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WATCH OUT FOR OUR SPECIAL

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Send photos, letters, painting competitions, articles, club notes, gossip etc. to: "The Leader," Lower Main St., Letterkenny to reach us not later than Friday, 9th December. - The Editor.

Long Lane, Letterkenny.

A Chara,

I must agree with the reader in last month's "Leader who was on about the Letterkenny Festival. It was a disaster from the entertainment point of view. I don't drink and what was there for us non-drinkers? Nothing!

There should have been concerts and people singing in the streets, like other festivals. I say get rid of the old committee and their old-fashioned ideas! Keep up the good work, the "Leader" is great. Yours, M.

The Editor,

I would agree that the Festival was a big disappointment this year, however, I wouldn't blame the committee entirely. They definitely need fresh ideas and fresh faces but isn't it up to the people of Letterkenny to turn up at their meetings and get involved. From my own experience these things are always left to a few people, and while their successes are applauded, their failures are usually very badly criticized. So come on all you folks out there, get stuck in and make the Festival 21st the biggest and the best ever.

**"What's that on the road below us?"
"Well, if they're moving they're cows -
it they're not they're SES workers."**



WHY CIGARETTE SMOKING SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED DURING GESTATION

Women who smoke tend to have smaller babies than those who don't, and it is thought that smoking during the sixteenth week could cause mental and physical retardation during later childhood.

Although smoking less than ten cigarettes a day might do little harm to the foetus, it is probable that smoking causes lung cancer and other diseases and gestation is as good a time as any to stop. Some women discover a dislike of cigarettes to be one of the earlier symptoms of gestation, being often associated with nausea and morning sickness. Excessive smoking can cause premature births and also cause your child to be later than usual in learning to walk, talk and read, and who wants that?



Twins Paul and Charlene Duddy live in Knocknashinna, Letterkenny and were 3 years in September. They were ready to go to Playschool in Slieve Snacht when I took this photograph and Charlene said she liked going to school, while Paul wasn't all that keen, which just goes to show that twins are often very different from each other.



Meet Tommy Keys, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, and his 1961 Morris Minor 1000. She was once owned by a Doctor and since Tommy bought her six years ago, he has had many offers for the delightful little black car. But while he'll sell up a brand new Mitsubishi any day, Tommy will not part with his '61 Morris Minor, registration number LIU 180.



LANTERNS
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This month's Page 3 girls are Geraldine (left) and Ellen from Gweedore. As well as modelling, these two lovely lassies enjoy playing football, jiving, singing (?) and rally driving. But they say their all-time favourite pastime is - boys, of course!

SEE THE RANGE OF LADIES SHOES AND BOOTS

at

GREENE'S



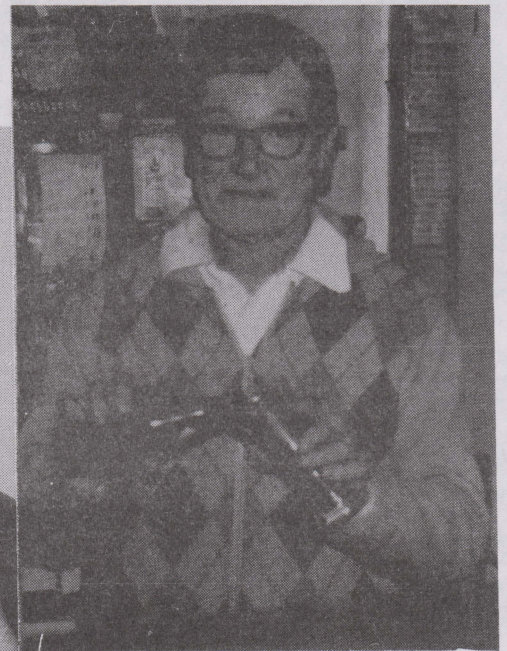
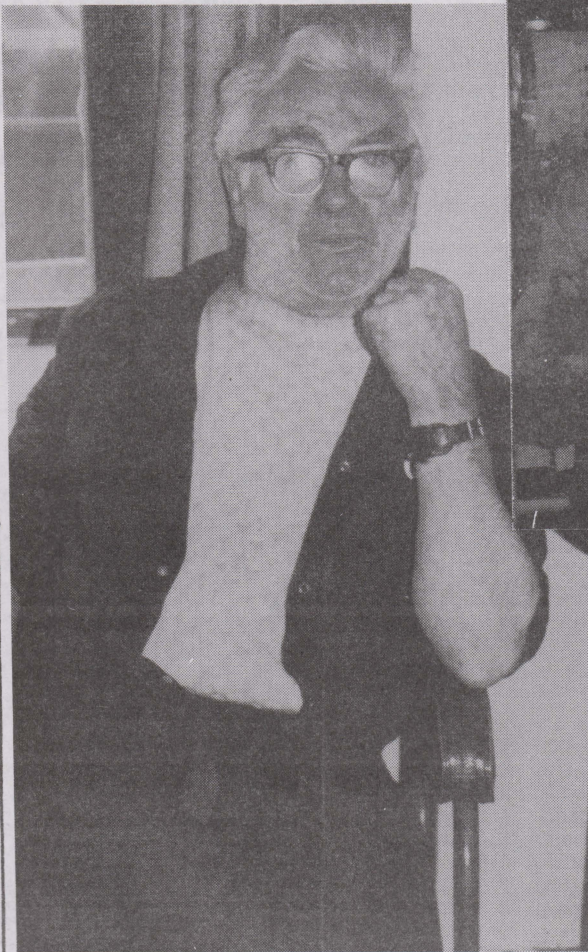
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SEOIRSE GOES CUCKOO IN TRINIDAD

Seoirse O'Dochartaigh -
Slan agus Beannacht

Seoirse O'Dochartaigh probably wouldn't have been able to release such a magnificent compilation of songs on vinyl were it not for the time he spent in Rann na Feirste Gaeltacht teaching at the Irish college there. It was there that he gained fluency in our national language and accumulated an enormous store of Gaelic songs. "Slan agus Beannacht" is the best traditional record that I have heard this year. The arrangement of such songs as "The Tinker's Daughter", "Slan agus Beannacht" and "An Realtan Leanbach" is the best I have heard in a long time.

