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We are a fundraising group with no “paid” staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi- purpose facility including a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms, etc. Please send news re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating, etc., to eirebt@yahoo.com Our new mailing address is Post Office Box 901, La Canada, CA 91011.

You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at www.irishcenter.org It is not always possible to distribute information regarding death notices and events timely. However, if you have access to a computer chances are you can find the website. Check it a few times a week for updates and for the newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter and who does not have a computer we will send a copy by U.S. mail. Let us know. This distribution is over 2800 e-mail addresses. We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help us with expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter)

MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) at 1 p.m. lunch at Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena

Vista on Glenoaks (right next to St. Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street Café telephone number is 818-845-0046.

Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately. **MEETING CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

FRIENDS OF IRELAND BREAKFAST MEETING (1st Tuesday of the month) , at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net CA. Call Pete Walsh to confirm the meeting.

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. ” CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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DRAWING FOR TRIP TO IRELAND FOR TWO OR \$2,000

The Drawing for the Trip to Ireland for two, or \$2,000, will be held at a public event later in the year.

An announcement will be distributed regarding the event.

Information re events – Jim McDonough

irishmissive@gmail.com

www.irishartsandentertainment.com

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On their facebook pages

Andy Cooney Live Concert **Andy Cooney and his Band** FB page.:

<http://Facebook.com/Andy.cooney.band/>

Patrick D'Arcy

John Whelan, Irish Button Accordion
(facebook Mondays)

Ken O'Malley, facebook Sundays at 2 p.m. .
<http://kenomalley.com>

Dennis McNeil

John McKenna, Accordion
Terry Casey (The Fenians)

John Whelan, Accordion, on Mondays
with John on facebook

Daniel O'Donnell

Nathan Carter

You can support your favorite musicians/artists' online facebook concerts. Remember that they lost their income for almost a year due to the Coronavirus.

KEN O'MALLEY

calendar:<https://kenomalley.com/shows>

WEBSITE:

The home page <http://kenomalley.com> shows all performances in a convenient monthly calendar format. information. For last minute schedule updates, "Like" Ken O'Malley's Artist Page <https://www.facebook.com/kenomalleyirishmusic>

Contact John McNally at
mcnally.realtor@gmail.com

(805) 804-7558 More great online events coming our way!



LA Cougars GAA Irish Community COVID-19 Support



With a relatively young, fit and healthy community, the Cougars are in a privileged position of being at low risk to COVID-19. In line with the GAA's and our own club's culture, we are committed to being a force for good during this extraordinary (and stressful) time!

If you are a vulnerable member of the Irish in LA community, Cougars GAA is here for you! With members spread out all over Los Angeles, we will work to match anyone who needs help with one of our volunteer members who can support you.

We can:

- Do grocery runs for you helping you stay safely isolated at home
- Pick up any prescriptions and run other essential errands
- Make a socially distant visit to your home just to give you some company
- Help you connect with family back in Ireland via video technology
- Connect you with other Irish community members for more social support

And we'll consider helping in other ways just let us know!

How to Contact Us:

(Make sure to tell us your name, contact info, what you need and whereabouts in LA you're located!)

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hello@cougars.la  :

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LETTERS

To: tomirishhour@msn.com JAN 16 AT 9:11 AM

lporretta@shaw.ca <lporretta@shaw.ca>

To: enquiries@queenslandirish.com

Hello,

THE BOOK OF KELLS COLLECTION - THREE LIMITED EDITION PRINTS OF THE BOOK OF KELLS

A unique opportunity has allowed the release of a very small number of artists proofs of this exclusive and unique set of prints taken directly from the Book of Kells under licence from Trinity College Dublin and produced in the 1990's.

The prints comprise the Chiro page, St John, and The amazing Four Evangelist.

This set of serigraph (silk screen) prints were hand-printed in thirty colours on conservation quality, thick weave paper by a master printer. Each print has a hand embossed seal highlighting the print title and the edition name. The set of prints took six months to proof and three months to edition and the images shown just cannot reflect the stunning vibrancy and depth of these prints. The edition was originally sold at the price of over \$5,000!

Each set is presented in a high quality embossed folder, with grained tissue guards. The sets of artists proofs are also available without folders for the purpose of framing. Each print measures 24.5" (62cm) high by 19" (48.2cm) wide.

Just to remind any interested in these prints, there are very few sets available and these are the precious Artists Proofs, so order quickly. Price: Book Of Kells Collection in folders US\$750. Without folders US\$550.

To purchase online: <https://www.ebay.com/itm/124200244545>.

