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## What we must spend that €14bn on!



**Michael O'Leary**

"This government – in particular Eamon 'Hates Flynn' Ryan – are even bigger fools than I thought if they don't instantly use this money to build another four runways at Dublin Airport. If they don't, this shower clearly don't give a fiddler's about growing my bonus – er, I mean, Ireland's economy."



**Rory McIlroy**

"Sporting facilities are vital for a country's welfare. And with me not able to buy a win for the moment – even with €14bn – I propose building a state-of-the-art links course where the greens slope towards the hole. I surely won't be able to miss my putts then..."



**Kevin Bakhurst**

"This windfall couldn't have come at a better time. With RTE's finances in their most precarious position since last week, this money could help us continue providing our unique brand of widely ignored and underwhelming programming. At least for another two or three months."

### APPLE LAUNCH NEW TAX APP



Apple has launched a new app allowing multinationals to calculate how much tax they may owe under ECJ rulings. At a glitzy presentation in Silicon Valley, Tim Cook said the product proved hugely effective in totting up the €14 billion Apple owed Ireland in tax.

"It's also helpful for calculating the number of times Irish politicians put their foot in their mouth when discussing

corporate tax," Cook told tech reporters. "You'll also be able to add up how many times Rascal Donohoe and Simon Harass are asked about the recent ruling.

"Unfortunately, we don't yet have the technology to calculate how many Nations League games the Irish football team have lost, but we're working on it."

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### MORE TRAVEL ADVICE FROM MINISTER CLUELESS

Following on from his suggestion to brand Shannon Airport as Shannon (Dublin), the Junior Minister for Going Places, James Clueless, has issued more travel advice on how best to travel to destinations in Ireland.

Minister Clueless advises drivers with appointments in Dublin to park the car in Galway and "make your way on foot" to the capital.



"Dublin is very low on parking spaces, whereas Galway has lots of them," explains the politician. "It's a great way to enjoy our beautiful scenery while benefiting from exercise".

However the minister remains adamant that if cycling to Cork, travellers should leave the bike in Paris and hitch to... *(That's enough travel solutions for now – Ed.)*

### Exclusive Leo memoir extract

It wasn't easy being the greatest Taoiseach of all time. As usual, the papers were full of stories about me supposedly leaking stuff. Didn't they recognise my unique leadership capabilities? The fact that I'd overseen an unprecedented period of social progress and incredible economic prosperity?

As if that wasn't enough, my concern was Ireland's growing layabout culture. I'd resolved to be the Taoiseach for people who got up early in the morning. And yet, whenever I looked around our weekly parliamentary party meeting, people



were half-asleep – or even fully asleep in Eamon Ryan's case.

"Hey Leo, that chair looks very comfy," my coalition partner Micheál Martin piped up. "I'm looking forward to sitting in it."

"Funny, I was just thinking the same thing," said Simon Harris, pausing between Instagram updates.

It was then time to discuss Brexit, during which I'd shown phenomenal leadership to rave reviews on the international stage. It was tough work, plus I had to write another letter to Kylie Minogue... *(That's enough Leo – Ed.)*



## HEIMIR HALLGRÍMSSON



*"What a grisly spectacle"*  
STEPHEN KENNY

*"A shambolic production"*  
ROY KEANE



# BOTTLEJOB BOTTLEJOB

2024 A.D.

WHEN A MYSTERIOUS DENTIST ARRIVES FROM OVERSEES, FEW PEOPLE REALISE THE HORROR, THAT IS DOOMED TO UNFOLD. AFTER PRESIDING OVER A SERIES OF MASSACRES, MANY ARE ALREADY ASKING: HOW SOON WILL IT BE BEFORE HE'S DEAD AND BURIED?

### APPLE WINDFALL PLANS



We're debating what to spend the €14bn on



A pair of Oasis tickets?

