

# Irish Independent

## Scenes of Pride as historic day remembered

There was widespread jubilation throughout the country as ecstatic landlords took to the streets to celebrate the Government's proposed relaxing of rent-pressure zones.

Property owner Rob Tennant exclaimed: "This is an occasion for celebration. After so many years campaigning, lobbying and fighting for what's right, the Government is finally changing this antiquated and regressive legislation."



While another, one Phil Holmes, added through tears of joy: "I know I speak on behalf

of all my renters when I say that we could not be more thrilled by this development."

Meanwhile housing minister James Browne said of the news: "These pressure zones were getting a bit too stifling – particularly the one around Leinster House. Hopefully now that the Government has given in to the demands of these landlords, they'll stop allowing us to live rent free in their heads."

## That Gerry Adams case

FOLLOWING ON from Gerry Adams's landmark court action, BBC deputy news editor Mike Madeup has refused to confirm that anyone would be disciplined over the libellous programme.

"This disgraceful attack on free speech was clearly driven by a political agenda," said Mr Madeup, "which is why all those responsible – ie us – should be bailed out immediately by the



NI licence payers. "As to the question of accountability, you'll have to ask my boss, the head of news, but at the moment he's busy not resigning."

Meanwhile, Mr Adams repeated his claim that the entire case was about "putting manners" on the BBC: "It's about time they showed a bit of proper respect for me, my teddy bear, my woolly jumpers, denials, etc, etc."

## Michael D Higgins's presidential archive in full

■ Labour Party membership card (expired)

■ Soapbox, well used

■ Collection of decent poems (someone else's)

■ Letters from respected world leaders and Micheál Martin

■ President's shortest speech (64 pages)

■ Note about only serving one term

■ Messages of congratulations (self-authored)

## PRIDE MONTH JOY



**Micheál Martin**

This is one of those times when you just have to put on a very serious face, furrow your brow and speak in hushed tones. Pride month is another shining example of my shared island concept. Reaching out, inclusivity – all that jazz. Not that my support is any more heartfelt than other people's, mentioning no names, such as Mary Lou and Simon, of course.



**Conor McGregor**  
McGregor Month

would be a better idea! Not that I'm bothered by the bloody LGBCDE lot. I sometimes even play Elton John's *I'm Still Standing* (for president – geddit?). But Irish people hate flashy attention-seekers addicted to drama. And I know what I'm talking about. Now, I'm off to tweet some slurs.



**Bono**

Me, me, me, me, me... and U2!  
(That's enough pride - Ed.)

JOHN MAGNIER  
*The Purchaser?*

MAURICE REGAN  
*The Purchaser?*

MAX BARRETT  
*The Judge*

From the producers of *Low Ball*, *Swiss Retreat* and *Stuffed Envelopes*...

# NOBLAND

THE FIGHT FOR THE BARNE ESTATE

JOHN MAGNIER HOPES HE IS A BILLIONAIRE.  
MAURICE REGAN KNOWS HE IS ONE.  
WHEN THE STAKES ARE THIS BIG, THINGS ARE GOING TO GET UGLY

## SHOCKING DOC ROCKS NATION

It's an outdated institution representing the worst of Irish culture

But enough about RTÉ

## Arts Council contract shock!

IRELAND'S ARTS world has been turned upside down by the sensational news that Poormee Kennelly is stepping down as Arts Council boss.

A tearful Ms Kennelly openly admitted that she was in no way responsible for the €6.7m IT project fiasco. "It is all too easy to make me the scapegoat just because I was in charge throughout almost the whole process," she said. "What about my predecessor? What about the chair who cleared off to Boston? What about that Green Party arts minister who's yesterday's news. What about the awful weather, Trump, the housing crisis?"

New minister Patrick O'Gettitude said: "My decision to set up another expensive inquiry will show how media-friendly decisions can boost my own meteoric career."

## STARK EPA WARNING



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has called for urgent action to address the threats to Ireland's climate over the next few years, with the flagging energy of coalition chief among the concerns. In a further worrying development, the agency says the country's exposure to extreme long-windedness from ministers is at a critical level.

"There's a climate of fear in Government as TDs fret about losing their seats," said an EPA spokesman. "They all want to protect their environment and stop damaging leaks to the media. Flooding is also a major concern as the coalition threatens to become a complete washout. Certainly, with housing still an abject disaster, the Government is taking on a dangerous amount of water."