For a video introduction: <https://quadwrangle.myportfolio.com/the-book-of-kells-collection>

These serigraph prints are guaranteed genuine.

Many thanks for your time,

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From: [Andy Rawn](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 11:12 AM

Subject: Hello TOM & IRISH CENTER from classical singer ANDY in West L.A.

Seeking a friendly professional IRISH SONGS instrumental player to be paid as Accompanist for two St. Pat's Concerts in March 2021 with our shared hope the Corona Crisis is controlled & audiences can gather safely by the start of the New Year.

E-mail: AmericanSongwriters@yahoo.com Or Phone Songs Of Many Lands: (310) 459-2326.

Los Angeles GAA 1960

I thought I would forward these pictures from late 1959 and 1960. **That was the only year that the Los Angeles GAA won the North American Championship in Hurling.** The attached items belonged to my dad, Phil Talbot. Given it is 60 years ago this year that they won it seemed like it would be something to share with everyone.

1. This photo is of the teams coming onto the pitch.
2. Team Photo
3. An article from the local Irish paper back in the 80's (I think it was called the Irish Times and run by a guy by the last name of Kelly)
4. An article from the Tidings Newspaper about the 1960 match.

Submitted by:

Marie Talbot Jordan





1960 North American Champions



The 1960 Los Angeles hurling team that won the North American championship. Back (L-R) Phil Talbot, Joe Donoghue, Donie Keohane, Pat Conroy, Tom "Dasher" Cronin, Unknown, Unknown, Pat Lynch, ...

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Gaelic Gladiators, Hurlers Will Collide This Sunday

The local Gaelic Athletic Association's hurlers and footballers will be out to even matters with rivals from San Francisco Sunday when the annual Labor Day exhibition of Ireland's national games will be staged at Rancho Stadium, Rodeo Rd. near La Brea Ave.

The inter-city hurling battle will start at 2:30 p.m. with the Gaelic football match following immediately at approximately 4 p.m., it was announced this week by Pat Lynch, GAA president.

San Francisco's gladiators won earlier hurling and Gaelic football tests 11-6 and 17-12 in a July 4 doubleheader in the Bay City. But it'll be different Sunday say L. A. Captains Phil Talbot and George Doherty.

Talbot will lead a team featuring the talents of hurlers Denis Sweeney, Mike McEntaggart, Jim Lunigan and Joe Donaghoe.

Former Mount Carmel High footballers Jim Ruddy, Mike Hennessey and Jack Mahon

will compete in the Gaelic football match alongside Sean Cunningham, 1957 All-Ireland star from Louth; Phil Murray, Andy McMahon, Garry Burke, Ed Mulloy and Pearse O'Connor. The Clann Erin War Pipe Band will play.

The visitors from San Francisco will be feted with a welcome dance tomorrow night (Saturday) and Sunday's Championship Ball, both starting at 9:30 p.m. in Sokol Hall, 500 N. Western Ave.

All are welcome to attend the Irish field games and dancing, according to President Pat Lynch.



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(with Lanolin)

Grooms, trains
and controls.
Adds luster,
benefits hair &
scalp.

REST IN PEACE

LAURA THERESE PRICE

October 11, 1948-January 2, 2021



Laura Therese Price passed away unexpectedly and peacefully of natural causes in the arms of her son, Eamonn Price, on January 2, 2021 at her home in Calabasas, California.

A celebration of Laura's life will be held when we can all safely gather together. If you would like to be notified please email eilishsacks@gmail.com.

Laura was born on October 11, 1948 in Dublin, Ireland to Peter and June Mulvey, and was one of eight wonderful children.

Laura moved to Los Angeles, California on December 26, 1966 making it her home along with her parents, and her brothers and sisters for over 54 years. She spent her life enjoying the warm weather and close proximity to those she loved dearly.

She is survived by Oliver R. "Brick" Price, her two children, Eamonn Price and Eilish Sacks (husband Chris); her siblings Colette, Cyril (wife Rosaleen), Nuala, Noel (wife Phylis), Lori (husband Jim), Sadie, Michael (wife Lisa); nieces Marie, Carol, Sinead, Sioban; nephews Edmund, Kearan, Rick, Sean, and many great nieces and nephews.

