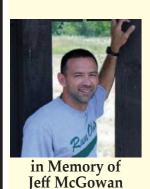


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Editor's Corner

"We've Always Been Green!"

Cleveland is a city of immigrants, yours, neighbors and mine. So much has been going on in the Rock-n-Roll Capitol that it harkens back to the days when Cleveland was the 10th largest city in the U.S., built by immigrants from every nation of the world. There were one or two Irish among them.

It is an exciting time. I grew up

here. The missing vibrancy that attracted so many to Cleveland is back, full of vision, dreams and bricks & mortar. Grande openings, ribbon cuttings and announcements of new developments and hotels are each spurring another round of investment, and another, with another chance for Cleveland to shine. Dreams are not only being crafted, but realized too. The contributions of the Irish



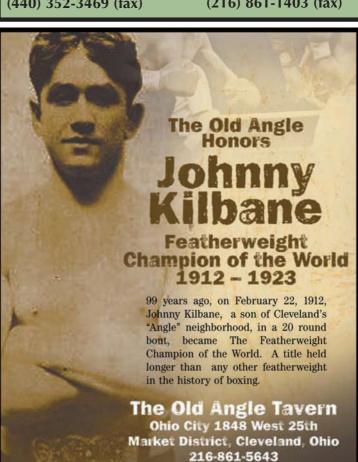
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have always added so much to Cleveland, much to the United States, much to where ever they settled around the world. They brought labor, music, leadership and yes, games. If you haven't been to Cleveland in a while there is much to see; here is your invitation.

Gaelic Football is a cross between soccer and rugby, marked by fast-paced, non-stop action There are no time outs. In Ohio Cleveland St. Jarlath's, Cleveland St. Pat's and Columbus Naghten Street Gaelic Football Clubs and the Akron Celtic Guards Hurling Club are part of the Midwest Divi sion of the Gaelic Athletic Associa tion (GAA). The Midwest Division is part of the North American County Boards.

Each year the North American Boards hosts a National Champi onships weekend, with divisional winners from across the United States meeting on the road to The Finals. Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Chicago usually host this championship round and the Finals, over Labor Day weekend.

This year, Cleveland is the host 108 teams will descend upon the city for what will become the biggest and most spectacular North American County Board Games yet. The games of Gaelic Football Hurling and Camogie will be featured all weekend at Barton Bradley Fields in North Olmsted plus music, a cultural village, food and great company. For the Fi nals schedule, see: gaacleveland com/2013-playoffs-draw.html.

For a great chance to see Gaelic football before the Games, and 108 teams arrive, check out the GAA schedule in this issue. Save two hours on a Saturday to check out the home teams at a field near you You'll be ready for the Finals, and Cleveland will have a home-team advantage second to none.



The Cayman Irish Invade Cleveland

In just a matter of weeks, over Labor Day weekend, both a men's and ladies Gaelic Football team from the Cayman Islands will be in Cleveland to participate in the (Skylight Financial Group sponsored) North American Gaelic Games Championships. I recently attended the playoff draw for the upcoming Championships. When the Cayman Islands was pulled out most of the delegates thought it was a joke.

This past month, I had the chance to speak with David O'Connell, Chairman of the Cayman Gaelic Football Club, as he and his club prepare to make the trip to Cleveland to take part in their 1st NACB Finals. I had a variety of questions for him, first being, how did a Gaelic Football Club get started in the Cayman Islands?

There is an estimated Irish population of close to 300 on the island. The 1st Irish settler in the region is thought to have been Rory Healy, from County Kerry, during the 1970s. In 1987, Healey, along with Cavan man Noel Reilly, set up the Gaelic Football Club, in what started as an Ulster vs the Rest of the World team. Reilly is the club President.

The Irish travel to the Caymans to work mainly in the financial services and law sectors. Given that the Caymans have many dealings with financial service in Ireland, mainly in the City of Dublin, they tend to get quite a few people enquiring about life in the islands and how it would work for an Irish man or woman. My guess would be the 1st suggestion would be to bring plenty of sun block!

Of the close to 300 Irish folks on the island, O'Connell commented that they are from all over; Kerry, Tipperary, Galway, Mayo, Kildare, Donegal and Antrim, to name a few. Not like Cleveland, where

everyone appears to be from Mayo. The current club has roughly 180 members, although the make of the ac-

tual club is only about 40% Irish, with the majority coming from a mix of Australians, South Africans, English, Canadians and of course the resident Caymanians.

CAYMAN GAELIC LEAGUE: They currently have four men's and four ladies teams playing in the Digicel sponsored league, which runs from January to June. The year always starts with a corporate mixed 9-a-side tournament where ten teams fight it out for the grand prize. O'Connell had this to say; "Each team plays each other three times during the league, games are normally every second Sunday, where we book the local allweather pitch and have a few beers after, which is usually good craic. We have two trophies for both men's and ladies - the league trophy and the then the finals day championship, usually during the first week of June. We also play Jamaica at least once a year in a friendly. The Jamaican team is more or less all Irish Digicel (company) lads but they always seem to get a decent team together and pop on a flight over here for a match."

SPEAKING OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Don't worry, two more months and I'll start writing about something different; this is obviously something I have been working on and chairing for the past two years, so it is close is my heart. We are still in need of volunteers for various jobs throughout the weekend, if you think you can give a few hours any time during the weekend of Friday August 30th thru Sunday September 1st please go to www.gaacleveland.com and fill out the volunteer form. We would appreciate any and all help.

For those looking for more updates on the Games themselves, I invite you to visit the above site for information

everyone ap- on sponsors, vendors and of course, the pears to be playoff draw. This year will see 111 teams from Mayo. (at the and estimated \$1.2million impact The cur- on the local economy).

'CROKE PARK ALE' BREWED - To add to the excitement, we will be releasing a limited edition IPA (Irish Pale Ale) called Croke Park Ale. It is being brewed by Sam McNulty, owner of Market Garden Brewery. Sam has proved to be a great supporter of not just this event, but multiple local events.

The beer is named after the National Stadium in Ireland for Gaelic Games and is the home the GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) headquarters. The beer itself will only be on sale at Market Garden Brewery on West 25th Street in Cleveland and at PJ McIntyre's Irish Pub in the Kamm's Corner district. A special commemorative pint glass marking the occasion is being produced, that will have the official NACB 2013 Finals logo on one side and a combined Market Garden Brewery/PJ McIntyre's logo on

the opposite side. We have said from day one we were putting on a Championship different to what every other host city has done – Cleveland 'rocks' once again.

A special 'Tap the Keg' fundraiser will take place on Thursday July 25th at the Market Garden Brewery, from 6pm to 9pm. Tickets are only \$25, with sampling of the new beer included, along with a commemorative pint glass and ap petizers throughout the evening. What a perfect way to spend a beautiful July evening. Bring a friend or bring a client, and help support a great event. For ticket info check the website listed above, or email me directly at markfromderry@gmail.com.

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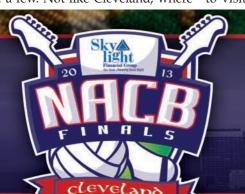
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extends to the nineteenth century. There is documentary evidence that emigration from Achill to Cleveland was in progress by the 1880's. Between 1880 and the 1920's emigration on an organized basis was well established. This pattern continued into the 1950's/60's with a well-developed network for caring and placing of new Achill emigrants. In Cleveland they converged and settled locally in an area known as "The Angle."

