



Scrumptious school lunch

The elite garda who hunted down over 60 republican dissidents since 2009 talks for first time... and insists the IRA are criminals lining their own pockets with no 'military structure'

EX SPECIAL BRANCH CHIEF: MY VERDICT ON THE IRA

A FORMER Garda intelligence chief has told the Irish Mail on Sunday the Provisional IRA does not exist in any meaningful way in the south and that it has no 'military structure' remaining. In his first interview since retiring last year, Kevin Donohoe, who ran the force's elite anti-terrorism unit, hit out at media coverage that suggested the Garda Commissioner

By **Debbie McCann**

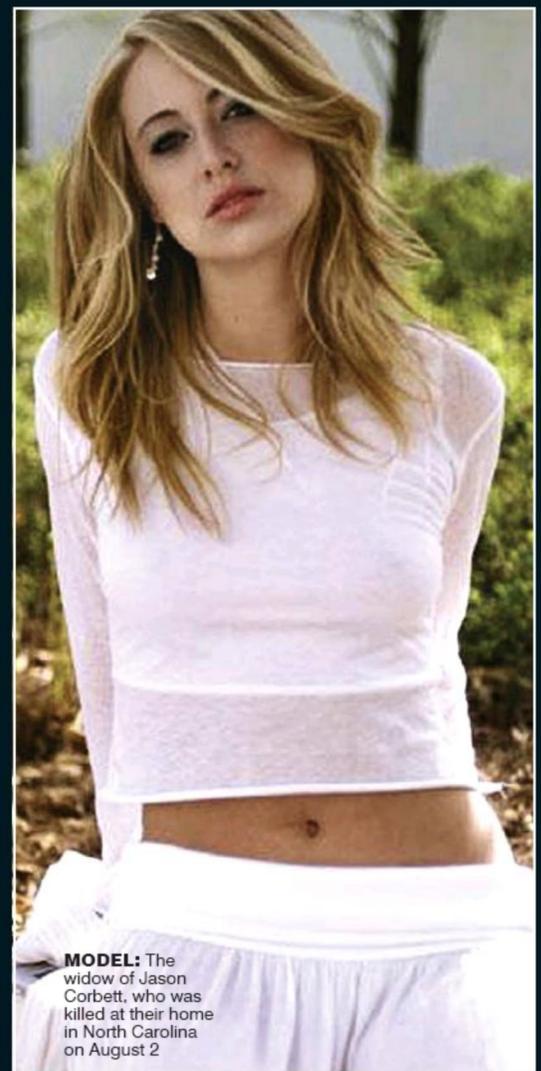
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was operating in an 'intelligence vacuum'. His comments follow a week of political controversy prompted by PSNI Chief Constable George Hamilton claiming that members of the IRA were involved in the killing of Belfast republican Kevin McGuigan. Though Mr Hamilton said the kill-

ing was not sanctioned by the leadership he said some IRA 'organisational infrastructure continues to exist'.

This led to the UUP announcing its intention to withdraw from the Northern Irish Assembly - sparked media criticism of Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan who was on the record as saying there was 'no information or intelligence to support the

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MODEL: The widow of Jason Corbett, who was killed at their home in North Carolina on August 2

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Autism group for children now moves to help over-18s

THE children's autism services supported by Keith Duffy is expanding into adult care in response to the crisis in services.

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In spite of new funding last year, families of teenagers turning 18 and needing to move from special schools to adult services are still in limbo.

One family highlighted in the Irish Mail on Sunday last week is faced with a possible 80-km daily journey as local services are no longer available.

The Portzia family in Dublin had been told their 18-year-old daughter Francesca could have daycare near her home. But just two weeks ago they were told the only option is

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Head of Irish Autism Action Kevin Whelan said: 'The over-18s sector is a huge challenge the HSE is struggling with. We are in the process of com-

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Dolores settles one case, and gears up for a bigger one

IT EMERGED on Friday that Dolores O'Riordan of the Cranberries has been summoned to court over an alleged air rage incident.

But while that case, which stems from an alleged incident when Ms O'Riordan was on a flight from New York last November, looms, it seems another long-running court dispute between her and her former songwriting partner has ended.

She initiated a High Court action against Noel Hogan, her former Cranberries bandmate, in 2013.

The pair, along with Mike Hogan and Fergal Lawler, resurrected The Cranberries in 2009 after almost seven years apart.

