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### 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. **OCTOBER MEETING CANCELED**

**FRIENDS OF IRELAND** Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) [pbeireanua@att.net](mailto:pbeireanua@att.net) CA. **OCTOBER MEETING CANCELED**

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. Music by Dennis Murray. Thanks to the organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.” **CHECK W/ SR ALICIA**

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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.**

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**BINGO** every  
Tuesday at 6.30  
p.m. in St. Robert  
Bellarmine Church,

143 N. 5th Street, Burbank. CA 91501.

Info: 818 846 3443. [Check the schedule.](#)

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## FACEBOOK CONCERTS BY YOUR FAVORITE IRISH ARTISTS

On their facebook page

**Andy Cooney** Live Concert Monday night  
from 7-8PM New York time! It will happen on  
Andy Cooney and his Band FB page.:

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

**Patrick D'Arcy**

**John Whelan, Irish Button Accordion**  
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**Ken O'Malley, facebook Sundays at 2 p.m. .**

<http://kenomalley.com>

**John McKenna, Accordion**

**Terry Casey (The Fenians)**

**Dennis McNeil, facebook**  
and others

You can support your favorite musicians/artists' online facebook concerts. Remember that they lost their March through July income 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  
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7558 More great online events  
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**MUSICIANS:** See e-mail on page 5 from  
**Andy Rawn seeking IRISH**  
**INSTRUMENTAL PLAYERS**

# 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!)

 : Call or Text Eoghan on +14243547967  : Call or Text Eoghan on +1424354  : [hello@cougars.la](mailto:hello@cougars.la)  :

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The John Hume Gratitude Well

Dear Friends,

The late Irish leader, John Hume, was a giant of peacemaking and reconciliation. His recent passing is a huge loss. He worked tirelessly during bleak and violent times in Northern Ireland to create peace and reconciliation.



“He created a light of hope in the most difficult of times,” said Irish President Michael D. Higgins.

“His unique ability was to bring people together to express their differences, thereby being the most transformational figure to ever live north or south of the border,” said former Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.

Sister Joan Hogan was moved to launch an appeal to dedicate a water well in Uganda in gratitude for the life of John Hume. She has worked for local nonprofit Wells Of Life ([wellsoflife.org](http://wellsoflife.org)) for four years to bring clean water to poor African villages.

Sr Joan is an 86 year old ‘ball of fire’ from Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny who has served as a Sister of the Holy Faith since 1952! Through her efforts, women and girls in over 20 villages no longer have to trek miles each day to collect and bring home contaminated surface water for drinking, cooking and washing.



Through the generosity of our California Irish donors, we have drilled many wells that bring clean water to rural Ugandan families,” she explains. “So let us help out another village and create a tribute to a great man. A well will be a living tribute that will halve infant mortality locally, in the following years. Drilling a well perfectly aligns with John Hume’s values of compassion, community and outreach.”

If this resonates with you, please make a donation, large or small. You can donate online, using this link: [John Hume Gratitude Well](#) If you wish to donate by mail, please make the check payable to Wells Of Life. Please

annotate John Hume Gratitude Well on the check. The address is: Wells Of Life Inc., [200 Spectrum Center Drive, #300, Irvine, CA 92618](#). It is in the same spirit that I address this letter to you as “Dear Friends.” True friends are those who stand by you in difficult times. We pray that such friends are available to each of you, to lean on for support, now and in the days ahead. We hope to continue to count on you in that same regard.

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In Gratitude

John McKeagney

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## Irish Citizenship

Sep 25 at 8:02 AM

**Katrina McBride** <katrina@gibsonandassociates.ie>  
To: eirebt@yahoo.com <eirebt@yahoo.com>

Hi,

I'm writing to you with regard to something that might interest your members. We are an Immigration Specialist Law firm in Ireland, the only firm that has achieved Irish for decedents of **Irish born Great-Grandparents**. To date we have achieved 100% success rates in securing Irish Citizenship by this means.

