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## JP PAYS OUT £13m



By EUGENE PHELAN



Sean Crowley, president, Limerick/Shannon Rotary Clubs presents the Paul Harris Fellowship Award to JP McManus, with Noreen McManus looking on

Limerick area would benefit. JP and his wife Noreen turned up at the Limerick Ryan hotel this week where they received a great welcome from a distinguished gathering of local businessmen and women who members and guests of Limerick/Shannon Rotary Club.

Sean Crowley, president of the Rotary Club, explained that the Paul Harris Fellow-

for the area," he added. "All the people I have met since the Pro-Am say that they would love to return because of the great reception they got in Limerick," JP said in an informal speech.

Speaking of his success in life he said, "I have been very lucky but it could have gone the other way. It is not always a stroke of genius that brings results; luck can have a lot to do with it."

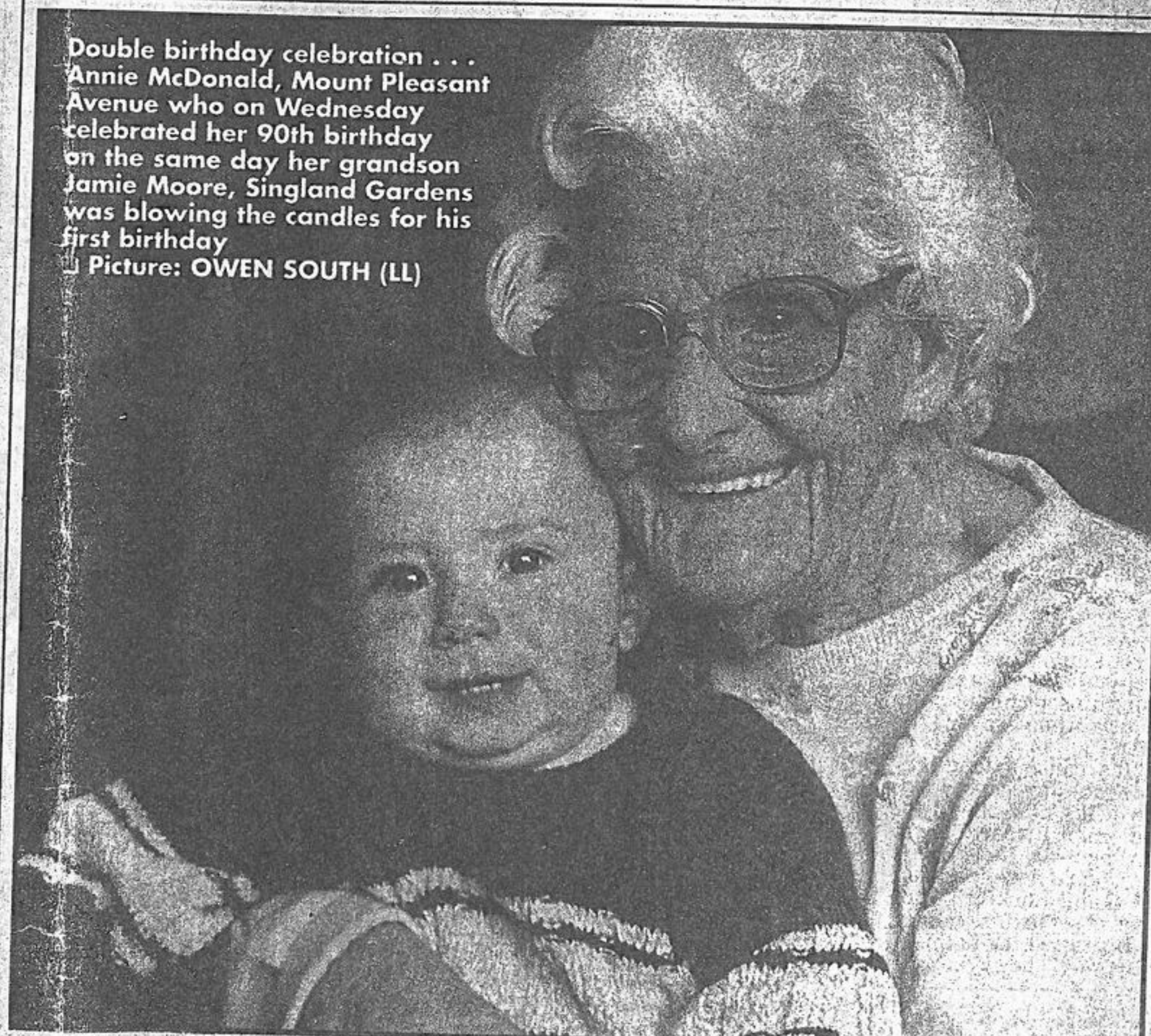
He said that the heroes of his life were the carers who looked after the handicapped; the elderly and underprivileged.

