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WOMAN HELD IN STAB MURDER



PROBE: Victim Wayne McQuillan (right) meets hero John Aldridge

By **Fiona Ellis** and **Elaine Keogh**

A MAN has been stabbed to death at his home in the country's first murder of 2014.

Wayne McQuillan (30) died less than three hours into the new year.

A 40-year-old woman was arrested by gardai after the victim - a lifelong Liverpool

fan - was stabbed in the neck and chest.

A seven-year-old boy was in the house at Rathmullen Park, Drogheda, Co Louth at the time of the incident early yesterday morning. The hallway was said to be covered in blood.

Following a delay of almost half an hour for ambulance services, gardai rushed McQuillan to hospital in a patrol car.

However, he later died from his injuries. The arrested woman was being still being questioned by gardai last night.

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ENGAGED: Rory McIlroy and Caroline Wozniacki are said to be unlikely to get married this year due to their packed schedules in 2014 **SEE PAGE 3**

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IN BRIEF

Name change plan scrapped

PLANS for a Welsh village to change the spelling of its name – so it would sound like “errr fart egg” – have been binned.

Varteg in Torfaen faced the prospect of a new monicker over a language gaffe made hundreds of years ago. In Welsh, there is no letter V – although the same sound is produced by the single letter F.

Locals feared the Welsh version would make them the butt of people’s jokes.

Police foil drug smuggling bid

JAMAICAN police foiled an attempt to smuggle marijuana through an island airport in wheelchairs.

Two wheelchair-bound Jamaican men were arrested at Kingston’s international airport as they tried to board a flight to the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao.

One man had 18lbs of pot stuffed inside the wheelchair seat and the other man had four pounds of marijuana hidden in his suitcase.

Politician hits ducks with car

A US politician has apologised after being quizzed by police for driving into a group of ducks outside a hotel, killing some.

New Hampshire representative David Campbell says he accidentally ran over the ducks. A witness called police to say he was feeding the ducks when Mr Campbell drove by hitting them.

Mr Campbell left the scene before police arrived and was questioned later.

Legacy of brave adventurer Ian lives on at orphanage

By **Conor Feehan**

A YEAR after his death mountaineer Ian McKeever is remembered with an orphanage in Africa.

The family of the adventurer and fundraiser, who died after being struck by lightning on Mount Kilimanjaro a year ago today, have revealed their delight that an orphanage has been built in his name in Tanzania.

His cousin Judy McKeever spoke of how she met a friend of his while on a trip to Africa to visit the orphanage, and how she cried with pride when she saw all he had achieved.

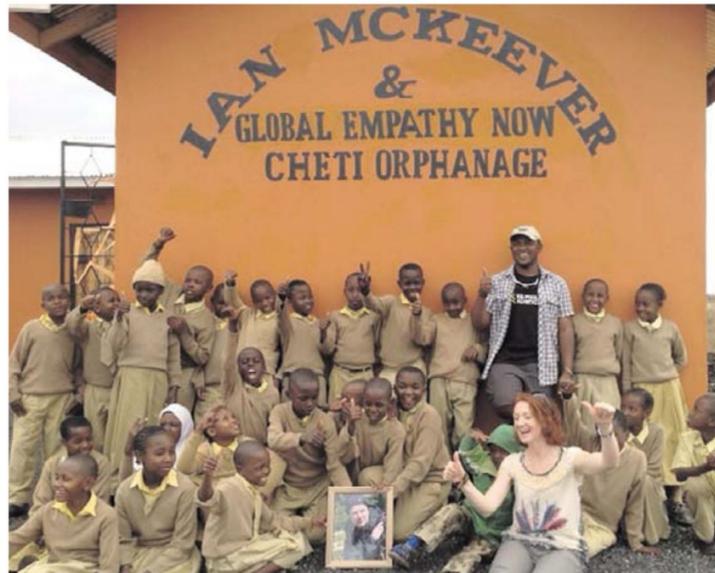
Ian was 42 when he was stuck by the lightning bolt in a freak tragedy on the African mountain on January 2 last year.

