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St. Patricks Day



Tourism Ireland has made the incredible happen. According to The Irish Times, Tourism Ireland spent about €65,000 on promoting St. Patrick's Day all around the world. They the Great Wall of China to the London Eye, famous monuments all around the world were lit up with green lights.

St. Patrick's Day was a huge success with more than half a million peo-

ple watching the parade.. According to RTE, a record number of people took to the streets to celebrate the day around Ireland with 60,000 in Cork City, around 480,000 people in Dublin, 50,000 people in Galway, also an estimated 50,000 people in Limerick City.

- Jen Gordon

Zoolander 2 Announced on Valentino Runway

On the 11 March at Valentino's runway show in Jardin de Tuileries actors Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson also known as – Derek Zoolander and Hansel, owned the runway wearing a mix of pieces from Valentino's fall 2015 collection. The pair walked down the runway confirming the rumours of a second Zoolander movie. It is reported the film will see release on February 12, 2016. Ben Stiller also hijacked Jerome Jarre's Snapchat while Kate Mara, Cara Delevingne and Nicky Hilton enjoyed the show from the front row.

- Kate Gallagher





Aiken promotions are an entertainment promotions company based in Dublin and Belfast. The business is in charge of promoting and marketing live events such as concerts. sports events, music fes-

Last week, I finished my two weeks of work experience in 4FM. 4FM is a radio station that is situated beside The Point. In 4FM there were many shows that I could sit in on. But the show that was assigned to me was The Niall Boylan Show which runs from 1-3 PM. This show is extremely controversial so it was quite in-

Work Experience: Aiken Promotions

tivals and professional wrestling. Promotion companies are in charge of promoting an act or event by using radio ads, posters, billboards, emailing lists, fly posting and on their social media pages such as Facebook and Twitter. During my week of work experience I was answering emails sent in with queries about concerts and other events, typing up radio schedules with the times that the ads promoting their acts will play, posting envelopes with concert tickets in them, typing up calendars with the upcoming events that they will be promoting and also I photocopied a bunch of invoices for different acts to give to their management as proof of where their money went. I learn all about the dif-

ferent areas of their business, marketing,

graphics, ticket management and online management. Also while I was there they held a telephone interview between Ed Sheeran and a couple of radio station. These interviews were recorded and were to be played the following day.

- Kate Gallagher

Work Experience: 4fm

teresting to listen to. As I was working in 4FM for two weeks, there was a lot mation about the latest of repetition in my work. However, I did get the opportunity to learn how to edit audio pieces from a Sydney radio station. At needed for the entertainfirst it was very tricky as there was a lot of technical information to take in which was sometimes confusing. On the last

day, I was assigned the job of looking up inforepisodes of Coronation Street, Eastenders, *Emmerdale* and *Fair* City. This research was ment department of the station. Overall I did not enjoy my work experience because I thought it was too repetitive and two weeks was too long for one place.

- Jen Gordon



Class A drugs made legal for 48 hours



Ireland was the subject of much controversy last week when a loophole was discovered in the 1977 Misuse of Drugs

Act. Drugs such as ecstasy and magic mushrooms were made legal for forty-eight hours after it was revealed that they had not been added to the legislation. Residents of inner city Dublin reported seeing people of all ages acting

strangely during the legalwindow, including one man who was "pretending to be a brick". After much discussion on social media, the drugs have been made illegal after an emergency bill was passed in the Oireachtas on Tuesday. They were made illegal by 12am last Thursday.

- Kate Malone

Molly Sterling in the 2015 Eurovision

Molly Sterling, a fifth year student in the school, has recently got through to represent Ireland in the 2015 Eurovision song contest. She will compete in the semi-finals on the 21 May 2015 with Portugal, Norway, Malta, the Czech Republic and 12 others. If she gets through to the final she will compete on the 23 May. Molly will be singing "Playing with Numbers", a song that she wrote herself. In November 2011 Molly won the Tipp Teen Idol contest winning a Popstar Studios recording prize. In June 2012 she came second in the Girl's Vocal Solo and the Kilkenny Music Festival. She won



second place in TV3's All Ireland Schools' Talent

Ireland Schools' Talent Search and last November she released her first EP, Strands of Heart. Best of luck to Molly and don't forget to vote for her!

- Keelin Burns

Chocolate Easter Egg Nest Cakes



Ingredients:

225 g plain chocolate, broken up 2 tbsp golden syrup 50g butter 75g cornflakes 36 Mini eggs

Method:

1.Line a 12 hole cupcake

tin with paper cases.

