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Thomas R. Donahue
Grand Marshal



Paul Barry
Gael of the Year

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March 16, 1997



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Welcome to Washington, D.C. and our 26th annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade!

Our theme this year is a tribute to *"Irish Workers Who Built America."* We enter into a future for our children, grand children, and our children's grand children with hope and a prayer that would not have been dreamt of had it not been for our forefathers who emigrated to America, and established a base on the old adage, "Bent of their backs and the sweat of their brows" to care for their children. Men and women from all walks of life have given us the Gold of the Leprechauns.

Our Grand Marshal is Thomas R. Donahue. He currently serves as Co-Chairman of the Foundation for Prevention and Early Resolution of Conflict, a private foundation fostering the use of third-party intervention in labor-management, business, community, environment and civil rights disputes. A native New Yorker, he was Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO from 1979 to 1995 and was elected President in August 1995 to complete an unexpired term.

The Gael of the Year is Paul L. Berry, news anchor for Channel 7 TV. Recognized as a "man of the people," Paul Berry is highly regarded in the Washington area for establishing two WJLA/community service programs, "Crimesolvers" and "Seven On Your Side." Over the years, Mr. Berry has been recognized countless times for his relentless work and commitment to the community.

On behalf of the 1997 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, we wish to thank the Government of the District of Columbia, the National Capital Park Service, and all the businesses, organizations, and individuals who have made our 1997 parade possible.

May the blessings of Saint Patrick be yours,

Cecelia M. Farley

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Thomas R. Donahue

by Marie Matthews

Where would America be without the Irish?

Irish immigrants and their descendants built our roads, dug our canals, labored in our mills and factories, taught our children, nursed our sick and protected our communities.

The Saint Patrick's Parade Committee is pleased to honor an Irish American who has spent his life representing the working men and women of America.



The Saint Patrick's Day Committee is proud to have Thomas Donahue as our Grand Marshal for the 1997 parade.

Thomas Reilly Donahue was born in the Bronx in 1928, the youngest of four children of Mary Purcell and Thomas Donahue, Senior. His grandfather, Michael Donahue, was born in Kilmuckridge, County Wexford and his grandmother in Mullagh, County Cavan. Michael served as a New York City policeman for thirty years in the Fordham Road section of the Bronx. Tom, Senior was a construction worker and later a city employee. Tom, Junior and his brother Warren have developed a family history which now includes over 230 people in eight generations of Donahues dating from 1715.

This is not Donahue's first parade. While a student at Manhattan College, he was a co-founder of the Irish Cultural Society and led the college's contingent in the 1947 NY St. Patrick's Day Parade. As a young boy, he had marched in the parade for a number of years in all kinds of weather, playing the fife in a Bronx neighborhood fife and drum corps. Donahue says that he wasn't the best fife player, but he was certainly the loudest.

Donahue's interest in labor unions developed while he was still a college student. He was inspired by the vision of economic justice espoused by one of his teachers, Brother Cornelius Justin Brennan, and by George Donahue (no relation) of the Association of

Catholic Trade Unionists. Before he graduated from college, he had helped organize retail clerks in New York City. He had also worked as a doorman at Radio City, bakery worker, truck driver, auto mechanic's helper, school bus driver and wire lather.

After graduating in 1949, he went to work as an elevator operator, a common job for young Irish American men in those days. (A related job was that of "starter," the men who controlled and coordinated the movement of a number of elevators so that they would not all arrive on the same floor at the same time.)

He was soon hired to work for Local 32B of the Service Employees Union by David Sullivan, who had remembered encountering "No Irish Need Apply" signs when he arrived in this country looking for work in 1926. There were few, if any, college graduates working for the union at that time, but Sullivan needed someone to write for and edit the local's magazine. Young Donahue, with a degree in labor relations and experience both as a laborer and as an organizer, was just who the union needed.

Over the next seven years, he worked for the union as a business agent, contract director, and assistant to the president as well as editor of the magazine. He also attended Fordham University Law School at night, and received his law degree in 1956.

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In 1957, he went to work for the Free Europe Committee in Paris, serving as liaison with Western European trade unions and trade unionists in exile from countries in central and eastern Europe.

In 1960, David Sullivan became president of the Service Employees Union (now SEIU, the Service Employees International Union) and Donahue went to work as his Executive Assistant. SEIU, the third largest union in the AFL-CIO, represents building maintenance employees and health care workers throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Donahue to the post of Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations. In the two years he served in this position, he was responsible for the Labor Department's labor relations activities and was administrator of the Department's Labor-Management Service Administration.

After his service in government, he returned to the SEIU. During the next four years, he served as Executive Secretary and was twice elected a First Vice President.

In 1973, he became Executive Assistant to AFL-CIO President George Meany. From 1979 until July of 1995, he served as the organization's Secretary-Treasurer, and in 1995 he was elected to serve the unexpired term of President Lane Kirkland after Kirkland's death.