This is Seoirse's first solo album, and hopefully it won't be the last. He is joined by Greg Scanlon, Peadar MacArdghail, Deirde Scanlon, Harold Jungst and Pol Mac Grianna, his musical partner in the popular Donegal traditional group "Crannog". The selections of music on this album are, for Seoirse, important milestones on the long musical journey from Belfast to Donegal. My favourite track is undoubtedly "Cuach mo Londubh Bui", which is one of the nicest arrangements of an old song that I have ever heard. Radio na Gaeltachta presenter Timlin O Cearnaigh described it as "reggae as gaeilge" and summed up the atmosphere by saying "Shamlofa tu fein ina lui i ham-mock in aice na farraige agus na fir ghorma ag damhsa ar an tra fad is a shleamann an fharraige isteach agus amach". The sleeve notes on the record cover also describe it aptly "For sheer offbeat fun and rhythmic playfulness, there is nothing quite like "Cuach mo Londubh Bui". We leave behind us for a while the mists that do be on the bog and transport ourselves to the sunny beaches of Trinidad. Irish Tourist Board, please take note". Stirring stuff. Album Ratings: Nine out of ten.



If you're ever heading towards West Donegal on the Errigal road, drop into Russell's Pub, near Termon, for a few drinks and a bit of crack. Our photos show John pouring a class of beer for our thirsty photographer while Mickey sings a bit of Sean-Nos. Russells is a traditional old-style Irish Pub and has been visited by many famous personalities including George Best, while John assures me that a relation of theirs - Lena Zavaroni will be dropping in sometime in the near future.

FOR SALE

Hermes Typewriter £65 Snooker cue and case £15
Adana Printing Machine with type £50 o.n.o.

Box No. 10, THE LEADER, Lwr. Main St. Letterkenny.

NAISCOIL NA RINNE AND THE REVIVAL OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN DERRY

Naiscoil na Rinne is Irish for the Ring Play School. It was set up in November 1984 by the Ring Community Environmental Project in response to a demand from residents in the Creggan area of Derry who expressed a desire to have their children educate completely through the medium of the Irish language. The Naiscoil prepares children whose ages range from three to five for their future education in a Bunscoil (Irish Speaking Primary School) which is established in the Steelstown area of Derry. The Bunscoil is state run, however Naiscoil na Rinne is run on a voluntary basis and receives no financial backing from the state, despite being officially recognised by them.

The Naiscoil is situated in what were once derelict garages

now converted by local people into a small Community Centre. Despite the work done on the premises, it is not yet up to standard due to the fact that there is no kitchen and only one toilet in the building. The Committee are at present attempting to raise funds to improve the building and more importantly purchase equipment for the childrens' use. However, due to the fact that the Naiscoil is situated in one of the most deprived areas in Europe, this is an uphill task.

There are at present eighteen children being catered for in the Naiscoil, five mornings a week from 10.00am to 12.30pm. There is also a waiting list of sixteen children. The committee were hoping to accommodate these children in an afternoon session,

but due to lack of finance were unable to proceed with this venture. This was a great disappointment to them, as they feel responsible for catering for children who wish to be educated through the Irish language in the Creggan area. The cost of maintaining the building, paying electricity and phone bills, and paying a teacher's wages is huge, and does not give much scope for purchase of equipment such as see-saws, sand pits, slides etc., equipment that most other playschools in the North are provided with by State bodies.

Nevertheless, Naiscoil na Rinne feel strongly that our native language must be kept alive, as it is a beautiful language, and is a part of our Heritage, and they feel the best way of doing this is by

having their children educated entirely through the medium of the Irish language, so that it can be carried on an cherished by the next generation. In doing this, however, they feel the children are penalised because the State refuses to financially back projects such as theirs, and consequently they have to finance the Play School entirely through raffles, dances and voluntary donations. However good these are, they never bring in enough money to allow for the expansion and improvement of the Naiscoil to a satisfactory level. Anyone wishing to help this worthy project can contact the Naiscoil at: 33E Comore Gardens, Creggan Estate, Derry BT48 9TF. Tel: Derry 262934.



Mega Socialite, Declan Quinn, meets Mick Flavin - the new sensation on the country music scene at the Raphoe Country Music Festival in September.

THE LOST BOYS

A modern day story of Vampires with a smart twist. The Lost Boys sleep all day and party all night. They never grow old and the sight of blood excites them. They have turned their home town into a murder capital of the world. Michael Emerson falls under their spell with promises of sex, drugs and rock n' roll. When he touches on death, he realises how deep he has become involved. Cert 15 Warner Best film in a long time.

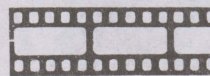
MOONSTRUCK

Starring Cher & Nicholas Cage

Moonstruck is a romantic comedy about the ups and downs of an Italian-American family living in Brooklyn. Cher plays Lorella Castorino, an old-fashioned widow who tries to patch up problems between her timid fiancée and his younger brother. While her fiancée is in Italy, his brother Ronny sweeps Lorella off her feet into an unexpected love affair. Cert PG MGM Highly acclaimed by the critics.

STAKEOUT

An explosive comedy thriller. A combination of action, suspense, comedy and romance. Starring Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez. Convinced that a vicious escaped convict is determined to see his ex-girlfriend, the pair of tough cops stakeout her apartment. When one of the partnership falls for the woman under police surveillance, things get really heated up. A sharp, funny and fast moving film. Cert 15 Touchstone Video



VIDEO TOP TEN

1. Lost Boys
2. Stakeout
3. Witches of Eastwick
4. Moonstruck
5. Heat
6. Raw
7. Dagnet
8. Spaceballs
9. The Boy who could Fly
10. Bigfoot and the Hendersons

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Photographed after their marriage in St. Molaises Church, Cliffony, are Maureen Christie, Cliffony, and Colm Gibbons, Letterkenny. Bridesmaids were Edwina Christie, Aiveen Kavanagh, Anne Marie Oates and Helen Gibbons. Best man was Michael Gibbons. Groomsmen were Danny, Billy and Pauric Gibbons. Child attendants were Anthony and Eithne Christie. Their reception was enjoyed by many in the Beach Hotel, Mullaghmore. Photograph by Dermot Donohue Studios, Letterkenny.