## Those Football Review Committee findings:

- GAA still don't get the point over pay-per-view games
- Towel to be thrown in on the provincial championships
- Jarlath Burns denies he's running for Áras an Uachtaráin
- Usual suspects to keep hurling criticism at organisation
- Moving All-Ireland finals to July was terrible solo run
- Organisation powerless to tackle *Sunday Game* blandness
- No penalties for laughing at the FAI

## THAT €336K BIKE SHED



## Give and take at UK-Ireland 'reset' negotiations

- Britain takes back Rory McIlroy
- Ireland eases off a bit at Cheltenham
- RTÉ must take Tubridy back three days a week
- King Charles to throw in the sliothar for the next 10 All-Ireland hurling finals
- Michael D's head to appear on British 50c coins
- Fine Gael to be gradually subsumed into the British Tory Party
- Britain to screen every episode of *Fair City* as retribution for 1916

## The genius of Sally Rooney – exclusive!

By all broadsheet reviewers

To imagine the genius of Sally Rooney's new novel, *Intersnoozo*, one must first bring to mind the collected works of Flaubert, Dostoyevsky and Fitzgerald, combine them with *Citizen Kane* and *The Godfather*, and then add in the greatness of The Beatles and The Rolling Stones.



book, *Normal Rumpy-Pumpy*, results in viewers only wanting to discuss Paul Mescal's shorts.

Appalled by the cross reaction, she retreats from the spotlight to craft another stunningly original novel about Trinity graduates dismayed by the banality of modern life – with plenty of tastefully done sex scenes.

Such a description almost captures the epoch-defining majesty of Rooney's latest opus. The focus of the story is a 30-something Irish author, who becomes disillusioned with fame when the masterful TV adaptation of her classic

Rooney also scales new depths in the moving finale, in which the central character prays her new TV series isn't as spectacular a critical flop as *Riding With Friends*. (*That's enough Looney – Ed.*)

## Vape industry concerned by disposable politicians

The vape industry is proposing a ban on disposable politicians, with concern mounting about the damaging effects of 'no use' TDs. Cheap and addicted to power, the deputies are attempting to appeal to young people ahead of the next election.



"It's clear that the Government batteries are running low and they are entirely dependent on recycled policies.

"In addition, their ideas are flavour of the month and they repackage the same tired ideas in flashy manifestos that are quickly thrown out.

"Throwaway politicians like Stephen Donnelly need to be tackled," said an industry insider.

"At this stage, we feel throwing the whole lot of them in the bin is best for the public good."

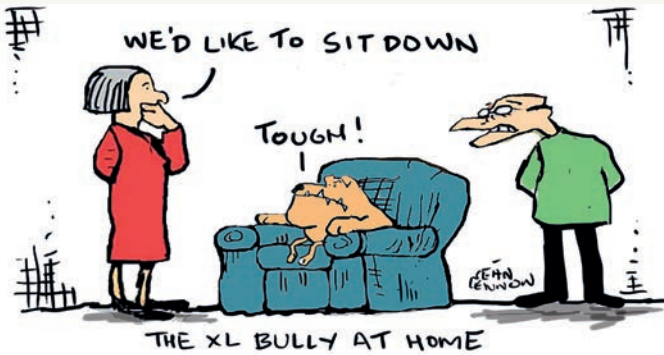
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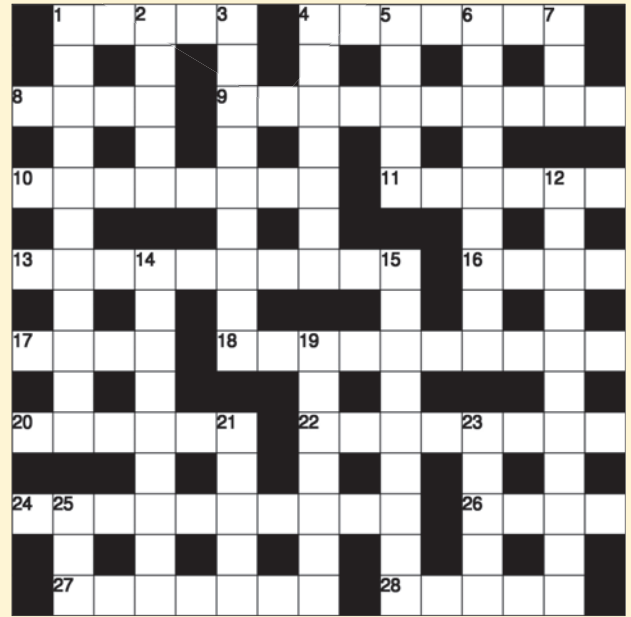
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## DUBLIN FRINGE FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



### TOP GUN

High-flying motormouth Michael O'Leary sets himself on a collision course

with transport minister Eamon Ryan over the issue of passenger numbers. O'Leary's attacks soon reach kamikaze levels of fanaticism but Ryan is determined to remain on autopilot.

the deadwood politicians who are threatening his re-election chances. This inevitably leads to threats of splits but Simon hopes no one will twig.