One of Donahue's fondest memories of his years with the AFL-CIO was participating in a delegation to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland at the invitation of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) in July 1983. The delegation visited with a wide variety of labor, political, governmental, employer and church representatives in Belfast, Dublin and Galway. Donahue saw for himself the social conditions that were at the root of Northern Ireland's problems, including housing and job discrimination. He also learned how the economic problems of the Republic were aggravated by a shortage of investment capital and a high unemployment rate. He noted that the Irish trade unions and the churches were the only major organizations that were all-Ireland institutions, covering all twenty-six counties in the south.

Donahue was one of the founders of the Irish-American Labor Coalition, which speaks for Irish workers' interests within American labor unions. The Coalition, along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, sponsored consideration of the McElbide Amendment in several state legislatures. This Amendment specifies standards for

how workers in Northern Ireland companies should be treated. The Coalition encouraged American investors to consider the extent to which employers met these standards before deciding to invest in them.

Donahue now serves on the board of directors of a number of institutions and has received honors from a variety of organizations, including the Irish American Historical Society and the American Irish Foundation. He is currently the Co-Chairman of the Foundation for the Prevention and Early Resolution of Conflict.

Tom's wife, Rachelie, is a former political director of the American Federation of Teachers and currently serves as vice chair of the National Democratic Institute. His daughter, Nancy, is a labor lawyer married to psychiatrist Tom Fogerty. They have three children, Matthew, Kerry, and Kate. His son, Tom, is president of the public affairs firm Donahue and Associates. Tom and his wife Emily, a Latin American affairs specialist have two children, Erin and Megan.

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Gael of the Year Paul Berry

By Joe Barry

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is proud to honor Paul Berry as its 1997 Gael of the Year. Berry is one of the Capital's most respected journalists, with over two decades of service to WJLA-TV and the community. He anchors the evening news at 5.6 and 11 p.m. on News 7. Berry came to Channel 7 nearly 25 years ago from his home town, Detroit, where he excelled as an anchor and reporter at WXYZ-TV. Previously, he served in the U.S. Air Force on Armed Forces Radio and Television Service as program director and sportscaster during his tour at Tuy Hoa Air Base in Vietnam. It was here that Berry established the first independent F.M. radio station in South Vietnam.

Countless Irish and American children have benefited from Berry's efforts. He is a principal fund-raiser for Belfast Children, an organization that annually brings Northern Irish children, both Protestant and Catholic, to the United States to foster national and international friendship. He authored a documentary, "Children Living in the Troubles," which illustrates the overwhelming challenges Northern Irish children face. For these efforts, Berry is being honored as a member of the Top 100 by Irish America Magazine in 1997.

Paul Berry's great great great grandfather was half Irish bearing the surname O'Beata, a diminutive of O'Beatha/O'Beare, and sometimes anglicized as Barre, Berry or Barry. The surname is now common in Ireland, but still inextricably associated with County Cork. The first bearer of the name to arrive in Ireland was Robert de Barri, one of the original band of Norman knights who landed at Bannow in Co. Wexford in May 1169. Berry's great great great grandfather was a businessman in Kentucky, and was the first of the family in America to realize both hard earned success and freedom.

It was a six year old who hooked Paul Berry on golf. A reporter in Detroit, Berry was assigned a story about a youngster whose father practically lived on the golf course. "This kid could knock the ball 200 yards," he recalls. Berry decided to hit a



golf ball himself, but he couldn't get it off the tee. "Everybody had a great laugh," he says, "but I left that night from the station and went right to the driving range."

Now the host of WJLA-TV's "7 On Your Side," Berry says he still hasn't completely mastered golf—he shoots in the 80s. But he wants kids to get a chance to see if golf is a sport they'd enjoy. "It's a wonderful game for kids," he says. "You can't play golf drunk, you can't play golf high, you can't play golf strung out. It's a game of concentration and self control."

So three times a year Berry gets kids from public schools to participate in tournaments, and the mid-Atlantic pros show them the ropes. His program is called Paul Berry Get Hooked on Golf, and it sponsors clinics at Langston or at East Potomac Park, then a month later in Reston, and then at Avenel during the Kemper Tournament week. "Usually we have from 150 to 200 kids. They come flocking and we hand them golf clubs and give them lunch. And I get to be out on the golf course all day in a place I love."

Berry's annual golf tournament at Lakewood Country Club in Rockville has been a big success

too, last year raising more than \$100,000 for Channel 7's Neediest Kids Program.

Neediest Kids was started as a station-wide project to help children without going through a lot of red tape. "Channel 7 underwrites all the administrative costs," says Berry, "so every dollar raised goes to helping kids. There are no paid employees."

If a teacher or principal or counselor at a school recognizes that a child has a need—it can be schoolbooks, dental work, clothing, shoes, whatever would enhance that child's ability to learn—they put in a request. If it is granted, the item is bought immediately—no paperwork, no delay. "The only thing we request is that it's verifiable. A child's guardian goes out and buys the item and brings the bill back. Or somebody goes with them, maybe a teacher."