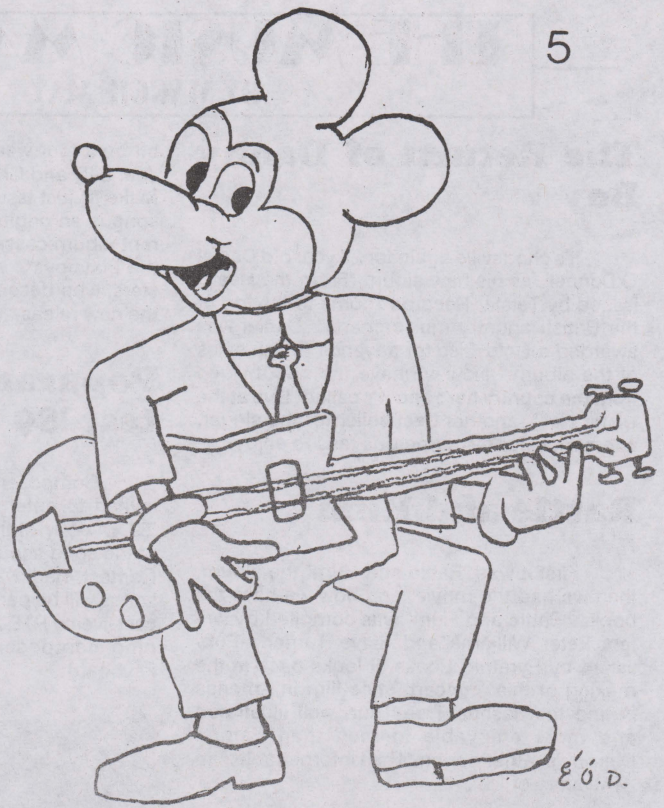
A good night's sleep

We spend about one third of our lives in sleep, and in the average lifetime that adds up to more than twenty years! We might be tempted to think that so much time spent sleeping is wasted. The truth is that it is a very important part of life because during these hours a great deal of growth and repair takes place in the body. Not only that, the brain is at work during sleep, performing a very vital task for good mental health by "ironing out" the stresses and strains experienced by the mind during the previous day.

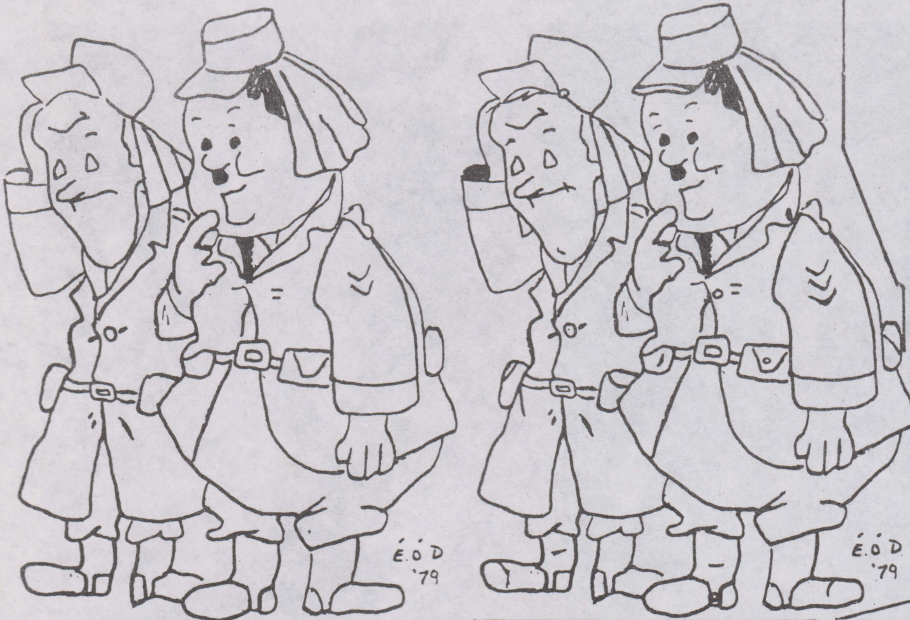
How much sleep?

The amount of sleep needed by the individual will depend both on age and the stage of general and emotional health. Infants will need more sleep than children, and children more than adults. Although most adults sleep from six to eight hours per night, some people need less sleep.

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Lower Main Street,
Letterkenny.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



UNDER TEN PAINTING COMPETITION

NAME:

ADDRESS:

AGE:

UNDER 10 PAINTING COMPETITION
 Last month's winner:
 Claran Gallagher,
 Derryconnor, Gortahork.

Ten-Code used by CB-ers

- 10 - 1 Receiving poorly
- 10 - 2 Receiving well
- 10 - 3 Stop transmitting
- 10 - 4 OK, message received
- 10 - 5 Relay message
- 10 - 6 Busy, stand by

- 10 - 7 Out of service, leaving air, not working.
- 10 - 8 In service, subject to call, working well.
- 10 - 9 Repeat message
- 10 - 10 Transmission completed, standing by.
- 10 - 11 Talking too fast.
- 10 - 12 Visitors present.
- 10 - 13 Advice weather/road conditions.
- 10 - 16 Make pickup at ...

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Jackie and the Top Stars performing in "Clems Place," Letterkenny Recently.

The Return of Danny Boy

It's chartsville again for 27 year old Daniel O'Donnell, as his new album "From the Heart" issued by Telstar Records zooms to the top of the British country music charts. Daniel was awarded a Gold Disc for advance British sales of the album. Now we have the debut video from the country hero and it's called "Live at the Ulster Hall", another best seller for the singer, and a must for his numerous fans to enjoy.

Rattle and Hum

First it was "Rattle and Hum" the album, then we had the movie, and now we have the book. "Rattle and Hum" was compiled by writers Peter Williams and Steve Turner. Published by Pyramid Books, it looks back at the making of this "concert" style film in America during the Joshua Tree Tour, well illustrated and more enjoyable to read than Eamon Dunphy's rather boring "The Unforgettable Fire - The story of U2".

Chris back in Concert

With his chart topping album "Flying Colours", singer/composer Chris de Burgh is currently on a major British concert tour. Later in the month, he returns to Dublin for four concerts from the 26th till 29th of November, and then off to Belfast from the 1st till 3rd of December. Tickets for the Dublin concerts are available from the Ticket Shop, HMV, Grafton Street, Dublin 2.

The Boys on Tour

Lifford's own pop export, The Playboys, are just back from an English tour, and in early December they are off again, this time to Scotland on a two week tour. In February next, the four are

off on a four week tour of Denmark. Charles, Joe, Billy and Charlie have a new single "I Can Make It" just issued on the A & C label. The song is an original and a track from their current album-cassette "Have a Good Time with the Playboys". A busy schedule for the popsters, who deserve good media attention with the new release.

Poparama Song Contest '89

Composers in the 8 to 18 age group are invited to enter the Poparama Song Contest '89. A copy of the lyrics and a demo cassette of the song should be sent to Poparama Song Contest, Radio 2, Donnybrook, Dublin 2. Ten songs will be performed in the gala final broadcast live by RTE 2, on February 24th next. Winning composer will receive an electronic keyboard.



"Too Much For The Whiteman" will be appearing in Letterkenny shortly.

Hugh Short-Changed

While I was delighted to see a picture of DCR's Bobby McDaid presenting Hugh McLean with a Gold Disc for album-cassette sales of 100,000 copies. In Ireland, if an album sells 10,000, the recording artist or group are awarded a Silver Disc, for sales of 15,000 it's a Gold Disc, and for 25,000 copies a Platinum. So Hugh, you were short changed, for sales of 100,000 an artiste is entitled to not one but four Platinum Discs, or so the chart compilers I.F.P.I say.

