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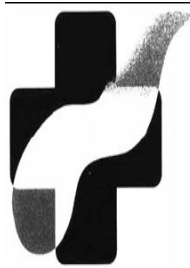
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## Radon Gas: >20% of Buildings show High Levels of Exposure in the Tralee Area

*Tralee Times* has in the past referred to this matter of Radon Gas exposure in the Tralee and surrounding areas. We feel that it is necessary to revisit this issue as it can have detrimental effects on the health of those living in this area. A recent survey carried out, on behalf of *Tralee Times*, in a relatively new housing development (built with installed radon barriers) in the west of the town revealed that almost **25%** of the homes have radon levels well in excess of the recommended safe level. While most of the homes have been tested others are in the process of being tested. A radon barrier alone, in an area of high radon concentration, is not enough to prevent high levels of exposure to the gas. A sump may need to be installed and activated. Planners must insist that developers install sumps in all new buildings in this general area. Government needs to provide some form of grant aid for people to remedy the problem in older buildings. *Continued on page 8*



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## Historic Urban Landscape of Tralee



Tralee Town Development Plan (2003 - 2009) states:

**“4.36 Views and Prospects**

*Views of the south and west of the town and those of the approach roads into the town from the north, east and south west offer a panoramic back drop to the town, Proposals for development in, or adjacent to these areas, must pay due regard to the design and layout of any new buildings.”*

The historic townscape of Tralee is characterised by structures two to three storeys high with a homogeneous roofscape throughout the town. The only structure standing out from this historic urban landscape is the spire of St. John’s Church, which can be seen from various view points in the town and functions as a landmark. In the recent past there has been little sensitivity to the impacts of modern constructions, - high rise buildings consisting mostly of apartments, built in the town centre.

World Heritage 2003 concluded that urban heritage is a human and social cultural element that goes beyond the notion of “groups of buildings”. The historic urban landscape of Tralee consists of urban space and buildings from the past when tradition was the guiding development principle. Modern constructions in the historic landscape should aim to establish a significant relationship between a place, its history, and guided by a sense of memory.

Such a development strategy is a strong competitive tool. It attracts not only tourists, but capital and residents. New developments, no matter how insensitive, are often justified by arguing that a development policy has to attract investors. With investment under stood by international accounting standards as an expenditure with long term benefits, heritage protection and town development constitute exactly that.

*(Reference: World Heritage Committee, 27<sup>th</sup> session, Paris 2003)*

NOTE: More photographs can be viewed on our website: [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com)

## Tralee Community Hospital

After almost 10 years of persistent campaigning the Senior Citizen’s group have finally been given a commitment from government that Tralee Community Hospital will be up and running in 2008.

Well done to all concerned for the hard work and dedication to what is a very vital facility.

*Tralee Times* suggests that some form of commemorative stone should be installed, in the hospital, to the memory of those who have been involved in this project since the beginning. *Tralee Times* also suggests that a civic reception should be held for the group as soon as foundation stone is laid. Politicians, particularly government party politicians, should take a ‘backseat’ on this one for once!

**‘Some people have so much respect for their superiors they have none left for themselves.’**  
Peter McArthur

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### The Carnage on Our Roads

Our roads are becoming increasingly more dangerous to use. It is becoming more obvious that there are people using our roads who should not be allowed to hold a driving license.

A driving license is not a right it must be earned and it is given in trust to the holder that they obey the rules of the road—always!

If license holders are not going to obey these rules then their license must be withdrawn. This is too serious an issue now to ignore it.

Draconian legislation may be needed before long, to get the message across that blatant and persistent breaking of the rules of the road is not acceptable.

**Don’t become a Statistic Drive with Care  
Because Someone else may not Care**

### Car Sales in Ireland — June 2004 — 2006

2004	2005	2006
13,612	14,942	15,048

The highest number of new private cars licensed, nationally, in June 2006, classified by make are: TOYOTA (2,204), VOLKSWAGEN (1,921), FORD (1,575) NISSAN (1,316), OPEL (1,189) and PEUGEOT (688).

In Co. Kerry **264** NEW PRIVATE CARS were licensed in June 2006.

Classified by make:  
TOYOTA—53 units;  
FORD, SKODA & VOLKSWAGEN—27 units each;  
NISSAN—25 units; RENAULT—14 units and OPEL—13 units.



## Delays on our Roads

Editor,  
Perhaps the appropriate local authority might consider erecting signs, at certain locations on our national routes, to inform road users that at particular times delays may occur. At least then the road user will know that they can expect delays and time their journey accordingly. There are three main reasons for these delays, that we have become very familiar particularly in Co. Kerry - increased traffic volumes and/or traffic mismanagement and/or delays in funding or building much needed and overdue infrastructure projects.

A striking example of this is the frustration of sitting in traffic on the approaches to Castleisland.

In this case perhaps Kerry County Council might consider segregating local and national route traffic through the town—even if only for the summer months. Or perhaps installing diversion sign posts to offer road users an alternative route, avoiding the town.

Yours etc.

Sean O'Sullivan

## What Road Signs?

Editor,

While in Manor West car park recently I was asked, by a French couple in a camper-van, to give them directions to Banna.

Using the map they had, I spent 5 or 6 minutes explaining repeatedly the directions. Afterwards I began to think of the numerous difficulties people visiting our fine town and county must experience in trying to find their way.

This situation arises due to inadequate and often non-existent sign posts.

Yours etc.

Liam Fitzgerald

## Historical Pieces

Editor,

I really have enjoyed enjoyed reading the articles on history in your magazine.

Yours etc.

Helen

Unfortunately, due to lack of space, replies to letters cannot be published. However *Tralee Times* does try to reply to all readers letters / emails.

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## Campaign to Expand Public Bus Service

Tralee has expanded in all directions and due to the frustration of traffic congestion within the town it is time to seriously consider the provision of an expanded public bus service throughout the town.

