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The Beaumont Residents' Association
would like to wish
everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME—By Gillian Hanrahan

EACH year during Christmas many poor people have nowhere to sleep and nowhere to have a hot meal. To other people Christmas means decorations, good food and nice clothes. But to poor people it is just like any other day. Children do not know it, but we are lucky to have what we have. We cannot be taking things for granted. Some people would be really happy if they got even one present. But they cannot afford it because they are poor. These people may go to a recreation centre or a shelter for a hot meal, but think of where they have to go after it. They may have to sleep in front of stores with a paper or thin piece of blanket. When they wake up the shopkeeper is kicking them telling them to sleep somewhere else. You see people in town with the little throw-away coffee cups. Some people walk away and don't give them a second look. It feels good to give them a bit of money. Think of what it would go to, maybe a new blanket. There are some very good people in the world who maybe once a year would give over £5. There are some disabled people in the world. I saw a person and he had no lower arms and he sleeps on the streets. He cannot pick up anything easily. He has to pick them up between his elbows. There are people like this all over the world. They cannot get through without our support. So at Christmas - give a little! Thank you.

1st place Composition, 5th Class, Room 1. St. Fiachra's Senior School. Teacher: Gerry Carbery

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Dublin Corporation conducted a postal vote with the residents of Foxfield Park and St. Assam's in Raheny, Dublin 5. The people voted 97 per cent against ramps being placed there and the democratic process went into action and the ramps were INSTALLED.

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Father Joe's Column



THE last few months have been a busy time here in Beaumont Parish and I will not be able to refer to all the events that took place but I will try and mention a few and to apologise if I leave anything out.

The tragic events that took place on September 11th, shocked us all and there was a very strong outpouring of concern for all those who were caught up in the attack on the World Trade Centre. Our Special Service on the following Friday was attended by very many people and will stay in my memory.

The genuine concern and compassion of the people of Beaumont for the people of New York and Washington which was expressed so clearly that day was very inspiring. We will continue to keep all those involved in our prayers.

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes took place at the end of September and everyone was very pleased with it. Many thanks to Marie Balfe who co-ordinated everything with such care. Fr. Staunton and Fr. Brennan were among those who travelled.

In September we welcomed Br. Dermot Kelly to our community in the Presbytery. Dermot is a native of Edenderry and will be studying in All Hallows College for the coming year.

On the 2nd. of November we hosted the St. Mary of the Angels Gospel Choir in our Church. Anyone who has seen the film 'Sister Act' will have a fair idea what a Gospel Choir is like. It was a really enjoyable evening and the place was certainly buzzing. We were a bit disappointed with the numbers who attended but the fact that the concert was during the mid-term break was probably responsible.

We held a Fashion Show here in the parish on Wednesday, 21st. of November. It was a very enjoyable evening. The models all came from the Parish and included Fr. Philip who even modelled as the Groom!

November is the month when we particularly remember our loved ones who have died. At the beginning of the month we had a special Service of Remembrance for babies who died at or around the time of birth or before birth. We hope this Service helped in some small way the many families who have suffered such a great loss.

On Thursday, 22nd. of November we had a Service of Remembrance for all our deceased in which we remembered especially those who had been buried from this Church in the last year. We offer our deepest sympathy to all those who are bereaved.

The Season of Advent is nearly upon us now and a new year is on the horizon. We look forward to seeing you at the different celebrations over the coming weeks. Our Penitential Service this year is on Monday, 17th. of December at 7.30 P.M.

A full list of all our services will be delivered to every house in the Parish over the coming weeks and will also be available in the Church.

Finally on behalf of all of us here in the Presbytery may I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and every happiness in the New Year.

God Bless **Fr. Joe**

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Garda Stephen Daly Writes



WHEN people think of drugs, they think of Heroin, Cocaine and Cannabis because these are the drugs that get the most public attention. But we are living in a drug using Society. Practically every day each of us has contact with five or six types of common drugs.

- (1) Caffeine (Tea/Coffee)
- (2) Nicotine
- (3) Alcohol
- (4) Painkillers
- (5) Tranquillisers
- (6) Sleeping Pills

WHAT IS A DRUG?

A drug is any substance (chemical) which when taken into the body alters one or more of the body's functions. It can also change how a person feels or behaves.

WHY ARE DRUGS USED?

- (1) Drugs are used medically to treat illness and diseases. E.g. anti-biotics.
- (2) Drugs are used to relieve pain, anxiety and stress. E.g. Codeine, Aspirin.

(3) Drugs are used socially to relax and enhance, please.
E.g. Alcohol.

Drugs are divided into four main categories.

(1) Sedative (Slows you down)

These drugs depress the physical functions of the brain and other parts of the Central Nervous System. E.g. Alcohol, Cannabis, Prozac.