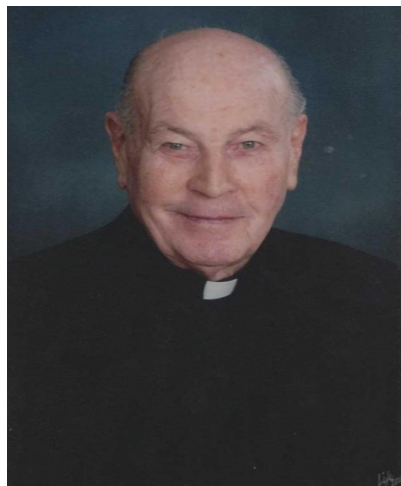
Laura and Brick met in Los Angeles and fell deeply in love. My dad recalls that one quick kiss under the Santa Monica Pier was the beginning of the beautiful life he got to share with Laura. They married on February 24, 1972. They would be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary this year. Prior to her passing Laura was searching out a celebratory, simple diamond ring for the many years they were married and, as a gift to Brick, a big Labrador rescue dog. She and Brick started and shared a successful business for over 40 years. She loved what she did and was working up until days of her passing.

An adoring wife, devoted mother, loving sister, and a caring friend. Laura will be missed for her smile that lit up the entire room, her infectious laugh that filled hearts, her complete inability to tell a funny story without being fully in stitches and crying tears of laughter, her "squeezy hugs," and most of all her warm, caring, and loving spirit.

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REVEREND MONSIGNOR JEREMIAH O'SULLIVAN

June 13, 1925 – January 5, 2021



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Monsignor Jeremiah O'Sullivan, 95. He passed away peacefully on January 5, due to complications of COVID. Father Jerry was born in The Spa, County Kerry, Ireland in June, 1925 to Michael and Hannah Mary O'Sullivan; the eighth child of fifteen. They lived on a dairy farm overlooking Tralee Bay. The eleven boys helped on the farm, while the four girls helped their mother. Though very hard times, they had enough to feed the family as well as many of the neighbors in need. In the summers they would escape down to the water to swim. They loved being in the water.

Jerry joined the Dublin Police force at the age of 20. He enjoyed being a Dublin Garda. He carried a gun with no bullets. He never wanted to hurt anyone; he only wanted to help. Once, as the Dublin rain got heavy, he ran across the street for cover by the door of a jewelry store. When he found cover, the door of the store opened as a thief was exiting. The thief saw a cop, dropped the bag of jewels and put up his hands. Jerry's supervisor recommended a medal be awarded for the arrest. Jerry explained that it was pure happenstance the thief surrendered, but he still received the medal

!

He left the police force at age 24 when he received a letter from his brother, Martin, stating his intention to go to America and asked his brother, Jerry, if he would like to join him. They were sponsored by an uncle in St. Louis, Missouri. After getting their visa, they were on the boat. They lived in St. Louis for 18 months.

Father Jerry had decided to become a priest and in 1951 he entered the seminary in San Diego. He was ordained March 19, 1958. His first Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Sun Valley, CA where his brother, Martin, is a parishioner.

He served at many churches in the San Diego Diocese; starting with St. James in Solana Beach as an associate. He was an associate at St. Pius X, Chula Vista; and Immaculate Conception, Colton. As Pastor, he served at The Immaculata, San Diego; St. James, Perris; Holy Family, San Diego; St. James, Solana Beach; and Sacred Heart, Coronado until he retired in 1996. He continued to help at Sacred Heart as long as his health allowed.

He loved being a priest. His homilies and eulogies for those who had passed were beautifully written and delivered. He had a way with words that could bring you to tears or make you laugh. The many pilgrimages he led to various countries inspired many. He celebrated Mass at Nazareth House a few weeks before he died. The director said she had never seen a resident priest continue his priestly duties until the end of his life. It was very inspirational to those in attendance. He spent hours praying every day and did so much for his parishioners. And they, in turn, did so much for him. While at Nazareth House, his former parishioners from various parishes, as well as family and friends continued to visit him, invited him to their homes for holidays, took him out for lunch and were good friends to him.

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Father Jerry had many talents. He loved to paint, especially landscapes of Ireland and flowers. Many of his beautiful paintings were donated to various causes, given to family and friends, and he kept many as he enjoyed the memories of home. As he was a great photographer, he used his photos as inspiration for his paintings. If anyone has received a card or letter from him, you know his calligraphy was beautiful. Reading was important to him and he collected numerous books. Coming from a musical family, Father Jerry played the violin and loved music. All of his brothers and sisters either played an instrument or sang; and most were very good! Visiting Ireland and family brought him joy and he would visit home often. People loved Father Jerry and he loved people. He could meet someone once and they would feel they have a new friend. It didn't matter where you came from or your position in life. He had a gift of being able to connect with others. Friends ranged from anyone on the street to famous musicians, directors, photographers & Hollywood stars.

