumping even the brightest of Irish minds.

But I was recently reminded of the long, complicated,



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detailed history of Ireland discovering a small catechism of Irish history I found in Boston long ago. I thought I'd lost it forever before uncovering it hidden at the bottom of a box I was attempting to consolidate. I couldn't believe my luck and delight at my find.

It's a tiny 3 x 5 inch paper-covered booklet of sixty pages called "Irish History in Catechism" presentation. You really don't need a thousand pages Form." The pocket edition, published by Syracuse to identify what's important. Publishing, copyright 1912. A relic from another age. The pages, now yellowing, fall out of the binding. Putting tape on it as I write. Type face miniscule. Glasses to read it, a must. A lot of printing on each page.

More than thirty years ago I bought it "used" as a historical keepsake. Only to discover, later, its wider historical significance and voluminous abundance of data about Irish life. Published four years before the 1916 Easter Rising, Ireland's last great struggle for political independence.

victory of Ireland's independence was the expansive and dynamic history of Ireland, itself. The facts. The stories. But unless you were an academic or a ballad singer the chances are much of the details of Irish history were hidden to you. Out of clear view from the general population. Those who ruled over Ireland from London wanted no part of anyone putting notions of freedom and historical grandeur in Irish minds. Irish history was banned everywhere for all practical purposes. Except Not a bad start. America.

Just take a look at the energized patriotism of people like Lady Augusta Gregory of Cool Park, County Clare and her literary partner-in-crime William Butler Yeats. Among their greatest accomplishments in the struggle for independence in the 20th century was the establishment of the Irish Literary Revival. In Dublin it created the Abbey Theatre as a center for theatrical productions like Gregory's controversial "The Rising of the Moon." She and Yeats believed that the Irish, even those who could neither read nor write, could still learn about Ireland's epic past experiencing actors reenact their Irish roots reached new levels of curiosity. A the great moments of Irish history. Understanding what had been stolen from then by their invaders.

Irish poets learned what the ballad singers in every generation knew. The details of an Irish life reaching out for Irish freedom. Any examination of Irish history exposed the shame of the economic disaster and cultural true story. catastrophe that rule by Britain forced on Irish people. Permitting the Irish to see and understand how the Irish

My little Irish History in Catechism Form was rich in truth-telling chapters critically examining the rule and effect of the Kings and Queens of England from Henry VIII, in 1509, to George V, still reigning in 1912. Irish historical honesty created a catalogue of facts, dramas, tragedies and mistakes in a long struggle.

Lists go on to itemize the detail of the late 19th century land-reform acts affecting so many people in Ireland. Tracing the development of political-agrarian legislation often brought a healthier prognosis for Irish tenants, farmers and land owners. But attempts at land reform often appeared too complicated to fathom. But the tiny history makes a concise and well-ordered

GOOD GRIEF By Josephine Coleman

A concise historical narrative of Irish history is also included presented in 15 pages. Get out the magnifying glass. In large brush strokes it covers the drama and the poetic character of Ireland in a scholarly vernacular format. Climatic projections, geographic analysis and topographical conditions of ocean, sea coast, landscape and waterways provide the reader with a textured connection to the island.

There's a list of important Irish literary people and books worth owning. An abundance of poems, sagas, Even in 1912, Irish patriots were convinced the secret biographies, toasts, humor, histories, prophesies and songs adds a valuable profile of Irish artistry in the turnof-the-century Ireland.

> Lists of Irish phrases are included for anyone seeking to polish their sense of Irish charm with a soft vocabulary. Written out phonetically, putting real words of Gaelic/ Irish on the lips of immigrants, scholars, toastmasters and public speakers. For example, "Thank You," Gurra mohiguth. And "How's yourself," Kunuss thaw thu fain.

> Also included is a list of immigrant numbers from Ireland to the United States, 1846-1861, from the Great Irish Famine to the American Civil War. A total of 3,592,779.

> As clever and energized as this tiny book of questions, answers and lists about Ireland are, I find the reason for the publication of such a work equally amazing.

> What was it about 1912 that lifts this data to the bookstalls and pamphlet racks of America?