At a question and answer session at the end of his speech he said that he did not know if Tiger Woods would come back.

He said however that from letters he received back and from speaking to some people they told him that "if I was doing something in the future they maybe happy to help."

Double birthday celebration . . . Annie McDonald, Mount Pleasant Avenue who on Wednesday celebrated her 90th birthday on the same day her grandson Jamie Moore, Singland Gardens was blowing the candles for his first birthday

Picture: OWEN SOUTH (LL)



## UFOs on the way

By MARTIN BYRNES

EXPECT to sight unidentified flying objects over Limerick from Thursday of next week.

From Thursday September 21 to Tuesday 26 inclusive, regular as clockwork, they will appear, but only over the Limerick area and only in the middle of the night between a quarter past midnight and a quarter to one.

This information is confidently predicted in the journal of the UFO Society of Ireland. According to a member of the society who lives in Crecora (who firmly claims to have sighted one previously) a 'window' opens up to allow UFOs to enter our hemisphere, and the exciting week ahead of us is one such window.

## Press Ball

THIS years Press Ball, Millennium Edition, will be held on Saturday, September 30, at Fitzpatrick's Conference Centre in Bunratty.

The Limerick Leader are the main sponsor of this years event.

The black tie function starts with dinner at 8.00, followed with music from the legendary Rob Strong and his

## Gardai warn of big traffic delays

By IAIN DEMPSEY

GARDAI have warned Limerick motorists to

And Inspector Seamus Gallagher of Henry Street warned Limerick motorists to use common sense. "There will be

be targeting the commercial sector and vehicles over three-and-half tonnes will be blocked by

as early as possible so to avoid the city." Industrial estates are also likely to be targeted



event and charity auction comes in a week in which Limerick/ Shannon Rotary club honoured Mr McManus with their highest award — the Paul Harris Fellowship.

"Along with the six named charities there have now been applications from others in the Limerick area, which are being processed," confirmed a close aid of Mr McManus.

He said that it now looked that as they had such a big amount of money other charities and good causes in the

bers and guests in Limerick/Shannon Rotary Club. Sean Crowley, president of the Rotary Club, explained that the Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest award they could give a person. "He has been very generous to Limerick city and county. We are lucky to have a man who has excelled with such personal success; lucky to have a man with such generosity and heart," said Mr Crowley.

"The Pro-am did an awful lot of good for the image of Limerick. It was very positive

they told him that "if I was doing something in the future they maybe happy to help."

He felt that such was the effort of the organisers of the event; the commitment and the momentum, it was better to hold the event every five years.

When advertising executive David O'Hara asked if he could see any areas of business potential in Limerick that went untapped JP replied jokingly, "I want to keep those to myself."

GARDAI have warned Limerick motorists to avoid the city centre this Friday as Irish truck drivers were set to go ahead with a 24-hour go-slow protest against the Government's rejection of a 33 per cent cut in diesel tax.

Major roads into cities and around the country were facing huge traffic jams as truckers drive along national roads at slow speeds in protest.

Gallagher of Limerick Street warned Limerick motorists to use common sense. "There will be major inconvenience on Limerick roads this Friday," he said. "Truck drivers will be targeting in particular, roundabouts in the city, and we are urging motorists to avoid the city centre if possible," he said.

