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Vol 1, Number 11. Yes our 12th edition will go on sale next month. Look out for it during the first week of June. Meanwhile, sit back and enjoy this month's Leader.

And when you put it down how about putting pen to paper and telling us what you think. We welcome new ideas and suggestions, articles, features, cartoons, short stories, etc. So don't delay, drop us a line at: "The Leader", Lr. Main Street, Letterkenny. Deadline for receipt of all material is Tues. May 23rd.



Pictured during a visit to McFadden's Hotel Gortahork, thirty years ago is the late Brendan Behan who is pictured with Mr. Lillis O'Leary, proprietor and his two children, Conal and Maire.

## A Moment

Let us count, not the days or nights.  
Let us look, not too deeply,  
Least we cause mystery to fly  
As a passing dream.

Let us hold, not too tightly,  
Or one may feel the desire to escape  
Leaving the other with empty hands  
Holding a memory.

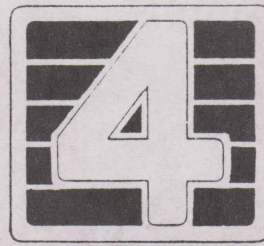
Let us want, not more than we deserve,  
Rather, let us deserve  
More than we want,  
And we shall not need.

Let us take, not more  
Than we are prepared to give,  
And we can truly say we loved,  
If only for a moment.

Don Sullivan.



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**ROSES** To everyone in Donegal who helped to make such a big success of "People in Need" - to the organisers of fund-raising events, everyone who participated and every person contributed to the fund.



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This lovely little Morris Minor belongs to well known building contractor Patrick Doherty from Coshclady, Bunbeg. Patrick and wife Mena are about to go for a spin in their 1967 Minor, Reg. No. 11H 670, which is in perfect working order. The clock reads 77,000 miles and she had two previous owners, Robert Parke of St. Johnston and Tommy Ronaghan, Letterkenny. She came complete in 1967 with a luxury item which is listed under special equipment in the logbook - a heater. The Doherty's, who bought the car two years ago take part with it in festival parades, vintage rallies and "Sunday afternoon drives in the country."



# CASTAWAY

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### DONEGAL YOUTH SERVICE

At the A.G.M. of the Donegal Federation of Youth Clubs a Constitution was adopted which meant that the D.F.Y.C. became known as the Donegal Youth Service (D.Y.S.).

While Youth Clubs will be central to its function it is hoped to move out to other youth as in the Youth Forum and in Special Services.

There are over 20 Youth Clubs affiliated in Donegal. In them you will find a variety of activities. The county is divided into 5 areas and clubs within these areas meet every month to exchange ideas, reports on their progress, plan and organise different functions and get-togethers.

At the A.G.M. a Regional Youth Clubs Council is elected to look after the affairs of the Donegal clubs. Assisting them in this task is the staff in the Donegal Youth Service office. At present the staff is made up of a Regional Development Officer employed by the National

Youth Federation, a part-time Youth Worker and a part-time Secretary.

As a Region we are affiliated to the National Youth Federation. Clubs from Donegal take part in National events such as The National Club Games and the Tops of the Clubs competition. We also send representatives to the National Youth Clubs Council and the National Youth Forum.

Youth clubs are very much alive and active in Donegal thanks to the members and especially to their dedicated leaders. We welcome new clubs, no matter what shape or size, new members and new leaders. We offer them our support and services in whatever form they feel is necessary. Training courses are organised to help new leaders.

Please note that our new address is:  
*Donegal Youth Service,  
 20 Market Square,  
 Letterkenny.  
 074-22133.*



Member of the D.Y.S. who attended the Letterkenny South Area Disco in Lifford where presentations were made for the County Games.



### Only Joking

Knock Knock.  
 Who's There?  
 A little old lady  
 A little old Lady who?  
 I never knew you could yoddlle.



Did you hear about the magic cow? She walked along the road and turned into a field.

Doctor ! Doctor ! I only have 59 seconds to live.  
 Hold on a minute

Doctor ! Doctor ! I feel like a bar of soap.  
 That life boy.



Our roving photographer was driving through Ramelton recently when he spotted two sets of twins in close proximity. So he got them lined up and here they are. Meet identical twins Gavin (left) and Paul Curran and the two little fellows in front who are too busy enjoying their crisps to be interested in photographs are Anthony (left) and Paul Fisher. The Curran twins are 9 years and the Fisher's 23 months.



# Your Garden → in May

Hello again! What a fine spell of gardening weather we have had during the third week in April when the sunshine brought the later narcissi tulips into full bloom. Looking forward to next spring and if we want a good show of daffodils and narcissi, now is the time to prepare for it. As soon as the flowers fade nip off the faded bloom or in gardening terms dead-head them, keeping the foliage intact. Give a liberal dressing of any good fertiliser or a very simple and cheaper method and equally as effective is to steep about a bucketful of rotted farmyard manure in an old drum or tub for a few days. Water it down and give the plants a good mulch of this mixture. Tulips of course are to be treated differently. Dead head them and if you want to use the bed for your annuals, prise the bulb out of the soil with a garden fork.