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Twinning between Achill Island, County Mayo and Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Just like in 2003, there will be commemorative events and visits dur-

The link between Achill and Cleveland ctends to the nineteenth century. There documentary evidence that emigrator from Achill to Cleveland was in cogress by the 1880's. Between 1880 and on a foundation of relationships, education, business, sporting events, festivals, arts & culture, and Irish Language development, Irish Traditions, Music, Tourism/Travel, and Education.

Dedication of Clocks August 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m One on Cleveland Time & One on Achill Time

Where: Achill Island, Keel, County Mayo, Ireland at the CFAA headquarters:

Comhlacht Forbartha Áitiúil Acla (CFAA)

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ing the months of August and October.

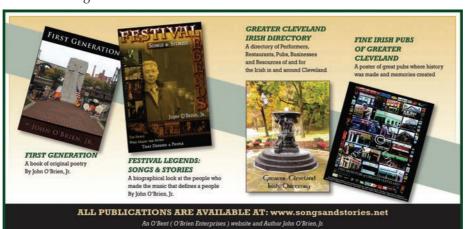
It has been estimated that 200,000 out of a total Cleveland population of 800,000 claim Achill ancestry. This group is now strongly represented at all levels in Cleveland business and public life as well as in business, trade unions and the construction industry.

The Twinning will continue to be built

October 10 – 12, 2013: Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio Saturday, October 12th Mayo Society Ball at La Centre, Westlake plus

Events to be announced for Twinning Celebration

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From the Consul

Global Ambassadors: Made In Pittsburgh

By James J. Lamb When I was a child July was an

easy month to think about. No school. The annual beach vacation. Brother's birthday. And the start of Steelers training camp. There was never any bad news in July.

necting with my Irish ancestry, I came to learn about the ugliness that July brought to Northern Ireland for the past several centuries. I learned about battles on Irish soil, commemorated every year, by descendants on both sides preparing, it seemed, for a reenactment that was in no way staged. Contentious parades would lead to wide spread rioting.

the talking heads would start. Men and women from two sides of the conflict, expecting some kind of validation that would prove their side was right all along; that those other guys had it all wrong; that they didn't suffer nearly as much as we did; that they committed all the atrocities; that we were the victims.

And in the aftermath, every year,

Pick a conflict—any conflict from around the world. The Middle East, Sunnis and Shiites, India and Pakistan, Cyprus, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Syria. You can be sure that both sides spend a lot of time and energy and money spinning the one-sided argument that suits.

In Ireland, the conflict is defined along religious and socio-political lines: Catholic and Protestant. Unionist and Nationalist. Loyalist and Republican. And while religion and political affiliation are used to identify them, the fact is most of them don't go to church. And many of them don't vote. But their cultural experience is bound typically by a segregated neighborhood and school that define a house, a neighborhood, a community as either one or the other.

They grow up learning history....but not the same history. They participate in sports, but not the same sports. And in the toughest communities, whether they are loyalist or republican, they have no time for the police who are duly bound and authorized to protect them, to stop crime, to keep the peace, and to lead operations in

an emergency. In the toughest

communities crime is rampant and organized. There is little peace, emergencies are part of the norm, and the police are not welcome. It is in these most difficult places that we find scores of unemployed young people with little education, wandering aimlessly, looking to Then at some point, while conbelong to something. Ireland has come a long way

in its search for peace and prosperity. A highly rated education system and attractive incentives ensure significant foreign direct investment from companies like Google, Facebook, MicroSoft, Intel, MYLAN, PPG, Bank of New York Mellon, UPMC, Federated Investors, and other local and multi-national companies. And stellar work from both the Clinton and G.W. Bush administrations helped facilitate and solidify a peace process that continues to evolve and progress. But the global economic col-

lapse of 2008 continues to drag at the Irish economy, where unemployment is over 14% and youth unemployment across the North and the border areas is at 50%. And with the depressed economy come the social ills of heightened drug and alcohol abuse, street crime, and other antisocial be-

Now, a majority of the 'hard' men (and women) who took part in the war in Northern Ireland have stepped away from it completely. They are getting on with their lives, trying to be part of a new-shared space that welcomes people of all races, creeds, and nationalities. Some have even joined or started organizations to help heal the wounds—physical, psychology, and emotional—from thirty years of armed conflict.

Still, there is a lingering few unwilling to end the fighting. These shadowy figures that support and often control organized crime in communities across Ireland are always on the lookout for young impressionable men and women they can use to carry out their agendas. Unemployed disenfranchised youth, out on the streets, with nothing better to do, make excellent recruits for these paramilitary organizations on

the U.S. Congress some twentyfive years ago, Ireland's most disadvantaged young people, Protestant and Catholic, were given a meaningful alternative. They could enter training programs, which included opportunities overseas. They could live, work, and learn together, away from the hostilities that defined Ireland for nearly 800 years. For many it was their first meeting with the other side. Political leaders in Belfast, Dublin, and Washington were willing to take a risk for peace. And for the young men and women who chose to participate

Thanks to a bipartisan effort in



in the early days the risk was even But they came. They came to

Pittsburgh for the first time in 1989—a group of twenty young people. The Northerners came from a place that the Catholics called Derry and the Protestants called Londonderry. The Southerners came from a place that the Northerners never heard of.

They spent the entire summer, each performing an internship with a local company, all attending classes at Duquesne University, and participating in various social and recreational activities. They met Pittsburghers who welcomed all of them, who treated all of them with respect and regard, who did not pass judgment on their politics or their religion. To Pittsburghers none of that mattered. What mattered was twenty young people from some place far away came here, and it was Pittsburgh's job to make the visit memorable and worthwhile.

And that's what Pittsburgh did. Host families opened their doors. Work mentors opened their companies. Ordinary people shared a meal or a drink or a night out. both sides of the sectarian conflict. And twenty young people learned

that neither religion, nor political affiliation, nor cultural identity should define them. And for the next twenty-three years, a steady stream of young people with little education and no work came here. What I find most compelling

about these groups of young people we host every year—over 2,000 of them since 1989—is that the validation they seek, to be on the right side of every issue comprising the conflict, never comes. Înstead, an epiphany, after some initial contact and dialogue, turns them inside out and upside down.

In due course, they learn that the other guys are more or less the same as them. They like the same food, the same music, many of the same sports teams. By the end of a six-week program, ignorant enemies become well-informed friends. And the American Spirit, which pervades every part of the experience, provides a vision for what could be achieved in Ireland. They go back home with the skills and capacity to get and keep jobs, to further their education, to start families, to build communities, to contribute to society, to pay taxes, to envision a new social order, based on justice, democracy, liberty, and freedom.