Berry and his colleagues get some thank you letters for what they do. "The beauty of this," he says, "is that personal response."

Recognized as a "man of the people," Paul Berry is highly regarded in the Washington area for beginning two WJLA community service programs, "Crimesolvers" and "Seven On Your Side." Over the years, Paul has been recognized countless times for his unrelenting diligence and commitment to the community. Mayor Marion Barry honored Berry's service to Washington by declaring November 12, 1982 "Paul Berry Day in the District," and former Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly continued the tradition by decreeing February 15, 1994, in his honor.

In 1982 Berry was the unanimous winner of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Ted Yates award, given to the individual who has demonstrated outstanding personal and professional qualities by his contribution to Washington television news and public affairs. He has received community service awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the National Capital Optimists Club, the Associated

Press Chesapeake Broadcasters award and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences "Silver Circle" in recognition of his 25 years of service to Washington television. Berry received the 1986 Humanitarian Award of the National Martin Luther King, Jr., Student Leadership Conference for his distinguished record of community involvement particularly, as a role model for Washington area youth. In 1989, the Mid-Atlantic Professional Golfers' Association—Citizens Award and the Clender Foundation's "Generous Heart Award" were given for his many contributions to the community. Berry was named "Washingtonian of the Year" in 1991 and won the Capital Regional Emmy Award for Outstanding News Anchor in 1993.

I asked Paul what projects are you working on at the moment? He said, a scholarship fund that will permit 15 youngsters to attend prestigious schools from the 7th through 12th grades to give them opportunities they would not otherwise have.

Berry is happily married to his wife Amy with their three children Tally Marshall, 9 and sons Hudson, 11 and Paul Hunter, 4.

Paul Berry in so many senses has realized the American Dream and so many others would not have stood a chance of realizing it without him.



Paul Berry with youngster from the Belfast Children's Summer Program. They are at the D.C. Friends of Ireland picnic held annually

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The Local Leprechaun Ed Wholly Retires



It is a well known fact that the Irish have lived for centuries under the spell of those wee folks affectionately known as "Leprechauns." For as long as any of us on the DC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee can remember, our fair city has been graced with the magic and charm of its very own leprechaun. He has appeared each year to help fill our pots of gold at all of the fundraisers for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He has belted forth his very own rendition of many of our best-loved Irish songs. He has supported all of our endeavors. He has been our friend. And on St. Patrick's Day or thereabouts each year, he has marched down Constitution Avenue in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade with his head held high and his feet stepping lively.

For as long as we care to recall, Washington DC's "Official Leprechaun" has been Ed Wholly (pronounced "Who-Lee"). Rumor has it that Ed is retiring this year from his grand march down Constitution Avenue as Washington, DC's very own Leprechaun. We take this opportunity to officially thank our colleague, our friend, OUR Leprechaun for his help over many years, the joy he shows at being Irish and for his wonderful spirit. Ed Wholly, we wish you God speed and all the best as you continue to follow your rainbow.



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Public Law 103-379

Joint Resolution

Whereas 150 years ago the blight that struck Ireland's potato crop ("the single root that changed the history of the world"), known as the Great Famine, caused 2,000,000 of Ireland's population to emigrate, mostly to America's shores;

Whereas in 1847 alone, 25,000 Irish immigrants arrived in Boston;

Whereas by 1851, the end of the famine exodus, 1712 emigrant ships had sailed up the Narrows into New York harbor;

Whereas during the "Great Hunger" (1845-1851) more people left Ireland than had emigrated in the previous 250 years;

Whereas Irish-born James Hoban designed and supervised the building of the White House and its restoration after it was burned in 1814;

Whereas 19 Presidents of the United States proudly claim Irish heritage, included among them the first President, George Washington;

Whereas John W. O'Beirne, Founder of the American Foundation for Irish Heritage, first requested in 1990 that Congress designate March as "Irish-American Heritage Month";

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United State of America in Congress assembled, That the month of March, 1997 is designated as "Irish-American Heritage Month." The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

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Matt Lee



Tony Morris Commander of "F" Troop

After more than a quarter century of service to the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tony, is retiring and moving to Lake Kiowa, Texas. Long the Commander of "F" Troop, Tony supervised the disbanding of the parade. Working in the shadows of the reviewing stand and the judges' platform, Tony and his "F" Troop minions performed the essential task of ensuring that marching units moved smoothly from the route into their buses without causing backup. Tony accomplished this with great competence and aplomb for which we are all grateful.

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Tony served 6 and a half years in the U.S. Air Force and then settled in the Washington area where he joined the Metropolitan Police Dept. in 1961. Among his assignment were the Third Precinct, Narcotics Branch and the Fifth District. After 23 years of loyal and faithful service, Tony turned in his badge in 1982, retiring at the rank of lieutenant. Never one to sit still, he continued to serve as an officer of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1, and continued to ply his legendary investigative talents in the private sector. Married to his lovely bride, Anita, Tony is the proud father of six children and seven grandchildren. We will miss Tony and send him and Anita our best wishes as he begins a well deserved retirement in cowboy county.