Visit [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) and take part in our POLL—the campaign starts **here!**

## Irish Architecture Awards 2006 visit Siamsa Tíre

Siamsa Tíre Theatre & Arts Centre is delighted to host the annual **RIAI Irish Architecture Awards**, now in their 18<sup>th</sup> year. The exhibition will be opened by **Orla Fitzgerald**, Honorary Treasurer of the RIAI in the **Gallery at Siamsa** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 pm.

*The Irish Architecture Awards 2006* continues until Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

*Gallery hours: Monday to Saturday  
9 to 6 and until 10pm on Theatre nights.*

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## Listowel road & Killeen road Junction - Survey

A snap-shot traffic survey commissioned on behalf of *Tralee Times* at the junction of the Listowel and Killeen Road has revealed a number of safety issues that need to be addressed immediately. On July 24<sup>th</sup> last between 5.45 and 6.30 pm **867** vehicles approached this junction from both direction.

With the imminent opening of the Link Road from Mounthawk to Abbeydorney road there is indeed an urgent need to 'fix' the situation on the Listowel road.

**867** vehicles approached Killeen road Listowel road junction. **216** vehicles turned onto the Killeen road from the Listowel road (from both directions) and **173** vehicles attempted to access the Listowel road from the Killeen road on the evening of the survey.

It was noted during the survey period that vehicles turning onto the Killeen road from the Listowel direction do hold up traffic flow as there is not enough room for traffic to pass safely.

It was also noted that most vehicles arriving from the Tralee town direction are traveling in excess of the speed limit (50 kph), while most vehicles traveling from the Listowel direction are within the speed limit. Generally vehicles traveling from the Tralee direction with the intention of turning onto the Killeen road do not indicate their intention to do so early enough.

A strategic plan must be put in place to highlight the junction for all road users—according to sources it would appear that traffic lights will be put in place at this junction. It would also be very necessary to include a pedestrian crossing at this point. Furthermore including well placed, clear directional signs is necessary as is the painting of white/yellow road-markings (as appropriate) on the approaches to this junction.

**If you would like to highlight other traffic issues in Tralee, do not hesitate to contact us.**

## Inch Golf Club Development

In a recent submission and presentation to Kerry County Council Dr. Arthur Spring outlined the benefits that such a development would bring to the area in terms of employment and tourism. Dr. Spring went on to explain how such a development would also ensure that any environmental concerns and issues would be enhanced rather than endangered if this project went ahead.

Delays and inaccurate studies within the Department of the Environment are presently delaying progress.

This project first began back in 1994.

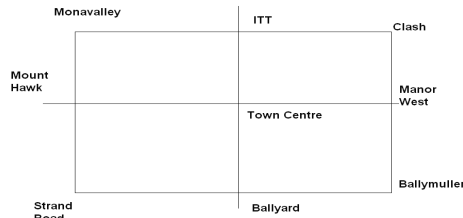
# Thinking Outside The Box

Those of us who live, work, shop or visit Tralee on a regular basis will know of the horrendous traffic problem we have. This is especially true for those people who have to get anywhere at peak time and is most acute during cold, wet and wintry schools mornings. It can take up to 30 minutes to drive 5km which equates to 6 miles an hour or just a little bit faster than a brisk walking pace. In this document I intend to propose a novel solution to the problem. I will begin by outlining the reasons for our traffic problems and go on to discuss a possible solution to the problem.

To begin let's consider why we have heavy traffic in Tralee; listed below are what I believe to be the six biggest factors:

- 1) Increasing affluence permits most families to own a car and nowadays many families can afford to have a second or even a third car.
- 2) Tralee town is physically large; it stretches at least 5km from North to South and another 5 km from East to West. If a person who resides at one side has to commute to the other side then they are faced with a 5 km walk which could take 45 minutes or longer depending on your walking speed. A commuting time of an hour and a half per day is unacceptable to many people in this cash rich, time poor era so we end up spending an hour a day sitting in our cars resulting in a saving of 30 minutes!
- 3) Most children are driven to school by their parents and since all the schools start at the same time this seriously adds to the congestion we suffer.
- 4) Our weather is not conducive to walking, we have great weather for gardens and ducks, in other words it frequently rains and this is usually accompanied fresh breezes in off the Atlantic Ocean which lies at our door step. In this day and age who wants to arrive at their destination in wet clothes, felling cold and miserable.
- 5) Tralee is a large regional centre of population around 25,000 people live within its immediate environs and another 15,000 or so people within a short commute. If we take it that there are on average 39 cars per hundred of population then we are looking at approximately 15,600 cars in the greater Tralee area at any one time. The town is also the fourth biggest commercial centre in Munster after Cork, Limerick & Waterford and has a hinterland population of around 100,000, many of whom travel into the town on a daily basis to either work, attend school or shop in area.
- 6) Finally the road network in the centre of town was built for the horse and cart and for a much smaller population than now exists.

Before going any further look at the basic map of the town of Tralee that I have included, this will allow you to more easily visualise how the proposal could work. The rectangle represents the geographical extent of the town and the centre of the cross hairs the town centre and I have also included the names of the dis-



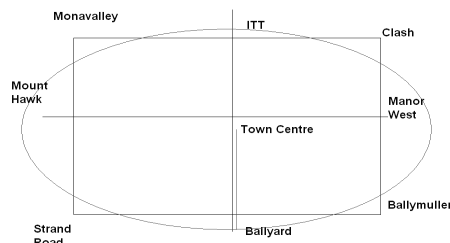
tricts or important facilities at the edge of the town.

**Figure 1. Basic Map of Tralee**

Now to the main purpose of my document is to propose a possible solution to our traffic problems. In Dublin they have the LUAS, I propose Tralee has a TRAM that is an acronym for TRalee Metro. The idea came about from the Tralee to Blennerville stream train, I thought to myself, "Is there any reason why it cannot be used as a working commuter railway line?" and from that I developed the following proposal to solve our traffic problem. Why not construct a light railway line than runs outside the box of the map that you have just seen.