He is preceded in death by his parents (Michael and Hanna Mary); his brothers: James, Paddy, Sean, Michael, Tommy, Brendan and Eamon; sisters: Bridget and Anne (Sr. Maria Goretti) and nephews: Thomas and Jeremiah. He is survived by his brothers: Martin, Liam and Florry; and sisters: Hannah Mary and Mary. He was a favorite uncle to his thirty-seven nieces and nephews as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He had an amazing life, a great sense of humor, and loved others. He will be missed by many. Jesus, the Eternal High Priest, has called and summoned his faithful servant to be with his Lord, heavenly family, the angels and saints. May he rest in eternal peace.

Due to COVID guidelines, funeral and burial services will be limited in attendance. Funeral Mass will be Friday at 11:00 am PST, Sacred Heart Church in Coronado. The mass will be available live at: www.sacredheartcor.org/worship/live-broadcast (scroll down & Click to Watch). The recorded mass can be seen at www.sacredheartcor.org/worship/mass-video . It will also be available on their Facebook page. To leave a condolence or memory, contact www.GoodbodyMortuary.com located in San Diego. They will also have the mass on their Facebook page. He will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego.

Thank you to all who loved and helped him throughout his life. Thank you to the nurses and staff at Nazareth House for your loving care.

Anne Maudsley nee Dempsey

June 1940 -Dec 2020



Anne Maudsley passed away peacefully in Perth West Australia. Anne is preceded in death by her parents Tom and Sarah and her brother Tom (Torrance). She is survived by her husband Brian, daughters Sandra and Carol; siblings John (Covina), Mary, Patsy, Kathleen (England) sister-in-laws, brother in-laws, and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

May she Rest in Peace

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PHIL HAYES



Phil Hayes with wife Kathleen

Phil Hayes, aged 86, (predeceased by his wife, Kathleen), passed away recently. Phil was raised in Clonard, Co. Meath and is survived by his brothers in Ireland, Billy, John, and sisters Betty, Sheila and Agnes in Australia. Phil, aged 86, had one daughter Eirn, and grandchildren Dee Dee, and Shane. Phil worked for the 7 Up Company until his retirement and lived in Palmdale. For over fourteen (14) years Phil regularly attended the Friends of Ireland Breakfast held in Los Alamitos on the 1st Tuesday of the month which is a 94 mile trip each way. **Note from Pete Walsh:** “Phil and I came to Los Angeles at the end of March 1959. As we were standing at a bus stop to go to Verdugo Park where the football was played a car stopped and the voice said (Mike Noone) ‘Ye look like two lost Irish men’ and the rest is history.”

JOHN MCGINLEY



John McGinley aged 89, recently passed away and is predeceased by his wife Gracie. John, who grew up in Falcarragh, County Donegal came to America in 1962 and lived in the Wrigley area of Long Beach. John is survived by son Sean and wife Kristie, and daughter Debbie and husband Kevin who have two daughters, Sophia and Lila.

Due to Covid 19 a Memorial and Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

Death takes the body. God takes the soul.

Our mind holds the memories.

Our heart keeps the love.

Our faith lets us know we will meet again.

(author unknown)



WILLIAM A. SMITH

2/11/56 – 12/18/20



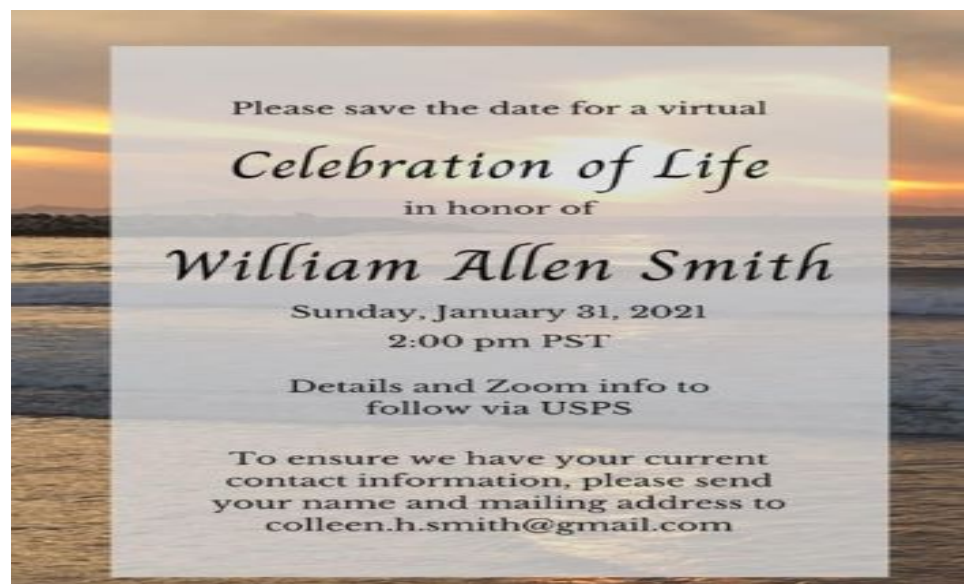
Bill Smith was born in Los Angeles to Bonnie and Bill Smith. They moved to the San Fernando Valley where “Billy” grew up in Sun Valley with siblings Bruce, Becky, and Brenda. He made lifelong friendships as a student of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School and in the Irish community of Sun Valley. Bill played football at St. Genevieve High School and studied art and photography at CSUN. He made his career in the newspaper industry, working for the Daily News for 41 years. He began in 1975 when the paper was called the Valley News and Green Sheet. Bill married high school sweetheart, Mary Lanphar, on January 15, 1983 at St. Patrick’s Church in North Hollywood. Along with their children, Colleen and Brian, they began their lives on Lullaby Lane, Stagg Street, and then Elmer Avenue before moving to Ventura, California.