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The Irish Who Helped Build America

As most of Irish ancestry know, there were times when "No Irish Need Apply" was commonplace in the United States, signifying an attempt to exclude men and women of Irish blood from the mainstream of American working life. Despite such obstacles, thousands of Irish emigrants and their descendants found their way into positions of power and influence in all parts of American life. They were the backbone and the leaders of many industries and professions. Here are just a few of the Irish who helped to build America and who keep it strong today.

Many Irish immigrants in the late 1700s and early 1800s were people with education, "means," business skills or a profession or trade, including printing, teaching, medicine and law. The early Irish in New Orleans are a good example of these early immigrants. One of the early Irish in New Orleans was Don Alexandre O'Reilly, a native of County Meath, who became governor and captain general of the province of Louisiana in the mid-1700s. When O'Reilly was governor, Oliver Pollack, a Derry native, was an established merchant. Other New Orleans Irish opened coffee houses, which served as boarding houses, restaurants, bars and a number of other functions.

In the early 1800s, Daniel Clark owned Louisiana's best known plantation, the Houmas Plantation, and was also involved in the import/export business between Philadelphia and New Orleans. The list of famous New Orleans' Irish is long, but perhaps the one who left the most lasting mark is James Gallier, who was born at Ravensdale, County Louth in 1798. He arrived in New Orleans in 1835 and became the "Father of Greek Revival Architecture" there. Two of his masterpieces, the Saint

Charles Hotel and City Hall (later renamed Gallier hall), still grace the city today. James' son, James, Jr., was also a famous New Orleans architect and is best known for his design of the "Old French Opera House" on Bourbon Street. Margaret Haughey, born in County Cavan in 1813, was orphaned at age five shortly after emigrating and widowed early in her marriage. She devoted her life to helping orphaned children in New Orleans and is remembered today by a marble monument there that simply says "Margaret."

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, waves of Irish left famine and hardship in their homeland in search of a better existence in the United States. This group included people from peasant and rural backgrounds, as well as more well-to-do Irish. Many of the women among these immigrants landed jobs in domestic service in the northeastern and other parts of the United States. The men worked mostly in building roads, bridges and railways. The domination of the Irish in city politics gave their leaders control of civil service appointments and helped to make the "Irish cop" a well-known folk type in the cities of America. The Irish also worked their way into the fire departments of most major cities. As the union movement grew in the United States, the Irish were seen in many positions of leadership.

By 1920, there were several dozen Irish-American millionaires. Among this group were Thomas E. Murray, who had in excess of 1,500 inventions and contributed as much to the development of electricity as did Thomas Edison. James Butler pioneered the chain food store concept in America. F. Scott Fitzgerald, well known author of *The Great Gatsby*, was also the product of an upper-class Irish-American family. These were called "lace curtain" Irish or First Irish Families (FIFS) and they carved a place for themselves in

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Although they had left their homeland, the early Irish immigrants did not leave the ways of their homeland behind. They typically lived in the same neighborhoods and kept a strong allegiance to their roots and their religion. They belonged to many Irish societies, including the Hibernians, and were largely responsible for the early 19th century prominence of the American Catholic Church and the creation of the Catholic school system.

The Irish and urban politics have been nearly synonymous for much of this century. Well known Irish political figures include Wisconsin senator Joseph McCarthy, the flamboyant Mayor James Michael Curley of Boston, Governor Al Smith of New York, Joseph P. Kennedy and his sons Jack, Bobby and Teddy, House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, and Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago. And, of course, President Clinton has Irish genes through both his mother, Virginia Cassidy, and his paternal grandmother, Lou Birchie Ayers.

Although the Irish-Americans of the early to mid-19th century have largely now become American-Irish, the United States is awash with well-known descendants of the early Irish immigrants and of famous Irish who remained in the homeland. Relatives of Irish freedom fighter Michael Collins abound in the United States. Five served in the American military in the Revolutionary War. Other Collins' descendants include Eileen Marie Collins, who in 1995 became the first woman to pilot the Shuttle Discovery through space and Michael Collins, who piloted the Shuttle Columbia on its Apollo 11 mission for the

first moon landing in 1969. Michael Collins daughter, Kate Collins, is a well-known actress who has been co-host of "Good Morning America" and has played in the soap opera "All My Children."

Also in the entertainment field are a number of famous Quinns. Perhaps the best known is Anthony Quinn, grandson of an Irish emigrant from County Cork, and star of "Lawrence of Arabia." Quinn's Hollywood career spans more than 60 years and 113 films. Aileen Quinn starred as everyone's favorite curly-haired redhead in the 1982 film, "Annie." Teddy Quinn played Lana Turner's coveted son in "Madame X" and the voluptuous Pat Quinn was seen as Belle Star--the Mae West of the Old West--in "Zachariah." Carmel Quinn is still one of America's greatest singers and storytellers.