You can find more information here on our website:

<https://www.gibsonandassociates.ie/personal/irish-immigration-solicitors/applying-for-irish-citizenship/irish-citizenship-for-usa-uk-nationals/>

Or contacting me at [katrina@gibsonandassociates.ie](mailto:katrina@gibsonandassociates.ie)

We are also open to working on partnership basis.

Thank you for your time.

**Tom Byrne** <tomasjbyrne@gmail.com>  
To: [eirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:eirebt@yahoo.com)

Dear Sirs,

If possible can you please pass on information on a new service I am offering for Irish people or those of Irish descent.

We can photograph things, places, locations that hold a meaning for people and present these professionally mounted and framed.

Please see <https://www.tbpicstudio.com/memories> for more information. Your members can use promo code USPR001 as an introductory discount.

Best wishes

Rgds Tom Byrne

**From:** Andy Rawn <[americansongwriters@yahoo.com](mailto:americansongwriters@yahoo.com)>

**Subject:** Seeking IRISH INSTRUMENTAL PLAYERS of favorite old & new (classic!) IRISH songs:

**Date:** August 31, 2020 at 9:30:22 PM PDT

**To:** "[info@irishcenter.org](mailto:info@irishcenter.org)" <[info@irishcenter.org](mailto:info@irishcenter.org)>

**Cc:** Andy Rawn <[andyrawn@yahoo.com](mailto:andyrawn@yahoo.com)>

**Seeking IRISH INSTRUMENTAL PLAYERS of favorite old & new (classic!) IRISH songs:**

**To accompany classical singer Andy Rawn in 2-concerts booked for St. Patrick's during March 2021.**

**Simply respond to this e-mail or call Andy in West L.A. c/o Songs Of Many Lands:**

**(310) 459-2326.**

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## Introducing "IRISH FOLK STORIES LIVE"

Sept 16 at 9:38 AM

John Cronin <[john@musicandmediaconsulting.com](mailto:john@musicandmediaconsulting.com)>

To: [cirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:cirebt@yahoo.com)



### Irish Folk Stories Live

**Epic folk stories re-imagined...for orchestra with narration  
Hear the magic...feel the passion...be enthralled**

Irish Folk Stories Live is a bold and ambitious new project created by Irish composer Peadar Townsend.

He wants to share some of the magical and exciting folk stories from Ireland's rich heritage with a worldwide audience in a brand-new format. These stories will be brought to life, using newly written cinematic-style orchestral music to accompany Irish narrators, who will recount these stories as if by the fireside. Each story will be available for digital download and a limited edition run of CDs will be produced and available for purchase online.

A short introduction to the project from Peadar can be viewed here:



#### Composer Biography

Irish born Peadar Townsend lives an exceptionally diverse and exciting musical career. A professional composer, percussionist, and educator he has worked in almost every conceivable branch of professional music. As a Percussion player he has 25 years' experience ranging from Orchestra to Opera, West End shows to film and T.V. soundtrack recording and has toured the world extensively.

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His compositions and arrangements have been recorded and performed around the world and his uniquely descriptive style of composition is both easy to listen to and imaginative. Using his performing experiences Peadar uses a keen sense of instrument colours to match the picture he is painting in music. His enormous variety of musical experiences give him the perfect knowledge for this most exciting and unique project. He describes himself as 'a storyteller with music'. More detailed info visit: [www.peadartownsendmusic.com](http://www.peadartownsendmusic.com)

### Concept Overview

Peadar writes:

As a child growing up my Father used to fascinate me with all manner of Irish Folk Stories at bedtime or in the car on a long journey. Not from a book, but from his head and every time he told them they were different, full of exciting characters with lashings of wonder, magic and mystery. The idea of marrying these wonderful stories with exciting, descriptive music struck me as an amazing project to bring them to new heights and re-ignite their proud place in Irish culture around the world.