(2) Stimulants (Speeds you up / keeps you awake)

These drugs excite the central and autonomic nervous systems to varying degrees. E.g. Cocaine, Ecstasy, Caffeine, Nicotine.

(3) Opiates (Pain killers)

These are drugs that have the basic property of reducing pain but vary in degrees of strength and effectiveness. E.g. Heroin, Codeine, Morphine, Opium.

(4) Hallucinogens (Changes your perceptivity)

These are drugs that primarily alter a user's perception of reality.
E.g. L.S.D.

WHAT IS DRUG MIS-USE?

Misuse occurs when the use of any drug (legal or illegal) is harmful both mentally and physically to the individual and/or of Society in general.

WHO MIS-USES DRUGS?

Drug Mis-users come from all backgrounds, social classes and age groups.

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE DRUGS?

There are many reasons why young people start taking drugs including
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Globalisation: What on Earth is it about?

Sometimes it's difficult to swallow whole all the talk that abounds about globalisation. Beyond the front pages of newspapers, globalisation is a reality that, for better or worse, touches our lives in ways most of us never stop to think about. Critics say the West's gain has been at the expense of developing countries. The already meagre share of the global income of the poorest people in the world has dropped from 2.3% to 1.4% in the last decade.

But even in the developed world, not everyone has been a winner. The freedoms granted by globalisation are leading to increased insecurity in the workplace. Manual workers in particular are under threat as companies shift their production lines overseas to low-wage economies. National cultures and identities are also under threat thanks to the spread of satellite TV, international media networks and increased personal travel. In French cinemas, around 70% of filmgoers watch Hollywood movies.

At the heart of their concerns is the fact that huge trans-national companies are becoming more powerful and influential than democratically-elected governments, putting shareholder interests above those of communities and even customers.

Ecological campaigners say corporations are disregarding the environment in the stampede for mega-profits and marketplace supremacy. Human rights groups say corporate power is restricting individual freedom. Even business folk behind small firms have sympathy for the movement, afraid as they are that global economies of scale will put them out of work.

It's time to stop corporate globalisation and to campaign for another world we know is possible. In November 1999, the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Third Ministerial Meeting in Seattle collapsed in spectacular fashion, in the face of unprecedented protest from people and governments around the world. We seen this again in Genoa this year where thousands from all over the world protested at the Meeting there. Since then around the world in rich and poor nations alike, millions of people have joined the campaign for a just and sustainable future and against corporate globalisation.

Despite the promises to improve the system made at the end of the Seattle ministerial aimed at countering the WTO's crisis of legitimacy, no improvements have taken place and instead things have gotten worse. The time is overdue to roll back the power and authority of the WTO. The democratic, transparency and accountability deficits in this institution, which supposedly promotes free trade, have in fact only contributed to the concentration of wealth in the hands of the rich few, growing inequality within and between nations, increasing poverty for the majority of the world's peoples, displacement of farmers and workers especially in third world countries, and unsustainable patterns of production and consumption.

We must show our opposition to continued attempts to launch a new round or expand the WTO by bringing in new issues such as investment, competition, government procurement, biotechnology or by accelerated tariff liberalization. Expanding the WTO into issues such as investment and competition policy or requiring all countries to adhere to WTO government procurement rules (starting with an initial phase of transparency rules), would threaten national self-determination and the survival of small and medium sized local firms and farms, remove support for local economies, and cause immeasurable social and environmental damage. The issues of inequity - implementation issues - for developing countries must be urgently addressed. These should not be linked up in the context of further liberalisation negotiations.

Prioritise Social Rights and the Environment

"Free trade" puts corporate profits before people and the environment. We need fair trade. Fundamental human and workers' rights must be respected, promoted and realized, as must the environment, health, education, indigenous peoples' rights, development, safety, food security, and animal welfare.

The importance of promoting, respecting and realizing fundamental worker rights and other human rights by all relevant means includes action at the appropriate international institutions.

Democratise Decision-Making

People must have the right to self-determination and the right to know and decide on international commercial commitments. Among other things, this requires that decision-making processes in negotiations and enforcement at international commercial bodies be democratic, transparent and inclusive. The WTO operates in a secretive, exclusionary manner that shuts out WTO Members and the public. It is dominated by a few powerful governments acting on behalf of their corporate elite. We should be committed to a sustainable, socially just and democratically accountable trade system.

DO THEY KNOW ITS CHRISTMAS?

THEY don't know it's Christmas! A message from UNICEF to parents as more and more cheap child labour is being used to make toys for our little tots.

And the UN child-concern group has urged mums and dads to question shopkeepers about the origin of toys this year, to make sure another child's misery isn't paying for their children's moment of happiness.

There are still a staggering 120m. Children between the ages of five and 14 working full-time worldwide—and 80pc are not paid a penny.

Christmas Cheer!!