Have a box handy and very carefully transfer the bulb to the box keeping as much soil as possible around the bulb. Put the box under a hedge or in a corner until the foliage dies back naturally when you can store them for autumn planting. Towards the end of the month we should be putting down our annuals, but plants that have come direct out of the nursery should be hardened off gradually. Be sure to lay down slug pellets especially round French Marigold and Pansies. Owing to the extremely mild winter, slugs will be a menace this year so be prepared! When sowing main crop carrots give the drills a good sprinkling of Bromphos to overcome the menace of carrot fly and when transplanting lettuce dig in some farmyard manure and your lettuce will be lovely and crisp. *Happy Gardening.* I. J. Cowan

## 4 Amnesty International Prisoner of the Month Mohamed Srifi - Morocco.

We intend to regularly feature a Prisoner of Conscience in the paper. These are people who are imprisoned in scores of countries around the world because of their religious or political beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin or language. None has used or advocated violence.

Their continuing a detention is a violation of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. International appeals can help to secure the release of these prisoners or to improve their detention conditions. In the interest of the prisoners, letters to the authorities should be worded carefully and courteously. You should stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. In no circumstances should communications be sent to the prisoner.

This month we look at the case of Mohamad Srifi, a 37-year-old student from Tangiers who is serving a 30-year prison sentence for advocating that Morocco become a socialist republic.

After his arrest in 1974, Mohamad Srifi was held until January 1977 when he was tried along with 138 others on charges of belonging to an illegal association and plotting against the internal security of the state.

All of them were members of former members of three Marxist groups.

One hundred and twenty-nine defendants, including 39 in absentia, received sentences of between five and 30 years' imprisonment.

An AI observer at the trial said that it fell short of international standards of fairness: defendants were not allowed to communicate with their defence lawyers during the hearing nor were they permitted to make statements about torture and ill-treatment they said had occurred in pre-trial detention.

Although the prosecution argued that the defendants were planning the violent overthrow of the monarchy, there was no evidence to show that they had ever used or advocated violence.

Defendants had reportedly been held incommunicado before their trial over a year - far exceeding the limits prescribed by Moroccan law for such detention - and, in many cases, subjected to electric shock treatment, beatings and suspension by the hands or feet.

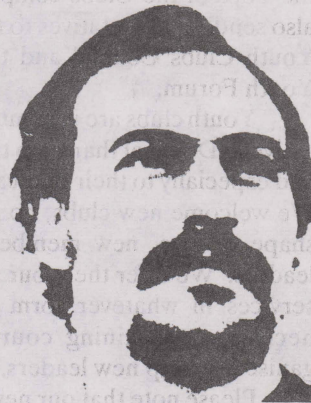
Mohamad Srifi is in Kenitra Central Prison where he is reported to be continuing his studies.

Please send courteous letters appealing for his release to: His Majesty, King Hassan II/Palais Royal/Rabat/Morocco; and to: Moulay Mustapha Belarbi Alaoui/Minister of Justice/Palais de la Mamounia/Rabat/Morocco.

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Last month's winner: Bríd Ní Dhúgáin, Dobhar, Bun Beag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



"Your mother phoned and left a message"

Are you going on a summer holiday?

The recent sunny conditions which have brightened our Donegal spring have started the blood racing and thoughts flying to faraway places and sun-tans.

After the many air disasters people in general were making plans for an "Irish Holiday" this year, but three days of sunshine have changed all that and holidays are now selling again at the speed of lighting.

Because of the late start to the season no particular trend has been set for 1989, but guaranteed to sell are the old familiar resorts of Majorca and Salou, for the family holiday, Ibiza and Greece for the young at heart, and Portugal and Cyprus for the more discerning holiday maker.

The frequent traveller has discovered that exotic sounding names do not always make for a better holiday and that the "tried and tested" have still much to offer.

Many holiday makers who normally fly to the sun are heading to America this year, after availing of the irresistible sale fares which had the travel business booming in January.

Most holidays are still selling at 1988 prices and there are plenty of bargains for departures in May, and June.

Jersey, though not the cheapest holiday on the market, has much to offer as a family resort. With the absence of a language barrier and the tinge of French atmosphere it is leading the field this year. It is a lovely resort guaranteeing to please any taste in holidays.

All in all, after a slow start, the holiday season is now moving at full speed and the fun loving Irish are still tempted by sun, sand and nightlife.

## Beetlejuice

It's weird, wacky, witty and wonderful, It's Beetlejuice - the unique comedy. Fantasy with hilarious supernatural twists. A happy Adam and Barbara Maitland who are recently deceased are finding it hard to relate to their powers, their country dream house was invaded by the terminally trendy Deetz family. Amateur haunting haven't scared the ultra-chic sophisticates away and there afterlife casaworder can't help them either. Beetlejuice is their only hope...

## Tucker Jeff Bridges,

Francis Coppola's tribute to Preston Tucker, who designed a revolutionary car but was prevented from Mass production by the nervous Detroit auto barons.