The video here



is just a very small sample of the project we have envisioned. Imagine a full-length story, narrated by iconic Irish actors and accompanied by the spellbinding sound of a full orchestra. This is the vision we have for preserving Irelands rich storytelling heritage; the kind that can be listened to anywhere from long car journeys, to the classroom and even in your own living room.

### **We want your input**

For this project to become culturally significant, with future endeavours including bringing these stories to stage and screen, we are looking for contributions from you and your connections.

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Below are three ways you can help share the Irish Folk Stories Live message and enable us to produce our first series of narration-to-music Irish folk tales for audio download and CD release.

### **Fans**

Do you love Irish culture? Are you proud of our strong heritage and want to celebrate everything it stands for? Then help us by spreading our message far and wide; share the website link with your connections, follow us on social media and help us reach a wider audience.

### **Philanthropists**

Do you have resources, talent or connections that would be helpful in the production and promotion of Irish Folk Stories Live? We would love to hear from you. Our product can only come to life if we have the talented people and resources to produce it.

### **Investors**

Looking for an opportunity to invest in an up-and-coming new venture? We are seeking investment to push this project to the next level. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss our business plan with Peadar and to see our investor pitch deck. (Copyright © 2020 Music and Media Consulting Limited, All rights reserved.)

We would really appreciate your support with this project, be it as a fan, philanthropist, or an investor. Take a look below at some of the ways you can contribute to this fantastic new venture. Or alternatively, we have received a great many donations to the project from devoted Irish Folk Stories Live fans, if you would like to do the same, just click here to contribute an amount of your choice: <https://www.irishfolkstorieslive.com/checkout/donate?donatePageId=5f0c702dfbc89767aaa80e64>

Every little really does help and Peadar will be in touch to express his gratitude!

Other ways to get involved...

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# Dublin Viking dig uncovers Ireland's first prison cells

The excavation took place beside Dublin Castle to investigate a 12th-century medieval quarry and a 19th-century police station.

Shane O'Brien

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Sep 20, 2020



An archaeological dig of a well-known Viking settlement in the heart of Dublin city has uncovered Ireland's oldest prison cells.

The excavation took place on Ship Street - beside Dublin Castle - and investigated a 12th-century medieval quarry and a 19th-century police station. Archaeological Projects Ltd., who carried out the dig, also found the remains of a medieval punishment burial at the site.

The prison cells are from an old Dublin Metropolitan Police station on Chancery Lane and beside it are

walls of a medieval farm, [according to Alan Hayden of Archaeological Projects Ltd.](#)

The punishment burial, meanwhile, was a man with both his hands and feet chopped off. Hayden said that the man was most likely punished for insulting a king or a lord.

The 12th-Century quarry provided the rock that was used to build Dublin Castle, the dig revealed.

The excavation took place near the remains of St. Michael Le Pol Church, one of Dublin's oldest churches built in the 6th Century, and made a discovery about the church's name.

The dig made a hugely significant discovery that the Dubh Linn - a pool located under Dublin Castle from which Dublin gets its name - was originally much bigger than it is today.

Today, the pool in its entirety is located beneath Dublin Castle but the dig revealed that the pool stretched for more than 400 meters to St Michael Le Pol Church.

Hayden said that this explained why the church was called St Michael Le Pol, or St. Michael of the pool.

Hayden also said that the discovery explained reports that there were once more than 200 Viking ships docked on the Dubh Linn, located on the River Poddle.

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- [What did the Vikings do for the Irish?](#)
- 4,500-year-old boat among Galway Viking artifacts hoard discovered
- Castles, passage tombs, Viking cities – in Ireland, ancient history is all around you

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## **Billionaire Chuck Feeney has finally given away his entire \$8 billion fortune after making secret donations for decades**

sankel@businessinsider.com (Sophia Ankel)

**INSIDER** Sat, September 19, 2020, 8:19 AM PDT



**Chuck Feeney sits in his daughter's apartment in New York, on September 25, 2007.**

**Liz O. Baylen/Los Angeles Times via Getty Images**

- Irish-American billionaire Chuck Feeney reached his lifetime ambition of giving away his entire \$8 billion fortune this week.