Bill took loving pride in his family, and the life they built together in San Buenaventura. He enjoyed their years exploring the city of Ventura, La Conchita, the Channel Islands, and Monterey.

William had several passions in life including music, art, film, photography, bicycling, sports, walking, sunsets, and the ocean. His work ethic, loyalty, gratitude, commitment, and integrity were admirable qualities. His unique personality, compelling creativity, sense of humor, class and style were inspiring. He will forever be loved and missed.

William is survived by his wife, Mary; his mother, Bonita; his children, Colleen (partner Gaby and her daughter, Camilla) and Brian (wife, Judy); his sisters, Rebecca Litke and Brenda Blackwell; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, William L. Smith, and brother, Bruce Smith.

Bill passed unexpectedly on December 18, 2020 of a heart attack in his beloved San Buenaventura.



May he have rest.

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THOMAS WILSON



Thomas (Tom) Wilson aged 94.5 passed away on 1/13/21. and his daughter Siobhan with the assistance of his Hospice RN and FaceTime, said some prayers and talked to him. Siobhan mentioned that he looked very peaceful.

Tom grew up in Claremorris, Co. Mayo, Ireland and is predeceased by his four siblings. His Mother was Sarah (Sadie) O'Malley and his Father was Patrick Wilson and they owned Wilson Barbershop. Tom was a well-known footballer when he was young. In the early 1950's Tom emigrated to the United States.

While working for CalTrans as a Civil/Structural Engineer Tom built bridges and freeways throughout all of California. Siobhan remembers him as . . . "brilliant, strong, charming, witty, could tell you a great story, thought everything was easy as he'd say: 'that's A,B,C's and could do anything from fixing anything to building additions to houses."

Tom was a member of San Gabriel St. Therese Parish, and for many years a member of the Ireland's Own Club



MARY KIGGINS



Mary Kiggins, where do we begin. Even as a young girl this proud Irish woman inspired so many with how loving and courageous her spirit was.

May bravely moved from Ireland at a young age to build her future in America. Her travels brought her from New York all the way to California, where she happily built a house full of six loving children and a long list of animals who we all know were excitingly greeting her at the heavenly gates.

Her first love Michael McGovern raised the six loving children alongside May but our Heavenly Father welcomed Michael McGovern into heaven where he watched over May and the kids. His warm love was felt from heaven over the years. May found love years later with William Kiggins who most knew him by "Bill." One of the fondest memories of him and the grandkids going out on his boat. That household gained enough love to fill an ocean. So, when you look out upon the seas or up at the heavens, know we will all meet again one day.

Even through happiness and hardship May survived her two husbands and later on her two Son's Sean & Michael McGovern. Regardless of the highs or the lows May was always there to cheer spirits up with Irish Bread.

May is survived by Madeline, Kevin, Trudy, Greg, Erin, Jay and Tommy. 8 grandchildren and spouses and 24 Great grandchildren. She was so blessed and they loved her so much.

Who knew this young woman from Dingle, Ireland, who decided to make her way to America would have left such a huge mark on so many hearts.

Some of her favorite times of the year were the holidays. Visiting Ireland 32 in Van Nuys for St. Patrick's Day celebrations, indulging in great food and drinks taking in her love for Irish dance. Reminiscing of her times going to the Irish Dances herself with her brothers & sister-in-laws.

So whether it be blackberry brandy to cure all the woes, making booties to comfort cold toes, or adorning a little cross on the top of the Irish bread; remembering sweet May will be an easy treasure to hold close in our hearts and minds until we meet her again. Like that, her love, strength and the Irish culture will forever be instilled within us all.