Only 50 Tuckers were made. These highly collectable items star in the movie in which Coppola turns a story about a car into a parable of the American Dream. Boasting a thrilling performance from Jeff Bridges and super camerawork, Tucker is a fabulous movie.

1. Beetlejuice
2. Crocodile Dundee II
3. Messenger of Death
4. Frantic
5. Hello Again
6. Emperor of the Sun
7. Deadly Pursuit
7. A Prayer for the Dying
9. Running Man
10. Planes, Trains and Automobiles

**Video Top 10**

Courtesy of Video King, Letterkenny.

## Big Business P.G.

In rural Hollowmade, two sets of twins born at the same time are mismatched by a dozy nurse. 40 years on, Bette Midler city version is the tough company head who decides to unload the Hollowmade factory her Daddy bought back then.

Lily Tomlin is her dreamy sister but back home there's another Lily - a spirited housewife who campaigns to save the factory. She heads to New York with her so called sister to do battle. A frothy, well-made, very entertaining comedy warmly recommended.

## Buster (15)

Phil Collins, Julie Walters.

Lucky thief Buster Edwards provides for wife June and baby Micky by midnight raids on mother-care and "borrowing" from banks - without their permission. He has a dream and believes it comes true when he and a few friends organised the Great Train Robbery. He thinks his problems are over but they're only starting when he has to flee to Acapulco, with June and Nicky. It's a good show with the advantage of a good sound track.



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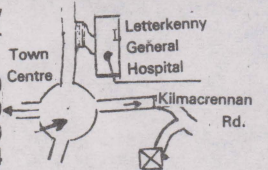
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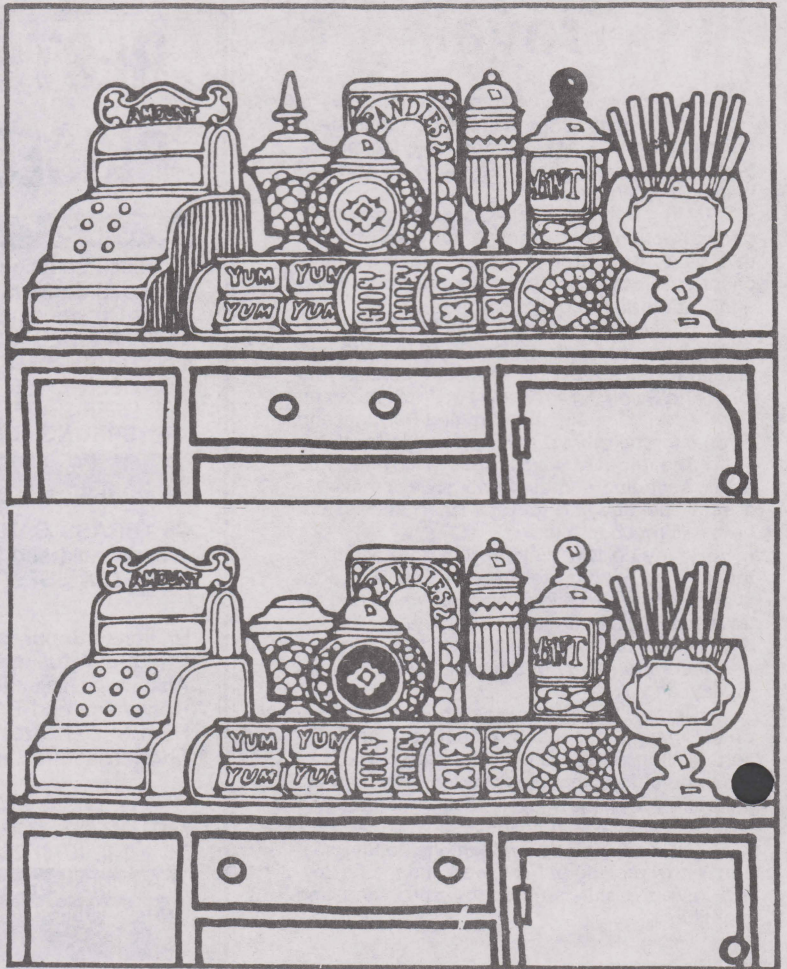
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Prize: Pencilcase, crayons, markers, coloured pencils.

**Last month's winners**

Noel P. Coyle, Bun a Leaca/Jessica Purthill, 1 Oatfield Tce., Letterkenny.

**"LEADER",**  
Lower Main Street,  
Letterkenny.



There are ten differences between the two pictures. Can you find them?

**SHAPING the EARTH**

While the **RED SWAMP DEER** in South America have become rare, their swampy habitat has been the basic reason for their continued existence. Of the **MARSUPIALS**, once so numerous in Australia, some kinds have become extinct. A large number of others are close to extermination, such as the **EAR BADGER** and the **WOLF**.

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These are **ONLY A FEW** of the kinds of animals threatened with extinction.