Congrats Enya

Our congratulations to our very own Enya on the international success of both her single "Orinoco Flow" and her album "Watermark". Both enjoying tremendous air-plays on both the BBC and IBA regional stations throughout the UK. Enya plans to hit the road for a series of concert dates, let's hope that she will include a date in her native county.

THE LEADER

POP AWARDS '88

Who were your favourite hit makers of '88? Well, why not let us know, just fill in the coupon and send it to THE LEADER, Lr Main Street, Letterkenny.

Favourite single: _____

Favourite album: _____

Favourite Video: _____

Favourite Radio DJ: _____

Favourite Club DJ: _____

Favourite Live band/ group: _____

Worst recording of '88: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

TOP TEN SINGLES

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Orinoco Flow - | Enya |
| 2. Je ne sais pas Pourquoi - | Kylie Minogue |
| 3. One Moment in Time - | Whitney Houst |
| 4. We Call it Acieed - | D. Mob |
| 5. A little Respect - | Erasure |
| 6. Don't Worry Be Happy - | Bobby McFerri |
| 7. Flight of Earls - | Paddy Reilly |
| 8. Harvent for the World - | The Christians |
| 9. Never Trust a Stranger - | Kim Wilde |
| 10. Girl You Know It's True - | Millie Vanilli |

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GOLF CLUB 1988

In any sports club, success or failure is measured in terms of the club's record in competition against other clubs. In golf clubs, this criteria is not the only measurement because of the many facets that go to make up a club.

Probably the most important of these is the size of membership. This year has seen a great success in this area as over 130 new members were recruited, plus sixty under eighteen years of age. The membership of the club had gone down over a number of years because of the wet conditions. This is now a thing of the past as a first class drainage system was installed over the past two years. This improvement in drainage has meant that there was a consequent change for the better in playing conditions, which led to the greens being regarded as the best in the county.

This in turn means that more visiting golfers come to play the Letterkenny course. It means a greater participation in club competitions by members and visitors alike. So much so that new records were set in the members playing in our open week, and a record for playing in a two day competition (The Seamus Hannigan Memorial Trophy), which resulted in a cheque for £750 being presented to the reach for Recovery section of the Irish Cancer Society. In a single day competition, the record was set in the Volvo competition.

In inter-club events, the record was not good, a Donegal League semi-final and an Ulster Cup quarter-final place was our allotted success.

However, the club achieved national prominence when local member Ken Lillis won a personality of the month award for setting a new nett course record and capped this by securing the national award.

In representative terms, five members were selected to represent the north-west region to play against the north-east.

The social life of the club has shown a dramatic increase, with many people joining the club who are not interested in golf, but partaking of the facilities available in the club house. The most notable of these led to the recent purchase of two indoor bowling mats. Throughout the winter, quizzes, "25" card drives, bowling and darts will hold sway.

The whole year came together when we celebrated our 75th anniversary when representatives of all the clubs in Donegal and surrounding counties came for a day's competition and entertainment, and celebrated the birthday in fine style with the marriage of the two major facets of the club: playing and the social side.

LETTERKENNY GOLF CLUB

Established 1913

BARNHILL, LETTERKENNY



Four 'older' members of the club pictured during the 75th anniversary celebrations.



This photograph shows part of the drainage system which has been installed over the past two years.

PRESIDENTS

- 1926-1963 Rev. Dr. W. McNEELEY
- 1964-1971 J. C. STEWART
- 1972-1974 C. I. WEST
- 1975-1977 D. RAINEY
- 1978-1980 J. A. HANLEY
- 1981-1983 J. F. KENNEDY
- 1984- P. J. McLAUGHLIN

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...SUB 4

Sub 4, to be sure, to be sure, that's us - the place where production is always perfect, and speaking of perfect production - congratulations to our right hand girl, June Browne, in accounts who has just given birth to a baby girl, Rachel. Hope Mum and Rachel are doing well. Looking forward to seeing you back at base June, 'cause your stand in - the "Blonde Bombshell", Bridin Conaghan, is getting too comfortable in your seat.

Before going any further, we must stop for 2 seconds silence in sympathy for our driver, Eugene McGettigan (who is suffering from discolouration of the right eye!) - he was mugged by a plastic pole (likely story!) while for the first time ever helping to unload a van! The Garda have issued wanted posters throughout the

County with a very clear and detailed description of the pole. Anyone seeing this pole should approach it with extreme caution and beware of its left hook! Sub 4 are of course offering a generous reward for its capture.

But now on to even more exciting things. Rumours have been rapidly spreading throughout the factory that canteen facilities are on the up and up - yes folks, it's true, no more standing around at 10.30am, waiting for your toast - it'll be popping up everywhere because wait for it, we are getting a new multi-function, high technology toaster installed (whenever John Gallagher gets around to it!) New on the market, hot out of the latest design books, it keeps the toast warm no matter how long it takes you to sew up that last tight, and wait for it - it browns both sides!!

Well, with that exciting news hot from Ellen Carlin's lips, we will finish up for this week, but don't forget to tune in next week for the next exciting episode of "Another day in the life of...Sub 4".

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WHAT'S ON

PORT BAR

Tues - Patsy Cavanagh Thurs - Monica Devir

PORT CENTRE

Bingo Mondays & Fridays 9.00

3 WAYS

Thurs - Going for a Song

Sat - Take Your Pick

Tues - Irish night

Wed. - Olde Tyme Music

McGINLEY'S

Nov 5th - Percy Robinson

10th Eye Spy

11th - Jazz Gazette

12th Almost Blue (Strabane)

Live music every Thurs & Sat during month.

Every Sun. 4-7pm Funky Dunky's Lunches Mon-Sat 12.30 - 2.00

Afternoon snacks also available 5.30-7.00 except Sat & Sun.

McCARRY'S

3rd - Brian McLoughlin

4th - Denis Sweeney

10th - Glen Eagles

13th - John James

19th - Clydesdale

25th - Folklore

5th - El Paso

11th - Drifter

17th - San Quintin

20th - Horizon

26th - Matches

6th - Carnnog

12th Aquarius

18th - Lifestyle

24th - E. Mac

27th - Gambler

THE COTTAGE

Every Mon. night - Harmony Night 9-11.

Every Thurs. - Traditional & Folk with Bogbane

Every Sat. - Music with MacC.

THE DRY ARCH

Fridays - Play Your Cards Right

Saturdays - Bullseye

Wednesdays - 25 Card Drive - (for Turkeys)

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SIDELINES

Paul W. loves E.T. - he watched it ten times.

Marie L. say goodbye to Romeo.

Gerard had such a good time in England he stayed

2 1/4 days too long, so he said.

