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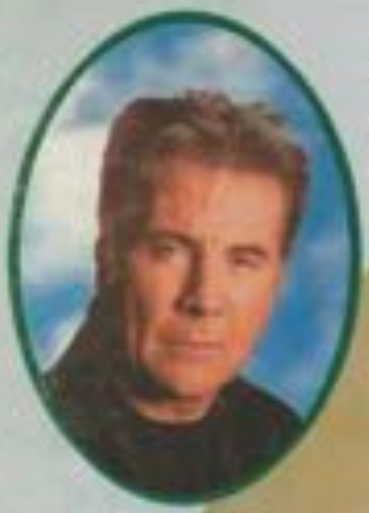

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 53rd anniversary of the Nation's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. This year John Walsh, the host of FOX TV production "America's Most Wanted," will be honored as our Grand Marshal. Barbara Harrison the host of NBC production "Wednesday's Child" is being honored as our Gael of the year. Our Division Marshals, Willie and Geri Lyons, Sharn Fitzpatrick and John Dwyer are being honored for their service to the Irish community.

Our theme this year is "Making a Difference." Our theme not only pays tribute to the accomplishments of Grand Marshal Walsh, and the other honored guests but to all who have dedicated their lives to help their brothers and sisters in need.

Our committee has been energetic and dynamic again this year in addressing our long-term goal of transforming our annual parade into a day of family fun and celebration in the District of Columbia. We are indebted to the Government of the District of Columbia and the National Park Service for their continued support in this endeavor. In addition, we are indebted to our advertisers, sponsors, patrons and all local Irish Pub and Restaurant owners who provide their selfless and dedicated support. They are all identified in this magazine and we ask that you extend your thanks to them by patronizing their establishments and businesses. We are indebted to our musicians and dancers who selflessly give their time to entertain at our fund-raising events. Without all these special people and their support this event would not be a reality.

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I commend all those in those who have worked tirelessly to ensure that residents of the District and the greater Washington metropolitan area are able to join with Ireland and Irish communities around the world in celebrating our proud heritage.

St. Patrick's Day is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate the shared heritage between the United States and Ireland. The Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Day parade has grown considerably since its inception in 1971 and represents an important symbol of the enduring relationship between both countries.

I hope you enjoy the parade and other festivities.

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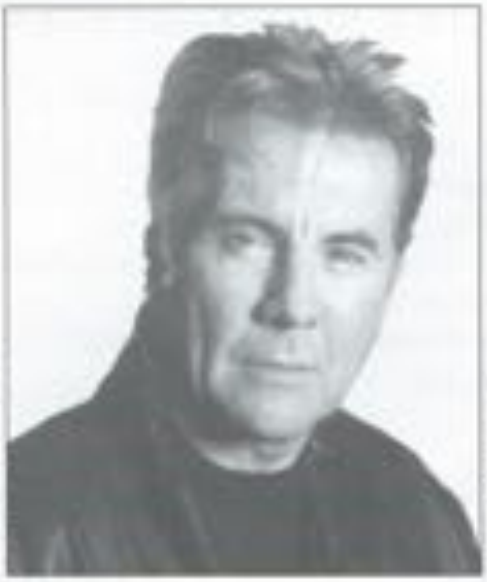

How does one recover from every parent's worst nightmare – the horrific abduction and murder of a child? If you're John Walsh, you dedicate your life to bringing the closure that was denied to your family to the families of other victims.

John grew up in upstate New York, the son of Mary Jean Callahan and John Edward Walsh. The Callahans operated a construction company whose trucks sported green shamrocks. John Edward was a World War II hero, active in his local church. After graduation from the University of Buffalo with a degree in history, young John moved to Florida and married his long-time girlfriend, Reve. In 1974, they were blessed with their first child, Adam.

Six years later, Adam Walsh was shopping with his mother in a mall near their home in Hollywood, Florida. Momentarily separated from his mother, the young boy disappeared. Two weeks later, Adam's remains were found in a canal a hundred miles away.

At the time of Adam's disappearance, there was no system for tracking missing children. Law enforcement, including the FBI and local police departments, simply were not organized to find them. The Walsh's discovered that because of overlapping law enforcement jurisdictions and the lack of centralized information, parents faced frustration and anger in their attempts to locate missing children. Furthermore, State and local officials were often unable to identify bodies simply because of restrictions on missing person reports from other jurisdictions.

Thus began John Walsh's journey to become one of the country's best known crime fighters. Shortly after Adam's death, John and Reve channeled their grief into a tireless fight for the cause of missing children.

The Walsh's work led to the Missing Children Act of 1982 and the Federal Missing Children's Assistance Act of 1984. Because of the first of these laws, the FBI must enter descriptive information on missing children into the National Crime Information Center data base, which is then accessed by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Policies which require a waiting period for police reports are prohibited.

Statistics from this data base show that in 2000 more than 876,000 persons were reported missing. The FBI estimates that up to 90% of these were juveniles: 750,000 youngsters, or 2100 per day. An estimated 4600 children are abducted annually by non-family members.

The Missing Children's Assistance Act resulted in the establishment of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which supports both the criminal justice system and parents as they seek to identify and recover missing children. It serves as a clearinghouse for information, provides training and technical assistance to law enforcement personnel, and educates the public on related issues. It also operates a toll-free hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) for the reporting of missing children or the sighting of one. Reve Walsh serves on NCMEC's Board of Directors and John Walsh serves on the Board's Chief Executive Officers Council and National Advisory Board, as well as acting as an NCMEC spokesperson.

The Adam Walsh Children's Fund (AWCF), founded by the Walsh's shortly after Adam's death, is now a division of the NCMEC, and helps in providing assistance to parents, children, law enforcement, schools, and the community in recovering missing children (47,000 recovered to date) and raising public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction, molestation, and sexual exploitation.

In February 1988, America's Most Wanted (now known as America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back) debuted on the Fox Television Network. Hosted by John Walsh, the show recreates crimes and shows photographs and videotapes of actual criminals, as well as updates on cases previously profiled. A toll-free number is provided to viewers who may have information to provide anonymous tips to law enforcement authorities. Four days after its debut, AMW marked its first capture as the FBI announced the arrest of one of its 10 Most Wanted Fugitives, David James Roberts, in New York City, as a direct result of viewer tips to the program. In May 1990, AMW helped recover its first missing child, Nicole Ravesi, and aided in the arrest of her abductor, Kenneth Cole, her former babysitter.

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Making a Difference For Children

By Richard J. Barry

Barbara Harrison has taken the area's poor, humbled and downtrodden children and given them hope.

Harrison began her career as a copy writer for Vogue Magazine, before venturing into radio as a writer, disc jockey and talk show host prior to moving to television. Harrison wrote and produced programming for public television in New York at WNET before anchoring television news in Dallas and San Francisco.

She joined WRC-TV and News 4 in 1981 where she was instinctively drawn to child health issues. Harrison quickly became personally involved in the community outreach program, "Beautiful Babies Right From The Start." Barbara created a TV journal of her own pregnancy to motivate women to seek early prenatal care. Harrison's goal was to help decrease the staggering infant mortality rate in the nation's capitol. The success of Beautiful Babies brought praise from many corners and resulted in numerous local and national awards, including a special commendation presented by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Washington debut of Wednesday's Child with Barbara Harrison in 1992 launched a partnership of the Freddie Mac Foundation, NBC 4 and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Barbara was well known to area viewers for exceptional reporting skills and her sense of commitment to the well being of area children. Her warmth and caring made Barbara the ideal spokesperson for Wednesday's Child. Barbara Harrison did a superb job representing the children who were seeking adoption on television. The Wednesday's Child telecast enjoyed such extraordinary success with Harrison, that it encouraged Freddie Mac to expand this program nationwide with broadcasts in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

Today Freddie Mac's program Wednesday's Child USA is the Foundation's national campaign to increase adoptions by dedicating more then $10 million to help find permanent homes for these children. Barbara Harrison hosts Wednesday's Child on Wednesdays during the 5 p.m. news, Thursday in the 10 a.m. newscast and again on Sunday morning. Wednesday's Child is an Emmy nominated program with an exceptional record of success.