Let's consider an imaginary journey on TRAM, the Aqua Dome station has now been relocated to the vicinity of the Tesco Shop in the Abbey Car Park as this serves as the town centre stop. From there the railway runs to its first stop in Ballyyard an area which is expected to have around 6,000 people within the next decade. The next stop could happen in Ballymullen somewhere near the Lidl supermarket and then the line would run to the Manor West area where it would serve the shopping centre, the hospital and the council offices. Continuing northwards the line could stop at Ballanorig where a new medical and train servicing centre is proposed. We would also have a stop at Clash to serve both the industrial estate and the south campus of the ITT. The next stop would be at the ITT North Campus and from there we would move west to a stop in Monavalley and the next

**Figure 2 Tralee With TRAM**



stop would serve Mount Hawk which is

one of the biggest secondary schools in the country with over 1,200 pupils. From there the line would make its way back around to the town centre station with stops in the Kerries and Lohercannon or Blennerville.

I believe that Tralee has absolutely enormous potential for development, in a short space of time Tralee could easily grow to the size of Limerick or Cork. We have an airport that can handle transatlantic jets. We have excellent rail connections to other parts of Ireland and these can be expanded by reopening the North Kerry line to Limerick. We have missed out on a lot of road funding because in my view our local politicians have not been strong enough to voice the case for Tralee. At the next election voters should consider voting for people with vision and drive, at the very least the persons they elect must want to serve on the cabinet and aspire to be the Taoiseach.

I am limited in the time and resources that I can devote to researching and developing this proposal, but I believe it is workable and could be built at a reasonable cost, for example it didn't cost the earth to put the line out to Blennerville. Funding would come from developers who would benefit enormously from a rapid transit system running through a 20 km stretch of undeveloped land. For instance, developments like Manor West, the Parklands and Kerry Technology Park would in my view willingly pay for a stop to be located on or near their facilities. I think we should plan for a double line system but initially install a single line loop. Other considerations should be given to whether it's more cost effective for an electrified system like LUAS, diesel railcars like those used on train journeys to Mallow or a trolleybus type system.

The lines could be further extended if necessary so that it runs on the current main line Tralee to Mallow Line. The line could run from Mount Hawk to Ballanorig with further extensions to Fenit and the Airport and providing for a massive expansion to the population of the town and also tying in with the spatial strategy. We could also have park and ride facilities located strategic junctions on the system. I believe that we should start planning for a system like this as soon as possible because it has the potential to take a large amount of traffic off the roads, It would provide an alternative to many peoples use of the car as the line would serve all of the main centres of population, the two main commercial centres and also the industrial estates. Even today we endure rising fuels costs, green house gas emissions and horrendous traffic and it is only by planning for such a system now can we be sure of surviving and thriving into the next century.

**Proposed By: Francis Foley**

## Architects in Tuxedos

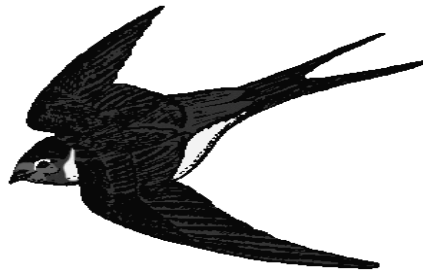
It is with greatest pleasure that I have accepted the invitation to write about a most noble and loyal of all friends of both readers and writer alike. They live among us for the best part of six months, they leave, travel almost half the circumference of the Earth annually and return faithfully to their homes and bring the pleasures associated with rearing young families in the glowing summer sun of a good Irish summer. I write of course of swallows. *En masse* swallows make up the avian air corps of the skies performing the most spectacular air-shows from dawn to dusk.

They need no map as they travel to and from the Capetown area of South Africa to spend the long day with us during summer. At its peak our summer produces a faint but not black darkness as the sun merely dips under the north-eastern horizon to rise only a few hours further west as though merely going for a quick nap before heralding the new day. The resulting day for our friends is long and rich in a bounty of all kinds of airborne insects that make up the mainstay of their diet. Caught on the wing, these insects provide abundant cuisine for the young nestlings that yearn to fly after some two weeks in their nests.

The swallow is renowned for its cleanliness – always ensuring that its nest is neat and tidy and empty of useless eggs and the dirty nappies of its young. Much to the chagrin of householders whose windows may be below the perch of the swallows nest, the adults swallows will toss all and sundry out the door of their nests and - if that means breaking the litter laws designed for

humans so be it – soiling the windows of the householders.

The architectural efficacy of the practicing swallow with regard to nest-building is at best on par Brunelleschi – the Italian Renaissance



architect, who readers might know designed the great dome of Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence. But Brunelleschi was not without his misfortune. He experienced a brief and disastrous cameo in the world of shipmaking; he built a monstrous ship called *Il Badalone* to transport marble to Florence from Pisa up the Arno river. The ship sank on its maiden voyage, along with a sizeable chunk of Brunelleschi's personal fortune. So too with the swallow whose creations can come unstuck at times and collapse from a height upon the head of the curious below. So whether the average swallow should undergo Safe Pass certification with FAS or postgraduate engineering studies is a moot point.

Nonetheless for a householder to host a family of swallows is indeed an honour befitting royalty. These guests arrive in Tralee sometime around April 9<sup>th</sup> and will unlock, rebuild their summer homes with a minimum of fuss. They will not raid your larder, expect to be driven here and there or cause you to meet relations

and friends that you meet only at weddings or funerals. Unlike the readers they will not know the only difference between a wedding and a funeral is one person - for the swallows that frequent my house or palace as I prefer to call it during the summer sometimes don't seem to discern the difference between two nests located side by side. I often notice them flying to one nest only to be scared off to the other. But who could blame such a swallow who can return thousands of miles to its place across the rain-forests and deserts of Africa and journey through good weather and bad to reach that single spot above the window.

The swallow is of the gentry of the skies clad in tuxedo from dawn to dusk. The females distinguish themselves by insisting on wearing the same attire as their male counterparts with no distinguishing features. The elder swallow lives to about sixteen years old and would therefore have a faint memory of seeing Ireland play Italy the quarter final of the World Cup in Italy on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1990 and the great excitement of local householders at the time. That elder would have been moved, I am certain, as he witnessed the scene when hopes were all but dashed when in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute, Salvatore Schillaci scored for Italy against us. But I am sure writing his last will and testament is the current preoccupation of this swallow at this stage.