I'd like to know why we aren't applying this strategy in other countries, regions, and territories in conflict. It worked in Ireland. It can be adapted to places I mentioned earlier in this essay. It can be done effectively in terms of outcomes and in terms of cost. A comprehensive, all-inclusive program, carried out in Ireland and Pittsburgh, with twelve weeks of pre-departure training, six weeks overseas, and two weeks of repatriation and debriefing costs about \$11,000 per young person. That's training, airfare, visa costs, Pittsburgh accommodation, meals, administration, transportation, social and recreational activities, and educational travel. And participants receive a stipend from their home government to cover entertainment and incidental expenses—the same money they would collect at home on welfare. Of the 17,000 young people,

for Ireland Wider Horizons Pro-

gram, over 80% of them returned

since 1986, who have traveled to Pittsburgh and other world cities as part of the International Fund

ment or qualified for university placement. Over 13,000 formerly unemployed young people were no longer collecting unemploy ment. They now pay taxes. They no longer depend on government Government depends on them.

to find and maintain employ

This is transformation on a grand scale. They were recruited often times right off the street, in Belfast or Dublin, or in any num ber of small towns across Ireland North and South. They trained and traveled and toiled and talked and learned to listen so that they

would be heard. They acquired skills for work and for life and made friends in Pittsburgh. They made friends with people from their home place that they might never have met otherwise. They learned that their enemy was just like them They wanted peace and prosper ity. They wanted to raise a family They wanted to give their children better opportunities and they were given. They learned what Pittsburgh knew for a long time At the end of the day, religion and politics and cultural identity do not have to define you. So don't let them.

The work to reconcile Northern Ireland is by no means finished Another generation of young people with little hope and no direction are hitting the streets this summer. The annual rioting season is about to begin in Belfast and throughout the North. So the Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh will continue to welcome young people here to avail of Pittsburgh's many opportunities. We'll support another generation of ambas sadors to spread the word across Ireland about a new way forward fostering peace, reconciliation and empowerment for those who need it most.

On Thursday, July 11, The Ire land Institute of Pittsburgh will host a special reception to mark its 71st and final Wider Horizons Program, and to unveil a new initiative to further engage with Ireland's disadvantaged young people in Pittsburgh. Details can be found at www.iiofpitt.org. *James J. Lamb is Honorary Con

sul of Ireland for Western Penn sylvania and West Virginia; and President of the Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh. jlamb@iiofpitt.org

Columbus Forms New Gaelic Football Club and All Are Welcome

The 2013 season will be the intenstreet was formed during the augural season for Naghten Street Gaelic Football Club, which aims to compete regionally as a member of the Midwest Division of the North American Gaelic Athletic Association. This division includes Cleveland St. Jarlath's, Cleveland St. Pat's, Detroit Wolfe Tones, Pittsburgh Celtics and Pittsburgh Banshees.

This will mark the first time a sanctioned Midwest Division of the North American Gaelic Athletic Association match will be

summer of 2011 with the mission of promoting Gaelic games in the city of Columbus, Ohio. At the time of the club's founding, Columbus was the most populated city in North America without a local GAA affiliate.

Naghten Street is as much a social organization as it is a Gaelic football club. We welcome and actively seek out new social members and players year round. Take the first step toward finding out more about the club and email held within the city limits. Nagh- us at NaghtenStreet@gmail.com.



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In Search of A Rose

My grandmother Rose loved roses. When the petals of a favored bouquet began to fall, she would collect the silken forms and place them in a mason jar to dry. The scent lingered in her rooms and preserved her memories of happy times.

A few months before Grandma succumbed to a stroke, I was out for a nighttime run. I had strayed far from my college. Alive with agile legs and strong lungs, I ran into the brisk November wind. The streetlights were dim. Most folks were nestled in for the evening.

As the wind blew and my feet pounded the damp autumnal ground, my thoughts drifted toward my grandmother, lying motionless in her hospital bed and I began to reflect. I thought of Grandma Rose and how she could find beauty in the alleys of Chicago.

Fronds of dill mingled with silken cups of crimson. Clinging to the rusted metal of chain linked

Blackthorn, Seamus Kennedy

and more.

fencing, the roses lifted their fair faces away from the grime of the city and toward the sun. I thought of how Grandma dried rose petals. There was an inherent irony to this craft as how something dead, like the petal having fallen from its stem, was still infused with the fragrance of life.

During her daily walks, Grandma would pluck a flower or two to bring back home – a reminder of the beauty in her name and her belief in innocence and good will. She would always tell us that when she dies, she would like to be buried beneath a bed of roses. In May of that year, she was.

Fondness and fear are arguably genetic traits. Both my grandmothers loved roses. My Missouri grandma Mim grew and tended rosebushes that sprang from the hard clay of Ozark earth. During the morning hours, before the sun rose blisteringly hot in the midsummer sky, the fragrance of

cool Irish market

the roses, wet with dew, would fly spirit-like through the open dining room windows where we sat to eat our breakfast. In the cool hours of dusk, Mim would prune and coax her roses into her bidding. When I moved into my first

house as an adult, the first flower that I purchased was a climbing rose with delicate apricot-pink blooms and heavy with fragrance. This rose bloomed during the summer that my first child, a girl, was born. Her middle name is Rose. Grandma Mim outlived Grand-

ma Rose by nearly twenty years. Mim traveled to Ohio for her first great-grandbaby girl's christening. As a ten-week-old, we brought my daughter to see her Great-Mim. With arthritic, gnarled fingers, Mim stroked the petal soft skin of my daughter and whispered to her words of hope and wisdom, knowing that she would never live to see her great-granddaughter grow into maturity.

Each month, Mim would write to my daughter, the scrawl of her ancient penmanship always tucked between the fold of a note card bedecked with images of roses. I have saved every one of those letters.

When my daughter was two, we made the trip back to Missouri with her little baby brother to celebrate the occasion of Mim's onehundredth birthday. Again, my daughter had the rare opportunity to sit with her Great-Mim and

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listen as her great-grandmother spoke fond words of love. That was the last time my daughter was to see Mim. Until Mim could no longer write, the brief notes continued to arrive. Mim passed on a lovely watercolor painting to her first great-granddaughter: a print of a single rose.

Until my daughter is of age with her own house and family, the picture will stay safe against my walls of palest green, a remembrance of the past and a reminder to look toward the future with a hope for truth and beauty.

During our college years, my friends back home in Chicago and I were enthralled with an Irish band named The Waterboys. Their music is an eclectic mix of Irish traditional and pop music. One of our favorite songs was aptly entitled, "In Search of a Rose." The song speaks of new beginnings and tenacity when life becomes mundane and fresh starts become the stuff of survival. "I'll savor the softness of summer. I'll wrap up when winter blows. Wherever I'm going, I'll go in search of a rose."

Though my childhood friends remained in Chicago, I journeyed to Cleveland. I will never forget the bittersweet memories of adolescence: a time when we girls were beautiful, young, and invincible. When I graduated with my master's degree, my best friend gave me an antique music box gilded with gold and engraved

with the reminder to always go on "in search of a rose."

Modern roses can be garish They are ever blooming and lack any hint of fragrance. To me, these roses provide color and ground cover, but are void of character and charm. Once again, I fell vic tim to the whims of our overblown world and allowed a landscaper to plant these roses along the walkway leading to my front door. Neither crimson nor pink the roses stand out brightly, a bit too brightly for my taste, against the brick of my home. I will leave them to grow, but in no way do they inspire.