Harrison encourages the television audience to learn as many details of the program and specifics about the adoptive child as possible. Some of these children are difficult to place because they are older or have family members from whom they would prefer not to be separated. There may be others with special emotional or physical needs who would thrive in a healthy stable family. For many, Wednesday's Child is their last chance to find an adoptive family and move on from foster care. The average child spends 45 months in foster care and reaches an average age of 10 years before leaving the foster system.

The dream of joining a permanent family did come true on November 22, 2003 for over one thousand foster children. An unprecedented number of courts across the United States opened their doors to finalize adoptions of children from foster care and to honor all families who adopted. In the nation there are 148,000 children in foster care who need permanent loving families and many of these children have been waiting for years to be adopted. National Adoption Day brought hundreds of volunteer lawyers, foster care professionals, child advocates and local judges together to expedite the adoption process with over a thousand adoptions finalized due to this special effort.

More then half a million children in the U.S. are living in foster care with 148,000 waiting for the care provided by a warm and intact family. Nationwide the number of adoptions has remained stable, while the number of kids in foster care continues to rise. A lack of family structure frequently produces children who are victims of abuse, neglect or some other form of family dysfunction. Children raised in this situation are likely to have problems in school, engage in risky behavior and experience a revolving door with police. Studies indicate that children reared in non permanent care environments account for an inordinately high percentage of homeless and incarcerated individuals.

These kids need a place to call home. The Freddie Mac Foundation grants financial resources to recruit foster and adoptive families to provide healthier home life for these youngsters. A Freddie Mac executive insisted that Wednesday's Child is

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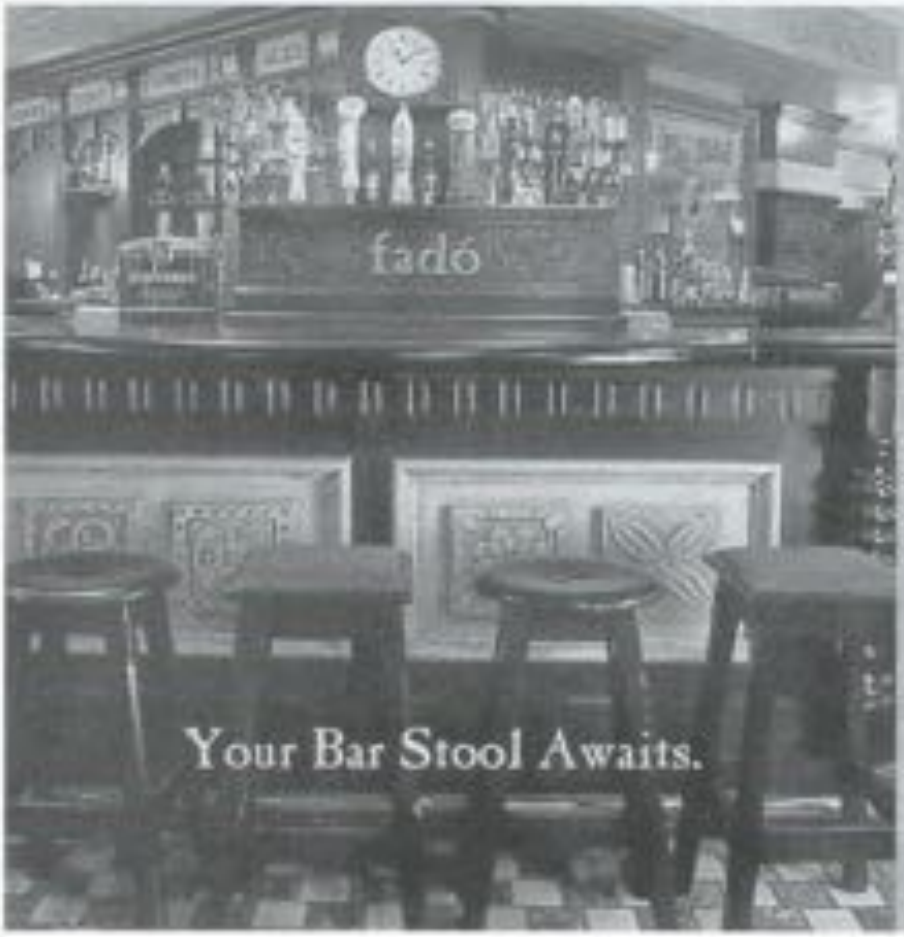

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1947 – 2003

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"I knew when I passed on the Chairmanship of the Parade to Steve, it was in good hands."
Cecelia Farley, Chairman Emeritus of the Parade Committee

Supportive of his family, loyal to his friends and proud of his Irish heritage, Steve Lynch was truly a Great American.
Andy Ireland, Member of Congress Florida 1977 – 1993

I remember Stephen P. (for Parade) Lynch as the defining spirit of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to which he contributed large quantities of his time and talent.

His parade-dress outfit took on the style of a giant leprechaun. His ever-present smile was contagious, particularly while forming the annual parade, watching it go by, seemingly showing inner emotions – wanting to follow it, even lead it. Thanks to his abundance of multi-talents he could do both, simultaneously.

In a nutshell, Steve could organize a parade while practicing his lawyer skills without missing a brief.

I remember him as a successful entrepreneur for his ingenuous instincts, suggesting and signing star-quality Grand Marshals. He will always be our Grand-est Marshal.

I will remember Steve for his extra-special contributions, including being one of the founders of the American Foundation for Irish Heritage – together with John O'Beirne (deceased), Paul Morrissey and Yours Truly.

In all his endeavors, Steve was an inspiration as he so eloquently displayed love and appreciation for his Irish heritage. His spirit prevails.

John P. Cogrove, 1999 Coal of the Year and Vice Chairman American Foundation for Irish Heritage

I met Steve in 1983 and in a short time we became close friends. It wasn't long before I discovered that he was a rarity in life, he was always concerned about people. When I first met him he was working "On the Hill". It became obvious to me that he was a mentor to many young interns who worked for various Members of Congress. It wasn't unusual for interns to search him out to seek his opinions and guidance.

The first time my mother and I met Steve and other friends for dinner, he brought an orchid corsage for her. He did this also at subsequent dinners.

In 1994 and 2000, I had major surgery. Shortly after each operation, the "Big Guy" could be found each time standing next to my bed saying "Just checking in, would you like some Chivas or Irish Mist?"

To me and my family he was a special friend. To have known Steve and to be his friend was "Always a Pleasure."

Matt Lee, former Vice-Chairman of the Parade Committee

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I miss you Steve. Thanks for the memories.

John Olmsted, Capitol Hill colleague

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Tom Mooney, Co-Founder of Murphy's Grand Irish Pubs and Capitol Hill colleague

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Carol Higgins Clark, Murphy McHugh & Steve Lynch, 1995

Steve Lynch affected my life in many ways. He brought me into the 1989 St. Patrick's Day Parade when I was five years old, and I helped him set up the parade almost every year since then. He opened his family summerhouse on Cape Code to me and my family. He came to many important events in my life, including my first communion, my basketball games, and my elementary school graduation. Mr. Lynch gave me advice and respect, which I probably wouldn't have gotten from anyone else. And the truly special aspect about all of this is that he didn't have to do any of it.