What do reindeer say before telling you a joke?

This one will sleigh you!

Why is a reindeer like a gossip?

Because they are both tail bearers!

Why do reindeer wear fur coats?

Because they would look silly in plastic macs!

How do you make a slow reindeer fast?

Don't feed it!

Why did the reindeer wear black boots?

Because his brown ones were all muddy!

How long should a reindeer's legs be?

Just long enough to reach the ground!

Why did the reindeer wear sunglasses at the beach?

Because he didn't want to be recognised!

Which reindeer have the shortest legs?

The smallest ones!

Where do you find reindeer?

It depends on where you leave them!

Did you hear about the man who went to the fancy dress party as a bone?

A dog ate him in the hall!



What would you do if you saw Dracula, Frankenstein & The Swamp Thing?
Hope they were going to a fancy dress party!

Knock Knock

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Wenceslas

Wenceslas who?

Wenceslas train home!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Holly

Holly who?

Holly-days are here again!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Snow

Snow who?

Snow business like show business!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Rudolph

Rudolph who?

Money is the Rudolph of all evil!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Wayne

Wayne who?

Wayne in a manger...!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Igloo

Igloo who?

Igloo Suzie like I knew Suzie...!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Donut

Donut who?

Donut open till Christmas!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Mary

Mary who?

Mary Christmas!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Oakham

Oakham who?

Oakham all ye faithful...!

What did the guest sing at the Eskimo's Christmas party?

Freeze a jolly fellow!

What party game did Jekyll like

best?

Hyde and Seek!

Knock Knock

Who's there? Avery

Avery who?

Avery merry Christmas!

What do reindeer have that no other

animals have?

Baby reindeer!

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I WOULD PICK MORE DAISIES

If I had my life to live over again . . .
 I'd dare to make more mistakes next time.
 I'd relax.
 I would limber up.
 I'd be sillier than I've been this trip.
 I would take fewer things seriously.
 I would take more trips.
 I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers.
 I would eat more ice-cream and less beans.
 I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I would have fewer imaginary ones.
 You see I'm one of those people who live seriously and sanely hour after hour, day after day.
 I've had my moments and if I had to do it over again, I'd have more of them.
 In fact I'd try to have nothing else—just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day.
 I'm one of those person who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute.
 If I had to do it again I would travel lighter than I have.
 If I had my life to live over I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way till later in the fall.
 I would go to more dances, I would ride more merry-go-rounds, and . . .
 I would pick more daisies

Annie McGrath (aged 89).



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CHRISTMAS — ROSALEEN CASSEDY

The elves have already done their training to be ready to make all the toys and gadgets for the children. Dolls, Teddies and games are already being prepared for Santas' sleigh.

I have had a tip-off though of something that is a far cry from Playstation, The X-Box or Gameboy Advance. It is something that has been around nearly as long as the printing press. It was always included in my Christmas stocking and it was something that myself and my brothers and sister got hours of pleasure out of. Have you guessed what it is? Well I'll tell you. It is the Christmas Annual. Every Christmas morning I would look forward to see what Santa had brought, whether I had been good enough for the Crolley Doll or the Post Office Set, but I always looked to see what annual was under the tree. My personal favourite was an annual called Girls Choice. It was only available at Christmas and was full of great stories, ideas for things to make and do and puzzles. It lasted all the way through to February and then I started it all over again. I used to love the chunky cover, the smell when I opened the frosted cover and laughed at the antics of the characters both human and cartoon form.

There also was the Bunty annual which was fantastic. The colours and characters specially designed to catch the eye of all young girls. The other great favourites were the Beano, Dandy, Victor and Beezer. The annual, which always stands out for me, even though I am a girl, was the Lion Annual. Stories included Scourge of the White Eyes, Mowser, The Priceless Puss and His Enemy James the Butler and of course Zip Nolan. I think with titles such as these we all knew exactly what we were getting and enjoyed them for what they were.

I still have an old Lion annual at home and when I read the first line of the Zip Nolan strip it said "It was late at night when Zip Nolan of the highway patrol in Pensburgh USA, came upon what appeared to be an accident..." I am afraid to say that even now, I could not resist reading on as I just knew something terribly exciting was going to happen.

Books, no matter what form, annual, comic or paperback are still and I presume will always be a special part of Christmas. Everyone likes a good book. But for children the fun that can be got from Jacqueline Wilson books, and of course the current craze of the Harry Potter series will see them through their lives and they will enjoy them for the entertainment element and not singularly the learning element. As for me I still ask Santa for a Christmas book. It is true that he no longer brings me Girls Choice or Bunty, but I cheat, my own children never forget to include a Christmas annual on their list, I see to that. Ha! Ha!