Yvonne - hope you enjoyed your holidays.

Gerard - I have to tell you the Scots are only 13.

Bad news for the ducks who were spotted swimming in the potholes in Ashlawn and elsewhere recently - the Council have tarred the potholes. Spoilsports. Talking about the Council, aren't the pavements around the town in a dreadful state and could something be done with them before somebody is seriously injured or killed.

If you're not in you can't win, so join the Letterkenny Golf Club "400 Club 1989" right away. There are £10,000 in prizes so don't delay, join today. Eddie in the Port Bar is turning into a bit of a Superstar. He's in big demand at the moment with Lady photographers. Move over Bros.

Big renovations in process in the "Downtown Bar" and "Nobody's

Congrats to Anna Mulreanan on her new baby girl. People are throwing clothes away instead of wearing them.

The town sweepers will soon be out of a job, because flares are back, unless China and Conday are going to wear them.

Mark - leave Sandra alone. Get well soon, Bernie.

HARRY'S PITCH AND PUTT

Captain's day Prizewinners

1. Danny McGonagle 66

2. Peter McIntyre (back 9) 67

9+ Jimmy Kennedy 69

5-8 Mick Henry 69

0-4 Paidin Dawson

(Great White Shark)

Booby Prize - Terence Deehan

Ladies Prize - Deirdre Kerr

Best Gross - David Blake 58

James McDaid, Captain wishes to thank everyone of the 62 who played.

WHISPERS

Whispers

Inn", so watch out for grand opening bashes shortly.

The Rugby Club wish to congratulate the McNicholl family who added a new second row forward to the family recently.

Quotes of the month from Mary Mac, Mountain Top: "Why marry one man when you can keep a whole lot of them happy", and Donna - "Boys will always be boys".

Crap joke of the Month - heard in Blake's Bar recently: Did you hear they were giving Ben Johnson back his gold medal? No, why? The doctors were only taking the piss out of him? (hope the Bishop doesn't read this magazine)

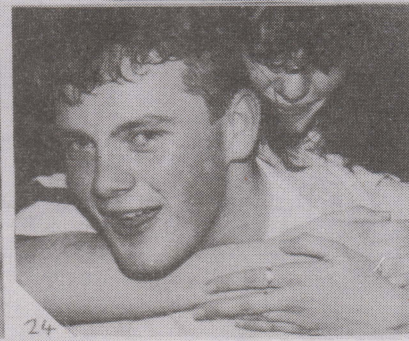
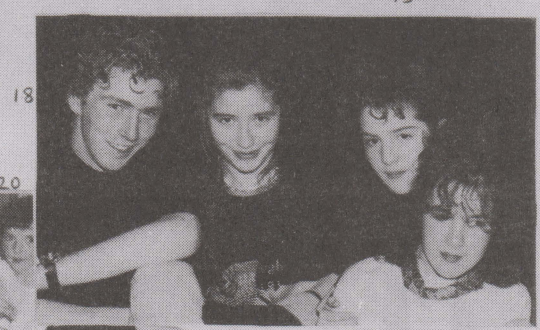
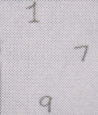
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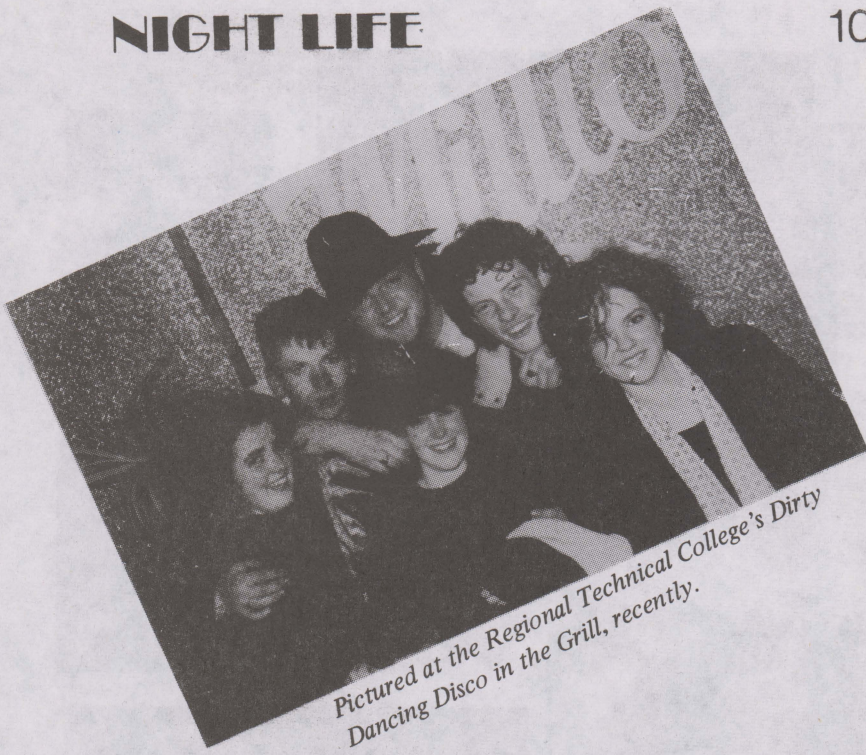


GUESS WHO ?

1. Eating again - Maire & Nicola
2. Who's hiding (clue - Unifi)
3. Late night revellers
4. The Country Lads
5. The nicest shop assistants in Ramelton
6. Here comes the Brides p.s for viewers in Black and White, Geraldine is wearing a blue garter
7. 3 Ladies in the 3 Ways
8. Look - I can fly
9. Shakespeare & friends
10. Mad Milford gang
11. Kevin making music in McGinleys
12. Mary Mac & friend
13. Ballyboe Youth
14. The 3 Musketeers
15. The Ancoites
16. Regional Rockers
- 17 Here's looking at you kid
18. Four having fun
19. Glencar Ladies get wet in Waterworld
20. Jimmy Millennium
21. All talk and no action Ama likes cornflakes
22. Donna & Alan - true love
23. The video Queen
24. Wot a carry-on!
- 25 Happy Milford Trio
26. True Love Ways.

GUESS WHO?





Pictured at the Regional Technical College's Dirty Dancing Disco in the Grill, recently.



Why are you making those eyes at me?