A few years back, I planted a rose of the palest pink, much more to my taste. The blooms smell of honey and sweet tea. Their fra grance reminds me of my trips to England and Ireland, where forgotten roses clamber their way against the cool of grey stone. The fragrant pink rose in my garden hints at memories of such roses as well as those equally forgot ten, growing up the wooden slats of tattered Chicago garages and metal fencing. The fragrance of these flowers speaks of my grand mothers, one a rose by birth, the other a rose by nature, and how these women infused me with a love for the simple things in life things that might be trampled on or passed by without a thought

So much can be learned from the past: a time when life's con cerns were somehow not quite so pressing, a time when beauty was not cultivated, but grew from the rich goodness of the soil and the

positive spirit of innocence. My daughter graduated from eighth grade last month. My roses of the palest pink were in full bloom, much like my daugh ter with the middle name Rose. I brought the roses indoors where we could smell their sweet scent Inevitably, the petals began to fall I gathered them up and placed them in a porcelain teacup be longing to Mim. They are slowly beginning to dry, but the petals still cling fast to their silken tex ture. Every now and again, I gently lift the cup to my nose and reflect awhile on the past and think about my hopes for the future. There is indeed truth to be found in beauty





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Moya Brennan and Cormac De Barra Release Their Brand New Album 'Affinity'

Grammy award winning musician Moya Brennan and internationally renowned harpist Cormac De Barra have released their brand new album, 'Affinity'. Both artists hail from highly respected Irish musical families and have successful careers in their own right.

July 2013

Ms. Brennan has been admired around the world as the 'Voice of Clannad'; she is the lead singer of Clannad since 1975, releasing 18 albums with them, including two with her world famous sister Enya. Simultaneously, Moya has managed an incredible solo career, with seven albums to her name. Overall her career to date includes over twenty albums, numerous film scores and performances with many great artists, including The Chieftains, Robert Plant, Shane MacGowan and Bono.

Cormac De Barra is renowned internationally as a versatile harp virtuoso. He has continuously pushed the boundaries of the Irish harp through his work and collaborations with an extensive range of artists, including Hazel O'Connor, Julie Feeney and Clannad. He writes and records regularly with his family group Barcó and hosts master classes world-wide.

'Affinity' features Moya and Cormac trading talents on harps, vocals, keyboards and bodhrán backed by a host of talented musicians. Christopher Cross' mega hit, 'Sailing',

Grammy award winning musician Moya is the lead single on the much-anticipated rennan and internationally renowned 12 track album.

Moya says about the song, "Sailing is part of the soundtrack of my youth. It was so exciting to interpret the song with our harps and vocal layers. We didn't want to change it but I hope we bring freshness to a timeless classic."

There are original tunes on the album including a number of songs sung in Gaelic. In English, "The Lass of Aughrim" has that

"I think that the fact that Cormac and I understand Irish traditional music so well has given us a shared confidence to extend ourselves, push the boundaries and venture beyond our comfort zone" Moya Brennan

haunting Gaelic sound and flowing lyric trademarked my Moya's indelible voice; with transportation to another time, another love. Dramatic sound change follows, with an engaging, "Worlds Collide", alternating

Moya and Cormac, before a great bridge to "I Feel You Breathe". Another change of pace, and a change in style, Cruiscin Lan" (My Little Full Jug) is in Gaelic, but direct, snapping and fun rather than haunting. "Captain O'Kane" is more moody, and entwines the sound of the harp and Moya's lyrical tone.

"Seoithin Seo" follows, an old Gaelic language lullaby that warns (of the auld Irish fear of) of a stolen child. Tho a lullaby, the beat is fast and compelling, warning the child to go to sleep before the fairies can come steal the child away. "Stoirin Rua" or red haired girl, is another Gaelic language song, and drawn to dancing, Ring-a-Rosie style. "When the Morning Breaks" returns



to English, before the finale of Gaelic songs "Ardaigh Cuan", a song of immigration and longing for family and home, and "Suas Sios" (Upwards, Downwards). So many great songs on Affinity, but Ardaigh Cuan steals my heart.

"I think that the fact that Cormac and I understand Irish traditional music so well has given us a shared confidence to extend ourselves, push the boundaries and venture beyond our comfort zone", says Moya.

Along with their first collaborative al bum, 'Voices and Harps' in 2011, Moya and Cormac have joined forces to host an annual 'Voices and Harps' workshop in Ireland which is geared towards those with a keen

interest in combining singing with harp playing and is now in its third year.

Affinity is a Top Shelf Selection, cap turing man's many moods; the breadth and beat will keep this CD on the shelf right where I can reach it, often.

For online sales go to: https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/affinity/id646136677 or

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Fever By Mary Beth Keane, Scribner ISBN 978-1-4516-9341-6; 306 pp. 2013

Fever is the story of Mary Mallon, the women known as "Typhoid Mary." It is a work of historical fiction written by Mary Beth Keane, the author of the previously

reviewed, The Walking People. stown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland in 1869, and immigrated to New York at the age of 14 or 15 to stay with an aunt and uncle in Queens. In 1906 she got a job as a cook during the summer for a family in Oyster Bay, Long Island. Six of the eleven

house, concerned that they would be unable to let the house again if the source was not discovered, hired a medical investigator, Dr. George Soper, to find the cause of the outbreak.

Typhoid fever cases became pandemic in the United States in the early part of the twentieth century. In 1907 the New York City Health Department records Mary Mallon was born in Cook-show 4,426 new cases of typhoid fever. As of 1910, there were an estimated 2000,000 to 350,000 new cases of typhoid fever in the United States. Mary never contracted the disease herself but was a carrier.

Dr. Soper identified Mary Malpeople in the household developed lon as the source of the outbreak typhoid fever. The owners of the in Oyster Bay and she was taken

by force to Willard Parker Hospital disease after eating what Mary and eventually to Riverside Hospi- cooked. tal on North Brother Island.

Mallon's stay on North Brother, where she spent three years in virtual solitude is deeply moving. While Mary lived in denial that she twentieth century sweeping the

was the carrier of the disease mainly because she never contracted it, the press at the time slanted her story and began referring to her as Typhoid Mary.

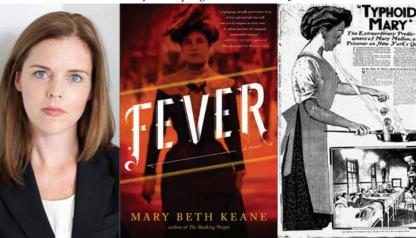
Meanwhile Mary filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus application to be set free. Although initially unsuccessful, she eventually won her freedom on the condition she no longer work as a cook.

and eventually she returned to it buildings, filthy bars, and danonly to be apprehended by the gerous sweatshops of that era. authorities again after twenty- Fever, in the end, is tragic story five people came down with the of a woman who for most of her

This is gripping, provocative Mary Beth Keane's account of story of survival which will take the reader by surprise. It is also the story of what life was like in New York City during the early

life would not accept the fact that she was an unfortunate carrier of the disease, but for the last part of it regretted what she had caused Fever is a **TOP SHELF** read.

