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All the marathon finishers

Full list with a host of great pictures from the Limerick Leader Mini Marathon in Sport

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"dropped a small package con-
taining a brown substance", which
she admitted to gardai was a €50
deal of heroin for her own use.

Mr McCarthy said Ms Quinn
had a history of theft connected
with her "hopeless addiction to
drugs and heroin in particular".

Admissions were freely made
on each occasion she was inter-
cepted by gardai and the stolen
property had been recovered in all
but one instance.

Judge O'Donnell questioned
whether the 10-month sentence
imposed in May had been
appealed as "it appears she was
involved in stealing a handbag on
June 4, carried out further thefts
in July and August, was involved

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Teacher man to have school named after him



The late Frank McCourt with his wife Ellen on his most recent visit to Limerick this year

McCourt's name honoured in NY

Anne Sheridan

IT WAS a mixed day for the family of the late Frank McCourt in New York this Tuesday, with the announcement of a school in the author's honour. But the family were also dealing with the news that his widow, Ellen, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Frank McCourt passed away this July aged 77 following a battle with melanoma and had contracted meningitis in his final months. For the past year and a half, his wife Ellen, 24 years his junior, had cared for him throughout his illness. Brother Malachy McCourt

said that this may have in part led to her own illness. "I understand that after caring for a person for a long period of time, the caregiver is also at risk of illness. It was probably all the stress she was under. But are all quite optimistic about it," he said. He said his sister-in-law is now undergoing treatment and the family are hopeful of a full recovery. The couple met in the Lion's Head bar in Greenwich Village in 1989, and were married in August 1994. Ellen Frey, a senior vice-president at a PR company, became his third wife and is credited with encouraging him to finally sit down and

write Angela's Ashes, his debut memoir which was sold in excess of six million copies. At a public ceremony this week in memory of Frank McCourt it was announced that a school of journalism and literature is to be created and named in his honour. The Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg, announced the creation of the Frank McCourt High School of Writing Journalism and Literature, an application-only high school to open next autumn on West 84th Street. "It was a very emotional moment when that was announced. The whole place just erupted.

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Convicted murderer Raymond Casey, left, died of a suspected heart attack and murder victim Noel Pyper

Murderer dies in jail of suspected coronary incident

David Hurley

A CONVICTED murderer, who was once described by gardai as one of the most dangerous men in Limerick, died in hospital this Wednesday after he suffered a suspected heart attack while exercising at Portlaoise Prison.

Ray Casey, 46, of Ashe Avenue, John Carew Park, Southill had been serving a life sentence for the horrific murder of barman Noel Pyper in August 1997. Another man Anthony Casey, 29, of Mount Pleasant Avenue was also sentenced to life in prison after he too was convicted of murdering the 38-year-old who died after he was attacked at a laneway in the city centre.

Both men were convicted following a lengthy trial at the Central Criminal Court in Dublin, which concluded in January 2002. During the trial the jury was told that both men had followed Mr Pyper from a city centre takeaway on the night of the killing and that they had attempted to rob him of the takings from the pub where he was working.

Mr Pyper died as a result of severe injuries which he

suffered during the mug-
ging. He was repeatedly
kicked in the face and head
and post mortem results
showed he had choked on
his own blood.

Mr Pyper, who was suf-
fering from an advanced
stage of throat cancer at the
time, was described in
court as a quiet man who
"wouldn't say boo to a fly."

Senior gardai told the
jury that Ray Casey was a
violent man and at one
point during the trial he
was described as one of the
most dangerous men in
Limerick. According to
prison sources he collapsed
while exercising on
Wednesday afternoon and
attempts to resuscitate him
at the nearby Portlaoise
Hospital were unsuccessful.

A post-mortem examina-
tion was conducted on the
body of Ray Casey this
Thursday and the Irish
Prison Service has
launched an investigation
into his death.

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Dell looks to recruit over 200 temporary workers

Nick Rabbitts

DELL is looking to recruit more than 200 temporary workers - and this number may grow even more, the Limerick Leader can reveal.

This Thursday lunchtime, bosses from the computer giant were in

demand grows for laptop comput-
ers in the run up to Christmas.

These new staff will be paid 10.38 per hour for a period of between four and eight weeks to work on the lines in Raheen.

However, the news has been greeted with dismay by former

Kelly wants his seized booze returned to him

Petula Martyn

FRANCIS Kelly wants his beer back and is contesting a police property application by Roxboro Gardai to have the alcohol destroyed.