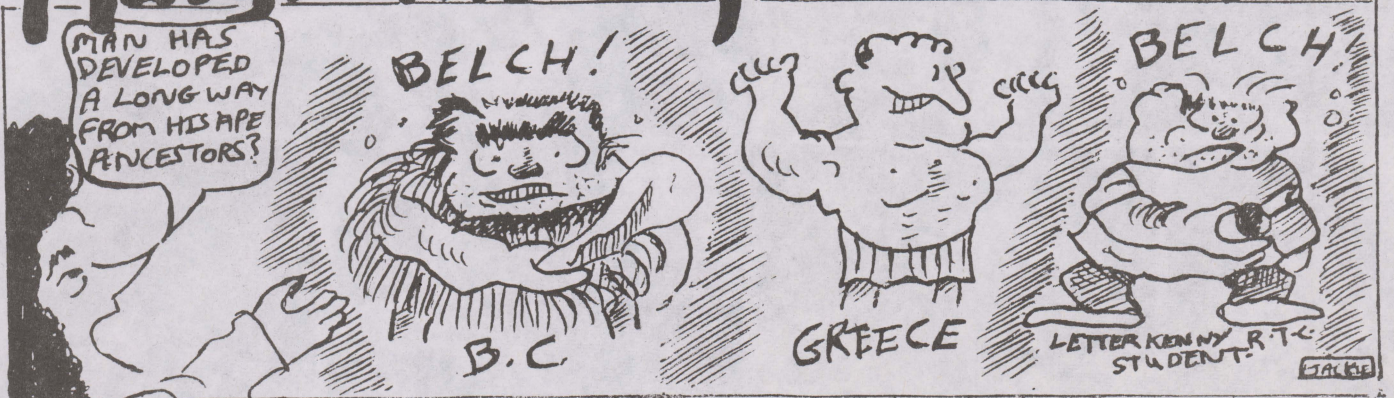
I would give you the shirt off my back!
- Action from the Dirty Dancing Competition - Is that really Siobhan?



DIRTY DANCING ???????????

Margi-History Tour.

Part 1★



THE ATTACK OF THE GIANT LASAGNE

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE ITALIAN KIND

by Martin O'Hara

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The story so far: Andy, the owner of the disco in Dunfanaghy, has been eaten by a giant lasagne. No one has witnessed his horrible demise and the police are baffled. A spaceship piloted by aliens whose ancestors were Pictish warriors in ancient Scotland has become stranded on nearby Horn Head...

Trevor McCardles had had a hard day. He pointed the wheels of his trusty Bedford lorry homeward over the N56 between Falcarragh and Dunfanaghy. It was 7.30 on a fine summer's evening and Trevor, who operated a small vegetable delivery service to local shops, had finished a hard day's work and was looking forward to a long soak in the bath. Trevor had, as is common with most people who live in areas of outstanding natural beauty, become long since immune to the wonders of nature flitting past his windscreen. This evening, however, he was filled with a newborn awe for the landscape around him. He marvelled as if for the first time at the many hued slopes of Muckish. He experienced pinnacles of ecstasy at the sight of newborn lambs gamboling up grassy knolls. "By George", he said to himself, "just look at those snowy-fleeced lambs gamboling up those grassy knolls". He hummed one of his favourite tunes, Daniel O'Donnell's "Donegal Shore", as he steered the Bedford around a particularly tight right-hander. "By Golly, Trevor old boy, that was a fine bit of driving", he congratulated himself. Trevor's driving was about to be put to the ultimate test for as he exited the corner, he noticed with alarm that the road ahead was totally blocked. He didn't have time to realize it, but what was blocking his path was a 617 ton blue, yellow and red lasagne. There wasn't room to brake. The Bedford lurched sickeningly into the heaving mass of mince, cheese and tomato puree, instantly adding a hideous "je ne sais quoi" to the hideous Italian concoction.

Something wasn't right. Something definitely wasn't right. Steve Jolley, gifted geologist and raconteur, pondered over the geological map of Horn Head which he had been painstakingly compiling for three years, and it just didn't fit. He didn't like to admit it, but the rocks had been seriously tampered with. The rocks were on the move, by God. 700 billion years of almost imperceptible movement had suddenly, with 24 hours, given way to the most cataclysmic change. And the smell. The smell of mince by God. Mince.

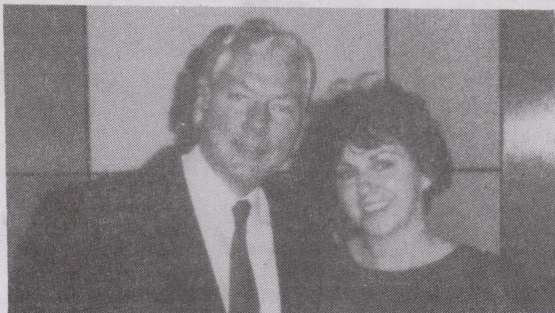
Down in Dunfanaghy, detective chief Superintendent Ernie O'Reilly and Sergeant Liam Deary sat in the Chief's study and pondered. The Chief was sprawled in his chaise longue and deep in contemplation of the week's disturbing events. The two men had been silent for some time when the Chief suddenly lifted his head and regarded Deary. O'Reilly was in bad shape and it showed. Deep worry lines criss-crossed his face like Martian canals. His eyes held a jaundiced pallor. "Go Deary", he said in his typically economical manner. "Go man, I must play". The Chief reached for his fiddle.

Back up on Horn Head, his pickled turnip sandwiches finished, Steve Jolley had fallen into a fitful slumber beneath an outcrop of banded pelites. Just behind the outcrop the stranded hulk of an alien spaceship called "The Bonny Albatross" lay, like a stranded whale. Inside the spaceship Captain Henry Borthwick couldn't believe his luck. A bloody geologist, just what he needed to help him locate lithium for his dormant engines, had walked right into his hands. "Whit a stroke i luck", he chortled to his chief engineer Dougal McBrayne. "Things are lookin' up McBrayne. Am going doon tae git him".

Steve Jolley awoke with a start. In front of him stood the incongruous vision of a Scotsman in full national dress. Captain Borthwick, his kilt waving proudly in the breeze and his silver starship commander's tammy glinting in the evening sun, stood facing Jolley. Then the last Pictish clan Chieftan left in the known galaxy said "hullo earthling". Steve tried to scream but all that emitted from his mouth was a gust of picked turnip-scented breath.

Alone, Chief Inspector O'Reilly and his fiddle were locked in a maelstrom of frenzied creativity. Notes tumbled and whirred off his fretboard as O'Reilly sank deeper and deeper into one of his meditative trances. "He's fiddling again", said Deary to the Chief's housekeeper, old Mrs. Waterson. "Lord save us Sergeant. The master hasn't reached for his fiddle in nigh on ten years. Dear God, whatever can be afoot".

To be continued....



Monica aims for Top

Every so often a singer emerges on the music scene with that extra something that makes people sit up and listen. Some people call it "talent," but it's something that's very hard to define. Recently such a singer appeared on the local scene in Donegal and has been getting rave notices. That singer is Monica Devir, from Stranorlar.