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- Feeney has been making secret donations to charities, universities, and institutions worldwide under his foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, for decades.
- On Monday, the philanthropist signed the documents marking the end of his foundation, which was first set up in 1982.
- "We learned a lot. We would do some things differently, but I am very satisfied," Feeney, told Forbes.
- The former billionaire lives with his wife in a small rented apartment in San Francisco.

## **Related: How billionaires got \$637 billion richer during the pandemic**

How billionaires got \$637 billion richer during the coronavirus pandemic  
Business Insider Video



After 38 years, Irish-American billionaire Chuck Feeney reached his lifetime goal of wanting to give away his entire \$8 billion fortune.

Feeney, who made his fortune after cofounding the retail giant Duty Free Shoppers, has been making secret donations to charities, universities, and institutions worldwide under his foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, for decades.

This week, the foundation — which was first set up in 1982 — officially ran out of money.

Feeney, who is 89 years old and in poor health, signed the documents marking the end of Atlantic Philanthropies in a Zoom ceremony attended by his wife and the foundation's board members on Monday.

Speaking from San Francisco, the former billionaire said he was very happy with "completing this on my watch."

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"We learned a lot. We would do some things differently, but I am very satisfied," Feeney, [told Forbes](#). "My thanks to all who joined us on this journey. And to those wondering about Giving While Living: Try it, you'll like it."

Feeney also received letters of thanks from Microsoft founder Bill Gates and former California Gov. Jerry Brown, who praised him for his work.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi also thanked the former billionaire on behalf of the US Congress.

The 89-year-old told Forbes in 2012 that he had set aside around \$2 million for his retirement plans but that he was hoping that he would lose the rest of his fortune before the end of his life.

Feeney was born into a modest blue-collar family in New Jersey in 1931. His parents were Irish-American. He founded the Duty Free Shoppers Group in 1960 with his college classmate Robert Warren Miller. The group pioneered the concept of duty-free shopping in airports.

Feeney is known to be a very private person and has given few interviews over the years. He is also known for having lived a very frugal lifestyle, not owning a car or home, and only one pair of shoes.

He is also a role model to fellow billionaire Warren Buffett.

"Chuck's been the model for us all," [Buffett told Forbes](#). "If you have the right heroes in life, you're 90% of the way home. Chuck Feeney is a good hero to have."

"Wealth brings responsibility," Feeney was often quoted as saying, [according to the Guardian](#).

"People must define themselves, or feel a responsibility to use some of their assets to improve the lives of their fellow humans, or else create intractable problems for future generations."

Feeney now lives in a small rented apartment in San Francisco with his wife.

- Read more:
- [US billionaires' wealth grew by \\$845 billion during the first six months of the pandemic](#)
- [How long it took 11 of the world's richest people to become billionaires](#)
- [Bill Gates just dropped \\$43 million on an oceanfront home in California. Here's how he spends his \\$102 billion fortune, from a luxury-car collection to incredible real estate.](#)

Read the original article on [Insider](#)

# Prison to Irishwoman "Typhoid Mary" is New York's most haunted island

Mary "Typhoid" Mallon spread typhoid in affluent houses across the NYC. Is she one of the ghosts on North Brother Island?

Kayla Hertz  
[@IrishCentral](#)  
 Sep 20, 2020



Mary "Typhoid" Mallon is infamous in New York as the Irish immigrant who spread typhoid in affluent houses across the city. Is she one of the ghosts on North Brother Island?

Once home to numerous quarantine hospitals, North Brother Island in New York City's East River is currently unsafe and illegal to visit unless it can be proven to New York City that it is needed for academic or scientific purposes.

Now full of decaying buildings and hospitals overrun with lush greenery, North Brother Island was where the famous Typhoid Mary was sent into quarantine.