One of the biggest money managers in the United States is Peter Lynch, whose great-grandparents on both sides hail from County Kerry. Peter may be best known to those of Irish descent for his involvement with the American Ireland Fund, an organization dedicated to promoting peace, culture and charity in Ireland. His mark on America came, however, through his work as manager of the Fidelity Magellan Fund. During his tenure, the Magellan investment fund grew from a small fund with \$22 million in assets into one of the world's largest investment funds, with over \$13 billion in assets. Lynch produced a total return to investors of 2,800%.

A young Irish architect who emigrated to the United States only 10 years ago is certainly an Irish-American to watch. Michael Gray was born in Mullingar and has managed to carve a reputation for himself in New York as a brilliant young architect. His achievements include many challenging projects and his clients include sportswear

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firms, fashion moguls and celebrities, including Madonna, Ralph Lauren and Mary Tyler Moore. Although most of his work is residential, Gray has several restaurant credits. Perhaps his most famous is the upscale New York City restaurant Sette Moma, which he created in conjunction with Roman architect Pietro Cicognani.

The list of Irish and their descendants who helped to build America could go on and on. Although the clarity of their influence may be lost at some future time as their descendants intermarry with other cultures, it would only take a quick look around most parts of the United States today to find traces of Irish influence in every nook and cranny.

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If you don't have four days to participate in the entire event, you can still join in the fun for one, two or three days walking. A Certificate of Fitness is presented to each walker who completes one or more walks. Medals are presented to walkers who complete a 25km or 40km walk or a "Ramble" (a very popular cross-country walk of around 18 miles on low hills to the north of Castlebar) or a combination of these distances, depending on their age category.

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Annual Gaelic Golf Classic

On Friday, October 4th 1996, the first annual Gaelic Golf Classic was held at Marlborough Country Club in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Approximately 40 golfers braved the unseasonably cool day to participate in this fund raising event for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Arranged by Jack Cummings, this event along with the

Silent Auction, promises to be a mainstay in the fundraising efforts of the Parade committee. While modest in size, all participants agreed that, for a first time event, the golf tournament was a success. Cecelia Farley assisted with check-in and also helped run the 50/50 raffle while the beverage cart was handled admirably by our two itinerant saloon keepers, Jack & Isabelle Gallagher. The buffet lunch held after the outing was excellent. As an attraction, The D.C. Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary conducted a mini-fund raiser with a

"Get it on the green pay some "green" hole

The winners of the first outing were not a foursome but one of three "threesomes" consisting of Bill Hampton, Bill Ritchie and Bob Poggi all retired Metropolitan Police Officers. Each member of the threesome received a very attractive plaque. We also raffled off several gift certificates and held the 50/50 raffle.

This Year the second Gaelic Golf Classic will be held once again at Marlboro Country Club on Friday, October 3rd. For more information contact

Jack Cummings at pager 202-991-2964

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Entry Form

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Let Us Remember The Great Famine

This year marks the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the height of the Great Famine, which between 1845 and 1849 left a lasting mark on the Irish people. The Great Famine resulted from a deadly blight on the potato crop, the mainstay of the Irish diet at the time, and, some would say, the refusal of the British government to make available an alternate food source or to use other available means to counteract the deadly blight.

The Irish Famine had the highest death toll in relation to a total population of any known famine. It not only left millions dead in Ireland, but started one of the most massive waves of emigration in Irish history. This Irish diaspora brought the Irish to all corners of the world and particularly to the United States, where two million Irish flocked between 1847 and 1855. By 1850, more Irish were born in New York City than in either Dublin or Belfast.

The Great Famine not only made emigration a way of life for the Irish (between 1830 and 1930, one out of every two persons born in Ireland left the island to make a permanent home elsewhere), but transformed Irish society in other ways. It nearly totally destroyed tillage farming as a way of life, as few wanted to trust the land again, and created more and more farms devoted to sheep and cattle grazing. The potato declined significantly in importance. Subdivision of farms ceased and farmers began giving their holdings intact to only one of their sons, causing the other siblings to emigrate. Few opportunities remained for children who remained behind, causing a decline in marriages.

The Famine also left a deep psychological scar on the collective Irish memory. It and English persecution caused a "beaten race" to forego their native language, a symbol of poverty, and to teach their children English, for use when they moved away. It left a feeling of desolation and many a downtrodden, weary soul.

The Irish both abroad and in America have remembered the Great Famine during the past few years with many publications and a special Famine conference held in New York last year. As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and happier memories of our heritage, let us not forget this significant part of our history.



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BRIDGET AND NORA IN AMERICA

by Marie Matthews

Many of the Irish workers who built America were women. During the emigration from Ireland that followed the Famine and into this century, the majority of those who left Ireland were female, and the Irish communities here contained more women than men. The Irish were the only significant group where female immigrants outnumbered males.