Snow — JENNIFER NULTY

*It's snowing, it's snowing,
Hip Hip hooray,
As we say and play.*

*Will we go out to play in the snow said Eimer,
Yes, Yes, let's said Orla.*

*We played and we played,
We built a snowman and even he played,
Now we have to go home,
but tomorrow we will come again.*

*Tomorrow has come,
It has rained, it has rained,
Yes it has! It has!*

*We get dressed and are ready to play,
"Play, play", we can't get out to play!
"I want to go out to play!"*

*But it has rained on the snow
And Jack Frost came to play,
Quick, get the bin lid, quick get the tray.*

Now it is time to Play.

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE



Three lanes on the Beaumont Road (including a QBC lane) the road is only suitable for two and will cause untold troubles.

Re: Quality Bus Corridor on Beaumont Road.
23rd November 2001 -- *Ald. Sean Haughey, T.D.*

I refer to my letter of November 21st 2001 regarding the roadworks on Beaumont Road.

I have since spoken with the Director of Traffic, Mr. Owen Keegan, about this situation and he has since viewed the works for himself.

A redesign of the Scheme is being prepared and should be available in about a week.

Nevertheless, he is inclined to leave the double yellow lines in place from a safety point of view and maintains that consultation took place in relation to these in the context of previous proposals to put a cycle track on the road.

I will endeavour to dissuade him on this point and will of course keep you informed of any further developments.

- *From Ald. Sean Haughey, T.D.*

I raised this matter at the November Meeting of the North Central Area Committee of Dublin City Council and enclose herewith a copy of the reply I received for your information.

You will be pleased to know that it was agreed at the meeting to scrap the existing plans for a bus lane at this location and to initiate a fundamental redesign of the project. This will probably involve the introduction of a cycle lane instead.

Extensive consultation took place in 1998 regarding the provision of two cycle tracks on Beaumont Road. However with the commencement of the Port Tunnel Project it was considered that an inbound bus lane would be more beneficial to the public without affecting the flow of general traffic on Beaumont Road substantially. The provision of this bus lane is currently under review.

Re: Reconstruction of Beaumont Road

From Alderman Sean Haughey T.D. / Ivor Callely, T.D.

In response to representations from local Councillors work has now commenced on the above project. The work is being undertaken in a number of phases.

Phase I—Planning and overlay of the existing carriageway from Collins Avenue to Thatch Road.

Reconstruction of the junction at Beaumont Road/Shantalla Road and approach roads. Major reconstruction of defective sections between Thatch Road and Shantalla Road.

Phase II—Overlay of the section from Shantalla Road to Elm Mount Park.

Phase III— Overlay of roadway between Thatch Road and Shantalla Road.

Schedule—Phase I has been completed (November 2001).

Phase II will be undertaken in Spring 2002 when suitable weather permits. No decision has yet been made on the timing of Phase III.



Port Tunnel work commences with massive traffic disruptions which will last for over two years. We're told when it is finished the improvements will be worth it!

The Engineer dealing with the Beaumont Road project is Mr. Gordon Rowland, telephone number 6722284, who may be contacted in relation to any queries.

Re: Upgrading of Coolgreena Close

From Ald. Sean Haughey T.D. 21/11/01

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15/11/01, regarding the above. Your letter is being dealt with presently and a full reply will be issued as soon as possible.—*Dublin Corporation*

Re—Port Tunnel Traffic Plan

From Richard Bruton T.D.

"Residents of Whitehall were dumbstruck when the Port Tunnel

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WHAT NEXT

— By Tom Darby

WE all waited in anticipation of seeing a decent finish to Beaumont Road, but what followed was a massive disappointment. Instead of a proper surfacing job being done it now resembles a patchwork quilt, but it didn't end at that. A bus lane was introduced from Shantalla Road to Collins Avenue on a road built and designed for just two lanes of traffic.

Beaumont Road was built in the early 50s and was in fact a "cul de sac". Just imagine that Fifty years later the Dublin Transport Authority or D.T.A. as it is known have come up with the mathematical fact that three into two will go. Don't mind the fact that two lanes of traffic will be scraping paint in order to achieve this.

Now we are all in favour of bus lanes, provided the road is suitable for them, but for anyone to propose and implement a bus lane on Beaumont Road must rank alongside a previous fiasco of putting a clock in the Liffey (To clock out the last Millennium).

There is serious inconvenience for people living along this particular stretch of roadway, but did any consultations take place? No, bureaucracy went haywire and dictatorship surfaced. There is no need for a bus lane on Beaumont Road and the sooner it is discontinued the better.

OUT OF THE CLOUDS

I AM sure the recent air crash in Queens, New York raised concerns for people in this area which has seen a lot of air traffic over the years. This horrific accident and its consequent trauma and sorrow is something we can only imagine. Several letters have been written by local people in Beaumont and Santry expressing concern at aircraft flying

over densely populated areas and usually at low altitude. The accident in New York bring the whole matter into sharp focus and it shouldn't be outside the bounds of possibility to have flight paths in and out of Dublin Airport where the risk of flying over densely populated areas is eliminated. Now is the time for the aircraft operators to take remedial action.