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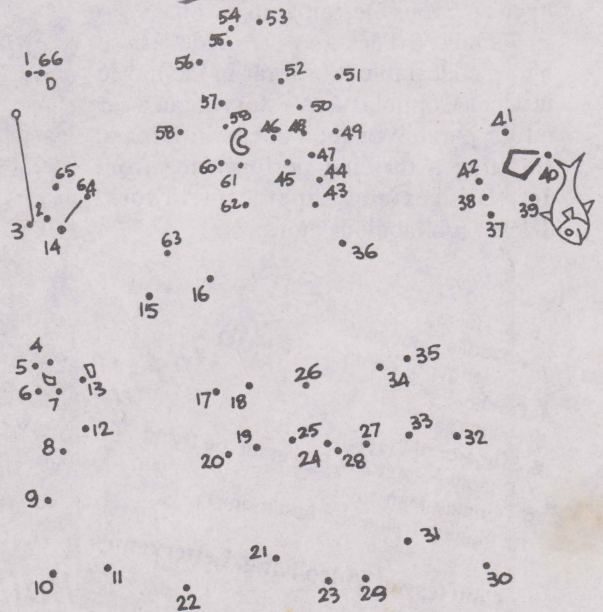
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In Finnegan's Wake by James Joyce there is a word with 100 letters in it. You ready for this? Here it is:  
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and it is a symbolic thunderclap representing the fall of Adam and Eve.

DID YOU KNOW THAT the plague killed 25 million people during the epidemic which swept across Europe from Distant Asia in the middle of the fourteenth century?



As night folded its cloak over the scene, Capt. Borthwick, D.C.S. O'Reilly and Steve Jolly stood bracing themselves against the piercing sea breeze and contemplated the battle to come. "It's gie dreach," observed Capt. Borthwick.

"That can only serve to help us Henry," replied the chief. "If our approach is spotted we may not stand a chance." O'Reilly turned to address the men, all of whom had been kitted out with ray guns from the "Albatross." "Right lads, it's time to move out. Good luck." With this, ten roving alien warrior, ten members of the Dunfanaghy Garda and a geologist from the Isle of Man set out towards the lasagne and whatever was to be their fate...

At that same instant deep underneath the freezing waters at the mouth of the bay there swam a great leathery swarm. At the head of this ghostly mass swam one lone black shape. Communicating her thoughts in subtle ultra-low pitched sound waves Queen Amy was playing a waiting game.

Above the silent depths there raged a fierce battle. Garda Benny Kelly had only the faintest of moments to contemplate his fate as his death in the seething cauldron within the lasagne. Dougal McBrayne, first engineer on The Bonny Albatross, was fighting a losing battle with a gigantic tower of parmesan cheese. Steve Jolly, his golden lock swirling around his handsome chiselled features, rallied the troops for one last assault. "Cumon chaps, one more lung." The chief's men and the captain's men were now all to the landward side of the beast, and slowly making progress. At the edge of the beach the first tendrils of lasagne were slipping into the ocean. The giant mass of lasagne itself was beginning somewhere deep down in its consciousness to think along the lines of ducking under the waves for a quick breather. "She's on the run boys!," shouted O'Reilly exuberantly.

"By bloody snuff, we've got her moving," echoed Borthwick. Now almost the lasagne was underwater and turning out into the anticipated safe haven of the bay. It was then that Queen Amy issued her final order.

To this day, the survivors of the battle speak of the awesome power which began to manifest itself at that moment. To those who watched, it seemed that the entire horizon, now barely visible in the gathering dark gloom of early morning, began to rise. An ominous thunder accompanied this strange sight, building in intensity as it became clear that a huge tidal wave was sweeping in towards the beach. The warriors retreated back up onto the sand dunes by Findlay's caravan and turned to

watch the towering, black, leather-scaled rampart approach.

The wind and rain had joined in the assault on the floundering lasagne. Great chunks of pasta were ripped off and deposited high up on Horn Head. Rain pummeled out of the sky and, carried by the howling gale, ripped into the back of the lasagne with the force of machine gun bullets. When the great wall of turtles and water hit it, the lasagne became immersed in an unholy turmoil. The very earth rocked and to those who looked on, it seemed as if the world momentarily ceased to spin. The terrible conflict raged for some minutes and then suddenly stopped. A victor had emerged.

A very faint orange glow appeared in the sky far to the east. Clouds slowly parted, allowing the warm light to spread, to reflect off the now placid waters and chase away the final traces of the night. It seemed into the bones of the bedraggled warrior, replenishing their energies and bringing to them the realisation that he nightmare was over.

It remains only for me to tell you that the "Bonny Albatross" was able, two days later, to leave behind this world and return forever to its own, the lithium having been extracted from the dormant corpse of the lasagne which now once again formed part of the delicate Dalradian plate underneath Sheephavan bay. Old Findlay Stuart, who had expressed a desire to travel with the aliens, was granted his wish by Captain Borthwick and is currently carving out a lucrative business for himself designing and selling caravans to wealthy aliens throughout the galaxy.