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Tragically cooking was her life reader into crowded apartment

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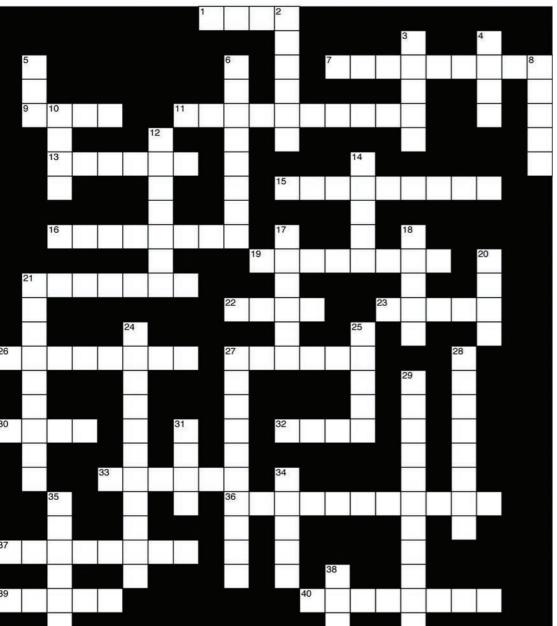
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7 Music ____Mullingar in Mull- Clifden, Go. Galway Aug 15-16 ingar, Co. Westmeath July 11-14

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27 Fleadh _____ na hÉireann 30 The Hollywood ___ in Hol-

Festival 2013 lywood, Co. Wicklow Aug 14-18 __ to Ballyjamesduff Festival in Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan

July 12-14 33 Ballina Festival in Bal-

36 Roundstone _____ Irish

Night 2013 in Roundstone, Co. Galway July 3

37 Beal Boru Gathering in Killaloe, Co. Clare July 4-7

39 Westport ____ Festival in Westport, Ĉo. Mayo July 13-15 40 AonInsure ie Skerries100 2013 in Skerries, Co. Dublin

DOWN

July 12-14

2 Swift Festival in Trim, Co. Meath July 4-7

3 The O'Neill Traditional Music Festival in Bantry, Co. Cork

Aug 22-24 4 The Galway ___Fleadh in Gal-

way City July 9-14 5 Youghal Queen of The Festival in Youghall, Co. Cork

ville, Co. Donegal Aug 26-Sept 1 _ Annual Fes- ing _ 8 Heart of the tival in Cushendall, Co. Antrinm Aug 3-11 10 ____of Tralee International

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Castle in Tullamore, Co. Offaly Tuesdays, July 2 thru Aug 13 14 Fiddler's _____ Festival Cel- in Draperstown, Co. Derry July ebration in Rostrevor, Co. Down 19-20

July 21-28 17 Galway ____ Festival in Up- portees in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary per Salthill, Galway July 12

18 Muckno ____ Festival in Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan July 18-21

20 O'Carolan ____ Festival in Aug 1-7 Keadue, Co. Roscommon Aug 1-5

Songwriters Fest in Mo- Mohill, Co. Leitrim Aug 9-11 24 Strokestown Gather

in Strokestown, Co Roscommon July 19-28 25 The ____ Þig Festival in En niscrone, Co. Sligo Aug 8-12

27 Irish Redhead Crosshaven, Co. Cork Aug 23-24 in Ken

28 Kenmare Food __ mare, Co. Kerry July 12-14 29 _____ Music Festival 2013

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Aug 31- Sept 27 34 Galway ___ Festival Ballybrit Galway July 29- Aug 4 35 Sligo ____ Festival in Sligo

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1 July 1893 - Gaelic League is founded and dedicated to the "de-Anglicization of Ireland" through the revival and preservation of Irish as a spoken language. 4 July 1921 - Awaiting truce with the English, Eamon de Valera orders the American flag flown in Dublin to "emphasize the principle for which we are fighting"

11 July 1921 - a truce ends the War of Independence between the IRA and the British army, which had been raging since 1919. 13 July 1886 - Father Edward Flanagan born in Co. Roscommon: Founder of "Boys Town" in Nebraska. 17 July 1935 - George liam Russell, a poet, editor, artist and mystic, known as 'A.E', died. 19 July 2009 - Death in NY of Frank McCourt, Pulitzer Prize winning author of Angela's Ashes. 24 July 1750 - John Philpot Curran, a lawyer and politi-

cian, born in New Market, Co. Cork. 26 July 1856 - George Bernard Shaw borb in Dublin. Playwright, and the

winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. 28 July 2005 - Seven years after the Belfast Agreement, the Provisional IRA finally and definitively

called an end to its armed campaign. 29 July 1960 - Cedric bons, Dublin born art director and set decorator credited with designing the Oscar statuette (1928) dies.

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By J. Michael Finn



Dying for Ireland

Éamonn Ceannt was one of the Ceannt playing his war pipes and leaders of the 1916 Easter Rebellion. costume with saffron kilt. He was born Edward Thomas Kent Ardee in County Louth. When

James retired from the force in April 1892, the family moved to

It was in the Christian Brothers' School on North Richmond Street in Dublin that Edward Thomas Kent took his first steps on the road to Irish nationalism. The majority of the leaders of the 1916 Rebellion were ex-pupils of the Christian Brothers. The good brothers turned out very well educated young men who were inspired by the idea of a free Ireland.

In 1899 he joined the Central Branch of the Gaelic League, adopting the Irish version of his first and last name (Éamonn Ceannt). It was through the Gaelic League that he first met Patrick Pearse and Eóin Mac-Neill. Here he learned the Irish

Language and was consumed by a a group of elderly Irish priests that passion for Irish music and dance. had been long exiled from their na-

finishing his studies at the Univer- on the piper. sity College in Dublin, Éamonn to the City Treasurer.

Games, they were led by Éammon a year later.

little known and little recognized dressed in an 11th century Irish

He was 6 feet tall, so he prein the County Galway village of sented quite a dramatic image. He Ballymoe on September 21, 1881. played to a cheering crowd, mak-He spent his first few years in the ing such a sensation that the Pope town barracks where his father, heard of his performance and sum-James Kent, was stationed as a moned him for a papal appearance. Royal Irish Constabulary officer. When Ceannt appeared before the In 1883, James was transferred to pope, the pope was surrounded by



In February 1900, he became a tive land. Eamonn marched up to founding member of Cumann nathe pope playing "Wearing of the bPíobairí (the Pipers Club) and Green." The pope was surprised became one of the most celebrated that the music of the pipes moved pipers in the country, playing both the old Irish priests so much that the war pipes and Irish Uileann many of them burst into tears. pipes. He also taught classes in Irish After the performance the Pope through the Gaelic League. After bestowed his Apostolic Blessing

It was on the Gaelic League's worked for the Treasury Depart- annual excursion to Galway in ment of the Dublin Corporation, 1901 that he first met Frances Mary where he rose in rank as assistant O'Brennan, affectionately known as Aine. She was immediately Éamonn attended the Silver attracted to him and they spent Jubilee Celebrations held in Rome their time in Galway together. They in honor of Pope Pius X in 1908. As were married on June 7, 1905, in Irish athletes marched into the Ro- St James' Church in Dublin and man arena to compete in the Jubilee their only child, Ronán, was born

Eamonn Ceannt joined Sinn Féin in 1908, where he frequently was in conflict with its founder, Arthur Griffith, over support for the Eamonn's union activities. In November 1913 Eamonn joined Eoin MacNeil as a founding member of the Irish Volunteers and was elected to its provisional committee along with Patrick Pearse. In March 1913 he was placed

in command of the 4th Battalion of the Dublin Brigade with a rank of Captain. Soon after that he was recruited by Sean MacDermott into the Military Council of the secret Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), which was laying the plans for an uprising. He was involved in the planning the July 1914 Howth

gun-running and he came to play a major part in the planning of the 1916 Easter Rising. The fact that he was also a signatory of the Poblacht na hÉireann (Irish Proclamation) also implies his involvement in the preparations.