A RIP OFF

QUITE recently while renewing my house insurance I noticed a hefty increase in the premium of up to thirty per cent. Naturally, I shopped around and got a rate much cheaper. The reason I was given for the increase was that the insurance company had put a minimum figure on the property which hiked up the annual premium. The house insurance market is the most lucrative for the insurance companies with huge profits to be gained and they are now trying to milk the system by forcing you to pay more insurance cover than is necessary.

If any company undertook to exclusively cover for property only, they would be able to give much cheaper rates and still make a handsome profit. There is a definite case to be made for house insurance to be taken out of a system that lumped it in with high risk insurance cover because insurance companies will make money one way or another and the low risk subsidises the high.

NOSTALGIC MOMENTS RELIVED

WHITEHALL COLMCILLE'S G.A.A. Club are embarking on a programme each Friday evening at 7.00 p.m. of showing previous All-Ireland Football and Hurling Final Matches. The first one was shown on Friday Nov. 23rd and featured Dublin and Galway in the 1983 Football Final. Dublin won and was captained by none other than a Whitehall Colmcille's player, Tommy Drumm. The line up for the following Friday's are as follows:-

- 1980 Hurling Final—Kilkenny v Cork
- 1984 Football Final—Kerry v Dublin
- 1984 Hurling Final—Offaly v Cork
- 1981 Football Final—Kerry v Offaly
- 1977 Hurling Final—Cork v Wexford

That's just a taste of what is to come and has been put together by Harry Bodie, who has in excess of 100 such games on video. To crown it all they will be shown at "Happy Hour, 5-8 o'clock". So if you are a follower of G.A.A. and would like to travel down memory lane why not come along and enjoy an hour or two of excellent games.

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CHRISTMAS

By Orla Buckley (aged 9 years)

Christmas is near,
I can't wait till its here,
I can hear jingle bells ringing
And carollers singing.
On the houses there are lights beaming through the night.
There is snow falling from the sky.
If you're lucky you could see Santa fly.
Christmas day is now here,
I can hear everyone cheer,
Oh my goodness am I right
Has Santa left me a knife?

Mistletoe

MISTLETOE is an aerial parasite that has no roots of its own and lives off the tree that it attaches itself to. Without that tree it would die. Mistletoe was thought to be sacred by ancient Europeans. Druid priests employed it in their sacrifices to the gods while Celtic people felt it possessed miraculous healing powers. In fact, in the Celtic language mistletoe means "all-heal." It not only cured diseases, but could also render poisons harmless, make humans and animals prolific, keep one safe from witchcraft, protect the house from ghosts and even make them speak. With all of this, it was thought to bring good luck to anyone privileged to have it.

NORSEMEN offer us a beautiful symbolic myth about mistletoe. The story goes that Mistletoe was the sacred plant of Frigga, goddess of love and the mother of Balder, the god of the summer sun. Balder had a dream of death, which greatly alarmed his mother, for should he die, all life on earth would end. In an attempt to keep this from happening, Frigga went at once to air, fire, water, earth, and every animal and plant seeking a promise that no harm would come to her son. Balder now could not be hurt by anything on earth or under the earth. But Balder had one enemy, Loki, god of evil and he knew of one plant that Frigga had overlooked in her quest to keep her son safe.

It grew neither on the earth nor under the earth, but on apple and oak trees. It was lowly mistletoe. So Loki made an arrow tip of the mistletoe, gave to the blind god of winter, Hoder, who shot it, striking Balder dead. The sky paled and all things in earth and heaven wept for the sun god. For three days each element tried to bring Balder back to life. Frigga, the goddess and his mother finally restored him. It is said the tears she shed for her son turned into the pearly white berries on the mistletoe plant and in her joy Frigga kissed everyone who passed beneath the tree on which it grew. The story ends with a decree that who should ever stand under the humble mistletoe, no harm should befall them, only a kiss, a token of love.

WHAT could be more natural than to translate the spirit of this old myth into a Christian way of thinking and accept the mistletoe as the emblem of that Love

Christmas Tree Legends

Many legends exist about the origin of the Christmas tree. One is the story of Saint Boniface, an English monk who organized the Christian Church in France and Germany. One day, as he traveled about, he came upon a group of pagans gathered around a great oak tree about to sacrifice a child to the god Thor. To stop the sacrifice and save the child's life Boniface felled the tree with one mighty blow of his fist. In its place grew a small fir tree. The saint told the pagan worshipers that the tiny fir was the Tree of Life and stood the eternal life of Christ.