"From 6am on Friday morning the truck drivers will be protesting and parking their vehicles at roundabouts. They will

over three-and-a-half tonnes will be blocked by the trucks. The less traffic through the city centre the better."

Insp Gallagher also advised that motorists travelling through Limerick should divert at Killaloe or Birdhill as access through the city will be near impossible.

"Motorists who are travelling from the Birdhill side of Limerick and wish to head out the Ennis Road should divert

Industrial estates are also likely to be targeted by the protesting hauliers, and Insp Gallagher warned that entrances to Raheen Industrial Estate may be completely blocked.

He emphasised three important factors to adhere to this Friday.

"Avoid the city, detour as early as possible if travelling through Limerick and exercise common sense when driving," he said.

from the legendary Rob Strong and his band. This will in turn be followed by a Latin American/ Samba DJ.

Tickets for the Press Ball this year are priced at £27.50 each and are available from Dearbhla Looby at the Limerick Leader at 061-214516, or by contacting Evelyn at reception of the Limerick Leader.



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## Wogan's claim of 'terror' days at the Crescent

By EUGENE PHELAN

THE JESUIT Community in Limerick have decided not to comment on controversial claims by Terry Wogan that they used "terror" as their main education tool during his school days.

In his just published autobiography "Is it Me" he recalls his days at the Crescent College in the early 50's when he claims the Jesuits regularly imparted gratuitous violence on the young boys.

But, he says, it could have been worse; he could have been sent to the Christian Brothers "whose legendary cruelty and brutality could only be compared to a particularly bad tempered Mongol horde."



Terry Wogan

"Is it Me" is the title of top television and radio personalities autobiography which has also outraged BBC executives with its criticism of the Corporation.

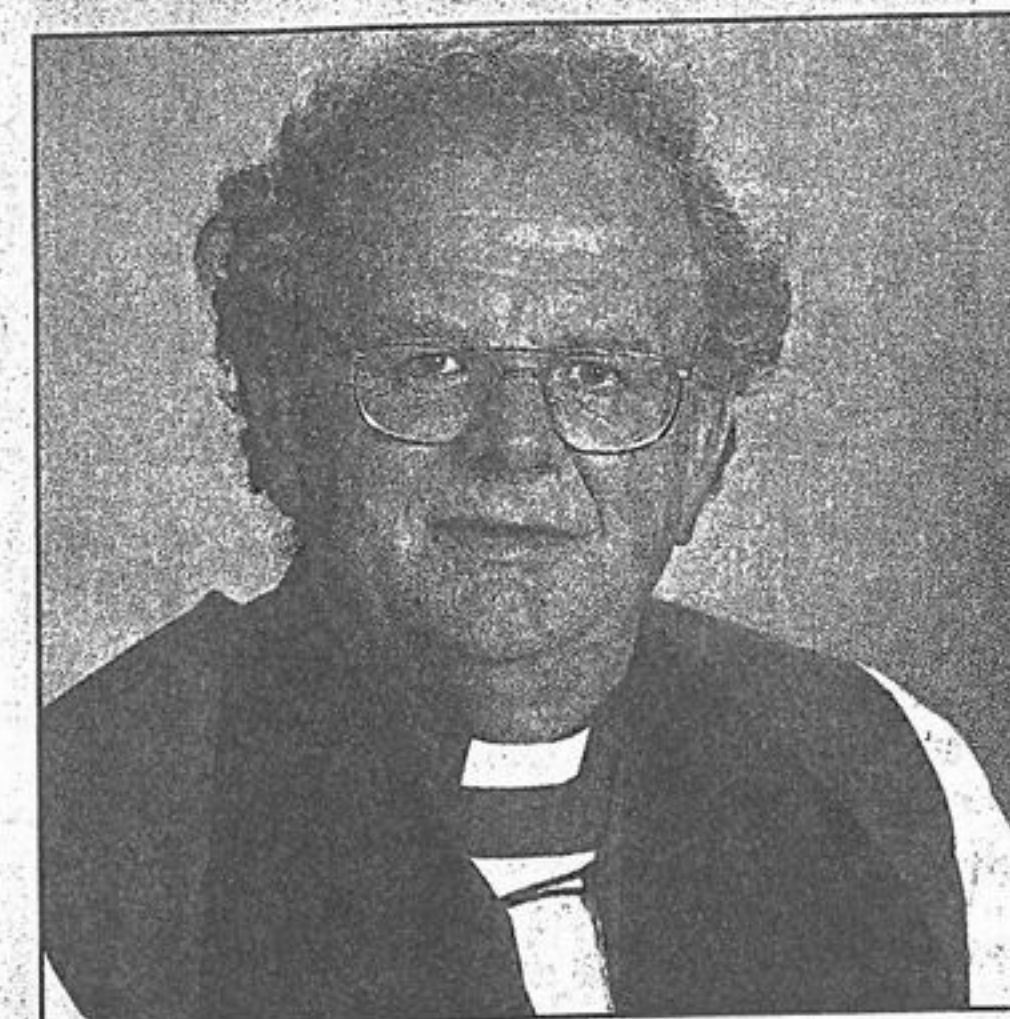
Some members of the Limerick public who contacted this paper were also not happy with