On Easter Monday, April 24 1916, in Dublin Éamonn Ceannt and his second-incommand, Cathal Brugha, assembled in Dolphin's Barn with around 120 members of the 4th Battalion. At 11:35 AM they set off to occupy and hold the South Dublin Union.

The South Dublin Union was a workhouse and hospital complex spread over fifty-two acres. There were also a number of others buildings spread throughout the site. Ceannt sent detachments to take sev-

eral of these buildings as outposts. The proximity of the South Dublin Union to Richmond Barracks meant that Ceannt's garrison was involved in fierce fighting from the very beginning. British forces laid siege to the Union and eventually took some of the outlying positions. The central positions were able to hold out despite a vicious

bombardment by the British. Rebel forces at the Union suffered relatively heavy casualties, and Cathal Brugha was badly injured in one attack, but they also inflicted serious losses on the British. The Volunteers under Ceannt continued to hold on to many of their positions until the surrender order came through on Sunday, April 30. The British commander

that accepted Ceannt's surrender

asked Ceannt in amazement if he had held the main building with only 40 men. "No," replied Ceannt calmly, "It was 42." Ceannt was taken with his men

to Richmond Barracks and then Kilmainham Jail, where he was held until his court martial on May 3 and 4. The British mistakenly accused him of being the leader of the Jacob's factory garrison, which his counsel was able to challenge. However, the fact that his name was attached to the Proclamation of the Irish Republic was enough to guarantee his death sentence.

Éamonn Ceannt was executed by a British firing squad in the Stonebreakers Yard of Kilmainham Jail in the early hours of Monday, May 8, 1916, along with Michael Mallin and Sean Hueston. His body was thrown into an open lime pit with the other leaders of the rebellion.

On May 5, 1916 Éamonn wrote the following words to his wife Aine from his cell in Richmond Barracks, "Trial closed. I expect the death sentence, which better men have already suffered. I only regret that I have now no longer an op portunity of showing how I think of you now that the chance of see ing you again is so remote. I shall die like a man for Ireland's sake."

You can read more about the remarkable life of Éamonn Ceannt by reading Supreme Sacrafice: The Story of Eamonn Ceannt by Wil liam Henry (Mercier Press. 2005) Galway City's Ceannt Station, the main bus and rail station in his native county of Galway, is named in his honor, as well as Éamonn Ceannt Park in Dublin.

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St. Colman Rally

By Dan Coughlin

Thousands of supporters have rallied around St. Colman Pastor Father Bob Begin, in a campaign ment and retain him as pastor of St. Colman Catholic Church,

Fr. Begin has presided over the church that anchors the West 65th Street neighborhood for two decades.

Canon Law requires priests to submit a letter of resignation when they reach 75 years old. In early June, Father Begin and his parishioners were shocked when Bishop Richard Lennon of the

cepted the pastor's retirement letter, which was submitted only to comply with the Cannon Law formality. At least, that's the rule here in the Cleveland Diocese. Retirement is not necessarily

mandatory at 75, but it is permitted. Many priests look forward to that day. They are worn out and tired. A precious few, such as Fr. Begin, are still vibrant and eager to continue their work. A few blocks away, the pastor of St. Patrick's on Bridge Avenue is 80. So it was with St. Colman's pastor, Fr. Begin believed that he and the bishop had an understanding dating back almost a year, that his retirement would not be accepted.

You find this tradition in many walks of life, including politics. For example, United States district attorneys serve at the pleasure of the president. When a change of political parties occurs, district attorneys submit their resignations as a courtesy to the new president. In Cleveland, for example, Democrat Bill Clinton appointed Emily Sweeney District Attorney, but she continued to serve under the following Republican, President George W. Bush, who liked her work.

Both parishioners and neigh- Irish community; Fr. Rob Reidy, we serve. One example is that

bors like Fr. Begin's work and he desires to continue, officially put it on the record at an emergency meeting of the Parish Council on

"I am more than willing, and to set aside his forced retire- would like to continue serving St. lives in the St. Colman rectory Colman's," he said.

To further prove his point, he on Cleveland's near west side. had physical exams and mental



(1 to r): Fr. Bob Begin Cuyahoga County Executive Ed Fitzgerald, Cleveland Council President Martin Sweeney, and Councilman Matt Zone.

Cleveland Catholic Diocese actests and passed them with flying colors. Among Fr. Begin's many academic degrees is a law degree. He likes to get his ducks in a row before he goes to court. He presented this evidence to the bishop, who would not relent. The bishop told him he was done.

> Parish organizers quickly went to work. They announced plans for a rally and prayer meeting on Monday, June 17. Nearly 1,000 people packed the cathedral-like church on West 65th Street for a rally and prayer meeting. The church, which seats 950, was almost full.

The bishop was not there, of course. He had already declared that he would make no statements on this issue.

Those at the rally "were told" the Parish Council asked to meet with Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, S.N.D., the bishop's Secretary for Parish Life, and Fr. Donald Oleksiak, the diocese's Director of Clergy and Personnel. They declined because they said the bishop was out of town.

Otherwise, clergy were well represented at the rally. Six priests joined Fr. Begin on the altar -- Fr. Jim O'Donnell, one of the most beloved figures in Cleveland's and reach out to the residents

from Sagrada Familia, the Hispanic parish nearby; Fr. Januarius Lyimo and Fr. Isidore Munishi, both members of the Apostles of Jesus, an order of priests from Africa; and Fr. Lou Papas, who and helps Fr. Begin.

Eight speakers with varied connections to St. Colman's spoke

during the 90-minute prayer service. Among them was John Yokie, a Nigerian refugee who settled with his family fifteen years ago in the shadow of St. Colman's twin steeples. He expressed disbelief in this latest episode that has roiled the holy waters of the Cleveland Diocese.

Fr. Rob Reidy spoke more cautiously, urging the faithful to pray for the bishop to "turn his heart."

"He has to live with himself," said Maryfaith Schuld, who went to grade school at St. Colman's more than sixty years ago.

In a carefully worded letter to the bishop, Cleveland councilman Matt Zone pleaded with him to reconsider Fr. Begin's retirement proceedings.

"In your November 17, 2011 letter to the St. Colman community, you acknowledge the work of his congregation, and appreciation for the clear and visible commitment by its pastor and parish leaders. You also encouraged them to involve more people from the neighborhood in this effort. As the locally elected representative, representing 25,000 residents, I can attest to this Pastor's effort to exceed those important goals

St. Colman's Mass attendance and Infant Baptisms levels have significantly increased to levels not seen in more than 30 years. Another is their work with nontraditional Catholics. Father Begin and the Parish Council are bringing more sheep to the flock."

Fr. Begin's outreach programs at St. Colman's are legendary, but Bishop Lennon has not necessarily appreciated them. Four years ago in the first round of church closings, he gave St. Colman's the death penalty. Fr. Begin, however, stood up defiantly and relentlessly and persuaded the bishop to reverse his call. The bishop did. However, he attached conditions; St. Colman's had to raise \$1.3 million, increase outreach, increase Mass attendance and increase Sunday collections. Almost one million dollars was raised and all other goals were exceeded.

