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Padres Irish Night To Benefit Irish Outreach Center

ON SATURDAY, JULY 19, Irish Outreach hosts the Annual Irish Night at Petco Park when the San Diego Padres play host to the New York Mets, 5.40pm.

Tickets for this event are \$25 which is tremendous value as the face value of the game tickets are \$31.50.

There will be pre-game festivities at the newly renovated Blarney Stone in the Gaslamp, starting at 3.30pm and an Andrew Cashner replica jersey for each person on arrival at Petco Park.

The Irish community will also be represented by a ball game delivery kid from our group and big screen recognition.

This is a wonderful cul-

tural event where the local Irish community and temporary Irish J1 students can get acquainted. Please explain the rules to our new arrivals!

Please contact Irish Outreach at 619-2911630 or help@irishoutreachsd.org to purchase tickets. Alternatively you can buy them online at the Padres website using the promo code IRISH at www.padres.com/events.

The Padres are making a small donation to Irish Outreach for each ticket sold. If you are a business owner this is a wonderful event to bring your patrons or employees to.

Irish Outreach looks forward to seeing you all there.

Please see the ad on page 14 of this edition for more details.

LA Irish Dance Teacher Has Show At San Diego Fringe Festival

THE BAD ARM—Confessions Of A Dodgy Irish Dancer, written and performed by Máire Clerkin and directed by Dan O'Connor, will be part of the San Diego International Fringe Festival. Clerkin is a part time teacher of Irish Dance and Drama for the Los Angeles Music Center.

Aimed at ages 12 and up, the show is an uproarious hour of dance and comedy—billed as the outrageous antidote to 'Riverdance.' The Bad Arm—Confessions of a Dodgy Irish Dancer is the bitter-comic story of a scowling misfit girl in 1970s England. The show arrives hotfoot to San Diego following acclaimed performances in Dublin, Los Angeles, New York, Sacramento, Chicago, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Vancouver, Santa Cruz, and Florida.

Clerkin jumps in and out of hornpipe shoes in a provocative account of being English in Ireland, Irish in England and a pink-haired punk in a grey city.



Amid bone-shaking bursts of rhythm and physical theatre, our ugly-duckling-never-quite-swan recounts her experiences like only a London-Irish, convent-educated girl can.

The Bad Arm will run for five nights at RAW Space, off Broadway, from July 9-13. Tickets are \$10 and are available at sdfringe.org

www.maireclerkin.com

White House Nominates Missouri Attorney As Next Irish Ambassador

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A prominent community leader in St Louis, he is a former officer in the United States Army Reserve and served as a federal prosecutor for 10 years in the Office of Organised Crime and Racketeering in the US Department of Justice and as assistant US attorney in St Louis.

He also teaches law at the Washington University School of Law in the city.

O'Malley studied for the priesthood in a Catholic seminary for a time and is a prominent parishioner in the Catholic diocese in St Louis.

In 2009, he was appointed by Missouri governor Jay Nixon as the only non-physician member of the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, the state's licensing and disciplinary body for physi-

cians.

O'Malley, whose grandfather came from County Mayo, is married with one son.

The longest delay in the appointment of a US ambassador to Ireland previously was 13 months, recorded in the mid-1930s during the presidency of Franklin D Roosevelt.

Senior figures in the Irish-American community criticised the delay in appointing a top US diplomat to Dublin, with Democratic congressman Joe Crowley being the most recent prominent individual to voice concern.

Last week, during the visit of Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams to Washington, Crowley called for the Obama administration to be more engaged in the Northern Irish peace process by appointing

a US ambassador as soon as possible to have a presence in Dublin.

O'Malley's appointment has to be confirmed by the Democrat-controlled Senate.

The Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Eamon Gilmore, has welcomed the announcement.

He stated: "I am delighted that President Obama has announced his decision to nominate Mr O'Malley as the next US Ambassador to Ireland. This reflects the commitment which he gave to the Taoiseach at their St Patrick's Day meeting in Washington DC.

"It is important that there be a resident US ambassador here, to reflect the extraordinary strength and depth of the relationship that exists between our two countries."

PayPal To Create 400 Jobs In Dundalk, County Louth

ONLINE PAYMENTS COMPANY PayPal last month announced its intention to create 400 jobs over the next four years at its European operations centre in Dundalk, Co Louth. The new jobs will be in telesales, merchant services, cost solutions and risk operations. The jobs are due to be in place by 2018, bringing PayPal's total Irish workforce to 2,900 by 2018.

In 2012, the US firm announced the establishment of its European operations centre in Dundalk. At the time it said it would create 1,000 jobs by 2016.

These additional jobs will bring combined PayPal and eBay employee numbers in Dundalk to 1,850 by 2018.

The company said the roles are primarily English speaking but it also has a number of

other language opportunities.

PayPal's centers in Dublin and Dundalk manage 60 million active accounts in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The company said its growth in Ireland is being fuelled by the increasing number of businesses and consumers who choose PayPal to trade and shop online.

"Dundalk is a very important site in our global operations for supporting our customers. We are already ahead of schedule in recruiting our first 1,000 teammates, thanks to our continued expansion, together with the high-calibre people we have already employed," commented Louise Phelan, Vice President of Global Operations for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

"PayPal's growth in Dublin and Dundalk is one of the larg-

est projects the IDA has ever been involved in bringing to Ireland. PayPal have found an ideal combination of talent, great infrastructure and suitable property in Dundalk," said IDA Ireland's chief executive Barry O'Leary.

Richard Bruton, the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, said today's news is a huge boost for a part of the country that has experienced major employment challenges in recent decades.

"Louise Phelan and PayPal Ireland are a standout example of a phenomenon we are seeing more and more of in recent years—an Irish operation within a multinational, under strong leadership, becoming more strategically important within global operations and winning new investment and jobs for Ireland," Bruton said.

EU Launches Inquiry Into Ireland's Tax Deal With Apple

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION has launched an official probe into whether Ireland broke rules on state aid as part of a tax deal offered to Apple.

Announcing the enquiry, the Commission said that it has concerns that Ireland may have applied tax law to Apple in a way that allows it to reduce its payment "below the level it should pay based on a correct application of the tax rules."

The company may have gained a "selective advantage", the EC said.

The investigation will focus on transfer pricing, which is

the price charged for transactions between different parts of the same company.

EC competition chief Joaquin Almunia said:

In the current context of tight public budgets, it is particularly important that large multinationals pay their fair share of taxes.

It is thought that the initial investigation could take up to two years, with further legal challenges to an adverse finding dragging it out to a time-frame of four or five years.

In a statement the Irish government's Department of Finance noted the decision by

the EC, and said that it is confident it hasn't broken EU rules.

"Ireland is confident that there is no state aid rule breach in this case and we will defend all aspects vigorously."

There has been significant attention on how Ireland taxes multinational companies operating in the jurisdiction, with particular focus Apple as both the G7 and other supranational bodies seek to clamp down on corporate tax avoidance.

The Department didn't rule out a legal challenge if there is an adverse finding against Ireland at the end of the investigation.

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