Murphy McHugh, former Parade Committee member

Steve Lynch was one of the most generous people I have ever had the honor to know as a colleague, boss, mentor and friend. When I moved to Washington, DC from Michigan, Steve took me under his wing, introducing me to "all the right people" and taking very good care of a young woman far from home. He was always giving me opportunities such as a chance to meet Pete Rose and have a baseball autographed, and my favorite, a ticket to the last game at Oriole Park when the Orioles played (and defeated) my beloved Detroit Tigers before moving to the new Camden Yards. Steve was very active with charities and recruited his friends to help out with events. Steve was certainly proud of his Irish heritage and was a little upset with me for marrying a Scotsman! (At least my husband's birthday is on St. Patrick's Day). Steve was loved by many and is greatly missed not only for backdoor passes to Murphy's on St. Patrick's Day but for his warmth, friendship, generosity and his laughter.

"Rebecca" Anderson MacDicken, Capitol Hill colleague

Dear Steve,
This is a poem for you, my godfather.

When Spring flowers bloom in April
And in January when it snows,
In March the wind softly blows,
In June the sun brightly shines.
We will remember you, Steve, forever.

Love, Elizabeth Piper

Our family came to know and love Steve Lynch. Over many years, he has 'been there' as a mentor, and advisor to our son, Murphy McHugh. A true and trusted friend, with honor and a generous sense of humor as his trademarks, he shared his diverse interests and always had a "plan" for the future. We embrace in warm memories the time spent with him. We miss Steve a lot, and we are all the better for having known him.

John McHugh and Margaret Holbach

Steve Lynch always thought of others before "Tis Himself". He taught me how to give praise to others instead of expecting praise for myself. Steve was an unselfish and caring person. He was a true gentleman in which it was my great pleasure and honor to be his friend. I'm sure Steve has already looked up my son John Jr. in Heaven, to let John know my wife and I love him.

After the parade get Mistified.

Always a pleasure.

John Silk, Business associate and Parade Committee member

It seems I have known Steve for most of my 28 years in DC. I really can't remember when I first met him or where. He was the kind of person you felt like you had known for all your life. Most of the earliest times were surrounded by mischief and usually in the company Hugh Kelly, Kevin Peterson, John Caulfield and Spoffed Canfield. What a crew.

He was always doing kind things for people, organizing something, fixing someone up, giving someone something as a surprise. You saw it in the work he did for the Negro Leagues. Then there was the funeral he arranged for JJ Walsh, one of the regulars at the Times who died alone and languished alone and unclaimed at the DC morgue until Steve arranged a military burial for him at Quantico – with a busload of Times' regulars and a keg. Or the help he provided for Paul Sullivan's interment at Arlington – white stretch limo full of his friends at the Times. The people he helped are probably in the hundreds. This was the way he was with his friends.

Stevie loved his family, he loved his country and he loved his friends. He is still missed and will be for a long time to come.

William "Tex" Ritter, former Parade Committee member

As long as I can remember, Steve was a staple on our St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. For years he was always at every meeting – last row, last seat. His ideas, opinions and vision were always welcome. When he became Chairman, he was a great listener and was always considerate of others. His death was a shock to me but I'm sure he is happy leading a parade in heaven with our loved ones.

Isabelle Gallagher, Parade Committee member

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Willie and Gerri Lyons

Born in Dungrvan County Waterford Ireland in 1938. Willie came to America in 1957 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the U.S. Air Force Band as a piper until 1961. Gerri O'Brien came to America in 1959. They were married in Mount Kisco, NY in February 1960, having been childhood sweethearts in Ireland since the age of 15. They had three children, Patrick (deceased in 2002) Sharon and Kathleen. Willie served as a Construction Manager for the World Bank for 34 years. He retired in 1999. In 1993 they opened Nanny O'Brien's Pub on Connecticut Avenue Washington, DC and named the pub after Gerri's mother. They have been members of the Irish American Club for 30 years.

They have a keen interest in football, Gaelic sports and golf. Willie is currently serving as Vice President of the West Waterford Ireland Golf Club. Gerri is a member of the Gospel Choir in Dungarvan. They divide their time between Dungarvan County Waterford Ireland and Washington, DC.

John P. Dwyer

John P. Dwyer was born and raised in the Bronx, New York to John and Thelma Dwyer. John's Irish roots trace back on his fathers side, a retired NYC fireman with over 35 yrs of service. His grandmother, Mary Carroll Dwyer, hailed from Rathmore in county Kerry and his grandfather Patrick from French Park in county Roscommon. John served on active duty in the US Navy from 1962 to 1964 onboard the USS Mitcher DL2. After working at various jobs, John moved to the Washington DC area in 1970 to accept an appointment with the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Control Specialist at the Washington Enroute Air Traffic Control Center in Leesburg, Virginia. He served in that capacity until the PATCO strike of 1981. John and a former co-worker established D&P Printing and Graphics, a small union printing and copying company in northern Virginia where he still serves as President and CEO. Among his professional and community activities John serves as Chairman of the Small Business Advisory Board, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Virginia.

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Shaun Fitzpatrick

Born in 1950, Shaun Dennis Fitzpatrick was the third of ten children raised by Tom and Jean Fitzpatrick in the suburbs of Maryland.

He inherited his love of science from his dad, a physicist at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, and his talent as an artist from his mom, the matriarch of that large Irish Catholic family.

In his youth played CYO sports at St. Peters Parish in Olney, Maryland, when he was not tending to the family's many animals on their farmland off Layhill Road.

After his schooling Shaun became a staff illustrator and artist for a graphic arts firm in Bethesda. Early in his career in the advertising business he was a production manager, art director and account executive. In the seventies he started his own company with his wife Sharon.

His company, Fitzpatrick and Associates, specialized in marketing design and promotional programs for the international communications industry.

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Couch Potatoes

Today marks the 33rd time the Irish Wolfhounds of the Potomac Valley have marched in the Washington DC St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Irish Wolfhound is an ancient breed of dogs. They were described in the third century by the Gaelic Bard Ossian thus: "An eye of sloe, with ear not low, with horse's breast, with depth of chest, with breadth of loin, and curve of groin, and nape set far behind the head. Such were the dogs that Fingal bred". If Fingal were to watch the parade today, he would recognize these dogs as very much like the dogs he use for hunting and protection.

The breed standard for the Irish Wolfhound describes a dog of great size and commanding appearance. The Irish Wolfhound is remarkable in combining power and swiftness with keen sight. It is the largest and tallest of the galloping hounds, a rough-coated, Greyhound-like breed; very muscular, though gracefully built. The minimum height and weight of dogs over 18 months should be 32 inches and 120 pounds with bitches, 30 inches and 105 pounds. They can reach up to 7 feet when standing on their back legs, although this is not encouraged. This means that any food left out any where in a house is fair game for these gentle giants. They eat about 10-15 pounds of dry food each week before they graze the kitchen counters.

The ancient Greeks wrote of the large war dogs of the Celtoi. Many Irish tales from this period speak of the hounds (Cu) and they provide the name for one of Ireland's most famous hero, Cuchulain (The Hound of Ulster). The breed was brought to Rome for use by the Emperors and was a favorite in the Celtic world through the Middle Ages. They were made famous in more recent times by Arthur Conan Doyle in "The Hound of the Baskervilles".

Their job was to protect home and hearth from wolves. It seems they were a little too good at it as they had rid Ireland and most of Scotland of wolves by the middle of the 18th century. By 1750 it was almost impossible to find a Wolfhound in Ireland. Amazingly, the breed was saved from extinction by a Scotsman, Captain G. A. Graham who spent over thirty years acquiring the remaining wolfhounds he could find. By the mid-1800's, under Captain Graham's guidance, the breed made a comeback. He founded the first Irish Wolfhound Club in 1865 and was its President until his death in 1908.

The first Irish Wolfhound was registered in America in 1897 although it is believed there were wolfhounds here earlier. This giant dog is "Gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked". They appear to have no fear yet are good with children.

Irish Wolfhounds love to romp freely, especially when puppies. Adults can become couch potatoes, especially if you are one yourself - they adapt quite well to your schedule! They love long walks with their people. They will redefine a Three Dog Night if they decide to join you on your bed. During times of exuberance and play, their tails become brooms which clear coffee tables and sweep small children off their feet. They have been bred for gentleness and are not particularly good watchdogs as they believe everyone is just another playmate or petting post.