## TRUMP'S MILITARY PARADE EXCLUSIVE!

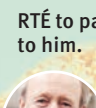


## Goldhawk profiles this year's 'Love Island' favourites



### Gerry Adams

Enjoyed a profitable day in the sun recently when he emerged with a very nice figure after things worked out really well in the High Court. Revealed a little kinky side to his personality when he said he was determined to put manners on the BBC.



### Shane Ross

Proved during his time in Leinster House that he has absolutely no qualms about hooking up with strange political bedfellows in order to indulge his ministerial desires. Currently in the news for trying to flog his house but could be tempted to head to the villa.



### Ryan Tubridy

Doubts remain about his ability to maintain meaningful relationships following a dramatic split with his professional soulmates in Donnybrook a few years ago. It remains unclear if he still wants



### Kevin Bakhurst

Caught with his pants down after it was revealed RTÉ spent an absolute fortune – [That'll do – Ed]

## 'I'm in charge of housing shambles,' insists Browne

Housing minister James Browne has insisted the housing shambles is completely his responsibility, after the secretary general of his own department said there was no need for a housing tsar.

"Let me be clear, the only person responsible for this catastrophe is me," said a defiant

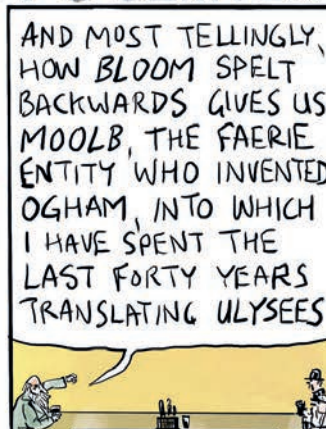
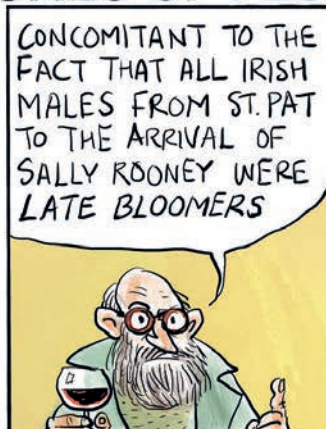
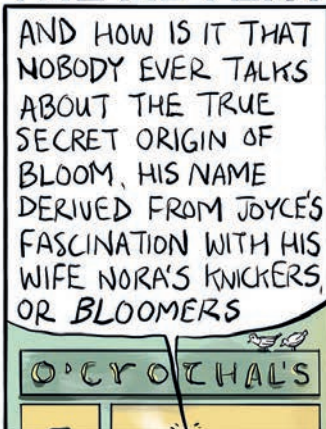



Browne. "Other people might be weighing in but my mortifying track record speaks for itself. People can rest assured there is a steady hand in control, as I and the rest of the Government maintain our long record of running the country into the ground."

## TUBRIDY'S RTÉ REPAYMENT DEBATE HEATS UP




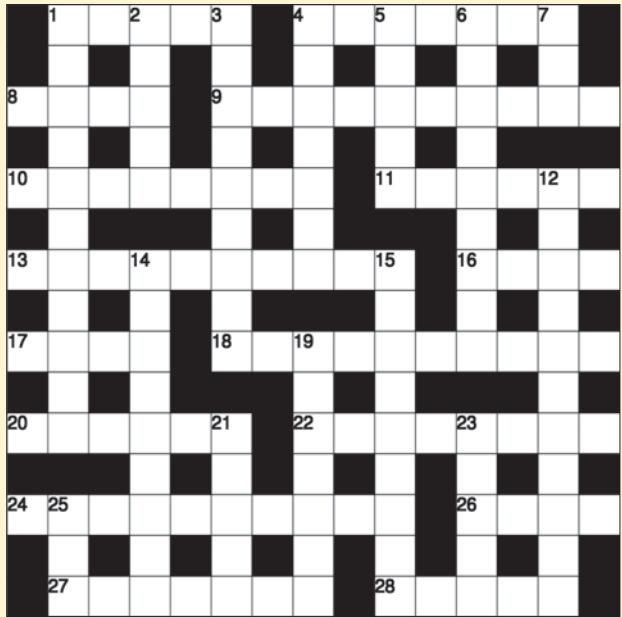
## THE ADVENTURES OF FESTY O'SEMTEX





Win a Shannon Rollerball in Bog Oak, (RRP €110), [www.irishpens.ie](http://www.irishpens.ie)