I suspect the equilibrium of immigration and subsequent generations of Americans acknowledging genuine sense of interest in Irish culture and Irish politics reared its head among the assimilated Irish of America's cities. As Irish Americans become better educated, they're more aware of the critical significance caused by the lapses of historic details that created Ireland's

The tide turned for Ireland internationally after the turn of the century. Irish political leaders discovered liberated themselves in the past was a nightmare for a unique access to American political leadership of sympathetic Irish support. Across the United States many important political leaders began listening to the issues igniting Ireland's struggle for independence. The rich traditions of Irish achievement and the nostalgia of many upwardly mobile Irish created both the need and the necessity of recapturing knowledge about Ireland's colorful mystical past.

> My "Irish History in Catechism Form," is more than a concise volume of Irish history. It's a valuable cultural tool to use as a springboard into the layers of Irish history. In historical hindsight we know that the finished product of such vintage publishing was the energizing of the Irish-American political population. And the expansion of the understanding of the Irish experience of human history.

> Starting from three centuries after the Biblical Deluge, 2000 BC, according to the Bardic tradition. That's when the first colonists, the Parthalonians. came from Greece. Followed three centuries later by the Milesians in 1700 BC. Of course all the Kings of Ireland from that date to the days of Roderic O'Connor, Ireland's last king, are said to descend from them. History remembers Christianity's rocky Irish beginnings when Palladius arrived as the first Bishop to Ireland, in 431 AD. But was dead by 432 AD. Patrick was sent as bishop in 432 AD, ready for the task at hand, transforming the life of the Island. And Brian Boru put the Danes to flight.

> Oh yeah. The Red Branch Knights were the warriors of King Conor MacNessa in ancient Ireland and defended his land, known as Ulster, against swords, magic and the supernatural.

> My bookshelves have bookshelves and the stacks of literary volumes snake through my house, everywhere but the ceiling. But now the lost volume of "Irish History in Catechism Form," will get a place of safe conservation, entwining me in Irish lore, phrases and tunes.

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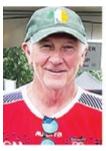
guys per side. A pitcher, infielder,

and two outfielders. Any ball hit

to the right of second base was

an automatic out and any infield ball only had to be thrown to the

pitcher for "pitcher's hand out."



### Game On! By Chris Wheaton







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at the professional level but on the local level as well. trophy and a juice box just for showing up, we didn't This fact is very evident if you drive by any park in the Chicagoland area and see the number of young boys and girls playing soccer and baseball. Every Saturday and Sunday they play from bright and early in the morning until dusk and from 4:30 to nightfall on most weeknights. My yard backs up to a park, so

I will sound old, but times were Summer sports are in full bloom right now, not just simpler when I was growing up. We didn't get a get complimented if we screwed up, in fact it was just the opposite; dropping a routine fly ball in the outfield brought a flood of scorn from your buddies and you can bet you didn't want to repeat that error next inning. Sports were just fun, something to do to get out of doing chores at home. Hooking your I consider myself an expert in this area since the baseball mitt onto the handlebars of your Stingray

> bike on a summer morning and heading to the field was one of life's great pleasures. Many days I wouldn't return home until dinner time. My parents never worried about where I was or what I was doing, they knew - I was out doing kid's "stuff." We weren't getting into trouble, just getting dirty. Occasionally, a fight would break out between two friends but that was quickly resolved, and the game went on. That's just the way it was, no hard feelings or threat of litigation.

Sadly, I think those days are behind us now. The closest I get to it is going

has some structure but basically revolves around a bunch of folks who just want to come out and play this great game.

Skill levels vary, and attendance is extremely fluid, but you can always count on a decent number who want to play. After a few drills, most sessions end with a "stick toss" to choose sides and we play until darkness falls. Remember, hurling even at the highest level is still an amateur sport with the greatest players in Ireland working a day job before heading to training to represent their parish, club, and county. It is wholesome, simple, and a throwback to days gone by when the love of the game was the only motivator anyone needed.