Enjoy the hounds as they pass and feel free to meet and pet them along the parade route.

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Martin John Hannon

Martin John Hannon, 76, who retired in 1989 as captain and training director with the Washington Metro Transit Police, died July 21 at the home of his daughter, after suffering a stroke. He lived in Hyattsville.

He established Metrorail safety-related training for the FBI and police departments. He also helped the Maryland Police Training Commission develop a defensive driving program for the state. He wrote for National Police Journal and Law and Order magazine.

His 15 years with the transit police followed a 25-year career with the Metropolitan Police, where he was a lieutenant in the traffic division. He received a medal of valor for a water rescue while serving with the force.

He was a native of the Bronx and served with the Navy Seabees in the Pacific during World War II.

Martin helped to organize the St. Patrick's Day parade as president of the Irish American Club.

Bernice Marie O'Connor

(nee Farrell)

Bernice was born in Orange, NJ and resided in Annandale, Va. She died on August 14, 2003. She was devout and active member as well as a religious education teacher of St. Michaels Parish. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and served as President of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

For many years she made rosaries that were sent to military personnel, delivered for Meals on Wheels and volunteered as a driver for people going to medical appointments or church.

Forever you, Mrs. O'Connor will be remembered as a devoted and loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother and friend.

Ray Langley

Ray was born in Dublin, Ireland, 8/31/59, came to the US in the late '80s to continue his education and pursue his career as a biomedical research scientist. His endeavor started in California, then brought him east on a grant to NIH, where he became involved with the Blackthorn Stick. This involvement with Blackthorn continued for many years while he pursued Clare Stuhlman, until she finally caught him and they were married in Feb 1999. In early 2000, they were blessed with the birth of Mary, and cursed with the news that Ray had ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Though Ray fought with all he had, he left us on 12/11/03 at the age of 44. He left behind Clare, Mary (almost 4), Kevin (born 9/13/03), and untold numbers of friends, coworkers, and family. He left us with the memory of a

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DIVISION A

1. **METROPOLITAN POLICE MOTORCYCLES IN "V" FORMATION WITH COLOR GUARD**
2. **THOMAS McGUIRE.** Commander, 1st District, Metropolitan Police Department
3. **METROPOLITAN POLICE MOUNTED UNIT.** Horses
4. **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANNER. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB.** McAuliffe Family
5. **GRAND MARSHAL, JOHN WALSH.** Host of one of Fox Television's most popular weekly programs, "America's Most Wanted"; best selling book author; nominated for a prime time Emmy for "Street Smart Kids" and host of the daily talk show "The John Walsh Show"

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6. **COMMANDER OF TROOPS**
   - 6a. **JOINT MILITARY STAFF**
   - 6b. **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND**
   - 6c. **ARMY MARCHING PLATOON**
   - 6d. **NAVY MARCHING PLATOON**
   - 6e. **ARMED FORCES COLOR GUARD**
   - 6f. **MARINE MARCHING PLATOON**
   - 6g. **AIR FORCE MARCHING PLATOON**
   - 6h. **COAST GUARD MARCHING PLATOON**
   - 6i. **JOINT MILITARY STAFF**
   - 6j. **FIFE AND DRUM CORPS**
7. **JAMES B MARTIN, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF/OPERATIONS.** D.C. Fire & Rescue. Firefighting equipment from our Nation's Capital - celebrating 133 (Sept. 1871) years of fire/rescue service
8. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, NATIONAL CAPITOL REGION**
9. **U.S. PARK POLICE**
10. **DOUGLAS M DUNCAN**, County Executive, Montgomery County, MD
11. **JIM GRAHAM**, City Councilman Ward 1
12. **JACK EVANS**, City Councilman Ward 2
13. **GAEL OF THE YEAR. BARBARA HARRISON.** NBC NEWS 4 Co-Anchor; reports the weekly segment "Wednesday's Child" and has received several Emmy Awards and accolades for her work and for her sense of commitment to the well being of area children
14. **WTOP'S "MAN ABOUT TOWN"**, Washington, D.C. Bob Madigan
15. **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES & DRUMS.** Pipe Major Henry Welsh & Drum Major Kevin Sloan. Instructors Mark O'Donnell and Tom Hayden
16. **EMERALD SOCIETY – FIREFIGHTERS OF WASHINGTON.** "Our 25TH Year marching!" President Charlie Hottinger. Banner, colors, precision marching unit. 1947 350 gpm restored Jeep
17. **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE. SMOKEY BEAR**
18. **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2326,** Maryland. LDR Rose Napolitano
19. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FATHER ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL 2169,** Maryland. Marchers with banner
20. **DUBLIN IRELAND FIRE BRIGADE PIPE AND DRUM BAND.** Pipe Major Dave Byrne and Drum Major Damien Fynes
21. **PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS OF WISCONSIN.** LDR Dave Bosanko
22. **ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS.** D.C. Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington
23. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by THE O'NEILL-JAMES SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING. (decorated vehicle with dancers and music). Directors Laureen O'Neill-James. ADC/RG

24. **FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPT.** Honor Guard. LDR 2nd Lt Ken Baine. Suzanne Devlin, Acting Chief of Police
25. **CEAD MILE FAILTE. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB BANNER.** Family of John Moore
26. **IRISH AMERICAN CLUB OF WASHINGTON.** President P J Fitzgerald
27. **ROSCOMMON SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C.** Director Peter J Koenig
28. **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S EMERALD SOCIETY.** Maryland. Brian Collins
29. **RONALD McDONALD.** McDonald's Family Restaurants and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington, D.C.
30. **KIDS MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC.** LDR Tim Mooney
31. **FRANKLIN MILITARY SCHOOL ROTC.** Virginia. Major Hill
32. **WILLIAM C McGINNIS MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND.** New Jersey. Director Carl A Brodbeck
33. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by PROJECT CHILDREN. Director Carol Wheeler

DIVISION B

1. **METRO TRANSIT POLICE.** Honor Guard with motorcycles and bikes
2. **SHAUN FITZPATRICK.** Major supporter of the D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Marshal, Division B
3. **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERALD SOCIETIES.** Founder Patrick O'Brien
4. **POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON DC AREA.** President Brian Manion. Our Theme is the "Family Behind the Badge"
5. **FAMILY OF STEPHEN P LYNCH.** Past President of our St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
6. **VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY AND COLLEGE REGIMENTAL BAND AND COLOR GUARD.** Bandmaster MAJ Scott Collins
7. **VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE.** WW II. Director John Bowen
8. **VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF MILITARY VEHICLES.** LDR Larry Tucker
9. **MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART.** Maryland. Director James A Hontz, Jr
10. **LARGO HIGH SCHOOL ROTC.** Maryland. Major Gerald Barnes
11. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by The Ancient Order of Hibernians (decorated vehicle with marchers)
12. **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.** (All Divisions AOH/LAOH in order of precedence)