In a fact sheet distributed at the rally, it was pointed out that under Fr. Begin's leadership, St. Colman's conducted 96 Baptisms, 40 weddings, doubled registered parishioners, doubled its income, increased its outreach to the poor of the parish including meals, GED classes, computer classes, after school programs for children of African refugees, ID programs, assistance of almost \$90,000 to prevent evictions, help with utilities, prescription medicine co-pays, help with bus passes and

Sean M. Kenneally

many more, last year alone!

Parishioners ask, "What else can be done?"

Privately, they believe that the bishop is vindictive, still smarting from that "defeat" four years ago

In a strategy session in the church social hall after the prayer rally, the president of the Parish Council, Rita Patton Gaertner warned everyone, "Do not em barrass the bishop."

Fr. Begin's only hope, the parish's only hope, the neighbor hood's only hope, is a negotiated compromise. Both canon lawyers and lay lawyers have been con sulted. One suggested putting a time limit on Fr. Begin's exten sion as pastor, such as five years Another advised a shorter time two or three years.

"A lot can happen in two or three years," it was said.

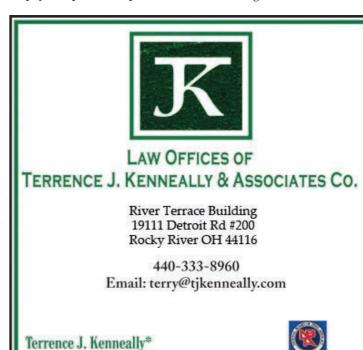
In the meantime, St. Colman's has collected thousands of signa tures on a petition -- both on-line and ink on paper.

Supporters were urged to write to the Apostolic Nuncio Arch bishop Carlo Vigano and plead for his intercession. His address was included in the material handed out:

Archbishop Carlo Vigano, Ap ostolic Nuncio

Apostolic Nunciature, United States of America

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Somewhere between sleep and wakefulness, vaguely aware of a woman's voice on the radio, something registered. "Our knees have expiration dates," she said.

Did the 'radio lady' actually say that or was I experiencing some day-residue left over from a telephone conversation about cently had with Kay Fallon.

As you might recall, I'd a total knee done eighteen months ago.

Kay, the wife of Pat Fallon, had a similar procedure last autumn while their son Tim had his surgery in March. Happily, I can report they're all over the difficult bits.

Now, more awake than asleep, I intently tuned-in to the voice on the radio. "Yes, the woman was right.. our knees do have expiration dates," I

mused, "but in what context was she making that observation?"

As it turned out, the woman I was listening to, Patricia Schultz, was discussing her book 1,000 Places to See Before You Die. Her sage comment sprang from a visit to the 15th -century Inca village, Machu Picchu, located high in the rugged Peruvian Andes. [Schultz's 2003-travel book was updated in 2011.]

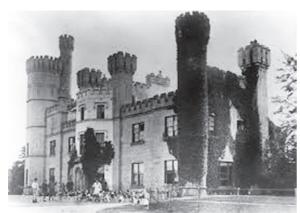
In my reverie, I'd missed the totality of her remarks, but seemingly after a difficult trail climb to the 'Lost City,' either she or another traveller uttered the comment that had caught sary financial implications, her message seemed to be 'don't postpone what you're able for today because tomorrow may be too late.' Just like milk in the frig, knees DO have expiration dates.

If truth be told, that philosophy was part of the motivation Sure, I know one of these days I at reasonable prices. Prepared

may not be able to go...at least not in the manner I like.

As I've said before, part of the joy of travelling is in the planning. Carefully, I review the litany of people and places I want to squeeze into my visit. As usual, trying to fit in everything that time and money allows proves frustrating. Soon, however, it knee-replacement surgery I re- becomes apparent, as it always does, that some things will have to wait for the 'next time.'

Staying near Malahide, north



of Dublin Town, a ramble through the old castle with its remarkable grounds is on the list. Begun in the late-1100s and enlarged over the years, this striking bastion of Anglo-Irish imposition was the home to the Talbots for some 800 years.

I venture to say most visitors to Dublin miss this attraction with its imposing turrets, walled gardens and impressive demesne. Oliver Cromwell and the Battle of the Boyne all played a part in the castle's storied history, making a tour of the fortress both time and money well spent.

Being north of the Liffey and my fancy. Mindful of the neces- not far from the seaside village of Howth [pronounced 'Hoth' as in 'both'], several outings are in order. Lunch at one of my favourite restaurants, the award-winning Oar House, is a must. "Serving seafood as it should be", this emporium of culinary delights on Howth's West Pier offers the behind my recent visit to Ireland. finest and freshest seafood, all

in its open kitchen, manned by owner-chef John and backed-up by Eóin, this attractive, intimate eatery is certainly worth visiting. Another reason to take the

DART out from town on a Sunday is to wander around a delightful farmers' market set up between Howth's two piers. Staying in a hotel precludes me from buying any of the lovely veg but I couldn't pass up a pot of homemade marmalade and some marvellously scented soap. They'll easily fit into my case for enjoyment back home. [See www.irishfarmersmarkets.ie]

Do take a walk out along the East Pier and see where the Irish Volunteers unloaded their smuggled German weaponry from Erskine Childer's yacht, the

Asgard, in July, 1915 or stroll along the West Pier dotted with its seafood restaurants and fish shops. Spend time surveying the Sunday market before enjoying a pint at any number of pubs facing the harbour. Yes, Howth is a wonderful place to picnic, sightsee or hike to your heart's content.

If markets are your thing, don't miss the lunchtime [usually 11.30-3pm] Irish Village Markets [www.irishvillagemarkets.ie]. As their website says, "Visitors...have the opportunity to experience the tastes of Europe and beyond." For minimal prices, summer tourists can join Dubliners sampling "a wide variety of smells, tastes and aromatic delights". The Thursday market on the lawn beside Christ Church Cathedral, right in the heart of town, is one of the best.

In closing, I must clarify the status of my next book. It will NOT be ready this summer. Much to my regret, my writing has slowed. The latest estimate for its completion is sometime between Christmas and St. Patrick's Day, 2014. As a result, I won't be hitting the festival circuit with any frequency this summer, but don't give up on me, at least not yet. So until next time,

God bless and be well, Cathal



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Everything Looks Better in the Sunlight

Last month, my 78-year-old mother made her first transatlantic trip. She was making the journey to check on her son's progress in Chicago. My sister and her husband, who had visited me before, were trying to orientate the not too seasoned traveler to what she should expect on the other side.

Needless to say, in good old-fashioned Irish style, the woman remained nonplused. Having absolutely no idea of the magnitude of U.S third largest city, or its massive lake, she simply received all this information with the composure of someone who is used to such strange things.

As part of the preparation for the trip, my mother was being schooled in what she could and could not bring. No bacon, they have pigs in America, no bread, apart from maybe some wheaten or a nice loaf of soda, and definitely no Doherty's sausages or black pudding.

Instead, I instructed her to bring the most essential thing, dulce (seaweed), and the kind with the shells still on, it tastes so much better. Having updated mother into the modern world where you didn't need to smuggle goods across the border, she was now turning her mind to what she could bring back.

