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Body Shop building makes good figure

A VALUABLE investment property at the corner of O'Connell Street/Thomas Street, was this Tuesday bought in trust by O'Donnell Sweeney, Solicitors, Dublin, for €3,500.00, writes **John O'Shaughnessy**.

It is understood they were acting on behalf of a group of local investors.

The anchor tenants at

the property are The Body Shop, who, like the other tenants, will not be affected by the sale.

When contacted in Dublin, a spokesman for O'Donnell Sweeney said they were not in a position to identify their clients. "It was bought for investment purposes."

There were ten bidders at the auction, which was held in Dublin

City fails to connect with conference

LIMERICK has missed out on a major business conference because there is no evening flight from Dublin to Shannon, according to Cllr John Ryan.

Cllr Ryan said that a conference hosted by an adult literacy group came to the city in 2001 but they are not willing to come back because it is too much hassle.

"I am peeved over the

whole thing. We badly need that business.

"Over 500 delegates would have come to the city filling hotels and B&B's and bringing in much needed revenue.

Many delegates were to come from Eastern Europe, Israel, Scandinavia and Russia but they would arrive in Dublin at 8 at night and this is too late to catch a flight to Shannon.

Hunt Museum is top centre in all Ireland

By **NORMA PRENDIVILLE**

THE Hunt Museum has been named Irish Museum of the Year carrying off the top prize in the Gulbenkian museum awards scheme which operates on an all-Ireland basis.

"It will be great for the city," Hunt Museum director Virginia Teehan said after she collected the award from President Mary McAleese at a special ceremony in Dublin yesterday.

"In the context of the media publicity which Limerick has received, this a very welcome departure," she went on, "and it is a very positive start for the museum for next year."

Previous winners of the Museum of the Year award were the National Gallery and the Chester Beatty Library, both in

Dublin. "They were either new building or had large building projects," Ms Teehan said. "In our case, we didn't—so the award recognises the quality of the service at the museum which I think is a significant difference."

This year is also the first time the award scheme has had an external evaluator.

The scheme is jointly run by the Heritage Council and the Museums Council of Northern Ireland and the Hunt Museum had to score high across categories such as visitor services, collection, care and exhibitions.

The Hunt Museum will launch its programme for the first half of 2004 later this week.



Virginia Teehan, director of the Hunt Museum which was named yesterday as Irish Museum of the Year

DEATHS

BROSNAHAN

(née O'Loughlin) Drombanna, Co. Limerick on 25th November 2003 at Roseville House Nursing Home, Bridie, relict of William and loving mother of the late Maureen Dillon and Billy. Very deeply regretted by her loving family, Jack, Nancy, Bridget, Esther, Rosie, Betty, Margaret, brothers, Christy, Rev Fr Sean, SDB;

daughters-in-law; sons-in-law; sister-in-law; nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and many friends. May she rest in peace. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home, Ballyneety, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to Donoughmore Church. Requiem Mass Friday at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to adjoining cemetery. (w26-c)

Annual Mass

THE annual Mass for deceased members of Limerick City Council Civil Defence takes place in St Michael's Church at 5.30pm on Sunday next, November 30. All former members and friends are welcome to attend.

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