The Chief, who had found the last few days a bit too much of a strain, had given his job and left Ireland to pursue his first love - the violin. He is at the moment, finding some little success in the competitive world of the virtuoso violinist circuit.

Sergeant Deary announced his engagement to old Mrs. Waterson and, after accepting Chief O'Reilly's old job, settled down to a quiet life in Dunfanaghy Garda barracks.

Steve Jolly, roving geologist and major catalyst in the events of the last few days, accepted the keys to Dunfanaghy and rented out an apartment above "The Coole Shell Bar" where he was to write his celebrated thesis on lasagne related geological folding which was itself to lead to him being offered a lucrative sinecure with B.P., who were only too glad to have a geologist of his world standing on their books.

Queen Amy Turtle, as is often the way with turtles, swam off into the sunset with the remainder of her army to receive her own sort of acclaim. No one will ever realise the part she played in the battle, but it is sufficient for us to know that she had resorted to the precious life giving food thus ensuring the continued procreation of her ilk.

So ends the story of the attack of the giant lasagne. Dunfanaghy was restored to its former self and everyone except the lasagne lived happily ever after. I leave you with these words from Captain Borthwick's farewell speech: "Lang may yir bloody lums reek" (Long may your chimneys smoke.)



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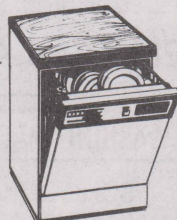
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## The Irish Heritage Series: 62

This excellent booklet has been an eye-opener. Prior to reading it I perceived of Letterkenny's Cathedral a stark building with little of aesthetic merit within its walls. I had visited the Cathedral once. In the depth of winter, with snow on the ground, I went to attend a performance of Handel's Messiah. I remember the music but regret to say the thought of travelling home in the snow must have affected my appreciation of the fine array of artistic work within, as portrayed in this fine publication. As a result of reading the booklet I will return to the cathedral. I will not fail to bring the booklet with me as the wealth of information and the superb illustrations will help to add a dimension of enjoyment I otherwise would not have to the visit.

Looking at the photographs of the building it crosses our mind to suggest that the town's local authority might attempt to tidy up the car park to the front of this pleasant building and add a tree or two to enhance the Cathedral's surroundings.

The sight of the Cathedral, floodlit at night, as one rounds the corners on the road east of Letterkenny, is most welcome. It acts as a beacon to the weary traveller as it does to those seeking spiritual succour.

John Boyle



### What is Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) ?

Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) gives a basic weekly allowance as a right to people who have little or no means. People with low incomes can also get a weekly supplement under the scheme to meet certain special needs. In addition, payments can also be made to meet other urgent or exceptional needs.

#### Payments for exceptional needs.

generally, these payments are on a once-off basis, for example: \*for bedding or other essential household equipment \*for funeral expenses \*for other unforeseen large expenses.

These payments may be made in addition to a weekly payment. Sometimes a health board will decide to give the actual goods or service rather than cash.

#### Who is entitled to Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) ?

If you have no means or your means are not enough to meet your essential needs you may be entitled to SWA.

#### Types of Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

**Basic Allowance** - If you have no means you will be entitled to a basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance. If you have low means you will be entitled to an allowance to bring your income up to the basic rate allowance. if you have no other income and you have claimed a social welfare benefit or pension, but it has not yet been paid, you may qualify for SWA while you are waiting.

**Supplements** - If your income, whether from basic SWA or otherwise, is too low to meet certain special needs you may be granted a weekly supplement. The amount of any supplement payable will depend on your circumstances and will be decided by the Health Board.

#### Examples of needs for which a supplement may be paid are:

- \*rent or mortgage interest
- \*heating needs
- \*exceptional heating expenses due to ill health
- \*special diet due to a health condition (such as diabetes, kidney failure, or coeliac disease).
- \*Allowance for cot and pram for newborn children to either single parent or married couples.
- \*Rent allowance for people living in private accommodation, e.g. family with 3 - 6 could qualify for an allowance of £21 - £22 when paying rent of £30 or more.

(A letter from your doctor will usually be needed before an allowance for special heating or diet needs would be granted.)

#### Where and when to claim.

You should apply for SWA as soon as the need arises to the Community Welfare Officer at your local health centre. If you don't know where your health centre is, or if you want to find out the Community Welfare Officer's hours, contact the head office of your area health board.

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### SPICED LAMB WITH RHUBARB (SERVES 4)

- 1 large onion,
- 4 cloves garlic,
- 2 inch piece of fresh ginger,
- 1 and a half lbs. lamb neck fillets,
- 2 tbsps. groundnut oil,
- 2 tsps. ground cinnamon,
- 1 tsp. ground cumin,
- 2 tsps. ground coriander,
- half lb. tomatoes - chopped,
- 1 tbsps. clear honey,
- 1 lb. rhubarb chopped in small pieces,
- handful roughly chopped fresh parsley leaves, salt.