Irish women found many reasons to leave the land of their birth for the greater opportunities they hoped to find in America. America offered the chance to earn money, and the respect and status that having money afforded. They were also coming to a society that placed greater value on women's activities than the one they left behind. Men left Ireland because the way of life they had cherished was no longer possible; women often left because they believed they would have a better life here.

Over time, Irish women enjoyed greater social mobility than their brothers and than other foreign-born women. Women immigrants were servants and mill workers, but their daughters became nurses and school teachers. The sons of laborers were more likely to remain in unskilled or semi-skilled jobs for several generations.

The preferred occupation for Irish women coming to America was domestic service. This was a role shunned by native born Americans and other immigrants, but it appealed to the Irish for a number of reasons. The wages paid to servants were usually higher than wages paid in other occupations open to women. Receiving room, board and uniforms to wear in addition to wages allowed Bridget and Nora to buy clothes; to send money home to support families there; to pay for passage to America for brothers and sisters and cousins; and to support their churches. Many of them also saved and invested their money, often in property. In the Irish enclave in Dubuque, Iowa in the 1860s, the single largest property owner was a servant woman, who left an estate worth over \$50,000 when she died at age thirty-five. And when these women eventually left service to marry, they were able to buy furniture, appliances, and other items for their new households that they wouldn't have been able to afford had they been paying for food and rent while they were still single.

Living in the homes of their employers provided another advantage to the Irish female immigrant: they learned the culture and values of middle- and upper-class America, and were better able to conduct themselves (and teach their children to conduct themselves) in higher social circles than

the men who labored in unskilled jobs along with other immigrants.

Domestic work provided other advantages as well. The work was more secure and servants were less likely to lose their jobs during economic downturns than were factory and other workers. They were not at risk of industrial accidents. And because there was a shortage of women willing to be servants, the Irish who did this work often had more power on the job than workers in other occupations who were more easily replaced.

Less desirable to Irish women were jobs in industry. Many communities had few middle or upper class families to employ large numbers of immigrants as servants, so many Irish women found work in the mills and needle trades. In Lowell, Massachusetts in the 1870s, over half of all cotton textile workers were females of Irish birth.

The mills encouraged all family members to work in the same place, sometimes offering bonuses to employees who brought in their relatives. Some women who may have wished to find other employment stayed in the mills out of family loyalty. And widows and the few married women with children who continued to work were not able to bring children to live with them in domestic situations, so they also needed to find other types of employment.

The daughters and nieces of these immigrants were often able to find better employment opportunities than had the older generation and their brothers. While over half of Irish female immigrants worked as servants or waitresses, only sixteen percent of the next generation were similarly employed. Neither were they working in large numbers in the factories and mills. Instead, they were becoming secretaries and bookkeepers, librarians and nurses, novelists and journalists. Many were entrepreneurs. Margaret Haughery, who had been orphaned as a child and widowed as an adult, sold milk in the streets and made enough money to open the largest bakery in New Orleans, employing forty men. She died a wealthy woman.

The most important occupation for the first American-born generation of women was teaching. This profession offered the economic security that domestic work had afforded the previous generation. And because public schools were part of a city's administration, often controlled by the Irish by the end of the nineteenth century, daughters of Erin found it