So determined is Monica to achieve fame through her music that she recently took the unusual step of driving the 40 miles from her home to Gay Byrne's holiday cottage in Dungloe, where she presented him with a demo tape she made in a recording studio in Letterkenny. Says Monica - "He was not there when I arrived, but he drove up. I had a little speech ready to say but I forgot it. I think he was stunned to see this woman standing there asking him to listen to a demo tape."

But Gay was very nice about it and Monica's unusual approach brought dividends when a member of Gay Byrne's radio programme rang Monica to ask her to appear on their talent spotting slot. She sang Jimmy McCarthy's acclaimed song "Ride On" and was highly praised. Now Monica hopes that the exposure she got on RTE will help her get that elusive break. If she's playing in your area, make sure to go along to see a great singer and definitely a name to watch out for in the future

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On any morning, Monday to Friday, one can hear a diverse range of accents, i.e. Cork to Donegal, and those in between. It has and still does act as a meeting house for people from different parts of Ireland and further afield, with those of the local community in Letterkenny. They share one common interest, that of providing an ideal setting where their children can develop and learn through play, under the friendly guidance of adults. It is a fact that play is nature's way of preparing the young for adult life. Letterkenny Community Playgroup offers all this and more. It offers an environment which is like a bridge between their home and the community in which they live.

L.C.P. was founded in 1981 by a small group of interested people. It has expanded

over the years with many satisfied "past-pupils" on its register. The Playgroup is situated in the pre-fab beside the Community Centre. There are three sessions being held 3-5 year olds (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9.30 - 12.00 2-3 yr olds (Tues, Thurs) 10-12.00. An afternoon session caters for those people who prefer a later time of 1.30pm - 3.30pm on Monday, Wed and Friday. There are three very competent playleaders with training in childcare, who cater with the needs of the pre-school child.

The mothers of the children in Playgroup take turns to assist the house mothers. This gives parents an opportunity to see their own child in Playgroup and to see other children's personalities.



Some of the mothers and children at the Letterkenny Community Playgroup.

When peeling onions do so under running water.

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Never peg shirts and blouses on the line from the bottom. The strain on the top part is too much and will wear out the bottom. Always peg at the shoulder.

On no account soak vegetables in cold water before cooking. It will only make them lose their mineral salts.

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Country Singer, Daniel O'Donnell, who is doing extremely well with his new album, "From the Heart."

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SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 22) "Ask and you shall receive" could be your motto for this month, because it is a very lucky time for you. Nobody can resist your angelic face, except those who know you for what you are ...!

CAPRICORN (DEC 21 - JAN 19) If you don't find a way to get extra cash in the near future, you could get yourself into a mess. Loans are not the answer either. The initial "B" could solve your immediate problems.

AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 18) Pack your bags and go for a holiday. (Bermuda or Florida are ideal!) The cash you have been saving for a rainy day will suffice as no rainy days are forecast for a few months at least. Bon Voyage!

PISCES (FEB 19 - MAR 20) Though things seem to be getting on top of you right now, keep a cool head and everything will be back to normal soon. Some outdoor activity should keep your mind off your problems.

ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 21) An argument with a friend at work could bring you much unhappiness, but your usual easy-going manner should sort this out. The colour grey has special significance for you.

TAURUS (APR 21 - MAY 20) The highlight this month is a letter from an old friend. Whether male or female, this letter may be an important stepping-stone in your life. Does the initial "P" have special meaning for you? If not, it soon will.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20) You have been sitting about in a pensive mood for far too long now. Now is the time to make your plans come to life. Your talents are wasted at the moment. Number 93 is lucky for you.

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 20) A strange series of conflicting emotions arise in your social life in the not too distant future. Don't worry, you are just falling in love! Surprised? Well, it happens to all of us, sometime.

LEO (JULY 21 - AUG 21) Your habit of hankering for something just out of reach should pay off when you receive a present from someone who thinks a lot of you. Your financial position is not too good at this time, so take care.

VIRGO (AUG 22 - SEPT 22) The attitude of your loved one has been bothering you for a long time now. It has to be brought to a

head if you are to know where you stand. Ask a friend for advice. Lucky day - Wednesday.

LIBRA (SEPT 23 - OCT 22) The truth is out about something which has been bothering you for some time now. It is not what you thought it would be, so don't be too disappointed. Some extra money comes your way so splash out on something new to cheer yourself up.

STAR OF THE MONTH

SCORPIO (OCT 24 - NOV 22)

Who knows better than the sensation-hungry Scorpio how to live life to its fullest? Who shows such intense passion, sensual affection and strong desire? The sting of a Scorpio is not necessarily fatal - it just makes you itchy for more: much more.

Scorpios are tough, hard working and blessed with a strong will and determination. The Scorpio is always willing to help the defenceless and has the full potential of becoming a saint...or a devil! He is an "Olympic Sulker". Being so sex-mad, they cannot keep being jealously possessive and with their strong likes and dislikes, they either make close friends...or worst enemies. The Scorpio woman has a captivating and bewitching beauty. Weaklings are out - he must be a strong and sexy stud. Scorpios are very jealous people. They make very loyal friends but if crossed or betrayed, they never forgive. They are revengeful.

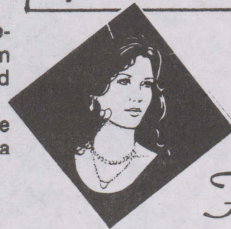
Scorpio is compatible with Sagittarius, Capricorn, Pisces, Cancer, Virgo and Libra.

Incompatible with Aquarius, Taurus and Leo.

FAMOUS SCORPIO PERSONALITIES

Richard Burton Charles Bronson Grace Kelly, Rock Hudson, Prince Charles, Johnny Carson, Pablo Picasso, Charles de Gaulle.

by SABINE VOORDECKERS



FASHION

It's fun - or a bore or it's a way of life. As for me, it's all three. If you take stock of people you can see what makes them tick fashion-wise. Fashion is what suits you, not what looks nice on somebody else. It's being you. £10 or £100, it makes no difference, it's how you wear it.

Next month, I'll take you through different stages of looks and give a few handy tips on how to click with it. P.S. Does anybody out there remember using the wet cover of the old Messenger magazine for bright red lipstick? If you don't, ask you Mum. Howzat to jog the memory?



Declan Quinn, D.C.R., meets Ronnie Drew of the "Dubliners" in the Parting Glass, Raphoe.

THE 10 SEXIEST MEN

1. Paschal Blake (Lots of room in his Mercedes)
2. Cathal Lynch (His eyes leave me spellbound)
3. Paul O'Brien (Dunnes Stores' always have better value)
4. Hugo Shiels (He is loads of gas)
5. Sod O'Donnell (Someone you will never forget)
6. Pat McGrath (His sexy voice is cool)
7. Jim Lynch (A real gentleman)
8. Liam Price (I love older men)
9. Lawrence Wilkie (Next man for Seoul)
10. Ashley Martin (He can drive me any time).