CLIMBING

His fiancée Anna O’Loughlin was also injured and had to be helped down the mountain by rescue teams before being transported to a local hospital in Moshi for treatment.

Twelve months on from the record-breaking mountain climber’s death, the good work continues in his memory in the form of an orphanage built by his climbing group, Kilimanjaro Achievers.

“Ian’s dream for the orphanage stemmed from his passion for youth health and empowerment through education, both here in Ireland and in Africa.”



TOUCHING TRIBUTE: The orphanage and (inset) Ian with his partner Anna O’Loughlin



“After Ian’s sudden death, his friend Mike O’Shea took up the baton of leading Kilimanjaro Achievers to the summit

of Kilimanjaro. “He committed to not only fulfilling the promises Ian had made in terms of the climbs, but also to complete his dream for the orphanage and to leave a lasting legacy in Ian’s name in the place he loved so much,” said Judy.

“The focus for 2014 is to complete the kitchen and toilets for the orphanage and to add a library for the school,” she added.

A plaque in Ian’s memory has been placed on the wall of the orphanage. One of Ian’s friends, Dave Burke, told the *Herald* the realisation that his achievements in his short time made such an impact to so many people that it has given his family and close friends a huge sense of pride, and created some comfort as they dealt with their loss.

CLOSE

“Ian’s family, in contrast to the public life Ian had, lead a very private life. And due to Ian’s humble nature and disposition, he was never one to brag about the connections or achievements he had made in his professional career,” said Dave.

“This was down to the fact that when Ian was with his family and close friends he just wanted to be the Ian they always knew him as, and do the things he liked to do in what little spare time he had, like going to the gym, or watching some big game with his pals,” he added.

BATON

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Hurling fan Dolores gets hands on McCarthy cup

By **Kirsty Blake Knox**



UP FOR CUP: Singer Dolores O’Riordan with Clare hurling boss Davy Fitzgerald

TWO national treasures were united at Shannon airport on New Year’s morning. Cranberries singer Dolores O’Riordan was delighted she got the chance to hold the Liam McCarthy Cup while travelling through the airport.

The singer was on her way back to Toronto after performing a killer set at Limerick’s NYE concert.

At the same time the All-Ireland winning Clare senior hurling team and manager Davy Fitzgerald were getting ready to fly to the Mexican resort of Cancun for their team holiday.

KNOWLEDGE

And according to airport officials, Dolores was delighted she got the chance to lift the cup. “She was thrilled to hold the cup,” a spokesperson said.

“She was explaining the history of the cup to her husband Don and recounting old All-Ireland matches. She went as far back as Noel Skehan. Everyone was really impressed with her knowledge of hurling.”

Dolores and her family moved back to

Ireland when she began working on The Voice of Ireland but have subsequently returned to Toronto. She wasn’t the only hurling fan to wish the team bon voyage, as 300 fanatical fans turned up at Shannon to see the Clare champions on their way.

Boss Fitzgerald was the first to arrive at the airport and said the team were looking forward to the break.

“We are so looking forward to this, you could not believe it,” he said. “The lads have put in an absolutely massive year for their county and they so deserve this break.”

“They have put smiles on so many people’s faces this year and the Clare people have responded brilliantly by helping us to fundraise for this trip.”

“We have a long year before us and every other county out there will be looking to take the McCarthy Cup off us so God knows we’ll need the rest.”

“Hurling fans have just had an incredible year but I think 2014 could be every bit as good. If anything Clare has shown that if you believe in yourself, anything is possible.”

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Hospitals taking in over €1m in car parking fees

By **Michael Brennan**

SIX of the country’s biggest hospitals are raking in over €1m per year from car park charges.

And many of the country’s hospitals are making three times more from hourly parking charges than it costs them to operate the facilities.

But families and friends visiting patients in seven hospitals around the country are in the lucky situation of having free parking facilities.

The biggest earner in the country from hospital car park charges is Cork University Hospital, which took in almost €3m in 2012. It made a profit of €572,000 once costs were taken into account.