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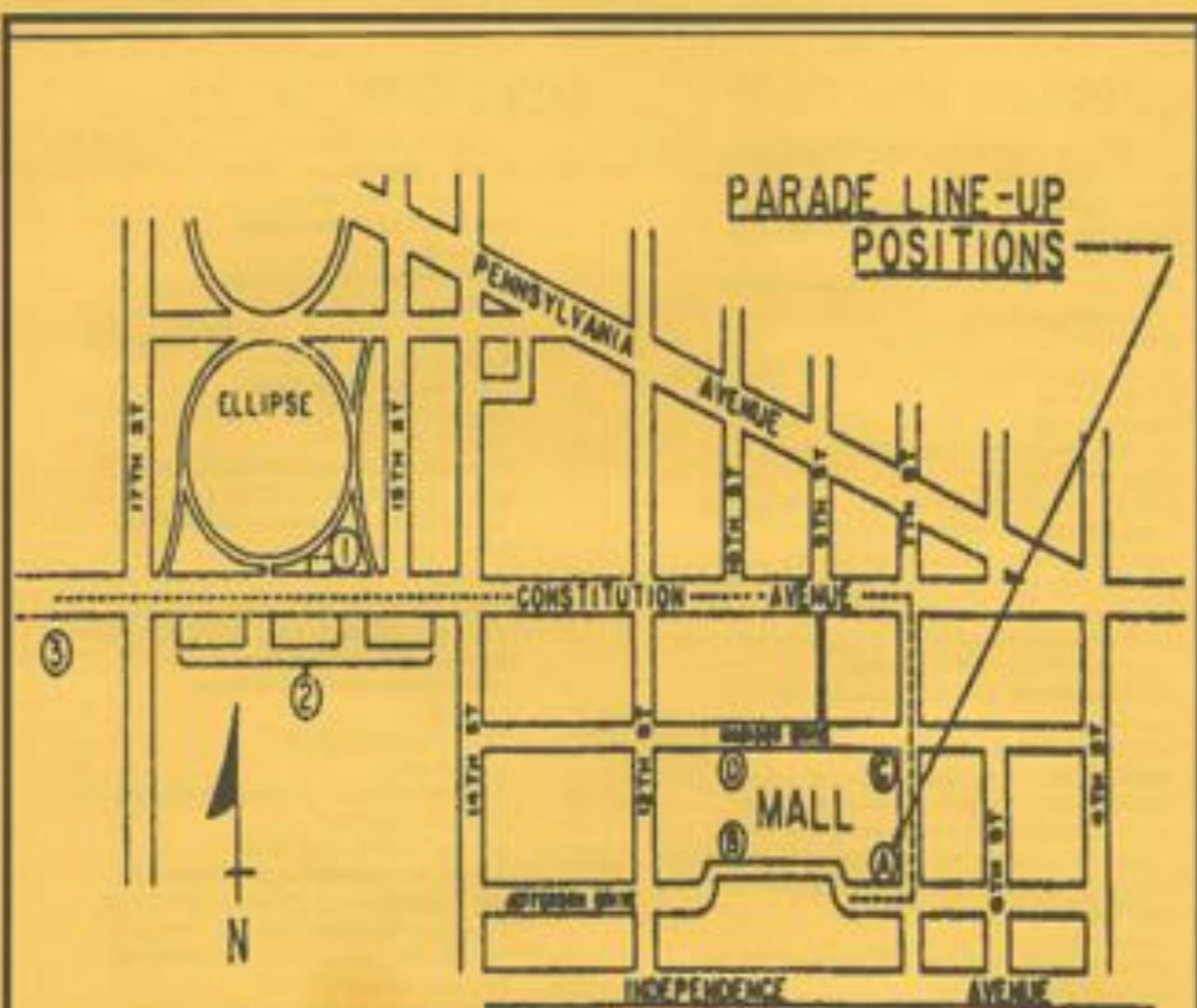
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Elizabeth Flynn Rogers, the mother of eight children, was a master workman in Chicago and the highest-ranking woman in the Knights of Labor. Mary Kenney O'Sullivan became the first woman organizer for the American Federation of Labor. Best known of all was Mary Harris Jones, the labor activist known as "Mother Jones." We all owe a debt of gratitude to these women who paved the way to a better life for us.

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1996 WAS GOLDEN FOR IRISH AMERICAN ATHLETES

BY JACK CALLAHAN

As every proud Irish-American recalls, the 1996 summer Olympics was golden for Irish swimmer Michelle Smith, but 1996 was also golden for many Irish-American athletes.

Speaking of those summer Olympics dominated by Ms. Smith, several Irish-Americans performed brilliantly at those games. Tom Dolan, America's preeminent swimmer, brought home a gold medal in the men's 400 individual medley. Equestrian David O'Connor won two silver medals. Another Irish-American, Kevin McMahon represented the United States in the hammer throw. McMahon was a 1995 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Georgetown University.

Several professional athletes of Irish descent had exceptional years in 1996. Jim Carey of the Washington Capitals was voted the best goaltender in the National Hockey League in only his second year in the league.

Mark McGwire of the Oakland Athletics had a stupendous year, leading the major leagues in home runs with 52. One

of the highlights of McGwire's year was, on September 22, the very rare feat of hitting two home runs in one inning. Paul O'Neill of the Yankees hit over .300 for his fourth consecutive year and was a major factor in helping New York win the world championship. Defensively, O'Neill was perfect, literally; the Yankee rightfielder did not commit an error the entire year. John Flaherty was given an opportunity to become an everyday player when he was he was traded to the San Diego Padres in mid-season. He made a major contribution to the Padres' winning the Western Division of the National League by driving in 41 runs in only 72 games for the Padres, while batting .303. Flaherty also had a 27 consecutive games hitting streak, the third longest in the major leagues for 1996.

Two Irish-Americans, Ed McCaffery and Pete Mitchell had outstanding seasons as pass receivers in the National Football League (NFL). McCaffery, of the Denver Broncos, caught seven touchdown passes, including three in one game, while Mitchell of the Jacksonville Jaguars had 52

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These athletes are just a few of the Irish-Americans distinguishing themselves in the sports arenas all over the United States. Irish-Americans have excelled in every field of endeavor and as this column illustrates, sports is no exception.



