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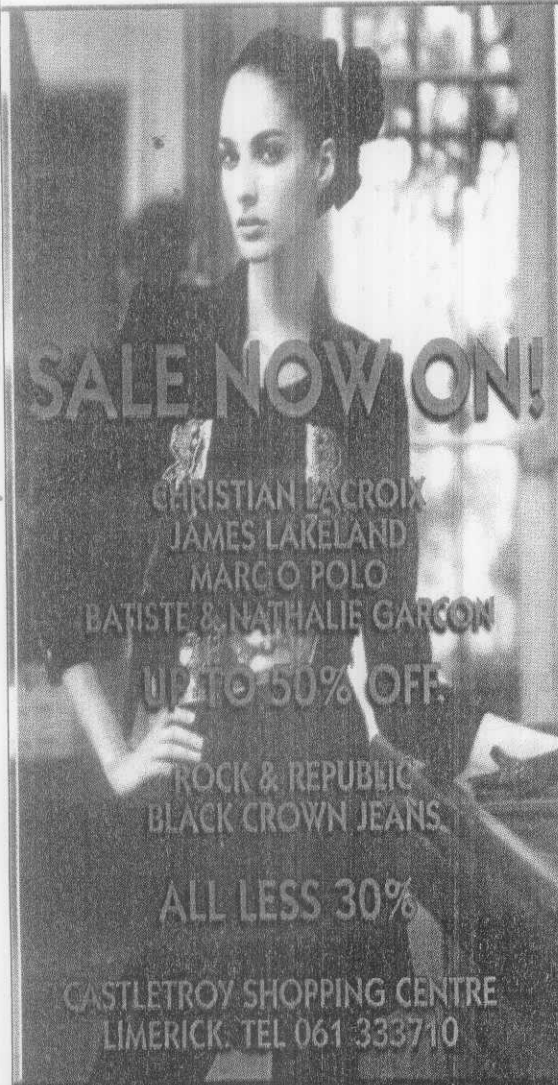
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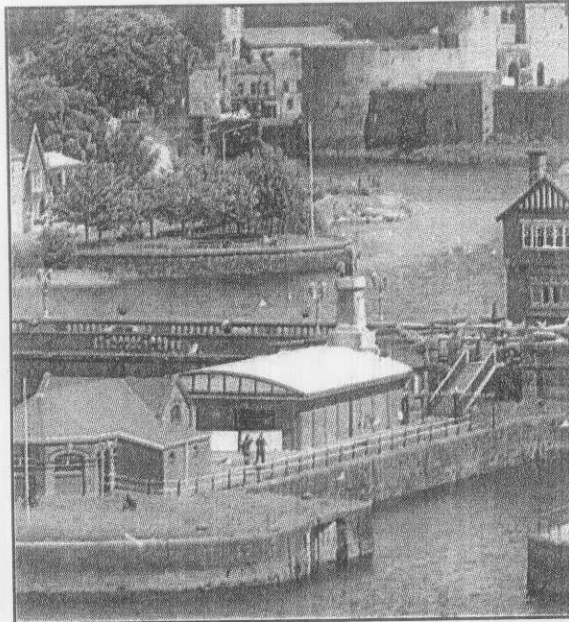
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Multi-million plan for Limerick Boat Club



Magnificent setting: Limerick Boat Club, the red brick building to the left of the picture which is proposed to be transformed into a state-of-the art facility.

By AINE FITZGERALD

AN AMBITIOUS multi-million euro development plan to transform the Limerick Boat Club into a state-of-the-art facility has been revealed this week.

Proposals for the facility off Sarsfield Bridge are to coincide with Limerick city's regeneration programme and the 'riverside city' development and include a museum, coffee shops, tourist information services, facilities for the theatre and the arts as well as a new pedestrian bridge linking the facility to Harvey's Quay and up onto the newly pedestrianised Bedford Row.

"Our objective is to take advantage of the current riverside city programme to improve our facilities, while at the same time securing the future of Limerick Boat Club on Sarsfield Bridge and

thereby promoting the sport of rowing in Limerick for generations to come," said Dermot Moloney, president, Limerick Boat Club.

Limerick Boat Club, or the Boat Club as it is affectionately known, has a proud tradition of boating on Wellesley Pier on Sarsfield Bridge since 1870—making it one of Limerick's oldest sporting clubs.

Working closely with Limerick City Hall, the new development will be a joint initiative between Limerick Boat Club and a leading Limerick based development company, Fordmount Property Group—the developers behind the Riverpoint building and the multi-million euro complex on the site of the old Savoy cinema.

"The facility is not going to be a Riverpoint or a Clarion. It is not going to be enormous. What we are aiming to

achieve is a building which is sensitive to its surroundings, that is tastefully done and that will enhance the riverside city development," explained Michael Daly, Fordmount Property Group.

At Limerick Boat Club's 136th Annual General Meeting last month, detailed proposals were presented to the general membership and it was unanimously agreed that the proposed development should be submitted.

"If we can get the support of the city and all those interested in promoting the sport of rowing in the city, it is hoped that plans could be submitted in the spring of 2007 and with a fair wind at our back, we would hope to be rowing out of the new, fully functional, state-of-the-art facility in the latter half of 2008," said Mr Moloney.

Gavin and Millie to be home for Santa

By CLODAGH O'LEARY

HOPES are high that brave Gavin and Millie Murray will be home this Sunday to spend Christmas in their new home in Limerick.

After undergoing major surgery and intensive medical treatment over the last three months in Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children in Crumlin, the brave children are set to make their first trip

home since the horrific arson attack which scarred them for life.

Doctors were this Thursday monitoring the children's conditions to see if they are fit to go home this Sunday for two days.

"At the moment, we just don't know what is happening. One day Gavin is fine and Millie isn't and the next they say both are ok to come home," said Sheila.

Both children have

undergone numerous painful skin graft procedures to heal their burned skin.

But six-year-old Millie had a setback this week, when the skin on her hand and leg split.

"Her wounds are pretty bad, so she needs to go back to the operating theatre. The doctors told me that this happens sometimes with skin grafts," Sheila said.

"Gavin is doing ok, we have to keep a closer eye on him because he is so

badly burned," she said.

The Murrays got the keys to their new home off the Old Cratloe Road last Thursday and moved in this week.

"We are delighted with the house. It is brilliant for Millie and Gavin to come home but for the other kids as well. They have been scattered around the place since this all happened, so it is lovely for them to have a home for Christmas too," Sheila said.

Sheila said the children

cannot wait for Christmas. Millie, who appeared on The Late Late Toy Show earlier this month has already put her request in with Santa for a doll, while Gavin is hoping to get a trampoline, a bike and a basketball.

But whether Santa will visit them in Limerick or in Dublin has yet to be decided.

"We are hoping that they can come home, we just want to spend Christmas together like everybody else," Sheila said.

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