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13. **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS-FR WILLIAM CORBY.** Virginia. LDR Robert Hickey
14. **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, ALICE HAMILL DIVISION.** Virginia. President Corinne Frassa
15. **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, DAUGHTERS of ERIN, DIVISION 9.** Maryland. Secretary Ann Durkin Fisher
16. **GREENBELT DOG TRAINING.** Maryland. LDR Allie W Lee
17. **THE HOGETTES.** Big Mac, Howiette, and Nickette
18. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by THE ANTHONY C ROGERS FAMILY. Maryland (decorated vehicle with marchers)
19. **KENA 500 MINI CORVETTS, SHRINERS.** Virginia. 8 mini-Corvettes, Corvette and one recovered vehicle. Dir Delano Farmer
20. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by The O'Neill Development Corp (decorated authentic Irish Cottage with marchers)
21. **SuGTV "WASHINGTONIA".** Washington, D.C. "Bavarian" folk dancing. Director Charles H Volkman
22. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by Finn MacCool's Irish Pub, Washington, D.C.
23. **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER WASHINGTON.** LDR Pamela Wilkerson
24. **LEONARD HALL JUNIOR NAVAL ACADEMY.** Maryland. Captain Gary R Gertz
25. **LOYAL & PATRIOTIC ORDER OF IRISH-AMERICAN REAGANITES.** Virginia. Director Brian Lopina
26. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by AOIBHNEAS AN RINCE IRISH DANCERS (decorated vehicle with dancers and live music). Denise Foster Fumagali, TCRG
27. **BAND OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL.** Washington, DC. CWO 2 Sheila M Klotz
28. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by MAPLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE (decorated vehicle with dancers and music). Teachers Bill Maple and Marnie O'Callaghan-Maple

DIVISION C

1. **UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE CEREMONIAL COLOR GUARD.** Motorcycle unit
2. **GERRI and WILLIE LYONS.** Owners of Nanny O'Brien's. Marshal, Division C
3. **POTOMAC VALLEY IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB.** Metro Area. Director Tom Hartney
4. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** – sponsored by THE BROOKLAND CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC. (decorated vehicle with marchers)

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5. **FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE BAND,** Virginia. LDR Chalmers H Marquis
6. **FAIRFAX FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY,** Virginia. President Tim Sparrow. Banner and marchers
7. **FORT MYER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES,** Virginia. CRASH FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE FOAM 162. Stationed at the Pentagon Heliport. 2002 E-One Titan 4x4. Sgt George Smith
8. **BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD,** Maryland. Chief Edward G Sherburne
9. **CALVIN COLLIDGE SR HIGH SCHOOL ROTC,** Washington, D.C. Major Allen V Banks
10. **U. S. MINT POLICE,** Washington, D.C. Honor Guard, car and bike. Lt John J Ahbey
11. **ROCK CREEK RIDERS SADDLE GUYS AND GALS,** Washington, D.C. LDR Bill Pietrucha
12. **IRISH NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE, D.C. AREA.** Mary Boggerly and Jack O'Brien
13. **KAPITOL KLOWNS,** Maryland. LDR Beverly Wood
14. **WASHINGTON D.C. GAELS.** Chairman Andrew Healy. Banner and marchers
15. **CULKIN SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCE,** Maryland. Director W Sean Culkin. TCRG
16. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT – FADO'S IRISH PUB AND IRISH CHANNEL** - sponsored by National Distributing Company
17. **JAMES HUBERT BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL BAND,** Maryland. Brian Damron
18. **WHITE HOUSE WAGON,** Virginia. National Fruit Products. Jim Handley
19. **IRISH TERRIER PET BRIGADE,** Metro DC. LDR Chris Ward
20. **IRISH SETTER RESCUE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.** LDR Dee Atwell
21. **CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIP PROJECT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.** Directors Sharon Harroun and Londi Arndt
22. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by WMZQ 98.7 FM RADIO (cow on wheels with marchers and music)
23. **RANDOLPH-MACON ACADEMY BAND AND PARADE UNIT,** Virginia. Bandmaster G Edwin Richards
24. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by THE CAPITOL ROWING CLUB (decorated vehicle with marchers)
25. **WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM (WRAP),** Metro Area. President Kurt Erickson
26. **OLD DOMINION HISTORICAL FIRE SOCIETY,** Northern Virginia. A SPAAMFAA Chapter. Antique fire apparatus. LDR Don Crites
27. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHEVY CHASE WASHINGTON, DC COUNCIL 224.** Ben Filipczyk
28. **THE CAPITAL CLUB OF WASHINGTON.** Tripp Donnelly

29. **THE FIGHTING CURRAN BROTHERS.** Antique fire truck pulling a trailer with Lewie the Bowie Baysocks Mascot and a 1947 Chevy pick up truck
30. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by THE BLACKTHORN CEILI BAND (decorated vehicle with music and dancers)

DIVISION D

1. **PENTAGON FORCE PROTECTION AGENCY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.** HONOR GUARD, Virginia. LDR Lt Linwood Barrett. Colors Team and vehicles
2. **JOHN DWYER.** Major supporter of the D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade. Marshal, Division D
3. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - THE DUBLINER RESTAURANT (sponsored by Washington Wholesalers, Inc)
4. **JOHN F KENNEDY NJROTC,** Maryland. LTJG Barton
5. **MIX 107.3 STREET TEAM.** Richard Newcomb WRQX
6. **POTOMAC WHEELMEN,** Maryland. Antique bicycles. Director James Wiedmaier
7. **"LEPRECHAUN",** Virginia. Donald Patrick Ryan
8. **MARYLAND STATE CONFERENCE IN CLOWNING,** Maryland Sponsored by Jessup Vol FD. LDR David Cope
9. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by WBIG-100 FM RADIO (mini Cooper with flowers decals and music)
10. **GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC DRILL TEAM,** Maryland. Master Sgt Ray Beatty
11. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by THE McCARTHY CLAN (decorated vehicle with marchers)
12. **TIERNEY FAMILY.** 1963 Cadillac convertible
13. **NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY BAND.** Mike Knedlar
14. **ROSE OF TRALEE WASHINGTON DC.** Chairman Gretchen Learman
15. **THE BOYLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE.** Ellen Boyle Gibbons
16. **ST. BRENDANS' VOYAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.** LDR Irene Jillson
17. **MRS. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 2004.** Wendy Sledd
18. **OXON HILL HIGH SCHOOL BAND.** Maryland. Walter A Harley
19. **IDEA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL MARCHING TIMBERWOLVES.** Washington, DC. LDR Ret Major Roosevelt L Charles
20. **FALUN DAFA, TRADITIONAL CHINESE DANCE.** LDR Tao Wang
21. **SLAPSHOT, MASCOT OF THE WASHINGTON CAPITALS' HOCKEY TEAM**
22. **DeLOREAN GULL WINGED VEHICLE,** Virginia. Owner Scott Stiens. A restored 1982 stainless steel DMC-12 vehicle made in Belfast Ireland
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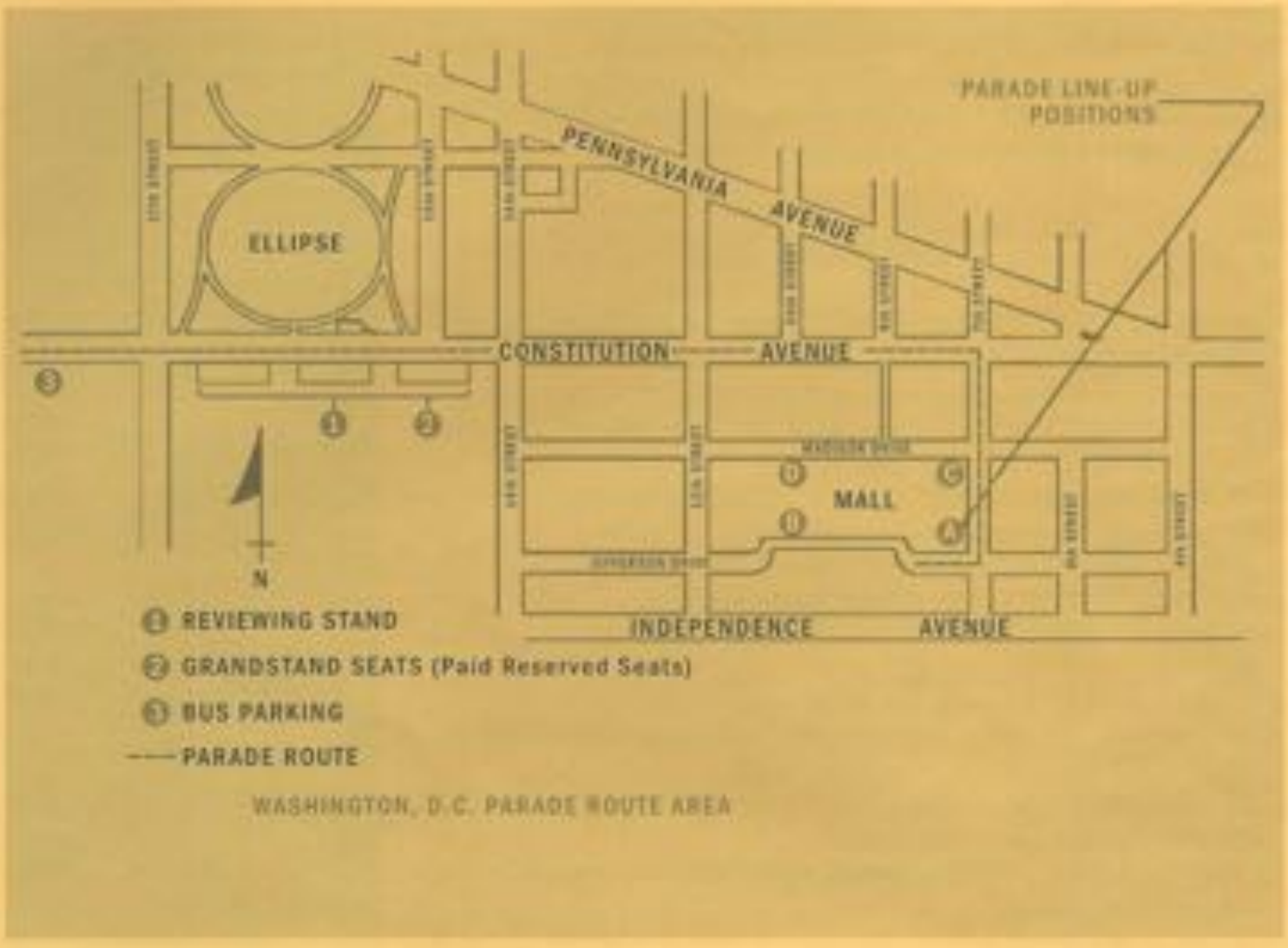