But what fine life that of the swallow! Away from this darkening land to the warm long days of southern climes during our winter and then a great return in the every April till the skies begin to fade in mid-September with no visa required.

**Contact Tralee Times with your story.**

## “Do not go outside! Do not go outside! Close all windows and doors.....!”

The message was repeated over and over again on all TV and radio stations. From my hiding place, under the van, I could hear people running around, shouting, swearing, praying and saying things like “The Lord will save us!” and “Where the hell is that bloody cat?”.

But fairly soon all was quiet. Certain that everyone had gone I crawled out and set off for the library. Around me, various other shady individuals had emerged from bushes, garden sheds and dustbins. They were going to take advantage of the one day that there would be no police around, to steal cars, booze or set fire to things, bomb or no bomb. Thousands of people around the country were taking the bomb threat seriously, others, like me, had become sceptical of it due to the countless false alarms and were taking advantage of the situation.

Not that I was stealing anything—normally walking to the library without some ‘job’ hitting on me for money would be impossible. But while these goons were off burning things, now was my chance to get some good reading material.....or maybe not, as a gang of locals pulled up beside me in a stolen car.

“Give us your money!”, they whooped.

I scowled and reached for my wallet, when the man in the driver seat changed his mind.

“We don't need money, today everything is free!”. I was greeted

by more whoops as he announced, “We're going to burn the library, want to join in?”. Their idea of a laugh.....what a horrible waste that would be. I was about to decline and walk away, when one of them started to gabble and then pointed to the sky.....at a small black object up in the clouds. We all fell silent, thinking our time had come, as the distant missile crossed the sky....and disappeared over the horizon.

The thugs in the car started to laugh and mock each other for being so scared, but I had my suspicions as to why it had not blown up. Perhaps it had not yet reached it's destination! The car sped off and I briefly considered locking myself in somewhere as I had been supposed to do, but were any of those buildings really radiation proof? Yeah right.....I really had to get out of here.

As the town was right next to the sea, it only took a minute to reach the harbour. A small voice in the back of my head told me that I didn't know how to drive a boat. That thought was driven from my mind as a distant ‘boom’ from behind me told me to hurry up. I jumped aboard a small, white speedboat. Time only to learn to drive this thing very quickly! The red lever? No, that propelled the damn thing backwards! The blue one? No, that did nothing! Green, maybe? Bingo! The boat lurched forward, breaking every speed limit in the world. A surge of exhilaration filled me as the boat continue to accelerate, propelling me away from my fate, or perhaps towards it. Who knows? For the time being I was free, and that was all that mattered. **Colm O'Leary**

## Taking Risks for Happiness

In previous articles we look at the importance of loving oneself and being present to the world around us. These challenges are ones we face every day and are essential to reaching one's potential as a human being. However there are many other challenges; in engaging with the world we are faced with experiences which contain a high degree of uncertainty and are commonly explained in the colloquial expression 'there is never a dull moment!'

From antiquity there has been an understanding that human beings are by nature intentional - that is to say that our minds are outward looking and are wired in the direction of the world. This is clear when we look at language which, in itself is an outward expression of thought, which in themselves are denizens of the mind. For instance even in the most complex daily issues that arise we use constant reference to the world around us to explain and express such things as emotion. Emotion is a feeling not a physical object, yet how often have you heard 'he will break me up', 'I was red to the gills', 'beside myself with anger' etc.

Intention is about a person reaching out, choosing and making a demand of the world around. This can be positive or negative - in both means and end. It may be about choosing a way of life, a partner, one job over another and even the most

routine choices from drinking a glass of milk instead of a water. These choices are important because their consequences add up to being the some total of one's life. Thoughts in themselves are choices. Repeated thoughts become habits. It follows that the mind is truly a powerful entity.

Controlling thought and actions is necessary to ascribe a sense of proportion and control over one's life. However given that we are as individuals to the world as a grain of sand is to the shore, we are quite powerless to control the world around us. This means that we are in many ways at the mercy of what is around us. As a result in order to confront the world effectively and with a measure of confidence, we have to take risks.

We do not always know what the consequences of our thoughts and actions will be - this is what constitutes risk. This will guarantee trouble for each of us. But it is from real troubles that we learn. We will learn nothing if we do nothing and or worry continuously and pointlessly over what might happen if, what should have happened, what could have happened etc.

It is better to worry about real troubles than imaginary ones. It is healthy to take risks, maybe better to take considered risks. Go for it and you will learn to fight another day.

Remember it is better to be nearly drowned than nearly saved.

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## Guilty by Reason of the Full Moon

In August we can look forward to the Full Red Moon because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through any sultry haze.

As a youngster in Tralee I was taken by my late father's theory that during the Full Moon

people went mad especially those who were perceived as being a slug or two short of a full pint in their mental constitution. He related to me the practice of one such neighbour who had the habit of staying up all night during nights where the full moon glowed and used dig up his garden only to 'undig' it the following morning.

So it was intriguing for me when I learned in school from a teacher - whose sanity I never questioned, at least dared to - that the word lunatic is taken directly from the Latin word 'luna' meaning moon. This information was it seemed in furtherance of my father's theory and made the whole notion of a connection between mental stability and lunar cycles an imminently interesting proposition. Insomnia is, readers will be aware, a relatively common experience for people of all ages but I know is experienced by some children with unusual profiles such as ADHD and their adult counterparts. A glaring light or other sensation can cause them to be irritated, restless and distracted. It is therefore not

inconceivable that a glowing Full Moon will cause them to find sleep virtually impossible and irritable over the following days until they catch up on some critical sleep.

Readers - who have a lunar bend - will recall from the previous article on lunar matters that the Moon affects the tides and causes cyclical high and low tides on a daily. The human body is composed of a very high percentage of water and it is reasonable to ask whether the Full Moon affects the body. Well I wonder if abdominal bulges can really be attributed to lunar factors rather than to lack of balanced diet and adequate exercise and do these was and wane like the Moon during the course of a month. Who is to know?