The Southill man is appealing



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not ruled out the possibility of industrial action. The airline has in turn said that if no deal is reached, it will close loss-making routes, sell aircraft and implement compulsory redundancies. Meanwhile, there was further news in Shannon this week as it emerged up to 130 staff in the area's industrial estate were made redundant. Telecommunications support company Tecnotree announced 80 jobs due to a "reduction in demand". And up to 50 posts look set to be lost from GE

Energy. The company is set to decide how the redundancies will be implemented over the next month. Meanwhile, at GE Money, it is understood up to 50 posts are to be lost. Nobody at GE Money was available for comment at the time of going to press but it is understood staff have been informed and a consultation process is to get underway. A redundancy package will be "generous" by industry standards, according to reports. GE Money laid off 165 people

last week. "I don't know," Michael O'Leary [the Ryanair CEO] spoke at a Shannon Chamber business lunch nine months ago. He foresaw exactly what is happening today," the Mayor said. He said his sympathies were with the 130 people who have already learnt their jobs are gone, saying: "This is no reflection on the staff. Costs have become too high for companies to survive here. Companies basically come to our country to make a profit. This is primary."

to two six-month sentences for theft. She was further sentenced to two three-month-terms for possession of heroin and failing to appear in court. All sentences are to be

on Tuesday had been released from Limerick Prison by noon on Wednesday. Mr Devane has previously complained to the court about a "revolving door" at Mulgrave Street.

g to recruit temporary staff



I are recruiting workers through Manpower temporary agency, Michael Street

Limerick Leader. Deputy O'Sullivan added she "no sympathy" if Dell was having problems with its manu-

facturing facility in Poland, where the permanent jobs in Limerick have been shipped to. "Dell has taken jobs from under the foot of Limerick workers, so I have absolutely no sympathy for the company if it is having problems in Poland. It would be ironic in fact if this was the case," she added. A spokesperson for Dell confirmed that it is recruiting some temporary contract workers "to help meet current increased demand in the business." The spokesperson added: "This recruitment process will have no impact on the overall

timing of the transition plan for the Limerick site. The recruitment of these workers is being done in full compliance with the employment laws of the State." At the end of this month, to mark the end of Dell's third manufacturing quarter, around 250 permanent staff are set to be let go as the computer giant continues downsizing its manufacturing facility here and moving it to Lodz in Poland. This is expected to be complete by the end of this year, and is expected to trigger thousands more redundancies in sub-supply firms, and retailers serving Dell.

or insists JP will launch book

grounds the launch of a new book on Limerick, a source close to him is confirming that he is attending while the book is insistent that he will perform the official

limited Heartbreak: Hurling man Henry Martin's tales of bookstores controversy. Former officials are referred to as "the former team book."

s, the official sponsor of hurling team has moved into local GAA, was to launch the book at a lounge in Patrick's today and his name is an official invitation. According to a source close to a racing tycoon, Mr not be there. "He is the source said this



Henry Martin, author: JP will be there to launch hurling book

According to author Mr Martin, however, the launch is going ahead as planned and Mr McManus will be there.

This Wednesday, he said: "I am in regular contact with Mr McManus' representatives. The launch is going ahead as planned. He will be there." The book also focuses on internal



JP McManus: representatives say the tycoon will be 'unavailable'

feuds between various senior team management and County Board officials and lifts the lid on the drinking culture which blighted the future prospects of several of the members of the Under 21 three-in-a-row team.

A 30-minute DVD showing clips of old Limerick games will be screened during the launch.

Journalism school named in honour of Frank McCourt

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➔ It's the first school in America to be named after a teacher," Mr McCourt told the Limerick Leader.

It is understood that Frank McCourt was made aware of the plans shortly before he died from meningitis and cancer this July. Among those in atten-

dance at the public celebration in Symphony Space Theatre on Broadway this Tuesday was the actor Gabriel Byrne. It was in this theatre that the author himself had passed many memorable evenings performing passages from James Joyce's "Ulysses" each year at "Bloomsday on Broadway."

DEATHS

QUINLIVAN Thomas, (Tommy), Limerick, Colbert Park, Janesboro, on the 6th October, 2009 (peacefully), at the Regional Hospital, formerly of James McMahon's Limerick and beloved husband of the late Minnie. Very deeply regretted by his loving son Gerry, daughter Michelle, sisters Aine and Josephine, son in law Philip, daughter in law Marie, sister in law, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. May he Rest In Peace. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home this Thursday evening at 7.00 pm to Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Requiem Mass Friday at 11.00 am with burial afterwards in Mount St. Oliver cemetery.

NAUGHTON (nee Casey) Late of Raheen and Farranshane Limerick on Oct 7th 2009 (peacefully) at the Regional Hospital. Molly, beloved wife of the late Willie and dearest mother of Ger, Kieran and Niall. Sadly missed by her sister Peg (USA) daughters-in-law Eva and Patty, grandchildren Ciara, Liam, Darren and Justin, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. R.I.I. Reposing at Griffin's Funeral Home, John's Gate this Thursday from 5.30pm. Removal at 7pm to Raheen Church. Funeral tomorrow Friday after 12.30pm Mass to Mungret Cemetery. Family flowers only - donations if desired to Alzheimer Society Limerick Branch c/o Griffin's 061-415000

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