Draped in her country's flag, her body lays at rest at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery on Friday January 8, 2021.

Forever in our hearts.

TOM LABONGE



Los Angeles City Councilman, or “Mr. Los Angeles,” Tom LaBonge may in part be remembered for his efforts to help the elephants at the Los Angeles Zoo. In spring 2006, amid pleas to free the elephants, the city council voted to keep the world’s largest animals at the zoo. in a new exhibit, which included grasslands and waterfalls.

“We have three elephants at the zoo... Right now we have to make it better for them, safer for them,” said Councilman Tom LaBonge.

Los Angeles Councilman Tom LaBonge died Jan. 7, 2021 at the age of 67. A graduate of John Marshall High School, LaBonge received his bachelor’s degree in sociology from California State University, Los Angeles.

He was a member of the Los Angeles City Council representing the 4th district, serving from 2001 to 2015. LaBonge won a special election to fill the seat left vacant by the death of long-time council member John Ferraro. The district included a wide diversity of incomes and neighborhoods. During his time in office, he was the chairman of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging committee, vice chairman of the Transportation Committee and the Ad Hoc River Committee, and member of the Trade, Commerce & Tourism Committee, and the Ad Hoc on Recovering Energy, Natural Resources & Economic Benefit from Waste for L.A. (RENEW LA) in the city of Los Angeles. He was a member of the Democratic Party.

Prior to serving as councilman, LaBonge was director of Community Relations at the Department of Water and Power, special assistant to Mayor Richard Riordan, and chief deputy to council president John Ferraro. LaBonge was a lifelong advocate for Griffith Park, one of the largest urban parks in the nation, which fell in his old council district.

He married graphic designer and illustrator Brigid Manning LaBonge in 1988. Prior to his death, LaBonge resided in the Silver Lake district of Los Angeles with his wife and their two children, Mary-Cate and Charles.

Mayor Garcetti And Council President Nury Martinez On The Passing Of Tom LaBonge

“Our hearts are heavy with the passing of former Los Angeles City Councilmember Tom LaBonge. In a city of 4 million Angelenos, Tom LaBonge was Mr. Los Angeles. He was a true public servant who was never afraid to roll up his sleeves or pull a City worker over if a constituent needed help or a street needed servicing at a moment’s notice. He knew every mascot of every high school in Los Angeles for a reason – so he could engage people and talk to them about *their* lives. As a councilmember, he took care of his constituents and was a champion of one of L.A.’s greatest treasures, Griffith Park. Tom LaBonge loved

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Los Angeles and Los Angeles loved him right back. To quote Tom, he is forever an angel in the City of Angels. May God bless him, his wife, Brigid, and the entire LaBonge family.” — **Mayor Eric Garcetti and Council President Nury Martinez**

Janice Hahn On The Death Of Tom LaBonge

“I am still trying to process the loss of my friend Tom LaBonge on Thursday night. The ten years we spent together on the City Council were the best political years of my life.

I directed that the L.A. Memorial Coliseum torch be lit on Friday until sundown in honor of his life.

Nobody loved this city more than Tom and I don’t know if anyone ever will. He was and will always be Mr. Los Angeles.

May my dear friend Rest In Peace.” — **Janice Hahn**

NOTE: As Los Angeles City Councilman, Tom sponsored the Irish St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in the Council Chambers for many years. Some years ago, Tom was the “Irishman of the Year.” Tom was well-known and appreciated by the Irish Community. R.I.P.





Margaret Gallagher is blissfully happy in her Irish cottage with no TV, electricity or phone

- Post authorBy [Michael Kehoe](#)
- Post date[August 16, 2020](#)

Margaret Gallagher has a beaming smile, a twinkle in her eye and a love of talking...she lives a simple life and couldn't be happier.

Margaret lives in Belcoo in Co Fermanagh in a small cottage that has barely changed in over 280 years.

It was there before the 1798 Rebellion and has remained intact through the union with Britain, the Easter Rising, War of Independence and the Civil War.

It's even survived the development craze and rising house prices of the Celtic Tiger days...so much so that the cottage still has no electricity, TV or even running water.

These are all things that Margaret sees as having a positive rather than negative impact on her life.

She is self-sufficient and keeps out the cold with a roaring log fire, on which she also cooks some of her meals.

She's proud of her Irish heritage and the fact that she, like her ancestors, is steeped in the Fermanagh landscape. For her, genealogy is not a subject for research, it's there in her cottage and surrounding land.