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O'Neill Development Floats A Tradition for 24 years

By Michael Kaider

This year's parade marks a milestone for O'Neill Development. It was 24 years ago that they first participated in the Washington, D.C. Saint Patrick's Day Parade as a float unit and since then parade viewers have been entertained with a succession of four different floats.

Back in 1980, the O'Neill's built an Irish cottage replica with the "Erin Go Build." That float would be retired and later used as a playhouse for one of the O'Neill brother's children.

The next float to premier was a replica of the "Curragh" that St. Brendan sailed to America in circa 4th century AD. The theme was "Irish Monks Discover America in 4th Century" and included float riders adorned in monk robes as it rolled down Constitution Avenue. This theme was apparently not too popular with the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut for a parade one year after the Washington, D.C. parade. The float was to return with more than apparent signs of vandalism and it was soon discontinued.

The next year the O'Neill's designed and built an Irish castle complete with tower and was hand-painted by a professional artist. After several years it was donated to a charity auction at Montgomery Mall, complete with decorations from the Disney Store.

As in recent years, the current O'Neill Development float depicts a scale replica of an Irish cottage complete with thatched roof that was constructed by a professional English Thatcher. Irish lace curtains and stucco with the theme "God Bless Our Irish American Heritage." Over the last several years the cottage

has been refurbished and when not in the Washington, D.C. parade it resides in the O'Neill construction year.

Brendan O'Neill, Sr. states, "We really enjoy participating in the parade and, as year go by, the generation of children who have rode on any of our earlier floats are now carrying their children in the parade. It's a great tradition."

Tradition? Yes. And we'd like to thank O'Neill Development for being a great part of our tradition with the Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade, "The Nation's Parade."

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Monsignor R. Joseph Dooley – A Lifetime of Serving Others

By Ken Cox (reprinted with permission)

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On the fire ground, Father Dooley could usually be located at, or near, Rescue Squad 1. He was usually in the company of another friend of the D.C. firefighters and police officers...Dr. Victor Esch, Sr. If Car 14 went "on the air" you could almost bet the farm that the next radio transmission would be from "Car 22" or vice versa. If you spotted one, the other wasn't far behind. And they wouldn't be hard to spot.

Dr. Esch would be wearing his white coat and rescue squad type helmet and Father Dooley, his white coat and white aluminum helmet with a cross on the front.

It was not unusual, on a Friday or Saturday night, to see Squad One roll in on a box and three firefighters, resplendent in the "nod & shake goggles," "Ramar of the Jungle" type helmets and McCaa masks strapped across their chests, alight from the back of the squad wagon...followed by Father Dooley and Dr. Esch.

R. Joseph Dooley was a native son. Born and raised in the District, Joseph Dooley went to St. Gabriel's and St. John's College High School. Feeling the call to religious service, he attended St. Charles College and St. Mary's Seminary. In 1960 he was ordained at The Cathedral of St. Matthew. Father Dooley served in several parishes both in and around the District of Columbia.

In 1963 he was appointed assistant chaplain of the Catholic Police and Fireman's Society and became chaplain in 1968, a post he held until 1988.

In 1971 chaplain Dooley was made an honorary member of Local 36 and presented with a white helmet marked with a cross and the words "Chaplin" on the leather front.

He was the founder and first president of the International Conference of Police Chaplains from 1973-1975.

As a result of his research, in 1972 the

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Metropolitan Police Department published a handbook entitled *The Police Chaplain*.

In 1984 he was appointed a prelate honor with the title of Monsignor. As Monsignor, he held many administrative positions within the archdiocese. It complemented his calling that during his last years of ministry he was the coordinator of Pastoral Care of Sick and Retired Priests.

On October 2, 2002 Monsignor R. Joseph Dooley entered into his eternal rest. A funeral mass was offered by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

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The Washington Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honored Harrison with the Ted Yates Award for outstanding community service. In addition she has received several Emmy Awards and accolades for her work, including the International Film and TV Festival of New York award for the special she produced, "The Healing of Kuwait."

Wednesday's Child is but an example of her accomplishments. Barbara Harrison has set the standard for others to follow. The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is proud to honor Barbara Harrison, as its 2004 Gael of the Year.

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1999 **Denis Mulcahy**
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1998 **Hal Roach**
Ireland's International Humorist

1997 **Thomas R. Donohue**
Labor Relations Organizer

1996 **Capt. Scott O'Grady, USAF**
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1988 **Carmencita Hederman**
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1987 **Helen Hayes**
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1986 **Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr.**
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1985 **Eunice Kennedy Shriver**
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1984 **Cyril Count McCormack**
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1983 **Frances T. Shea**
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1982 **Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke OP**
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1981 **Samuel W. Bogley**
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1980 **James P. Gleason**
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1979 **Walter F. McArdle**
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1977 **George Meany**
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1976 **Patrick J. Hayes**
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1975 **William T. Hannan**
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1974 **William T. Hannan**
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PAST PARADE GAELS

2003 Joyce & John Flynn
2002 No Gael Selected
2001 Alice Murphy Johnson
2000 Frank J. Herbert
1999 John Cosgrove
1998 Patrick William Cady
1997 Paul L. Berry
1996 Father Eugene E. Riordan
1995 Father John Adams
1994 Matt Hannon
1993 Carol Wheeler
1992 Bruce Morrison
1991 Howard McClennan
1990 Susan Kelly Long
1989 Manus "Jack" Fish
1988 Mickey Brennan
1987 Brendan Sheridan
1986 Monsignor R. Joseph Dooley
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1982 Cornelius J. Coakley
1981 Charles T. Lucey
1980 Harry & Margaret Schrecengost
1979 Margaret Coakley
1978 Peggy Hannon O'Neill
1977 Sean Coakley
1976 No Gael Selected
1975 Charles Carey & John A.K. Donovan

TRIBUTE TO STEVE LYNCH

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I found Steve to be a most kind and generous man. A prime example I can share is that when I would be selling raffle tickets Steve would always buy one from me (even if he had bought oodles from other). Steve is sorely missed in our Irish American community but it looks like God wanted him more.