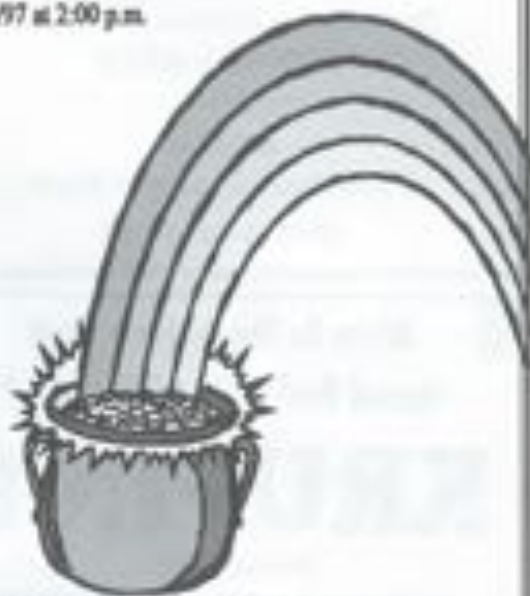
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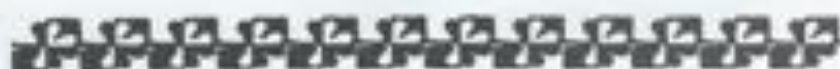
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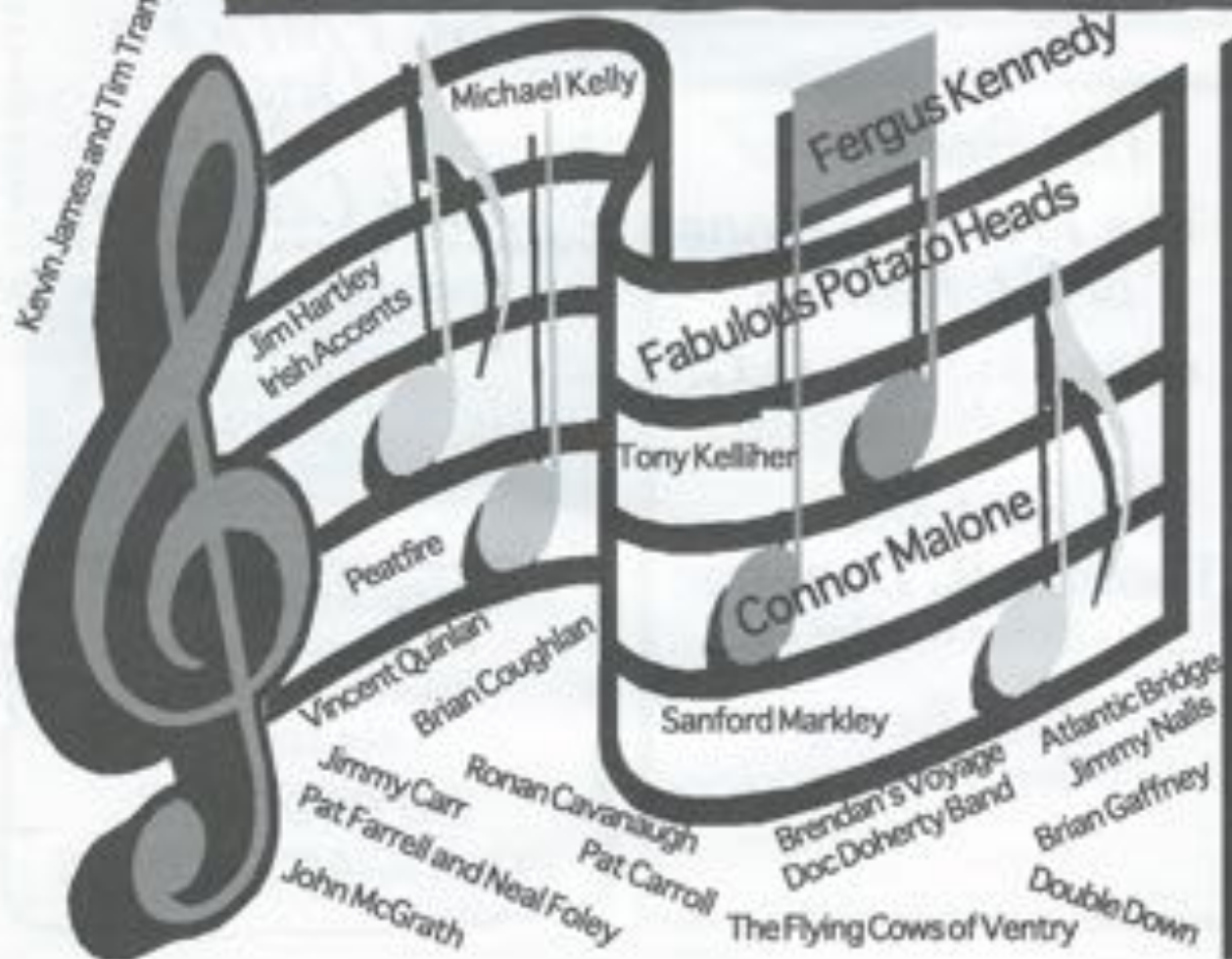


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