Another legend holds that Martin Luther, a founder of the Protestant faith, was walking through the forest one Christmas Eve. As he walked he was awed by the beauty of millions of stars glimmering through the branches of the evergreen trees. So taken was he by this beautiful sight that he cut a small tree and took it home to his family. To recreate that same starlight beauty he saw in the wood, he placed candles on all its branches.

WE'VE LOST OUR DEMOCRACY

The National Forum on Europe was been told that Ireland has lost most of its democracy.

The handing over to the EU of the right to make laws for the entire 15-member bloc is the reason for this.

Dane Jens-Peter Bonde, said no Irish Minister or civil servant should be allowed agree to an EU law unless it is first debated in the Dail. He rejected claims that the Irish 'no' vote to Nice had delayed the enlargement of the EU from 15 to 27 members. On the contrary it "probably had the effect of broadening the numbers who would join".

Emphasising the need for a parallel system of national and EU decision making, he said a future Dail could accept the Government had been voted down by majority decision in the Council of Ministers. That would, He declared bring honesty to the decision-making process, with a balance of how the national veto could be applied.

WHEELIE BIN CHARGES

LESS than half of all householder in the Dublin area have paid a part of the tax. Out of a total of 170,000 homes in Dublin, just over 87,000 owners have either paid the charge in full (23,314), a portion of the full charge (35,069) or had successfully applied for a waiver or charge (28,907).

This charge was recently voted in again for next year by a small majority of our public representatives. Remember when the elections come around to vote for the ones that voted for you?

IN CORK where a campaign against charges started last July, the Cork Corporation is now collecting refuge from people who refused to pay. However, the question of service charges remains and indications have been made that if the corporation makes any further attempt to impose a ban on those who do not pay the campaign will be reactivated.

Editors Note: The only Telephone numbers that I am aware of to do with the Dublin protests against the charges are Marnie 087 9889244 and Richie 848 4443 hope they don't mind.

A SAD, SAD TALE

THERE has been a great sad loss in the entertainment world recently the wonderful Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote the "HOKEY COKEY" died last week at the tender age of 83. The most traumatic part for the family was getting him into the coffin.

They put his left leg in - and things just started to go downhill from there on.

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The park at Coolgreena Close after persons unknown had their lunch time snack. The litter wardens will fine the culprits £100 on the spot for offences like this.

VICTIM SUPPORT

– Is there anyone out there who feels they would like to help some unfortunate person who has been mugged or had their home broken into? Yes YOU really could help – by training to be a good listener, and often its only someone to listen to, that can help a person back on the road to “recovery”. Please help to keep our local branch going by phoning 878 0870. Email info@victimsupport.ie

MANY THANKS to all the girls and boys in Mr. Gerry Carberry's class who participated in writing “What Christmas means to me”. Gillian Hanrahan wrote the best story with Sean Butler coming close behind with his story. Congratulations to you all. – N. Maher

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Stephen Daly's Column Continued

(Continued from page 4)

ing the following:-

- (1) Some young people who are bored take drugs to relieve boredom.
- (2) Some young people take drugs simply because of the influence of their friends.
- (3) Some young people take drugs for pleasure and excitement.
- (4) Some young people take drugs to help cope with insecurity, loneliness or depression.
- (5) Some young people take drugs to feel grown up or as an expression of rebellion.
- (6) Some young people who are unhappy or worried take drugs. The drug gives them pleasure for a while and they forget about what it is that making them unhappy.

Most young people who take drugs out of curiosity do not continue to use them regularly, they tend to use them infrequently and to give them up completely after a short period.

It is important for parents to listen and talk to their children. It is also important to recognise the signs and check out suspicious behaviour which may indicate drug mis-use. Parents also have to distinguish between mood swings and difficult behaviour which is part of growing up. Parents are vital in Drug Prevention if they can spot the signs of drug use at an early age. Some of the signs to look out for are:-

- (1) Losing interest in old friends, sports or hobbies.
- (2) A secrecy about activities and friends.
- (3) Telling lies.
- (4) Sudden change of mood / personality.
- (5) Excessive tiredness or loss of appetite.
- (6) Problems at school, drop in grades, truancy.
- (7) Lack of concentration, memory loss, blackouts, hallucinations.
- (8) Unusual spots, sores and marks on arms or around the mouth and nose.
- (9) Unusual smells — odours on breath and clothes.
- (10) Unexplained disappearance of money or belongings from home.
- (11) Unusual powders, capsules, tablets, syringes, needles or scorched tin foil.