**METHOD:-**

- (1) Peel and roughly slice the onion, garlic, ginger and whizz in a food-processor until it is as smooth as it will go.
- (2) Slice the lamb fillets into 2 inch pieces.
- (3) Heat the oil in a flame-proof casserole on top of the stove and brown the lamb all over, on high heat.
- (4) Remove the meat from the pan and set aside.
- (5) Lower the heat to medium and stir in the ground spices, followed a minute later by the contents of the food-processor.
- (6) Stir over heat for a minute or two then add the chopped tomatoes. Stir, for 2-3 minutes over heat.
- (7) Finally, add the browned lamb, sprinkle with a little salt, and stir in the honey.
- (8) Cover the dish and remove from heat.
- (9) Put the covered casserole dish in the centre of the oven - Gas3/325 degrees F./170 degrees C. - and cook for about 1 and a half hours until very tender.

(10) Then add the chopped rhubarb, cover again and cook for a further 20 minutes or until the rhubarb is soft. Adjust seasoning.

(11) Before serving sprinkle parsley leaves on top.

(12) Serve the dish with basmati rice.

### FOR DESSERT: RHUBARB FOOL: (SERVES 4)

- 1 lb. fresh rhubarb (trimmed),
- quarter teaspoon ground cinnamon,
- honey or sugar to taste,
- half pint whipping cream, OR half lb. thick plain yoghurt.

**METHOD:-**

- (1) Cut the rhubarb into 1-inch lengths and put in a saucepan.
- (2) Cover and simmer gently with spice until fruit is soft.
- (3) Stir in sugar or honey - remembering that it will be further diluted by the cream or yoghurt.
- (4) Cook a little longer until sugar is melted.
- (5) Allow the fruit to cool completely.
- (6) Whip the cream and gently fold it into the fruit pulp, or fold the fruit pulp into the yoghurt, if using it (fold the lighter texture into the heavier).
- (7) Spoon into bowls or glasses and chill until required.

This mixture can be frozen to make a rhubarb ice-cream.



TAURUS



**TAURUS (APR. 22N - MAY 21)** Someone who has often opposed you undergoes a change of heart and becomes genuinely co-operative. A romantic midweek message revives hopes which you had almost discarded. Lucky colour blue.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)** Tension could be your greatest bug-bear now, and that seemingly calm exterior of yours could mask something torrent of pent-up feeling and frustrations. But don't boil over because your luck will soon change rapidly - for the better.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 21)** Some sort of problem, either at home or at work, is likely to be causing you worry right now. However, this particular cloud will have a silver lining - if you don't mind waiting a week or two. Lucky number: 6.

**LEO (JULY 22 - AUG. 21)** A friendship or association that has recently been under a cloud comes out into the sunshine again and you will make real progress towards an important goal. Watch out for an interesting proposition midweek. Lucky day: Thursday.

**VIRGO (AUG. 22 - SEPT. 21)** Your partner's problems could be causing you more concern than your own at the moment. This is certainly appreciated and you will definitely be required in the near future. Be careful not to overspend at the end of this month.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 22 - OCT. 22)** You'll certainly be enjoying an active social life this month, especially during the final week. Love and romance will blossom and - wait for it: Money. Luck also looks good. Lucky number: 9.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)** Travel and communication are important this month, so take a holiday or make plans, write those long overdue letters and renew old friendships. Be prepared for a surprise on the 29th.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)** An exciting romantic start to next week will put you in excellent spirits, with Tuesday and Wednesday being outstanding days. Pay special attention to dreams and follow up your hunches and you simply can't go wrong.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 20)** This is a good month for friendships and you will see your magnetism enhanced and new friends drawn to your side. Arrange a romantic evening for the 23rd - and you simply cannot go wrong. Lucky colour: Navy.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)** Good fortune is mixed with difficulty and obstruction this month and you are advised to be flexible in your dealings with the opposite sex. Expect a visit from an old friend mid-month.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)** You can be guided by your own instinct when you come under fire early next week and will quickly emerge on top. Good time for spring-cleaning! Lucky day Monday. Lucky number 3.

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 21)** Someone who has never been a good friend leaves your vicinity thus giving you scope for expansion. Make the most of your new found freedom and the word of advice - concentrate on Scorpions. Lucky colour: Orange.



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## TENTH BIRTHDAY FOR RADIO 2FM.

Launched at the end of May 1979 Radio 2FM celebrates its tenth anniversary. Over the years many of the original dee-jays such as Ronan Collins, Jimmy Greeley, Paschal Mooney, Paul Clark, Declan Meehan, Jim O'Neil, Mark Cagney, Marty Whelan have moved on, while poor Fab Vincent Vincent Hanley has passed away. While in recent weeks a new team has emerged in the revamped schedules, Gareth O'Callaghan, Maxi and John Clarke joining the team with Teresa Lowe. But veterans Gerry Ryan and Larry Gogan are still the tops with radio 2FM's listeners. Question is how will the new look schedules compete when Century Radio and Atlantic 252, plus the 25 local stations hit the airways. As they say, competition is the spice of life.