CHARGES

St James’s Hospital in Dublin took in almost €1.8m in car park charges and was left a profit of €1.3m after costs.

St Vincent’s University Hospital, which has been at the centre of the executive salary top-ups controversy, took in €1.78m, while Tallaght Hospital earned €1.5m.

However, Tallaght insisted

CAR PARKING INCOMES AT DUBLIN HOSPITALS	
Tallaght Hospital	€1.5m income/ €1.5m costs
Coombe Women’s Hospital	€187,956 income/ costs not provided
St Colmcille’s Hospital Loughlinstown	€166,767 income/ €29,608 costs
St James’s Hospital	€1,795,799 income/ €428,855 costs
St Michaels	€103,805 income/ €97,162 costs
St Vincent’s University Hospital Elm Park	€1,784,000 income/ €1,726,000 costs
National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street (Staff Car Park only)	€43,000 income/ €20,000 once-off cost
Beaumont Hospital	€822,654 income (no costs to hospital – this is payment from private operator)
Connolly Hospital	€605,206 income/no costs to hospital
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	€31,811 income/ €6,980 costs
Rotunda Hospital	€75,900 income/ €41,750 costs
Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital Crumlin	– HSE still awaiting information

All figures are for 2012. Figures by the HSE supplied to Fine Gael Limerick County TD Patrick O’Donovan in response to a parliamentary question about car park charges and income. First figure is the income earned from car park charges in 2012 and second figure is the cost of providing it.

that all the money went towards the cost of the service, while St Vincent’s said that it was only left with €58,000 after costs were accounted for.

It said this would go towards car park repair works as well as higher future loan repayments for the car park.

Hospitals with large income streams from their car parks include Waterford Regional Hospital (€1.4m) and Galway University Hospital (€1m).

The fees, which have been dubbed “a tax on the sick”, have become an important revenue stream for hospitals struggling

to provide their car parking service.

He said it showed the huge disparity in how much hospitals around the country were earning from car park charges.

“I have no problems with hospitals charging for parking. But I certainly think there should be a standard parking charge. Parking charges are higher in Dublin so the cost could be regionalised,” he said.

REVENUE

Cork University Hospital has said that the revenue of almost €3m it generates from car parking is an essential element of hospital funding and contributes to the overall hospital budget for staff, medicines, equipment and maintenance.

Mr O’Donovan said he would like to see hospitals putting up information next to car park charging machines about what the money was being used for.

“If people are being charged for car parks, then they should know the €1.5m is going into refurbishment of buildings in the hospital,” he said.

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Colorado has gone to pot for first legal joints

By **Kristen Wyatt**

THE first recreational marijuana industry in the US has opened in Colorado, kicking off an experiment that will be watched closely around the world.

Activists hope to prove that legalisation is a better alternative than the costly American-led war on drugs.

“Honestly, I thought I’d never see the day,” said a giddy Errin Reaume, who shared hits of concentrated marijuana at a 1920s-themed “Prohibition Is Over” party in Denver.

Sceptics worry the industry will make the drug more widely available to teens, even though legal sales are limited to adults over 21.

Colorado voters in 2012 approved the legal pot industry. Washington state has its own version, which is scheduled to open in mid-2014.

Pot advocates have argued a legal market would generate revenue for states and save money by not having to lock up so many drug offenders.

Colorado set up an elaborate plant-tracking system to try to keep the drug away from the black market, and regulators set up packaging, labelling and testing requirements, along with potency limits for edible pot.

Marijuana is still illegal under federal law, but the US Justice Department outlined an eight-point slate of priorities for pot



DEAL: First sale in Denver

regulation, requiring states to keep the drug away from minors, criminal cartels, federal property and other states in order to avoid a federal crackdown.

MICROSCOPE

“We understand that Colorado is under a microscope,” Jack Finlaw, lawyer to Governor John Hickenlooper, and overseer of a major task force to chart new pot laws, recently told reporters.

A group of addiction counselors and physicians said they were seeing more marijuana addiction problems, especially in youths.

They also said that wider availability of the drug would exacerbate the problem.

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