But let's stick to the facts: In 19th-century England, criminals caught in the act during a full moon could plead "guilty by reason of the full moon," a defense recently revived by Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga, who blamed lunar forces for a bugging scandal and alleged bribe-taking in her country. In addition, and I do not recommend anyone do this, but I did some time ago drive along a national primary route for few hundred metres without my lights on with the assistance of the Full Moon late at night. But before you summon the Gardai I was just in the car - it was the Moon's fault. Sheer lunacy I hear you say!

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**'Own only what you can carry with you, know language, know countries, know people.  
Let your memory be your travel bag.'**  
*Alexander Solzhenitsyn*

## Know Your Rights—Purchasing Goods

When you buy goods from a retailer, you make a contract with him/her. He/She agrees to provide certain goods to you for a certain price. If your purchase turns out to be faulty, the retailer, not the manufacturer, is responsible to you and must sort out your complaint. You are entitled to a refund, a replacement or a repair.

You do not have to take a credit note if your complaint is covered by the **Sale of Goods Act**. You can insist on a refund, a replacement or a repair.

If you have a genuine complaint about faulty goods, you can ignore shop notices such as 'No Refunds' or 'No Exchanges'. Such notices cannot take away any of your statutory rights

under the Sale of Goods Act.

You have no rights under the Sale of Goods Act if you simply change your mind about wanting the goods. You also have no rights if faults are due to misuse of the product after purchase.

The person who purchased the goods holds the contract and therefore the rights under the Act. If you receive the goods as a gift, you have no contract with the retailer and don't have the same rights. Usually the retailer will oblige the user of the goods but this is goodwill on his/her part and **not** a legal requirement.

Your rights under the Act also apply to goods purchased at **sale prices**. If the goods are being sold as **seconds** or **shop-soiled**, however, you cannot expect the same standard.

## Radon Gas: High Levels In the Tralee Area

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*Tralee Times* has in the past referred to this matter of Radon Gas exposure in the Tralee and surrounding areas. We feel that it is necessary to revisit this issue as it can have detrimental effects on the health of those living in this area.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas which originates from the decay of uranium in rocks and soils. It is colourless, odourless and tasteless and can only be measured using special equipment. When radon surfaces in the open air, it is quickly diluted to harmless concentrations, but when it enters an enclosed space, such as a house or other building, it can sometimes accumulate to unacceptably high concentrations.

Radon decays to form tiny radioactive particles, some of which remain suspended in the air. When inhaled into the lungs these particles give a radiation dose which may damage cells in the lung and eventually lead to lung cancer.

Radon concentration is measured in becquerels per cubic metre of air (Bq/m<sup>3</sup>). The becquerel is a unit of radioactivity and corresponds to one radioactive disintegration per

second.

The Reference Level for long-term exposure to radon in a house, above which the need for remedial action should be considered, is 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> (determined in accordance with RPII's standard protocol). Based on current knowledge it is estimated that in Ireland, for the population as a whole, a lifetime exposure (ie 70 yrs) to radon in the home at the Reference Level of 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> carries a risk of about 1 in 50 of contracting fatal lung cancer. This is approximately twice the risk of death in a road accident.

Since July 1998, every new house is required to incorporate some degree of radon preventive measures at the time of construction in accordance with the revised Building Regulations. The degree of protection required is dependent upon whether or not the site is located within a High Radon Area.

### County Kerry

No. of Houses Measured 932

No. Houses >200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> (Percentage) 52 (6%)

Mean Radon Concentration (Bq/m<sup>3</sup>) 70

Max. Radon Concentration (Bq/m<sup>3</sup>) 1 9 2 4

It is widely recognised that more than 20% of homes and buildings in the Tralee area are very likely to have >200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>

It is strongly suggested that you have your home tested for high levels of Radon gas exposure. Even houses built since 1998 should be subjected to this test as the Radon barrier may not have been installed properly at the time of the building of the house.

The radon level in a house can be measured simply and inexpensively. The Institute provides a radon measurement service to householders at a price of €50. A radon measurement is usually carried out by placing two small testing devices (detectors), as shown below, in the house for a period of three months. At the end of this period the detectors are returned to the testing laboratory for processing. This procedure can be carried out entirely by post and there is no need for anyone to visit the house.

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To download Radon Gas in the Home information leaflet:

<http://www.rpii.ie/Download/radonbroc04.pdf>

## Wind Energy — Facts

Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI)  
[www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie)

Each year environmental pollution and CO2 emissions from the use of fossil fuels contribute to the threat to our health, the environment and sustainable development. Wind turbines cause virtually no emissions during their operation and very little in their manufacture, installation, maintenance and removal.

Every Megawatt of Wind Power installed

in Ireland avoids:

-the release of 2,700 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide (CO2), the main gas responsible for global warming.

-49 tonnes of Sulphur Dioxide (SO2), the main cause of acid rain.

-5.5 tonnes of Nitrous Oxides, responsible for building corrosion and global warming.

-the need to import 6,450 barrels of Oil.

-the land-filling of 175 tonnes of slag and ash.

## Radon Gas

48 hr. Electronic Monitoring for Radon Gas levels.

1 day for Remedial work, if required.

48 hr. Electronic Monitoring after Remedial work is completed.

**Tim Duggan**

**Tel. 087—22 02 368**

## Increase in Malaria Patients in Ireland

A travel medicine expert has expressed concern about the increasing number of Irish people contracting malaria. Last year alone, there was a 60% increase in Irish malaria cases, compared with 2004.

According to Dr Graham Fry, medical director of the Tropical Medical Bureau (TMB), there have already been 36 cases of malaria notified in the first 20 weeks of this year.

People travelling to malaria areas should:  
 -Keep arms, legs and feet covered with light clothing, particularly between sunset and sunrise.

-Stay indoors between dusk and dawn if possible, as this is when mosquitoes feed.

-Always use a strong insect repellent that contains DEET (diethyltoluamide), on both skin and clothing. Reapply repellent on top of sun-block when using both.

-Avoid using perfume or aftershave and reconsider the necessity for deodorant use. Note that exercising also attracts mosquitoes.