## THE PEOPLE IN NEED TRUST.

While the "People in Need Telethon" fades into history, Aslan and Pastimes have both new recordings with the royalties going to this charity trust. "Don't Make Me Cry" is the title of Aslan's single which is issued by EMI and features Eamo Doyle on vocals. Pastimes, which features RTE staff members Jimmy Greeley, Colm Connolly, Ronnie Peterson, Dave Smyth, Tadgh de Brun, and P.J. Smith, have an EP "Pop a Top" issued by Harmac. The other titles on this EP are "All My Loving", "The Young Ones" and "Travelling Light." Pastimes formed last year and play golden oldies from the 50's and 60's era.

## SANDY OFF TO NASHVILLE

As Daniel O'Donnell returns from his recording session in Nashville, singer Sandy Kelly heads off to represent us at the "Fan Fair Festival" in the city. The Sligo based songstress was a hit at the "International Country Music Festival" staged in Dublin some weeks back with names from Tammy Wynette and Buck Owens. The former Euro Country Gold Star Award winner has a new EP "Crazy" issued on the K-Tel label. This year Randy Travis will introduce the stars of the Fan Fair says Sandy.

## MOST EXPENSIVE FLOP

Madonna's "Make a Wish" advert for Pepsi is hailed as the most expensive advertising flop in history. Costing £18 million, the advert was banned by most television stations around the globe. Madonna was paid £3 million to front the advert for Pepsi.



### Singles

### TOP TEN

1. Bangles: 'Eternal Flame'
2. Transvision Vamp: Baby I don't care.
3. Kon Kan: I beg your pardon.
4. U2: When love comes to town.
5. Paula Abdul: Straight up.
6. Madonna: Like a prayer.
7. Fine Young Cannibals: Good Thing.
8. Donna Summer: This time I know it's for real.
9. Jason Donovan: Too many broken Hearts.
10. Midnight Oil: Beds are burning.

1. Deacon Blue: When the World knows your name.
2. Estefan: Anything for you.
3. Madonna: Like a prayer.
4. Fine Young Cannibals: The Raw & The Cooked.

### Albums

5. Guns and Roses: Appetite for Destruction.
6. INXS: Kick.
7. Michael Jackson: Bad.
8. Cheek to Cheek: Various.
9. Now 14.
10. Dirty Dancing: Various.

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## CLANNAD BACK ON THE ROAD

Gweedore's Clannad now celebrating their 20th year together, have just completed a 25 date concert tour of the UK and in July they return to the Irish scene for seven shows. A second compilation of their old favourites covering the period from 1982 to 1988 is issued under the title "Past Present" along with their current single "The Hunter." Their previous album "Atlantic Realm", the soundtrack for a highly acclaimed BBC TV series is currently in the British "Folk and Roots Chart". Will Clannad be featured at the 21st Letterkenny International Folk Festival, the venue seems likely at present.

## ANOTHER NUMBER ONE

"Rattle and Hum" is the third video issued by U2 and their third video to make the number one slot in the "Video Music Charts." The song from the video "When Love Comes to Town" with Bono, The Edge, Larry and Adam joining forces with legendary B.B. King has become another international hit for the group on both sides of the Atlantic. It seems musical wise U2 are still firm favourite with video and record buyers alike.

## A CHANGE OF STYLE:

Since the demise of the pirate radio stations country music has hit an all time low. Most country acts from Susan McCann to Ray Lynam, and from Sandy Kelly to Brendan Quinn etc. have changed management in a bid to revive their fading careers. While Daniel O'Donnell is the number one attraction, the rest find it difficult to survive. Sadly most of our country performers are on the wrong side of the thirty age group, and have been around since the demise of the showband era of the mid-70's. Apart from Daniel few other country names can compete against the "disco boom." Today we have too many country bands and too few country venues for them to survive. Country music is still popular, but the Irish country performers seem to have lost their old magic both live and on disc.

## CASTLEBAR TIME AGAIN

After the Eurovision Song Contest, composers are invited to turn their attention to composing a hit song for the Castlebar International Song Contest, which will be staged at the end of September. Entry forms are available from Festival Office, Castlebar International Song Contest '89, Co. Mayo. Or telephone Gisela O'Connor at (01) 801008 for further information.