Alice Johnson, 2001 Grad of the Year and Parade Committee member

We feel the loss of Steve in a myriad of different ways. For over 30 years he was truly part of our family. Steve met Miles' dad, Mr. Mac, in the early 1970's when they worked together on the House Small Business Committee. They quickly became close friends, drawn together by common interests – the legislative process, history, politics, small business, and the Washington Redskins! Their friendship and respect for each other grew stronger each year. Steve introduced Miles and Karen, attended our wedding and all the birthday parties and anniversary celebrations thereafter. He never forgot any of us on important occasions. We shared our Redskin tickets with him and even traveled to a Super Bowl together. We have so many memories of the times we shared with Steve and thinking about those occasions helps us feel a little less sad. But, we really miss being able to call Steve and talk to him about politics, the world scene, sports, and life's problems in general. He was such a good friend – the kindest, most generous person we have ever known. In terms of our family, no one can take his place. Steve was special.

Karen, Miles and Martin MacIntyre

1988 Dublin Millennium Parade

I was lucky enough to travel with Steve and quite a few Parade Committee members (several of who have passed on), to Ireland for the Millennium Parade in Dublin. Not only was the trip memorable for obvious reasons, but the fun and excitement of those of us who had never made the trip before was a blast. The people we met and places we traveled to were truly special, made all the more so by Steve's hand in planning it and introducing us to Ireland as only a true Irishman can do. It was and always will remain on of the best adventures of my life!

M. Susan Gundling, Parade Committee member

Nobody who knew him well considered Steve just a "friend". He was a "great friend" or a "close friend", or if you were lucky a "best friend".

Where friends and even acquaintances were concerned, nothing escaped his attention. Presiding over a crowded and boisterous fundraiser at Murphy's a few years ago, his expression grew serious. With hundreds of things going on all around him, I wondered what he was focusing on. He motioned to one of the waiters. Pointing to an elderly woman that probably no one else in the entire room had noticed, he said quietly to the waiter "Mrs. Burns over there needs a chair".

Steve's deep patriotism led him to collect all things American – books, stamps, autographs, newspapers, programs, you name it. He invariable described his latest acquisition of Americana, often a scrap of paper, with boundless enthusiasm.

And baseball. Steve loved all sports, but baseball was his favorite. In the last decade or so, his focus was on the Negro Leagues. Characteristically, his interest soon turned to helping the remaining Negro Leaguers – none of them younger than 70 – improve their retirements and receive a fair share of the money being made on Negro League memorabilia. He found someone to build a web site for them, gratis. He got lawyers and accountants straightening out all sorts of problems to donate time. And he held benefit auctions for them. To attend one of these auctions was to glimpse the enormous respect and affection Steve and these men had for one another.

There are lots and lots of stories. For Steve Lynch was indeed "always a pleasure."

Jim Morrison, Small Business colleague

Steve and I shared our love of small business and our Irish heritage. He was a champion of small business, serving on the House Small Business Committee. His small business accomplishments are numerous. Among them are guiding Equal Access to Justice and Regulatory Flexibility legislation to law.

I was honored to have Steve as a friend. I regret that I did not join the Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Parade when Steve was involved in it. As a legacy to him, I have joined the Parade Committee. It is the one thing I can do for him.

Steve is greatly missed. He will always be remembered by his many friends in the small business and Irish communities.

Susan Wellhoff, Small Business colleague

Steve Lynch was bright, warm and personable with a facility to make things happen. Helen Hayes was our Grand Marshal for the parade in 1987 and I mentioned that my father had grown up in the same neighborhood with Helen Hayes. Steve said will your Dad be at the Parade breakfast? I realized this was a request not a question so I said, of course. My father and

Helen Hays were introduced by Mr. Lynch at the breakfast and both were delight to revisit an earlier period and catch up. I remember Steve smiling after they embraced at the Parade breakfast on the Hill. Steve always went the extra mile for most of us and I will be eternally grateful.

Joe Barry, Parade Committee member

Patrick Cody and Steve Lynch

Steve had a great network of friends and associates that he shared freely. If you were looking for a job, a recommendation or just a ticket to a special event, Steve was your first call. I've gained many friends through my association with Steve. I will remember fondly and forever a hand written letter that he sent to me. My parents died within a month of each other in '89 and I was heartbroken. The message he sent about my parents' deaths in his well crafted letter lifted my spirit and helped to heal my heart…Thanks, Steve. I still have the letter.

Pat Garvey, Irish Musician & Owner, Mrs. O'Leary's Restaurant & Irish Pub

I had the opportunity to know Steve Lynch well when we both worked for the House Judiciary Committee hearing on the impeachment of President Nixon and the Subcommittee hearings on President Ford's pardon of President Nixon.

Steve was a man of great good humor with a remarkable sense, for a young man, of the importance of the historical record. While we intellectually knew what we were witnessing was historic, Steve felt it emotionally as well. I also remember his admiration for Ronald Reagan. One day he called excitedly and asked if I could come down to the hearing room immediately with a camera as Governor Reagan, who was running for President, was in the building and had agreed to pose for a picture with Steve. I dashed down to find both of them standing in front of the hearing room doors, with Steve talking with Governor Reagan. During the primary Governor Reagan's principle rival was Governor Rockefeller. As I was about to take the photo, I said "Alright Steve, just move a little closer to Governor Rockefeller". After a nanosecond, Governor Reagan saw the joke and burst into a broad smile, as did Steve, which I capture on film. When the Governor was later shaking my hand he said with great good humor something to the effect: "That was a good one, you almost got me."

I miss Steve, but I am fortunate to have very rich memories of him.

John Boehert, Capitol Hill colleague

Steve worked in my office in the early to mid 1970's. I held him in the highest regard as a researcher. I obtained his services free for three months as a congressional intern from St. Louis University. I clearly recall his job interview over lunch in a "Steak and Shake" restaurant in St. Louis County. I was accompanied by Pete Steiner, my press man. Steve always remembered, and Steiner never forgot, that I let *Steiner* pick up the check.

Steve came to my congressional office and worked for the staff of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice. His outstanding research on the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Special Prosecutor Legislation, and investigation of President Nixon's firing of Attorney Archibald Cox, the pardon of Richard Nixon by President Ford. This involved some procedural questions of first impression as Ford was the first documented appearance of a sitting President before a House Committee. When President Ford appeared for his hearing on October 17, 1974, there was tremendous interest by many to attend and film this hearing. Steve had to deal with these many matters, for which there were no previous guidelines. His performance was one of which we could all be proud. The morning of the hearing came and the cameras and seat assignments had been made. The hearing room set to begin. Steve spotted paper cups set next to the water pitchers. Steve asked, "Are you going to have the President of the United States appear and drink from a paper cup?" Steve righted it by placing a regular glass at the President's seat before the committee hearing started.

In 1988, Steve was called from his retirement to assist Chairman Henry Hyde and the House Judiciary Committee once more. This was occasioned in part by the fact Steve had the most complete record and recollection of procedures in the Nixon Impeachment proceedings. I cite this later work of Steve's to show what complete faith both Republican and Democratic Members, i.e. Chairman Hyde and myself in the competence and high ethical standard held by Steve Lynch

Retired U. S. District Judge William Hungate

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According to Mr. Lynch, I was the first person he met in the Washington area. I was working for a Congressman for whom it was rumored had three staffs, one coming, one going, and one there. A tense environment at times. Stephen said I was rude to him. Didn't mean to be, but I was very close to the door. This was the beginning of a treasured friendship He lived life fully. He was curious and politically astute. His kindnesses are legendary. He was a people collector. All with a sense of humor. He was my friend.