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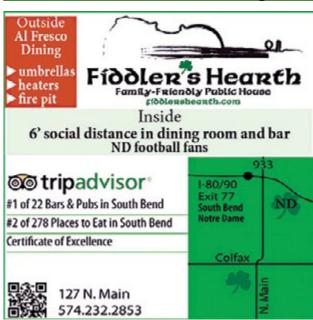
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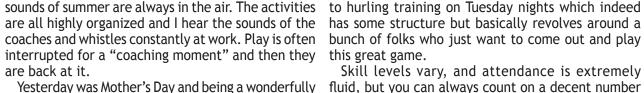
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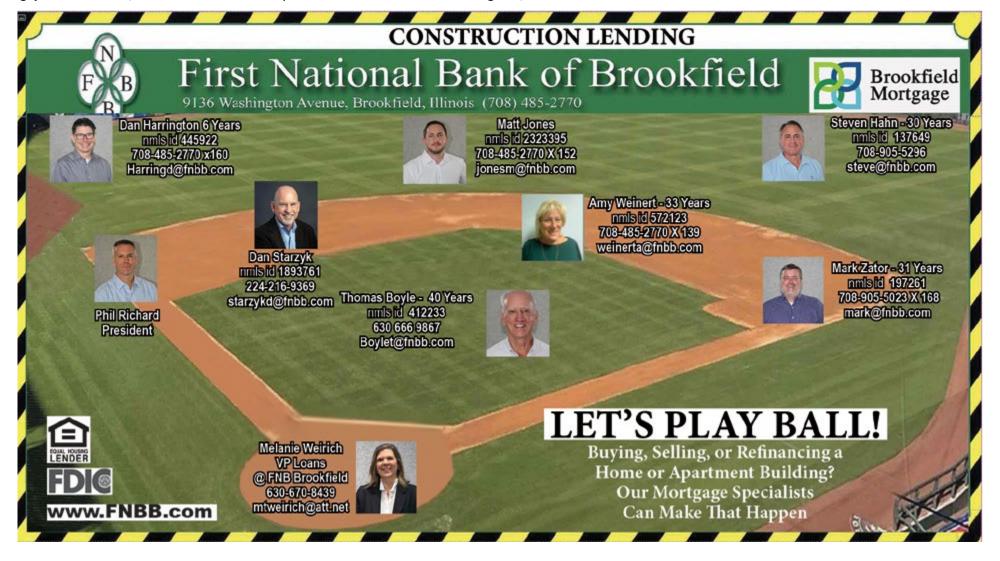
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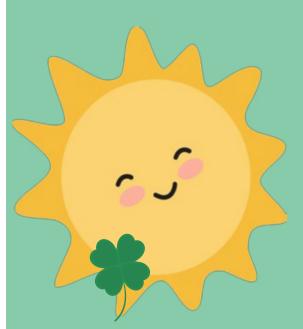






Yesterday was Mother's Day and being a wonderfully sunny day, we spent a good deal of time on our patio facing the park. As usual, countless kids were running, catching, kicking, and throwing all day long. It made me think back to many years ago when I was a youngster. My friends and I played the same sports back then but the organization of the activity was left up to us, not our parents or the park district. Most summer days it was a given that if you showed up at the park at a given time, a baseball game was going to break out. Depending on the number of guys who made it, the rules of whatever sport we Do it for the love of the game, not because someone

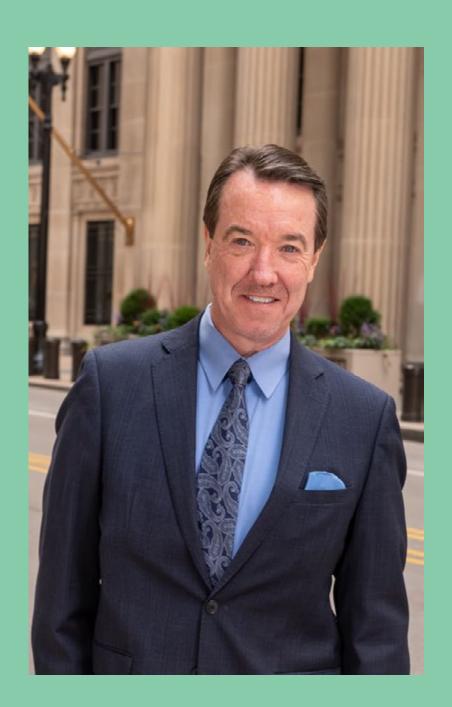








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