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The 74-year-old told the [Belfast Telegraph](#): “There never was a time for transition to something more modern. I was born into this house on January 26, 1942, at five past nine on a Monday morning. My mother died when I was 10, my father died in 1980. His father bought this house in 1887, and my take on it is if it was good enough for them, then it’s good enough for me.”

She said her family never had much money, but they had love and warmth and kept an open door for visitors. “By God, there was a welcome. There was no intrusion of a television, not that there is anything wrong with a television. I have a wind-up radio which I listen to in the mornings to get the time, the day, the date and the news headlines. The problem with televisions and everything else, there doesn’t seem to be an off button ever used.”

Margaret’s day begins with lighting her fire to bake bread and cakes. She gets her fresh water from a nearby stream.

Fuel consists of turf that’s found nearby. “I tell you, I carry some turf, I also carry some water. I was born under Aquarius, but nobody carries more water than I do.

“People come to look at me as if I am an endangered species. That’s grand, I am very endangered. But it’s for real. I am not here to please an American tourist who is ooh’ing and aah’ing, looking at me, saying: ‘I thought people in this lifestyle would have a long black skirt on them’. I say: ‘Possibly, but if you see the path I have down to the well, a long black skirt would need a washing’.”

Margaret’s only concession to modern life is a wind-up radio but for entertainment, she prefers to read. When the weather turns cold she gets in plenty of turf for the fire and bunkers down in warmth and safety.

“I have a wireless radio and listen to the news headlines on that. I brought in plenty of logs and turf and carried in plenty of water, so I was well equipped for it. I have enough water now I could bathe the country for a small charge.

“I had to get up very early the other morning to knock the snow off the roof with a pole. If you don’t do that it can damage the roof. It came down with a crash.

“With a house like this you have to prepare for what’s coming.

“This house makes a statement, it sits very comfortably on the landscape, even though I am surrounded by beautiful new homes. It says that you can’t forget about your past, you bring it with you proudly into the future.”

All people must produce a negative PCR test to enter Ireland beginning January 16

Beginning January 16, all people (with some exceptions) arriving into the Republic of Ireland must produce a negative PCR test that was conducted 72 hours prior.

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Failure to produce a negative PCR test upon arrival into the Republic of Ireland from January 16 could result in prosecution punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

The Irish Government has confirmed that beginning this Saturday, January 16, all people arriving into the Republic of Ireland must produce a negative / "not detected" pre-departure PCR test.

The negative PCR test comes in addition to the current "traffic light" system in effect for the European Union, which dictates how long a person who arrives in the Republic of Ireland needs to quarantine or restrict their movements for.

Flights and ferries from Britain to Ireland banned over new virus strain

On January 13, new information was shared on the Irish Government's [page](#) for COVID travel information which reads: "Effective from 16 January 2021, all passengers arriving into Ireland (except those arriving from Northern Ireland) are required to have a negative/'not detected' result from a pre-departure COVID-19 PCR test carried out no more than 72 hours prior to arrival in Ireland.

"Passengers will be asked to present evidence of their negative/'not detected' result before boarding their airplane or ferry, and will be required to produce this evidence to Immigration Officers on arrival at points of entry to the State.

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“Passengers who arrive in an Irish Airport or Sea Port without evidence of a negative/‘not detected’ test result commit an offence and may be subject to prosecution, punishable by a fine not exceeding €2,500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both.

“International Transport Workers, including workers in aviation, maritime and road haulage sectors are exempt from this requirement where they are travelling in the course of performing their duties.

“Children aged 6 and under are also exempt from the testing requirement, although they are advised to restrict movements for 14 days.

“Passengers who arrive in Ireland solely for the purpose of travelling onwards to another state and do not leave the airport are also not required to provide evidence of a test.

“If a citizen has a genuine humanitarian emergency requiring urgent travel, they should contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate immediately for advice and consular assistance before commencing their journey.”

COVID restrictions for US travelers arriving in Ireland set to change from November 29

A [statement](#) from Ireland’s Department of Foreign Affairs on January 13 added: “Arrivals from Great Britain and South Africa will continue to require a negative/not detected PCR test AND must continue to isolate for 14 days, even if they take a second test after arrival.

“Arrivals from red and grey list countries (as defined by the EU traffic light system), and all other locations outside of Europe, must continue to restrict their movements for 14 days. However, this may be lifted on receipt of a negative/not detected result of a second PCR test taken no less than 5 days after arrival.

“Arrivals from green and orange countries (as defined by the EU traffic light system) will not be required to restrict their movements on arrival but must adhere to the local public health guidance.