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THE MAN BEHIND THE VOICE

Tommy Rosney is one of the longest established and also one of the most popular D.J.s on the local radio scene. A native of Sligo, and one of the most famous heads in Letterkenny, the Good Ole Country Boy has fans from Dungloe to Derry, not forgetting Victorial Bridge and even Scotland would you believe, where they have been picking up his Country Show on Donegal Community Radio recently.

So what makes Tommy tick? Well read on you good ole country folks, because "The Leader" has done it again. One night last week, as Tommy handed over to Mickey of the Bradley's after another mega-successful show on D.C.R., we lay in wait and as he left the studio, our action news reporter ambushed the Country Boy and made him bare his soul to the nation. Here is his story - now brought to you by "The Leader".

The Leader - Who had the greatest influence on your broadcasting career, Tommy?

Tommy - Well, I must say, Richard Crowley and Jerome Keene, who started me off with a country music show on the old Radio Donegal, back in 1981. I am very thankful to them and also to Bobby Mc Daid for the last 2 years on D.C.R.

Your miscellaneous likes?

Spending all my time with wife Margo and baby Louise. Also going out for an evening and a bit of crack with my good friend J.J.

Dislikes?

People who give the impression that they know everything and at the same time know nothing. Also rude people.

Which person in the world would you most like to meet, Thomas?

Whoever hands out the big money in the lottery.

Best place visited?

Well, I haven't travelled very far in my lifetime but I reckon anywhere in Ireland if you get good weather.

Favorite Expression?

"That's what I'm saying" and "At all at all at all."

Hobbies -

Playing soccer, swimming, watching Sligo Rovers and Finn Harps.

Best Friends -

Wife MArgo and Baby Louise. Outside the family, J.J. Dorrian

Favorite actors-

Charles Bronson, Clint Eastwood and Uncle Emmet.

Favorite actress -

My wife Margo when she's looking for something and Doreen Mullen.

Favorite food -

Anything that doesn't talk back and steak.

Best book you read lately -

the Beano.

Favourite music -

Country 101% but have ears for all kinds of music. Favourite artistes -

Ricky Skaggs and Randy Travis. What is your favourite all-time song,

Tommy? I don't know about all-time, but one of my favourite songs is

"Highway 40 Blues" by Ricky Skaggs. Favourite T.V. Show - Dallas and

Match of the Day

Personal Ambitions -

To be healthy and happy.

But, but, Country Boy, you only had 3 minutes to live, what would you do?

Boil a 2 minute egg.

And before you go, any crap jokes?

Yes, I've got one - how would you take milk from a pregnant cat? Lift the saucer.

N.F.Y.C. INFORMATION DAY

The Donegal Federation of Youth Clubs held an Information Day in Loreto Convent, Letterkenny on Saturday 8th October, 1988. Mr. Peter McBride represented the Knights of Columbanus, and Mr. A. Wicks on behalf of the Rotary Club attended the Information Day. Mr. Jimmy Cumiskey, the President of the National Youth Federation, was the guest speaker and he outlined the new structures in the National Federation. He also paid a tribute to Annette Patton, the Regional Development Officer for Donegal, for all the good work she does throughout Donegal. Then an input was given on the proposed new structures in Donegal. The Information Day was well attended by Youth Clubs throughout Donegal, and a video was shown which included Youth Club activities



Tommy Rosney, "The Country Boy," live on Donegal Community Radio.

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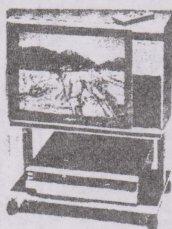
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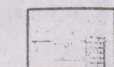
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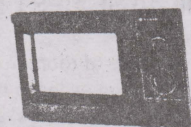
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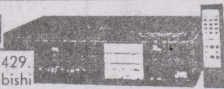
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John Connors

Dungloe

Full Name: John Gerald Connors
Birthplace: Manchester
Age: 20
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 11.5 st.
Position: Full Back
Previous Clubs: None
Married: Not yet
Favourite Players: Paudie O'Shea, Mikey Sheehy
Favourite Other Team: Kerry
Most Difficult Opponents: Martin McHugh and Declan Bower
Most Memorable Matches: The two All-Ireland U-21 finals
Biggest Thrill: Winning the U-21 All Ireland
Biggest disappointment: Losing in the U-21 Ulster Semi-final this year
Best Place visited: America
Favourite Food: Steak and Chips
Miscellaneous Likes: All sports
Miscellaneous dislikes: going to the bog.
Favourite T.V. Shows: Glenroe, Top of the Pops, and sports programmes
Favourite Musicians: Charlie O'Shea.
Favourite Actors: Eddie Murphy, Jimmy (Greaves) O'Donnell,
Best Friends: My football mates
Biggest drag in football: Bad referees, travelling
Honours: All-Ireland and Ulster U-21, Gaeltacht All Ireland, All-Ireland vocational school, Intermediate and Junior B medals, County schools medal, Super League medal.
Biggest influence on Career: Sean Ward and Tom Comack
Football ambitions: To play for Donegal in the All-Ireland final.
Personal ambitions: To be rich before I am 21.
Which person in the world would you most like to meet? The Pope
Signature:





Letterkenny 2nd Hockey Team pictured after a recent home game at the Convent Grounds, Letterkenny.



John Connors and friends including Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher, T.D. and Mary Coughlin, T.D.

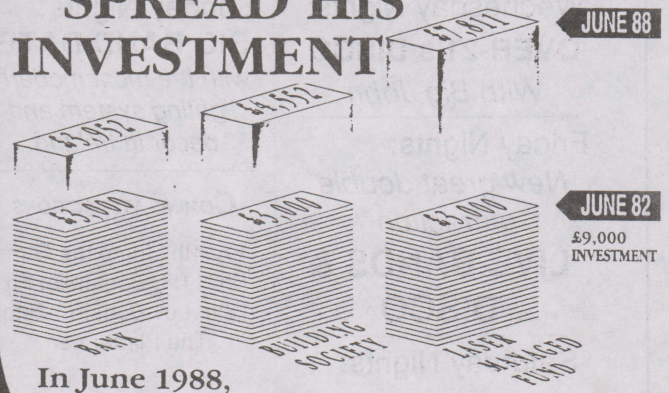


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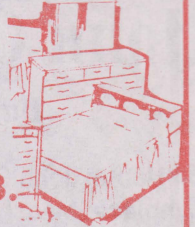
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