The band went their separate ways in 2003 after selling in the region of 40 million records worldwide, but Hogan said in a 2012 interview that he and O'Riordan continued to write songs together.

'We did the reunion tour, we started at the end of 2009, but Dolores and I had been writing for a few years before that, not knowing whether it would be a Cranberries album or what it would be,' he said at the time.

In 2013, she took a legal action against him. It has never been clear what the



CRANBERRY: Dolores O'Riordan

dispute was about but according to High Court records the case has now ended, and a motion to strike out the case was finalised on August 8.

Neither she nor Hogan has ever spoken about the case.

Meanwhile, Dolores faces prosecution for an alleged assault on two airport police officers and a garda at the airport and a further summons for resisting arrest at Shannon Airport.

The case is listed for Ennis District Court on Wednesday September 2.



Pixie squares up to the Rats

BOB GELDOF has returned to performing recently with the revival of the Boomtown Rats - and now he faces some homespun competition from daughter Pixie. She signed to Stranger Records in January, and is now ready to unveil music from her new album, due in October.

Pixie, 24, has been teasing us on Instagram, posting pictures and videos from the recording

studio. The return of Bob's youngest daughter to music-making comes after she took a break from the project in March last year to cope with the death of sister Peaches. Pixie, left, was previously lead singer of the band Violet, which hasn't released a single since 2012.

Let's hope she has better luck with her solo career, and more longevity than the Rats.

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EXPECT fierce rivalry on the new X Factor - and that's just between the judges. It seems Simon Cowell is getting catty with Cheryl Fernandez Versini, right - literally. Insiders say the former golden girl of Cowell was livid during filming of auditions because Cowell is said to be ensuring her comments don't make the final cut. Sources say

he goes 'meow' during her comments, which then have to be cut. 'He then copies what she said and he gets the comment,' says a mole. 'When a girl's on stage and she says, "I didn't quite like the voice", he goes "meow".' They fell out in 2011, when he axed her from US X Factor. But a spokesman dismissed the claim, saying: 'Simon and Cheryl both do this as a joke, to wind each other up.'

LET us put fans of the IT-age Holmes series at ease. Benedict Cumberbatch will NOT call his new baby with wife Sophie Hunter, pictured right, either Sherlock, Watson or even Moriarty, as some bizarre Twitter comments have been suggesting. No, the Diary can reveal they finally got a move on, considering the child was born on June 1, and settled on a bit of alliteration with Christopher Carleton Cumberbatch. Christopher was a character



played in TV drama Parade's End, while Carleton is a family middle name shared by Benedict and his actor father Timothy.

New chin and now a new man for Tiffany

LAST week model Tiffany Stanley unveiled her new chin to the world. And now other chins are wagging about her new man.

Tiffany herself, right, told the Diary that she has found a new beau stateside: 'Yes, I am dating someone,' she said.

But while the petite model has plans to get new teeth, she is keeping her mouth shut on the identity of her new man. 'It's early days, so I don't want to jinx it.' But sources have said that she is dating a businessman whom she met in Los Angeles.

Kildare beauty Tiffany left Ireland last year in pursuit of the American Dream. And it seems she has settled into LA life (the cosmetic surgery would certainly suggest she has gone native).

This weekend she jetted to Vegas where she partied at The Wynne Nightclub, a favourite haunt of Prince Harry.

And while we are sure the royal isn't her new man, it seems she may have found her Prince Charming.



XPOSE presenter Lisa Cannon is Italy bound next week for her wedding. The TV3 presenter is to marry her rugby beau Richard Kealty in style next Saturday. Glenda Gilson has said that she will be heading out for the wedding. Karen Koster is also on the guest list. Lisa will be honeymooning in Mauritius.



GORGEOUS George wasn't taking chances, of the commercial kind anyway, when launching his own tequila, Casamigos, with a decadent party in Ibiza last week - along with wife Amal all in gold, left, he is already flogging it in his own UK pub, the Bull Inn in Berkshire, for £4.85 a shot. That's about €6.50 to you and me. Mind-blowing before you even take a sip!

CONSIDERING the amount of cartoon characters that have graced some of the less-successful Irish film efforts down the years, it was only a matter of time before we got animated about, well, animation. Now, the latest success, Two By Two, the cute and clever story about the animals who didn't make it to Noah's Ark, is fast becoming one of the most successful Irish films ever, with an

international box office take, to date, of €5m. The producer Moe Honan is so excited that she and her team are now exploring the idea of a sequel and are also looking at the possibility of a TV series.



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