“Checks will be made by the Border Management Unit at Dublin Airport and by An Garda Síochána at other points of entry.”

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) [updates](#) which countries fall into which categorization as part of the traffic light system each week. The Republic of Ireland is current a "red" country.

People arriving in Ireland will still be required to complete a Passenger Locator Form, which is [available online](#). Failure to complete the form could result in the issuing of penalties, including a fine of up to €2,500 or imprisonment for up to 6 months.

The Republic of Ireland is currently [in the midst of a lockdown](#) under "full-scale Level 5 measures," which prevents non-essential travel further than 2km from your home.

If you are planning on traveling to the Republic of Ireland, you are urged to stay up-to-date with the Irish government’s travel advice and restrictions.

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If you've been investing for many years and you've owned bonds, you've seen some pretty big changes on your financial statements. In 2000, the average yield on a 10-year U.S. Treasury security was about 6%; in 2010, it had dropped to slightly over 3%, and for most of 2020, it was less than 1%. That's an enormous difference, and it may lead you to this question: With yields so low on bonds, why should you even consider them?

Of course, while the 10-year Treasury note is an important benchmark, it doesn't represent the returns on any bonds you could purchase. Typically, longer-term bonds, such as those that mature in 20 or 30 years, pay higher rates to account for inflation and to reward you for locking up your money for many years. But the same downward trend can be seen in these longer-term bonds, too – in 2020, the average 30-year Treasury bond yield was only slightly above 1.5%.

Among other things, these numbers mean that investors of 10 or 20 years ago could have gotten some reasonably good income from investment-grade bonds. But today, the picture is different. (Higher-yield bonds, sometimes known as “junk” bonds, can offer more income but carry a higher risk of default.)

Nonetheless, while rates are low now, you may be able to employ a strategy that can help you in any interest-rate environment. You can build a bond “ladder” of individual bonds that mature on different dates. When market interest rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher yields (and long-term yields, while fluctuating, are expected to rise in the future). When interest rates rise, your maturing bonds can be reinvested at these new, higher levels. Be sure you evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Furthermore, bonds can provide you with other benefits. For one thing, they can help diversify your portfolio, especially if it's heavily weighted toward stocks. Also, stock and bond prices often (although not always) move in opposite directions, so if the stock market goes through a down period, the value of your bonds may rise. And bonds are usually less volatile than stocks, so they can have a “calming” effect on your portfolio. Plus, if you hold your bonds until maturity, you will get your entire principal back (providing the bond issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely if you own investment-grade bonds), so bond ownership gives you a chance to preserve capital while still investing.

But if the primary reason you have owned bonds is because of the income they offer, you may have to look elsewhere during periods of ultra-low interest rates. For example, you could invest in dividend-paying stocks. Some stocks have long track records of increasing dividends, year after year, giving you a potential source of rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any time.) Be aware, though, that stocks are subject to greater risks and market movements than bonds. Ultimately, while bonds may not provide the income they did a few years ago, they can have a place in a long-term investment strategy. Consider how they might fit into yours.

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Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.

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Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.
... and the month is already over.
... and the year is almost over.
... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.
... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends,
and we realize it's too late to go back...
So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...
Let's keep looking for activities that we like...
Let's put some color in our grey...
Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.
And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity
this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters...
I'm doing it after.. I'll say after...I'll think about it after...
We leave everything for later like " after " is ours.
Because what we don't understand is that:
Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...
afterwards, priorities change...
Afterwards, the charm is broken...afterwards, health passes...
Afterwards, the kids grow up...Afterwards parents get old...
Afterwards, promises are forgotten...afterwards, the day
becomes the night.. afterwards life ends...
And then it's often too late....So... Let's leave nothing for later...
Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best
moments, the best experiences, best friends, the best family...
The day is today... The moment is now...
We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone
what needs to be done right away.
So let's see if you have time to read this message and then share
it.
Or maybe you'll leave it for "later"...

Facebook Post (unknown author)

Hello valued NBFF supporters,

Due to the unprecedented outbreak of Covid – 19 (Coronavirus), the **Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF)** has announced that the annual event will now be held **August 6th – August 13th, 2020** in and around Newport Beach, CA.

The Festival made the difficult decision to reschedule based on the current Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines but looks forward to a successful 2020 and beyond.

Additionally, the Festivals sister organization, Orange County Film Society, will be suspending all screening for the next 60 days. We will update members on future events as soon as we are able.

The best way to support NBFF during this unprecedented challenge for our time and our industry is to [purchase an NBFF pass](#).

Thank you for your continued support. We hope all of our patrons and partners stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in August.

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