Pat McBride, Parade Committee Member

So many wonderful moments spent together. Pageantry, celebrating and making Irish American history, happy times and sad days, too. These memories are now more precious and will make me smile again and again.

Peggy O'Beirne, Chairman of the American Foundation for Irish Heritage and Parade Committee member

Steve will always be remembered for all the different lives he touched. His favorite niece Beth remembered him in a special way at her recent wedding. We definitely know he was there in spirit. His favorite nephew, Mike has also remembered him in a special way.

To us he was the best brother, brother-in-law and uncle anyone could ever hope for and to others the friend everyone wishes they had one in their lifetime.

Heaven is probably having a great St. Patrick's Day Parade this year personally organized by the man himself, Steve.

Always loved and always a pleasure.

Diana, Jay, Mike, Beth and Joe

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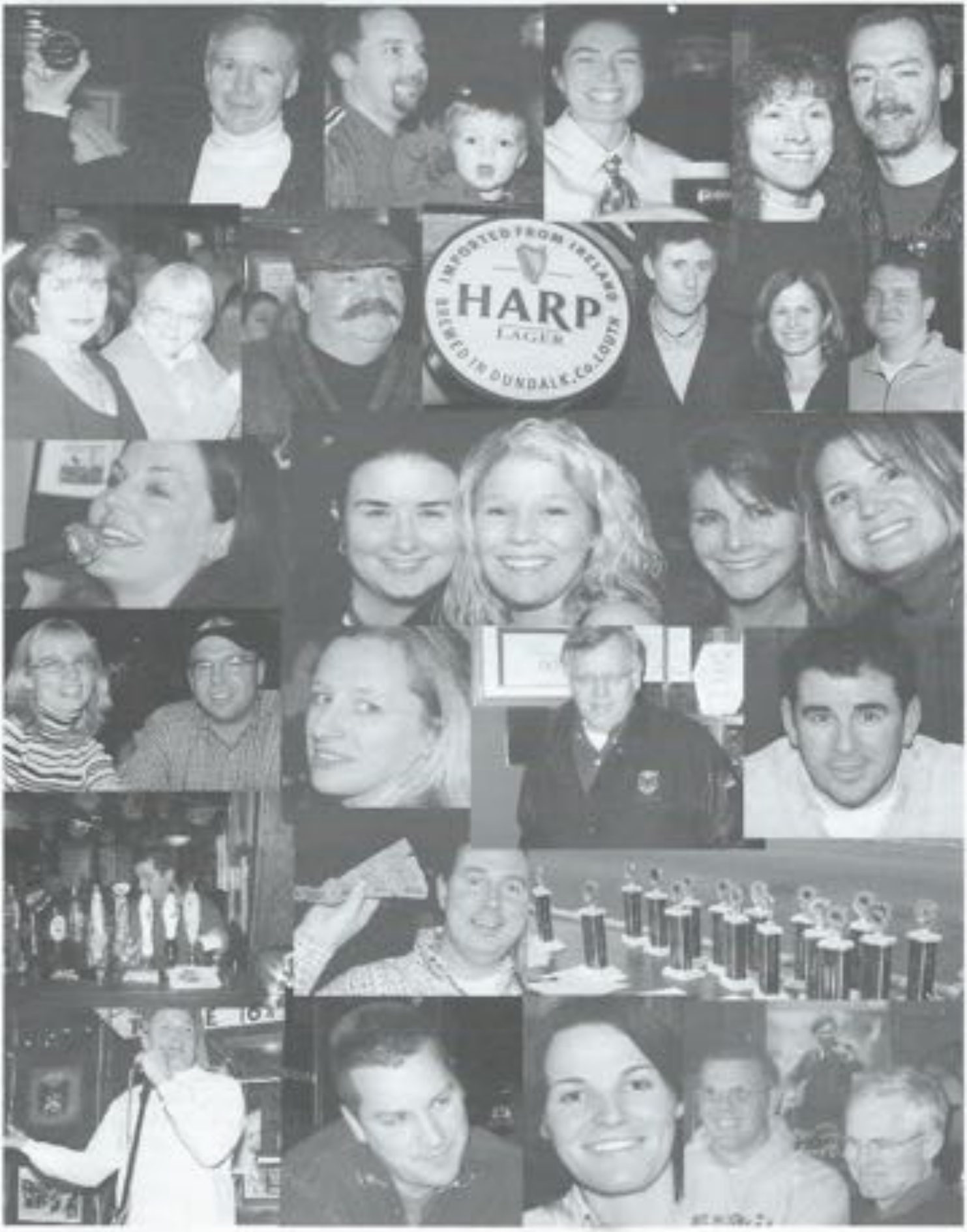
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As of the end of January 2004, the show had been instrumental in the capture of 777 fugitives (including fifteen from the FBI's most wanted list) and the return of more than thirty missing children, including Salt Lake City's Elizabeth Smart.

The Fall of 2002 saw the premiere of The John Walsh Show, a daily one-hour talk show with a focus on victims, families, and children. John and his guests discuss topics such as the effects of crime on victims, what motivates criminals and ways that families can stay safe. The goal of the program is to show Americans that they can have an impact on society.

Despite the time and effort required to host two television shows, John still works tirelessly for legislative change and public awareness. One current endeavor is for the addition of a victims' rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Currently, while criminal defendants have almost two dozen separate constitutional rights-fifteen of them provided by amendments to the U.S. Constitution-there is not a single word in the Constitution about crime victims. The amendment has been endorsed by Presidents Clinton and Bush, by 49 of 50 governors, and by members of Congress in both parties.

John is also working to persuade the FCC to reorganize the communications spectrum so that there are separate blocks of spectrum for public safety and wireless carriers. Currently, interference from cell phones results in dropped calls and garbled communications, jeopardizing first responders and the communities they protect.

John has often been honored for his continual efforts to assure that Adam did not die in vain. In 1988 he was named the US Marshal's Man of the Year, and in 1990 he received the FBI's highest civilian award. He has been honored at the White House four times by three U.S. Presidents (Clinton, Bush and Reagan). "CBS Poetraits" included him in its list of 1000 Americans who changed history.

The Walsh's live in Washington with their children, Meghan, Callahan and Hayden.

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John P. Dwyer, continued

He also serves as the Eastern Region Vice President of PATCO (Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization). John is a member of the GCIU (Graphic Communications International Union), Police Emerald Society of the Washington Area and the FOP Lodge#1 as well as several other union and community organizations. John resides in Springfield, Virginia with his wife of twenty-three years, Kathleen Schofield Dwyer. They have three children, Jennie, John III (JP) and Kelly.

Shaun Fitzpatrick, continued

In the mid seventies Shaun founded Corporate Impressions, an advertising specialty and premium distributorship to supplement his marketing company.

Shaun was a charter member and past president of the Chesapeake Promotional Products Association, a six state regional trade association serving the industry in the surrounding markets. His involvement with the membership of this association prompted him to change his position in the industry from a distributor to a manufacturer.

In 1993 he purchased a computer controlled laser and started another company LightSpeed Laser which is located in the North Beltsville Industrial Complex between Washington and Baltimore. LightSpeed Laser produces promotional products, corporate gifts and awards for over 30 distributors in the area.

Shaun, now in his mid fifties, looks forward to reducing his work load and slowly passing the reigns of the company over to his son Ryan. Hopefully, this will enable him to spend more time with his grandson David, his daughter Regan, and her husband Wilmar.

After his father's death, Shaun found a way to honor his Dad when Steve Lynch initiated his involvement with the parade committee. The jade crystal award produced by Shaun and his son Ryan is a gift from the Fitzpatrick Family in memory of Tom Fitzpatrick and is presented to the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade each year.

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