-Use an insecticide spray in your room.

-Sleep under mosquito netting.

-Sleep in an air-conditioned room. The air conditioning should be left on throughout the day.

-Close windows at night and have screens on them if possible.

-Take a first aid kit. Consult your GP For more information, consult your GP or call the

**Tropical Medical Bureau at 1850 487 674.**

*Tralee Times* would like to extend best wishes to all students awaiting their Examination Results this month.

We also send best wishes to all those who will begin school for the first time in September 2006.

## Tralee Rowing Club

Tralee Rowing Club has been established since May 2004 following an initiative by Kerry Local Sports Partnership and the Irish Amateur Rowing Union to set up a rowing club in North Kerry. Thanks to local support and sponsorship and the help and generosity of Muckcross and Killorglin Rowing Club, we now have 5 boats including two training boats and are now rowing on the Canal in Tralee and launch from the slipway at the Basin End. Tralee Town Council granted us planning



permission to house our boats and equipment in a storage facility by the Canal.

During the college term members of Tralee Rowing Club along with students from the Institute of Technology Tralee were using the gym facility in the South Campus. Here we were able to get our members training and ready for rowing. We have approx. 20 active members and over the past few months have been holding rowing sessions 3 times a week. Our coaches hope to have crews competing later in the year.

The Club is now closed for the summer but will re-open in early September. For further information or details on how to become a member, please contact Laura Tangney, Secretary on (087) 9109222.

## John Mitchels GAA

### BINGO

Bingo takes place at the John Mitchels Club House on the John Joe Sheehy Road every Friday night commencing at 8.30 p.m. Sharp.

### LOTTO

Our Weekly Club Lotto takes place every Tuesday night at 9.00 p.m. Sharp in the Club House under the watchful eye of Gary O'Mahony and Paddy O'Mahony

### COUNTRY MARKET

The Country Market takes place at our Club Every Thursday afternoon commencing at 1.30 pm. Sharp. It is advised to come early for the pick of the crop!

### CLUB RESTAURANT

Our Club Restaurant is opened daily from 09.00 – 11.00 a.m. for Breakfast we do a mini breakfast or the full Irish for the hungrier person. Lunch is served from 12.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. daily excluding Saturday. Tired of cooking on a Sunday why not ring up and order a Take Away Lunch – simply phone 066 71 26300. The Restaurant also caters for that special event be it Holy Communion, Confirmation, BBQ, House Parties etc.

Contact **Tralee Times** with news from Your Club or organisation. Photographs welcome.

### Average Weather Details for July Valentia Observatory [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie)

Monthly Temperature = 14.8 degrees C  
 Monthly Rainfall = 74.0 mm  
 Wind Speed = 8.5 knots  
 Relative Humidity = 82%  
 Daily Sunshile Duration = 4.53 hours

### 2005

Monthly Temperature = 15.6 degrees C  
 Monthly Rainfall = 78.3 mm

### 2006

Monthly Temperature = 16.6 degrees C  
 Monthly Rainfall = 87.4 mm  
 (30 mm of rain in the last week of July)  
**Warmest Day**—19/7/2006 = 26.8 degrees C

Don't waste water as there may be a shortage due to the very dry and fine weather we had earlier this summer

## Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society

### AUGUST

*Sunday, 13 August*  
 Field Outing: Killarney No. 2  
 Leaders: Noel Grimes and Michael Leane Members.  
 Meet: 2.30 p.m. Car Park Lewis Road, near Friary

### SEPTEMBER

*Sunday, 10th—Heritage Sunday*  
 Field Outing: Paps of Anu  
 Leader: Frank Coyne, Archaeologist  
 Meet: 2.30 p.m. Shrone Church, Rathmore

## Maguires

## Butchers

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## Kerry Football

The defeat to Cork in the Munster Final has led to changes in tactics and personnel. Some would argue that these changes were long overdue. Kerry dispatched Longford without too much difficulty. With Kerry employing different tactics it makes the outing against Armagh less predictable.

## Musings on Technology

Think back to the 1980s. The Compact Disc was invented by Philips early in that decade and I remember buying my first CD for a "Ghetto Blaster" bought while on a J1 student visa in the States. The first CD I bought was by Dire Straits, "Money for Nothing".

As well as being a breakthrough in formats for yours truly, that CD actually was a breakthrough for the European video industry. The video of the single "Money for Nothing" was the first ever shown on European MTV. And of course MTV was the real driver behind the music video industry. The music video industry had already been given a kick start in 1980 by David Bowie's iconic "Ashes to Ashes" video, but MTV created the commercial market.

Video was supposed to kill radio. "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggles was the first ever video shown on MTV in the States. Of course the much touted radiocide never happened. So, don't think that a new technology will do away with a competing, older, technology. As another example of over-hyped talk of obsolescence, recall the Soda Stream, again from the 1980s. This was supposed to replace Coke and other soft drinks because it provided cheap home soda. Warren Buffett may never have had the money to hand over to Bill and Melinda Gates if Soda Stream had truly replaced Coke (Buffett's company is a major shareholder in Coca Cola).

Of course, video has changed too. The video tape is almost completely replaced by the DVD, which has distinct advantages, but still, annoyingly, can be easily scratched.

Of course, the latter problem has not been solved yet on a wide commercial basis, probably because it doesn't really matter enough to the manufacturers. With the growing wealth in countries such as Ireland, people just buy a new copy of the latest Barney DVD if the kids scratched the original. And the DVD manufacturers benefit.

The current theme of technology seems to be convergence. The convergence of music and video in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is now being followed by the convergence of wireless communications and entertainment. If you ever look at films from the 1980's you'll be amused that people didn't have a mobile phone, or if they did the phone looked like a toaster (and was probably as hot after a few minutes), and used phone booths a lot. People now prefer to text than talk and can easily choose to watch replays of world cup goals on their 3G phones. The ironic thing is that the phone booth is coming back (and I don't mean because of the movie with Colin Farrell). Who predicted that the mobile phone would actually inspire the re-birth of the phone booth? The Phone Kiosk is making a come-back! I vividly recall that draughty old yellow and green phone kiosk at the end of our road was a solution for me to ring my blonde girlfriend in 1980 to arrange to meet her at Horan's the following Saturday night. May as well be talking to the wall as asking my brothers for a measure of privacy on the phone at home. It was an exciting adventure for a hormonal fourteen year old on a wet Tuesday night to steal out of the house, ride quickly down the road and hope no-one else was using the kiosk when I got there. I didn't even need change, just tapped out her number.