### SMOKE AND MIRRORS

The Government decide to make a song and dance about

banning disposable vapes but strenuously deny that they are being breathtakingly populist. Success is virtually guaranteed though if their efforts to dispose of SláinteCare and housing targets are anything to go by.



### TREES A CROWD

In order to prove his credentials as a committed environmentalist, Simon Harris decides to start removing

# FRINGE

## HALLGRIMSSON APOLOGISES FOR UPCOMING LOSSES

Ireland soccer boss Heimir Hallgrímsson has already apologised ahead of next month's Nations League games against Finland and Greece, with his side expected to lose both to a second half strike from outside the box. Ireland have conceded 14 long-range goals over the past three years, and numbers 15 and 16 are likely to follow quickly.



"I would like to apologise for this dismal performance that has yet to take place," said Hallgrímsson. "From not watching the players in person, I am hoping for an improved display, but in all likelihood, a mildly promising first half will be followed by the inevitable second-half collapse. I would like to apologise also for our defenders going asleep and allowing the opposition to walk through for the decisive second goal."

Scribble Box

### ACROSS

- 1 Improper talk arising from careless language, not widely used in formal society. (5)
- 4 Contraption going very fast, heading 045°. (7)
- 8 In the end, to leave shrine full of rubbish and dirt means you're right. (4)
- 9 Sprawled listlessly, growing weaker, being led to this with great internal pain. (10)
- 10 Impolite bum fools around and just makes things rougher and less refined. (8)
- 11 After common ending to lighthearted text, it comes before a book title. (6)
- 13 Following sit-in, return and get around to ticking off the wrongdoers. (10)
- 16 Top people come round, though not all, when one is laid flat on the bathroom floor. (4)
- 17 Letters from Progressive Democrats name one who'd fit right in at monster meeting. (4)
- 18 When board is the same on all sides and all angles are right, then it's fair play for all. (6,4)
- 20 Work out a maths problem affecting breadth by the sound of it, but not length. (6)
- 22 Use it to challenge claim that Kim Kardashian's derriere in US is in real good shape. (8)
- 24 Rotten liar twists weather report, saying it's 'just showery' when it's absolutely not! (10)
- 26 When there's no snow in Cuba, skiers just lie in the sun and soak up the rays. (4)
- 27 Expunge charges of guilt from those opening letters, who'll figure out answer to puzzle. (7)
- 28 Absurd remake of musical about little orphan girl. (5)

### DOWN

- 1 In USA, GOP's British cleaner is upset at being late, may find herself in it. (11)
- 2 Native of Zagreb upset by having to work during play. (5)
- 3 Showing oversensitivity in such conditions interrupt visits to Louvre, Tate, Uffizzi, etc. (9)
- 4 Since I'm involved at the top level, fluids in tubes may be top, but they're never level! (7)
- 5 If stolen from the devil himself, his twisted reaction will be sadistically painful. (5)
- 6 Though well-protected against cold, feel offended about the day after New Year's Day. (9)
- 7 Was she First Lady during the seventies? (3)
- 12 Cruelly teases committed Islamist about his God being found in state capital in US. (11)
- 14 As they pursue Molly and similar clones in the field, PhD's sheer frustration is clear. (9)
- 15 Fishy one and hairless one get together for a great old guy in southern Europe. (9)
- 19 Getting near UK, I changed course and went somewhere else. (7)
- 21 Once a year, a drop into the void? (5)
- 23 It's hard to give up top class part and put it behind you like Colin Kaepernick famously did. (5)
- 25 Retrieve raw eggs from a movable feast. (3)

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