NOTE — If you notice a young person displaying some of the above symptoms, this does not automatically mean they are using drugs. Although it is quite possible that they are. It is important to consider all possibilities, before concluding that someone is taking drugs.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you suspect that a young person is taking drugs — don't panic — stop and think before you do anything, then talk to him or her about it in a calm way. Never confront the person when they are stoned/ intoxicated. Wait until they are sober/normal again. Try to find out what drugs the person is using and for how long. It may be just a one-off situation. Try to find out the reasons why the person is taking drugs, make it clear that your concern is for the welfare of the person involved. Remember you are not alone. Drug taking is a serious matter and you can get help from your local G.P., Pharmacist, Community Addiction Counsellor or Health Board. You can also contact me or any of my colleagues at Santry Station and we can provide you with a list of agencies dealing with Drug Mis-use.

Finally the term “Harm Reduction” has been used in relation to drugs. It implies that there is a safe use of illegal drugs. This is a dangerous and confusing message to give young people when they most need clear guidelines. Remember—Just half an ‘E’ tablet can kill.

Till next time. *Happy Christmas. Stephen*



NIGHT FLIGHTS AND THE RIGHT TO SLEEP

The recent ruling of the European Court of Human Rights could bring relief from the disturbance of low flying night flights around Dublin Airports says Richard Bruton, T.D.

"The Court ruled that Heathrow's night flights had violated residents' human rights - the right to a good night's sleep. The British government is now considering restrictions, or an outright ban, on night flights.

This will be music to the ears of many Dublin residents, particularly in Santry and Artane who have had to put up with a surge in night flights in recent years.

So far, Aer Rianta have pledged to introduce a Noise Monitoring System which will accurately record flight paths and noise of aircraft. It hopes to cut significantly the use of the flight path over

dense residential areas. I am asking that they now consider a night time ban on the use of such flight path."

THE Chief Executive of Aer Rianta, John Burke informed GV Wright TD (FF) that Noise and Flight Track Monitoring Systems could be installed at Dublin Airport before the end of November.

Mr. Burke said that the equipment and the outputs from it will be a very positive development, for all our communities and for Aer Rianta.

"The introduction of this new system is just one development of many which we have planned for the near future." "We recognise that the impact of airport operations on local communities is of critical importance," stated Mr. Burke.

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ANSWERS PLEASE TO ONE OF OUR POST BOXES:

SuperValu, Lorcan Avenue or Shell Petrol Station, Beaumont Road, before Jan. 18th, 2002.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER - Marie Johnston, Coolrua Drive. A.I.B. will contact you soon with your prize.

SOLUTION TO A.I.B. QUIZ—SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT? The answer is NONE. Crows don't sit around waiting for the next shot, they fly away with fright.

PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

From the nominations received the Committee decided on Mr. Maura Dolan, Coolatree Park for her voluntary work for over 30 years with St. Vincent de Paul Society and other charitable organisations and for being a good and helpful neighbour at all times. Christopher Murphy of Murphy Jewellers sponsored this award which she will receive shortly.



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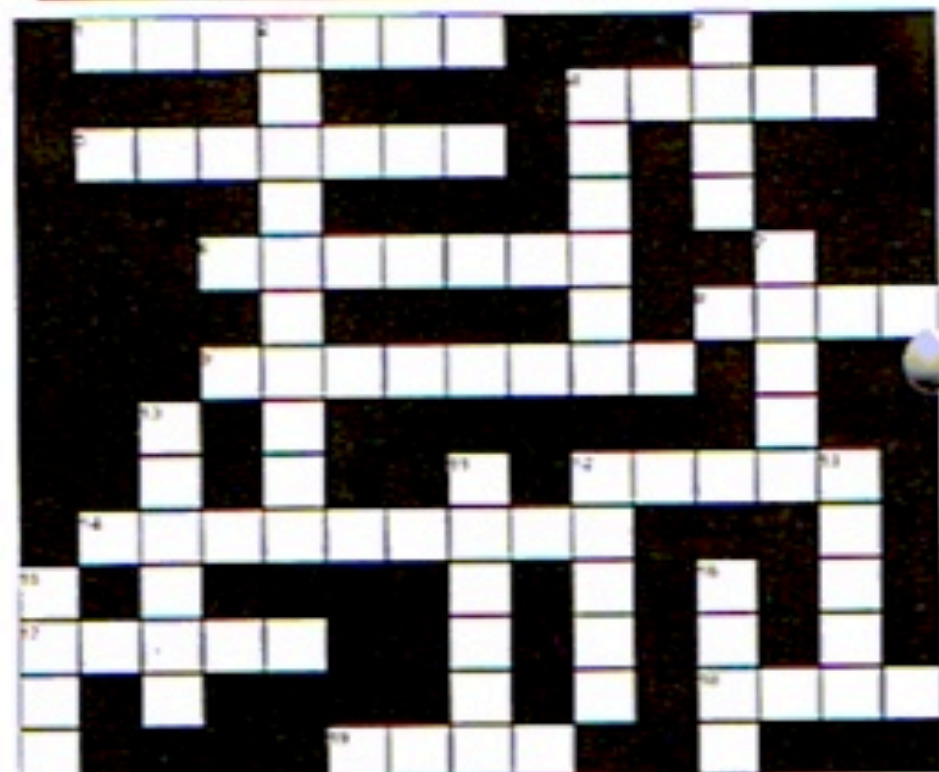
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CLUES ACROSS—1. Hide. 4. Blisterly. 5. Suspended activity. 6. An aquatic rodent. 8. Home of a bird. 9. Ferocious snowstorm. 12. Any animal. 14. Become inactive. 17. Smaller than mountains. 18. Repose. 19. Hard-shelled fruits.