SANDY KELLY



ASLAN

# FOCUS ON

Charlie Boyle

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## Naomh Mhuire GAA Club

**Full Name:** Charlie Kevin Boyle.

**Birthplace:** New Jersey, USA.

**Height:** 5' 10"

**Weight:** 13st. 3lb.

**Position:** Full back

**Previous clubs:** Keadue Rovers, Gweedore Utd., Carlow GAA Club (New York).

**Married:** Yes, to Anne Marie.

**Favourite Players:** Mick Lyons (Meath).

**Favourite Other Teams:** Celtic, Rep. of Ireland, Kerry, Kilcar.

**Most Difficult Opponents:** Small quick ones.

**Most Memorable Matches:** Naomh Mhuire v Carndonagh when we gained promotion to Division 1.

**Biggest Thrill:** Rep. of Ireland v England in W.Germany last summer.

**Biggest Disappointment:** Not having won a county title with Naomh Mhuire.

**Best Place Visited:** Leeds and Parkhead.

**Favorite Food:** Steak and chips, kebabs.

**Miscellaneous Likes:** Sports, reading papers, and winning.

**Miscellaneous Dislikes:** Losing heavily, Linfield and Rangers, Smoking.

**Favourite TV Shows:** Hill St. Blues, Today Tonight, sports programmes.

**Favourite Musicians:** Mary Black, Christie Moore, Bob Dylan.

**Favourite Actors:** Mick Lally, Donald Sharkey.

**Favourite Actresses:** Jessica Lange, Glenn Close.

**Best Friends:** My wife, my family, my bank manager.

**Biggest Drag in Football:** British sports commentators.

**Honours:** Co. Vocational side 1979. U-16 Co. Vocational Winners Medal. Promotion to Div.1 in 1987.

**Biggest Influence on Career:** Many.

**Football Ambitions:** To see Donegal win the Sam Maguire. To see Ireland in the World Cup Finals. To win a county championship with Naomh Mhuire

**Personal Ambitions:** To be happy and healthy.

**Which person in the world would you most like to meet?:** President Gorbachev.

**Signature:**

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Donegal Junior Team who played Kerry in Croke Park on 12th Sept. 1954. Back (L. to R.) Davy Brennan (dec), Jackie McDermott, Dom Murray, John Smith, Jim (Cookie) Boyle, Hughie Coyle, Willie Gallagher, Frank Farrelly, Peter Sweeney, Mattie Regan, Johnnie McGinley (Co. Chairman) Seán Slevin. Front (L. to R.) Hudie Illey (Co. Sec.), Joe Winston (mascot), Frank O'Donnell, Conal McCauley, Peadar McGeehan, Patrick Coyle, Raymond Bryson (dec.) James McGettigan, Fr. Hugh Boyle. Photograph by the late Francie McLaughlin, Letterkenny.



Congratulations to KEADUE ROVERS on winning this year's Donegal League. But can you remember this Keadue team of a few years back?

# PHENOMENON

## Tuig sin nó fáig é

When I was a young man, a favourite haunt of mine was Paddy Óg's tavern at Crolly Bridge and I enjoyed many discussions and conversations which are now memorable. There were certain men in the locality who would never dream of going elsewhere for their refreshments, and in particular one of them was a Johnny Boyle from Upper Dore who was by then a retired railway-man.

Johnny was an erudite man who appeared to have got a very fair education in his youth which indeed was very rare at the time. He was well read and always kept ahead of current topics by listening to the radio and reading the daily papers from end to end, although he admitted that certain new words creeping into the language baffled him.

Another worthy who was regularly present was one Maurice Carr, a native of Downings who was a supervisor for the County Council, mainly over the turf schemes that preceded the advent of the ESB power stations. Maurice was a true-blue academic who was articulate in gaelic and English as well as being well travelled with a grand knowledge of history and mathematics. Because of having these attributes in common, Maurice and Johnny were closer to each other than most of the other tipplers.

One summer evening during the War about a dozen of us were there and as Johnny was reading the editorial of the 'Irish Press' he encountered the word 'Phenomenon' several times and was at a loss to know what the precise meaning of it was. Being a modest person he had no compunction about asking Maurice to enlighten him which he did out loud regardless of the audience.

"Maurice; That's a word I have come across recently in a few places and I haven't a clue what it really means. What does 'phenomenon' mean?"

Maurice considered the question for a brief spell.

"Well, Johnny, it's not easy giving a definition of it and the best way of explaining it would be by giving you some kind of an example, if I could think of one, which I will do in a minute" said Maurice.

He went to the open door and stood there in meditation for a few minutes before he beckoned Johnny over beside him.

"Do you see that high birch tree over there beside the river?"

"Yes; I do," Johnny replied.

"And now" said Maurice, "you see that big black bullock grazing up in Donall Shéimi's field?"

"Aye" said Johnny, "I do."

"Now do you hear that crow cawing it's heart out somewhere up in the Coillín Darach" added Maurice.

"I'd be deaf if I didn't" said Johnny slightly impatient.

"Well now, Johnny, a tree is a tree, a bullock's a bullock and a crow is a crow."

"So what" said Johnny.

"Well" said Maurice, "not one of those three objects is a phenomenon in itself, but if you were to see that bullock roosting on top of the tree, and it cawing away like a crow, then that would be a phenomenon."

"Nach deas a' rud a leigheann" sighed a man with a wooden leg up at the counter.

"William Sling"

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Congrats Maria Curran and Brian McFadden who will be going out 3 years on 7th May.



## Letterkenny Amnesty Group

At their last meeting, held on Thursday, 13th April, Letterkenny Amnesty International Group discussed the forthcoming campaign against the death penalty and also made plans to hold a table quiz in the near future in order to raise funds for Amnesty's work on behalf of prisoners of conscience throughout the world.



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