his recollection of his school days at the Crescent.

He says of the Jesuits, "Extraordinary to think that men as sophisticated and supposedly intelligent as the Jesuits could use terror as their main tool in the education of young minds, even allowing for the fact that it was the norm in those days."

"A grammatical mistake in homework, or a moment of foolishness in class, and the good father would write out a little chit from his docket book. Depending on the seriousness of the error or transgression, that chit would be good for three or six heavy welts across the hands with a reinforced leather strap," he claims.

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Right Reverend Michael Mayes

## New Bishop to take office before Christmas

By IAIN DEMPSEY

A MEETING of the House of Bishops next Wednesday will decide the date on which the translation of the new Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe will take place.

The Right Reverend Michael Mayes, from County Derry, is to succeed the Right Rev Edward Darling who retired at the end of July.

Bishop Mayes is currently Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh.

His translation is expected to occur sometime in late October or early November.

Bishop Mayes and his wife Beth will be moving into a splendid residence on the North Circular Road.

He told the Limerick

Leader that he is "looking forward to a new sphere of work in Limerick" and "looking forward to living and working among Limerick people."

He was born in 1941 in County Derry and attended the Royal School in Armagh before going to Trinity College where he studied Hebrew and Oriental Languages.

In 1968, he and his wife Beth went to Japan where they stayed until 1974.

Bishop Mayes said that he knows Limerick quite well after spending 17 and a-half years serving various parishes in Cork before becoming Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in 1993. He has three children, Patrick, Soren and Natalya.

His brother, the Rev John Mayes is rector of Clooney Parish in Derry.

## Dead man is named

By IAIN DEMPSEY

A 16-YEAR-old male became the first road traffic accident fatality in the city this year when the car he was travelling in collided with another vehicle on Wednesday night.

The victim was named this Thursday afternoon as Tyrone Power, with an address at the Watergate Flats in the city. Another young male involved in the accident between the two cars at Lower Gerald Griffin Street was rushed to hospital where his condition was described as stable.

The fatal accident occurred at around 9.45pm just outside Cross's Funeral Home.

"A Nissan Micra containing four men was coming out by the Geraldine Bar and a Rover with two people in it was coming down from John's Square. A collision occurred at the crossroads,"

said Inspector Seamus Gallagher of Henry Street.

"A collision occurred and the two men in the back of the Micra were the man who was killed and the man who was taken to hospital. The two other people in the Micra fled the scene after the accident. Luckily nobody in the Rover was injured. This accident is a terrible tragedy."

Three units of the fire brigade and an ambulance were called to the scene.

Mr Power was rushed to the Regional Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival. The death of Mr Power brings the total road fatalities for the year in Limerick to eight.

Last year's figures for the same period show that the number is down by 10, from 18.

Mr Power is the first person to be killed on the city roads this year, with all other deaths occurring on Limerick county roads.

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