DOWN—2. Disguise. 3. Falls in flakes. 4. Cold season. 7. Animal skins. 10. Protect. 11. Bunny. 12. Animals that hibernate. 13. Tall dormant plants. 15. Melt. 16. Moderate heat.

CONGRATULATIONS to our last winner Eileen Doherty, Coolgreena Road, your prize will be sent shortly.

SOLUTION to last Crossword—Across: 5. Beach. 8 Polyester. 10. Bubble. 14. Color (Amer. Spelling) 15. Canvas. 16. Print. 17. Dry. Down—1. Umbrella. 2. Insideout. 3. Black. 4. Protect. 6. Handle. 7. Durable. 8. Plastic. 9. Fabric. 11. Strap. 12. Cover. 13. Clear

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NOTICEBOARD

CONNIE BUTLER would like to thank all the helpers and friends and neighbours who made the Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice such a great success. The total amount raised came to £2,815. Once again our renewed thanks to all.

ELIZABETH McCARTHY R.I.P. who died on June 6, 2001. A native of Roscommon, she was one of the first residents on Coolrua. She is buried at Cootehall, near her native home. Sean Beattie, her nephew and former resident of Coolrua thanks her neighbours for their floral tribute and attendance at Removal from Mater Hospital, thanks to priest at Whitehall, La Verne Nursing Home, and her doctor Dr. Ryan. She was the last of the family, her husband Paddy, School Attendance Officer died in 1973.

CONNIE BUTLER wishes to thanks the Beaumont Residents' Association for their very kind contribution to her appeal on behalf of the Hospice in Raheny. Thanks to the Committee.

DEAR MAILBAG —

I live in Coolatree Road and I am sick to death of looking out of my window to see grown men using the wall at the top of the street as a public lavatory. They flash their private parts and relieve themselves, without any hint of embarrassment, in full view of anyone who happens to be passing by. Surely this behaviour should be unacceptable in 2001? Does anyone agree with me on this and if so can they suggest what I can do. Should I challenge the men concerned or call the gardai? - Name and Address with Editor.

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CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

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Office unveiled their Traffic Plan for the 3 year construction period to January 2005" said Richard Bruton, T.D. "Traffic will be teeming through quiet residential streets like rats deserting a sinking ship. Shantalla Road and the roads off it will be a major victim."

Car Traffic from the M1 will be funnelling through one lane for the entire two years November 2001 - October 2003. The "pinch point" determines capacity so we face day long queuing.

There is no quantitative analysis of the likely queuing times; nor of the volumes diverted onto other roads; nor of the costs of disruption. The Engineers, no doubt, know these facts, but won't reveal them for fear of the reaction.

Hoping to divert traffic via Ballymun is a bizarre idea in its present state, which will not improve for a long time to come.

A 400 space 'Park and Ride', which is only "under consideration", is a pathetic proposal. This road carries 400 cars every twenty minutes! The relief from 'Park and Ride' will only be a drop in the ocean. The attitude of the Engineers has not been very helpful. No significant scope for modification is being offered. I will be pressing for significant changes, when our Area Committee meets.

Copy of the Letter sent to Residents. — Since May this year we have had several discussions with St. Paul's Special School with regard to the much needed upgrading of the school.

To facilitate this extension they have asked for our co-operation in keeping Coolgreena Road clear to facilitate the building project. For our part we requested that the unsightly wall at the end of Coolgreena be replaced with a three metre high brick faced wall to deter the climbing of this wall in either direction by unsavoury elements. If the wall is this height it could prevent future problems for either parties.

St. Paul's have secured funding for this wall to be built subject



A special thank you to the residents on Coolgreena Road for their co-operation in keeping the road clear for the construction work taking place in St. Paul's School.

to planning permission being granted for it being three metres high. The gate will be replaced at the present location but the wall will be constructed in the correct location as per land registry map. All costs associated with this to be met by St. Paul's.

To assist St. Paul's in this development we earnestly request co-operation from all residents in parking on one side of Coolgreena Road only. If everyone parks on the side of the road that has no intersections a way will be clear for the construction traffic.

We have received assurances from Ardcourt Builders that they will keep the road clean during these works. The first four weeks of this project will see an end to most of the heavy builders traffic. With our co-operation this project is scheduled to be finished by next September (2002).

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