Any concern about the young lady in question answering the phone in her not-so-private hall at home didn't really surface. Somewhere over the past few years the kiosk disappeared and more than one teenager I'm sure missed it when they needed it one night.



Now of course, youngsters text if they want to arrange a date. This makes breaking up easy too of course. (Talking about "breaking up": this is too common an occurrence still with mobile phone signals. It's also convenient to give that excuse when you don't want to hear something of course.)

The ebb and flow of technology is relentless. The flow is obvious and the ebb is less so, but as real for many gadgets and capabilities. In ten years time, or probably less, you will see as many DVD players as

young Irish priests. They will have become a distant memory, and only articles like this will remind you of them. You'll be able to download whatever movie you like wirelessly to your TV and your fingerprint will satisfy the service provider that you are indeed over 18.

But will the TV set have survived? Miniaturization will mean that the TV can be hung wherever you want in the house. The miniaturization of course is related to the thinness of the display and the fact that all the electronics will be distributed around the frame and behind the display. The display will also probably be expandable. It will become indistinguishable from any other picture on the wall, and probably can become any picture you want it to be because it will also be your computer display. It will be so seamless on your wall that it may seem like the wall is talking to you from time to time. The definition of the TV will be so high that you will be able to create Manhattan on your wall while you're having one.

Now, imagine you're in a busy diner in New York in August 2006 and you want to take an important phone call from Denny St on your Nokia. Going outside is as useless as going outside for a breath of fresh air, especially this time of the year. What's that tall box in the corner of the diner? There's a guy inside it having a chat on his phone, clearly raising his voice but you can't hear anything. That's the re-birth of the Phone Booth, an oasis of quiet in the frenzy of city life, so that you can make and take calls without annoying the rest of humanity. You might even pretend to make a call in there just to experience an island of sound-proofed calm.

You'll see those phone kiosks in Tralee soon, probably in what has replaced Horan's on a Saturday night, an oasis of peace for a young blonde as the slow-set starts.

**Next month in Tralee Times :  
Feature—Energy Saving Advice  
as fuel prices and energy bills  
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### The Car that can park itself!

BMW's robotic parking system is pretty much as good as it sounds. Once you've placed a reflective lens at the head of your space and got out of the car, you just press a button and it'll do all the necessary adjusting of the accelerator and steering wheel until the car's snugly in its space. Judging by the video posted by Wired on Youtube, it won't park your car from round the block but does look handy for spaces where there isn't enough room to open your door. BMW expects the tech, which will work via the existing iDrive system and will eventually manage parallel parking, to be available by 2009.

This means it may get beaten to the punch by Siemens' 'Park Mate' tech, which uses heat sensors and radar to park your wheels in any parking space. It's expected to be on the streets by 2008.

### Televisions

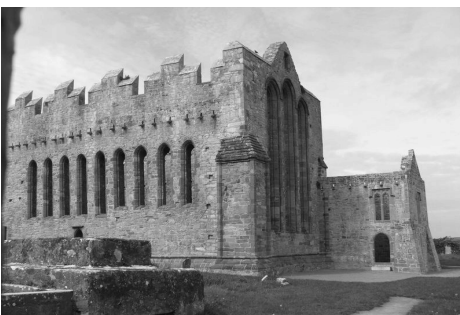
Just weeks after telling us it's finished with plasma, Sony's pulled up the curtain on these new high definition-friendly LCD TV's.

### Tents and Camping

If you've suffered a long, dark, spooky night without the blessing of moonlight, you'll appreciate the wondrous appeal of a tent with solar powered lighting. The Woods Solar Powered EZ-Tent is a four-person camper's delight, complete with solar panel and LED lights.

### Ardfert Cathedral

A monastery was founded in Ardfert by St. Brendan 'The Navigator' in the 6th Century. There are three medieval churches, an ogham stone and a number of early Christian and medieval grave slabs on the site today. The earliest building is the Cathedral which dates from the 12th to the 17th Centuries. It has a fine example of a Romanesque west doorway, a magnificent 13th Century east window.



And a spectacular row of nine lancets in the south wall. The battlements were added in the 15th Century. The pre-12th Century block of masonry is visible in the north wall.

There is also evidence of a round tower on the site. Much of the site has been examined by archaeologists and a visitors centre / tour of the site is available to the public.

### Golf Club 'Hummer' Carts



The H3 isn't just some miniature imitator of General Motors' not so mini original - it's been given GM's official badge of approval and its own special vocation. Smaller than the Hummer, that you may have seen, the H3 has been designed primarily for golf, to give the traditional cart a bit of an edge. After its launch at the London Golf Show, orders for the 'mega-cart', from golf clubs were very quick, apparently.

**'After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.'**  
*Aldous Huxley (1894 - 1963)*

### Sony—'12GB' thumb drives

Just when we thought USB keys were headed the way of VHS, Golden Wonder and the Dodo, Sony rides in to town with a new mega capacity bunch.

Though the fresh MicroVault range tops out at 4GB, Sony's included clever compression software that should allow you to pack in three times the usual amount of data - so on the top model you'll get room for 12GB of tunes, films or you-name-its.

Aside from the compression shenanigans, there's nowt here to write postcards home about. There are two ranges, the Midi and Excellence. Opt for the lux of Excellence and you'll be treated to slightly faster read/write speeds and a gold option instead of the pauper silver and black Midis.

You can get your hands on them later this month for a price that's currently unannounced. Capacities start at 512MB.