The land of opportunity offered her mall upon mall to spend her newly converted sterling. Yet despite this information, she refused to pack lightly. The case was stuffed with the right apparel for each season.

The airlines weight restrictions were of no consequence to a woman who was convinced the Aer Lingus staff would accept her rationale. I left the negotiations regarding this sensitive area to my sister, who with the diplomacy of a skilled diplomat was able to retrieve one new cardigan for every two put in the case, thus alleviating the need to pay the extra cost, a penalty my mother would most assuredly refuse to pay.

To offset the embarrassment of one's parent must surely be one of our duties as children. It was with this thought in mind my sister depleted the suitcase-cum-wardrobe.

When dealing with Irish parents, logic rarely works in such circumstances since it will be repeatedly met with that most annoying 'why not?' It's always best to work against the desire to have an adult conversation, and simply do what is required, it saves on the endless diatribes of 'They'll listen to me. Let them try stop me and I'll show them

what to do with their rules', and so forth.

A Derry woman faced by bureaucratic dogma is not something any of us want to be witness too. She has

not enough years in her to wear down the officialdom of the Republic of Ireland and the United States, but I have no doubt she would give it a hearty try.

Since my mother's mobility has been compromised over the years, it was decided that she would be confined to a wheelchair, something she would never agree to at home, but deemed acceptable in a place where no one knew her. This proud woman would crawl down the street to the shops before yielding to the chair. It might take her a long time to reach her destination, but she did it on her own feet.

My sister had told me that on a previous holiday to England my mother only surrendered to the wheelchair when she reached the other side of the Irish Sea. On the return trip, once on Irish soil, she got out of the chair with the zeal of someone touched by the healing hands of a revival pastor. It was her pride, rather than an act of faith, that strengthened the muscles in her legs.

When I met them at the airport, the journey had gone well. All of the possible awkward moments had failed to materialize. Now in the U.S she was ready to see the new world. During the drive from the airport to the apartment, I was treated to all the local news from home; who had died, who was sick or dying, who wasn't speaking to

In that forty minute drive I was knew who was in and out of favour, and if I didn't know who they were (a fatal mistake to own up to) I was treated to a whole list of connections from first cousins to great uncles.

I was excited to have my family come to see me. I was thrilled to be able to take them down Michigan Avenue, Millennium Park, the Lake and to Loyola University, where I work.

We drove downtown, the weather was glorious, and I rattled off all my the interesting facts I'd acquired over the years with the vigor of a five year old showing off his Christmas presents. At the river, amid the awe inspiring skyscrapers, and enfolded by the throng of the bustling crowd, I was in full throttle..Here we were together in one of most ideal circumstances to see the city. I was feeling pretty chuffed to show it off.

Mother sat in her chair, underwhelmed by the noise and activity around her. The skyscrapers had no reality to her, the river was simply water and when I asked her what she thought of it all, she replied 'Everything looks better in the sunlight.'

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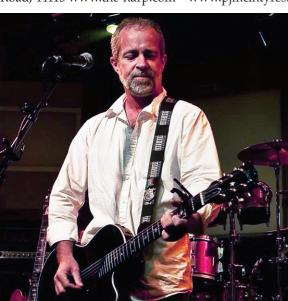
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By Rachel Gaffney



It's funny how memories are conjured up at the most unusual time in my day, often when I least expect them. I was driving over a bridge in Dallas and almost without warning I had a yearning for a '99'. I wonder if anyone reading this can remember these?

A '99' was the name given to an ice cream cone made from freshly whipped soft serve vanilla ice cream, with a Cadbury's chocolate flake. The mere task of driving over a bridge had cast my mind back to a bridge in Cork; Minane Bridge was the source of delight for my siblings and I as children.

During the summer evenings

upon returning home from work, my father often piled us into the back of his car and drove us to a little beach or cove called 'Rocky Bay'

The drive was thirty minutes from our house. Dad drove us through the town of Carrigaline and we knew then that Minane Bridge was not far away.

My father would graciously wait for oncoming cars, allowing them to cross before him; only one could pass at a time. Sometimes he had to wait for quite a few just to please his crew in the back seat!

Then, when it was time, he would put his foot on the accelerator and speed up going across the bridge, in order to fly across so that we could experience the thrill of our tummies rising and falling. Ah, such a thrill for us. We loved it.

each and every time I craned my neck waiting for the view of the sea to make it's first appearance. To this day, I still love the sight of the sea coming into view as we turn the corner.

we ran to the edge of the sea rows were overgrown with or until sugar has caramelized.

as though our lives depended upon it, but when we reached the shoreline we would stop abruptly as our feet had felt the frigid temperatures. Did we think it was going to change suddenly? That one evening, suddenly the water would be warm? Perhaps we did or perhaps we didn't care!

We did eventually go in. It always took me an inordinate amount of time to get down. After our swim we had to change out of our swimming 'togs' as they were called and into our clothes. Even the infamous Mr Bean (Rowan Atkinson) had trouble undressing at the beach. down into the cavity of the wafer



Do you remember that scene? If They remind me of what matters. not, copy the following link and enjoy this memory

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I can distinctly remember clenching the towel between my teeth and using my free hands to peel the 'togs' from my body. As we approached the beach, I was always terrified that the towel would drop before I had finished the task of dressing. Quite often, it did!

We were calmer on the drive home; we had worn ourselves out from swimming and rock Once situated on the beach, climbing. Everywhere the hedge- preheated oven for 10 minutes

fuchsias, and as we drove by, Take care not to they hung their vibrant red and purple heads low as if nodding to us. We still looked forward to that return trip over Minane Bridge, although a little quieter, in a small pan. In but the squeals of delight were yet to come: we would stop at Barry Collin's Supermarket in Carrigaline for our '99'!

The ice cream was made from fresh Irish milk and whipped softly in a machine. I would watch as they held the cone beneath the nozzle and swirled it around and around. A chocolate flake was deftly stuck into the ice cream and I began to lick for fear of losing any. People have their own rituals when it comes to eating their Oreo cookies, some like to bite, others like to pull them apart. I had my own ritual. I liked to lick my ice cream first. Then, as it gradually disappeared I would push the flake

> cone. I would then eat both at the same time.

A simple drive over a bridge catapulted me back to 1982. It conjured up memories and feelings and aroused the senses yet again; the salty smell of the sea air, the feeling of sand between my toes, discovering pieces of seaweed later on when showering, and the memories of Minane Bridge. The evening topped off and completed by a simple ice cream cone; these memories sustain me.

BROWN BREAD ICE CREAM

ICE CREAM 1 cup milk 1/2 cup sugar 2 cups heavy whipping cream 2 cups brown bread crumbs 1/2 cup soft brown sugar

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine bread crumbs and brown sugar together. Sprinkle

on a baking sheet and bake in

burn.

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Remove from oven and cool.

Warm the milk a separate bowl whisk the eggs and the sugar.

Slowly add the warm milk, making sure you continue to whisk.

Return the mixture back into the saucepan heating slowly and stirring until thickened, like a custard. It is important to not allow this to boil. Place the mixture in a bowl and allow it to cool.

Whip the cream until it has doubled in volume. Gently fold this into your cooled custard like mixture.

Next follow instructions for your ice cream maker.

Halfway through the process, gently add in your bread crumb mixture. Remove and freeze until read to serve.

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