2.Melt chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a glass bowl over a pan of gently boiling water. Stir until smooth

3.Remove bowl and gently add cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate

the chocolate 4.Divide mixture between each case; press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each "nest". Chill in the fridge for an hour or until completely set.

- Keelin Burns

Wales crush grand slam hopes

Ireland's grand slam hopes were crushed by an inspiring Welsh performance in the Millennium Stadium last Saturday. The Welsh showed that a good start is in fact half the battle after scoring four penalties in the opening 13 minutes due to a mixture of poor discipline by Joe Schmidt's Ireland team and some strange refereeing from Wayne Barnes. Irelands fortunes improved in the second quarter with underperforming outhalf Johnny Sexton kick-

ing three penalties out of four. adding a lot more impetus A Dan Biggar drop goal left the score at 15-9 at half time.

Wales once again started the half as the better team and eventually got their reward after 62 minutes with a try from Scott Williams which surprisingly, was not converted by the usually flawless Leigh Halfpenny. Joe Schmidt made a few positive substitutions which completely changed the momentum of the game, with Eoin Reddan

and getting quicker ball for the Irish backs. After many phases Ireland were eventually awarded a penalty try to leave the stage set for a grandstand finish. They could not add to their tally of 16 points however, despite a yellow card for Welsh centre Jonathan Davies and the Welsh defence stood firm to give themselves a vital win.

So where does this leave Ireland heading into the final

round of fixtures? We need to hope that they can beat Scotland by a margin four points greater than the margin that England beat France by. Wales are outsiders with a much inferior points difference, however, they are playing Italy at home which always has the potential to be an extremely one sided affair.

- David Molloy

Ireland showing they are well able for Test Crick-



Cricket Ireland's performances in this year's Cricket World Cup are only further enhancing Ireland's big hopes to one day gain Test Cricket status. The Nation which is now by far the best of the 'Associate Nations' to compete in the competition is giving the ICC major cause for concern that they will eventually have to cave in to Ireland's big demands. The Irish charge is gaining massive momentum with this tournament merely the showcase for the team's great talent as they have already brushed aside other associate nation UAE and Test teams Zimbabwe and West Indies and serving up valiant performances against two of the tournament favourites South Africa and India. The impressive performances are not going unnoticed either with many big name players commenting on Ireland's ability and belief and that their quest for Test Cricket should be granted sooner rather than later.

Unfortunately, Ireland suffered a tragic blow to Pakistan in their last group game, losing to the Asian side by seven wickets thus knocking them out of the group on net run rate. Despite this their performances have been more than admirable and the team should be very proud of their efforts.

themselves on team performances rather than individual but if it wasn't for some very special individual performances they simply wouldn't be where they are today. Throughout the tournament we have been treated to several batting master classes from the stylish Ed Joyce, also very good knocks from Paul Stirling, Niall and Kevin O'Brien and St. Andrew's own Andrew Balbirnie have given the bowling attack plenty of runs to play with when defending these totals. On the bowling front, tight spells from Alex Cusack and spin duo George Dockrell and Andrew McBrine have insured they have put a lid on the opponents scoring options.

Irish Cricket couldn't be in a better position at the moment with the whole nation captivated by the country's performance and the twitter plug #backinggreen has been trending worldwide for several weeks since the competition started. Irish eyes were fixed on their television screens on Sunday morning to witness Ireland 's face off with Pakistan but no matter that the performance didn't end their way their performances during the tournament have given the country plenty to be proud of and the ICC a great deal of food for thought when dealing with Ireland in the future. Their prospects of Test Cricket will be growing day by day.

- Andrew Blair White

Ireland has always prided

Harrington Ends Barren Spell with Win in Florida

Padráig Harrington secured his first tournament win in 7 years at the Honda Classic in Florida last weekend. Harrington beat young American Daniel Berger after two play-off holes with a wonderfully struck three iron to within five feet of the seventeenth hole. The win, with prize money of \$1,098,000, is a huge boost to Padráig, who lost his PGA tour card last year and last won a tournament in 2008.

Harrington was pleased with the win, and the opportunities it presents him with. "All day, I was pretty good," he said. "I never once allowed myself to think what all this would mean if I won. I was playing on sponsors' invites [in the US] and a win means I won't have to do that anymore. This changes everything for the guts of three years – it gets cluding a new clothing me into the Masters. But I line released in Dunnes didn't think of that." Stores earlier this year.

The million dollars that came with his win at the Honda Classic saw him overtake Rory McIlroy on the PGA all-time winners list with total career earnings of \$23,618,515. Despite these massive earnings, Harrington has been forced to look for other ways to make money, including a new clothing line released in Dunnes Stores earlier this year. It just goes to show, even the best have return to their roots in order to survive.

- Brian Coronella