Crossword by Procrustes

**ACROSS**

1 State prosecutor initially accepts secret number for copying precedent. (5)

4 Mistakenly lit to burn (though not calories) while trying to lose weight. (7)

8 Measure the area behind the building. (4)

9 Cheekily suggest that it has been badly tuned inside. (10)

10 These people would experience real trouble if major terrorist group was surrounding them. (8)

11 Order the most lightly cooked steak on the menu in the Connemara Restaurant. (6)

13 Be philosophical when bad stuff in chest and throat leads to a nervous symptom. (10)

16 It does tend to be in the brain. (4)

17 IRN BRU is made in Scotland 'from girders' but this drink is made in Italy 'from cast-iron'. (4)

18 On this will depend whether the threat most worrying will get even hotter or cool off. (10)

20 Peripatetic, pathetic Hanks role accepts state of Phoenix will pay over the accepted price. (6)

22 Forces clergyman to take common tea without milk, sugar or any other fancy stuff. (8)

24 Disturbing bears in the winter means that one does really like them. (10)

26 You know it's going to get soundly beaten when I leave. (4)

27 In other words, it's wishy-washy and a bit boring but if that changes one could get irate. (7)

28 Damaged sails fixed by using hemp. (5)

**DOWN**

1 Eat hens' mash, incontinent and when under it, one will be senseless. (11)

2 Look at the state of the US when national leaders have left for another country. (5)

3 Flyer feels it, having sinned by eating 80% fruit instead of the usual 100% fish. (9)

4 It is put into account of one's topside spin? (7)

5 Duck! Or old communist that is coming up will get you down! (5)

6 Though he may sound smug on air, interference makes it sound like he knows nothing. (9)

7 End up with sticky, gooey stuff, possibly in the hair, when you get the leg over. (3)

12 How boring are the movements of sea snail, not in any way exciting or newsworthy. (11)

14 Could such a dedicated bon vivant ruin peace negotiations? (9)

15 And so it comes about that you won't fail when using them to get on the course. (9)

19 Become aroused when your one-time spouse gave an example. (7)

21 It's insulting to a gay guy to have to fork out to have the Poles admitted. (5)

23 Disputed goals feature in home fixture for Nigerian National Team. (5)

25 Mr Levin says it's all over the Royal Navy: there's a hostile subversive group inside! (3)

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**LAST ISSUE'S SOLUTION:**

**Across:** 1. Petri. 4. Algebra. 8. Onus. 9. Validatory. 10. Al capone. 11. Yields. 13. Bighearted. 16. Cove. 17. Yawl. 18. Emancipate. 20. Heater. 22. Einstein. 24. Eviscerate. 26. Rain. 27. Must see. 28. Swing. **Down:** 1. Penultimate. 2. Tesla. 3. Inviolable. 4. Ailment. 5. Godly. 6. Buttercup. 7. Ayr. 12. Dovetailing. 14. Halitosis. 15. Decanters. 19. Average. 21. Reels. 23. Tarsi. 25. Vim.

LAST ISSUE'S WINNER: Angela Walsh, Cabinteely, Dublin 18

*Craic & Codology ... Craic & Codology ...*



"This isn't good."

**HOW MICK O'LEARY COULD SPEND HIS €100M BONUS**

- Pay one month's rent on Dublin apartment
- Cover cost of new OPW project
- Pay one year's salary for RTÉ presenter
- Cover 12 months' salary for housing tsar



**NEW GARRON NOONE SHOCK**

After posting a recent clip in which he claimed he's actually American, Irish TikToker Garron Noone has further shocked fans by claiming he's a comedian. "I may have come across as a guy posting ropy social media content,"



said the enigmatic Mayo man. "But my chief occupation is making people laugh – usually by claiming I'm a comedic genius. Nonetheless, my underwhelming output should continue to guarantee me *Late Late Show* slots."

**EMERGENCY APPEAL**



A mere two years ago Ryan was a happy old Fogey enjoying a happy working life while comfortably ensconced in the warm embrace of the national broadcaster.

The 'national treasure' was renowned for encouraging a love of nature, with many fleeing outdoors as he delivered lengthy monologues on his views of the world on weekday mornings.

Sadly, Ryan was involved in a car-crash relationship with an automobile company. The sudden halt left him nursing a bruised ego, a very sore back hand and a dislocated grin. He also lost his job.

Ryan emigrated in search of work and has so far managed to avoid paying back the large sum of money he received but soon he may have to do so. His greedy former employer may even bring him to court! **Can you help?**

Please give what you can to **Give Ryan A Break (GRAB)** and help put the smile back on Ryan's face.

Scribble Box

A woman with long blonde hair is lying back in a wicker chair, smiling and stretching her arms above her head. She is wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. The chair has thick, light-colored cushions. The background is a bright, out-of-focus window with white frames. The overall mood is relaxed and sunny.

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