**'Humour is the last sense to go before one dies.'**  
*Jan Loco Materazzi RIP*

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& Aisling Bowyer  
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**Siamsa Tíre, Tralee**  
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### Tralee Town Councillors

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- Norma Foley - Fianna fail
- Tommy Foley - NON-PARTY
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- Pat Hussey - Fine Gael
- Miriam McGillicuddy - Labour
- Kieran Moriarty - Fianna Fail
- Terry O'Brien - Labour
- Karen Tobin - Labour
- Johnny Wall - Fianna Fail

This list was requested by a reader and I'm sure there are other readers who may wish for this information also. In the coming weeks we will be sending each Councillor a short list of questions (same questions for all) and I will publish the replies. If you would like to include a question in the list contact us at *Tralee Times*.

### My Lovely Tralee

Tralee oh Tralee my lovely Tralee  
You are everything there is to me  
With your supreme splendour and style  
You never fail to raise my broad smile.

You give a new meaning to the word home  
You're nicer than London, Paris or Rome  
In life I'll ne'er leave your blessed sod  
It must be to you that God gave the nod.

You're my heaven on earth that's for sure  
With you're classic beauty crystal clear pure  
In other places I've felt old and blue  
But here I always feel young and new.

How I love your people gentle and kind  
Their likes I nowhere else shall find  
How I love your streets, smells and sounds  
Grandiose grandeur gleams and abounds.

By night or day whether wet or dry  
In Tralee I always feel on a high  
The air is fresh, the mood is bright  
My heart is always happy and light.

Why do winds of freshness always blow  
And waters of gladness always flow  
I'll never know the truth to tell  
Tralee is the town I love so well.

by **Jerry Daly**

# Population of Kerry 1926—2006

According to the Preliminary Report by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on Census 2006 Co. Kerry has the 8th highest population per county in Ireland and this position is unchanged since 2002.

COUNTY	%CHANGE	POPULATION
Dublin	+ 5.6%	1,186,159
Cork	+ 7.4%	480,909
Galway	+ 10.5%	231,036
Kildare	+ 13.5%	186,075
Limerick	+ 4.9%	183,863
Meath	+ 21.4%	162,621
Donegal	+ 6.8%	146,956
Kerry	+ 5.3%	139,616

However within Co. Kerry there has been an interesting change. This is evident in looking at the Constituency divisions within the county.

CONSTITUENCY	2002	2006	%CHANGE
Kerry North	66,393	69,384	+4.5
Kerry South	66,134	70,232	+6.2

## History of Population Change in Co. Kerry since 1926

In 1926 the population of Co. Kerry was 149,121. Co. Kerry was at that stage the county with the 6th highest population in the country. Interestingly the order was Dublin; Cork; Mayo; Galway; Donegal and Kerry. As you can see in Fig. 1 above things have changed since 1926.

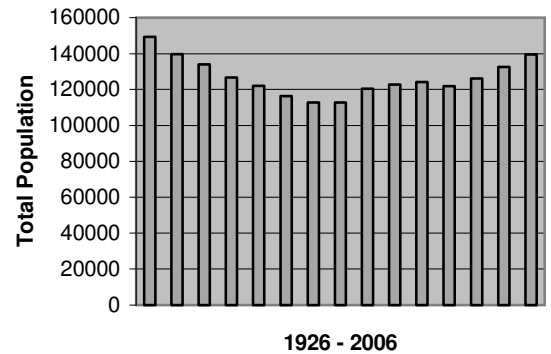
Co. Kerry's population declined throughout the years of the 20th Century to a low of 112,772 in 1971. In 1971 Kerry was 5th highest per county in Ireland. The biggest drop in population in Co. Kerry occurred between 1926 and 1936 i.e. -9,337. The greatest increase occurred between 1971 and 1981 i.e. +9,998. The trend since 1971 has been in favour of growth and increase however in 1991 a decrease was recorded.

AVERAGE ANNUAL RATES PER 1,000 of AVERAGE POPULATION 2002—2006			
<b>County Kerry</b>			
Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Net Migration*
12.8	8.7	4.1	8.9
<b>Ireland</b>			
Births	Deaths	Natural Increase	Net Migration*
15.0	7.0	8.1	11.4

According to the statistics Co. Kerry has one of the lowest average birth rates in Ireland presently. Kildare is the highest average with 18.6 per 1000. With regard to death rates Leitrim has the highest average with 11.0 per 1000 and Kerry is in joint 4th highest along with Cavan; Galway County; Cork City. Natural Increase in Co. Kerry 4th lowest in the country.

Net Migration (\* estimate) Highest +35.7 Meath & Lowest -15.0 Limerick City. Information from — [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)

## Population of Co. Kerry 1926 - 2006



## Public Lighting

In the last few weeks I have noticed that the ESB have been fixing, replacing and maintaining public lighting 'fixtures' in some areas of Tralee. This is very welcome news indeed. *Tralee Times* did conduct a survey of public street lights and published the results in the May edition [Vol. 1 No. 2]. On the occasion of the survey up to 10% of the public lights were malfunctioning or not working at all. At least now, the situation should have improved. *Tralee Times* will continue to monitor the situation.

If you have problems of this kind in your area, do let us know. Tel. 087—76 152 76 or email: [editor@traleetimes.com](mailto:editor@traleetimes.com) or enter your comment in our FEEDBACK page on [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com)

## The Imperial Hotel

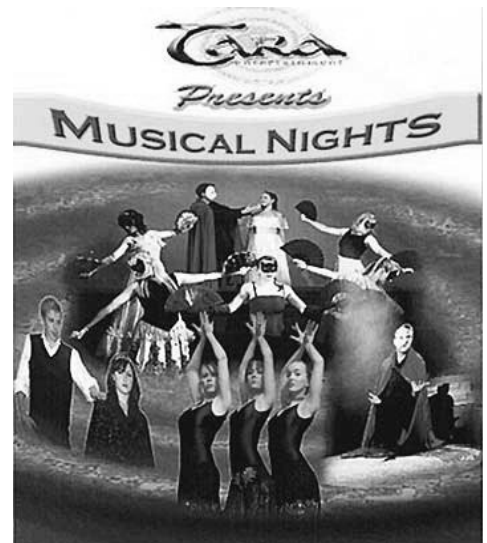
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