The abandoned island has a “spellbinding” contrast of decaying buildings and lush greenery.

Born Mary Mallon in Co. Tyrone in Ireland, she emigrated to the US at fifteen and became the first US resident identified as an asymptomatic carrier of the pathogen associated with deadly typhoid fever.

**Read more:** [Over 100 Viking treasures unearthed by metal detector enthusiast](#)

Mary worked as a cook for the affluent. She was symptomless and unaware of her disease and, as a result, she infected 53 people, three of whom died, through her cooking. She was arrested and quarantined for the remainder of her life, and died in isolation but not before becoming a minor celebrity of sorts.

“We need to find a way to get people on the island in a safe manner,” City Council member Mark Levine told [Gothamist back in 2014](#). As chair of the Council’s Parks and Recreation Committee, Levine held a tour of the island for fellow council members to get them on board. As the driving force behind this idea, Levine wants to build momentum and appreciation for the historical Bronx island.

**Read more:** [How ‘Typhoid Mary’ infected countless and still haunts a New York island](#)

The abandoned island has been virtually untouched in a half a century. and is strongly believed to be haunted. There was a morgue on the island for the many patients who didn’t survive, including Typhoid Mary herself. While the modern experience on the island is beautiful to some, like council-member Levine, many others would consider it to be quite eerie.

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“To visit there was an experience unlike any other that I’ve had,” he said, adding that it was visually spellbinding.

For years, the island has attracted “urban explorers” who enter illegally, and photographers have reveled in the contrast between the decaying man-made structures that have been completely overrun by nature. It has also become a sanctuary for migrating birds.

“I thought it was important to get policymakers onto the island. There’s so much history,” Levine said, “like how we’ve dealt with epidemics,” he added, a topic been on everyone’s minds since the outbreak of Ebola in 2014.

“The experience of being completely isolated in the forest with these half-decayed beautiful buildings as you faintly hear the background sounds of the city – honks from the Bronx, loudspeakers from Rikers [Island].”

Levine said that any plans for the opening island would take into account its importance as a bird sanctuary other environmental needs. Plans would be “respectful of historic nature,” and work with a number of safety concerns.

One idea Levine has is to make the island a “no-touch” and “limited access” environmental education destination, but he is open to other ideas and wants to conduct a study about the island’s potential.

New York has 13 other abandoned islands under the Parks Department’s jurisdiction, and Levine is set on learning more about each of them, reminding us that New York City is an archipelago:

“New Yorkers don’t really think about how we’re on an island – we don’t appreciate it,” he said. “I hope you wouldn’t have to be a City Council Member to see this.”



**UPDATE:** At the end of October 2015, Councilmember Levine announced that he had secured a \$50,000 grant from the J.M. Kaplan Fund to study how best to make North Brother Island accessible to the public while still preserving its environmental integrity.

\* Originally published in 2014.  
(Irish Central)



## [Erin Rado](#)

[tSpelfonsor9edh](#) ·

Greetings Everyone,

This is Erin - the Celtic Artist who has stopped by the Celtic Arts Center from time to time.

I am starting a new publication called Celtic Nations Magazine. It will focus on Celtic history, modernity, art, music, shopping, and alcohol - gotta have whiskey reviews!

I am looking for submissions too. Please PM me if you would like to pitch an article. This is going to be a very fun venture. Celtic Nations Magazine will be a little different from Celtic Life Magazine, and I hope everyone will enjoy my efforts.

Please LIKE and SHARE

## **[Celtic Nations Magazine](#)**

Thanks and blessings to all

See facebook:

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***“The Ferry is a thoughtful, warm film, rich in humour and humanity. Perfectly-paced with powerful performances, this well-formed drama encapsulates everything great about Irish cinema.”***

**– Gemma Creagh, Film Ireland Magazine.**



Irish Screen America would like to congratulate Niall McKay, Marissa Aroy, and Clodagh Bowyer on the selection of *The Ferry* at the [Newport Beach Film Festival](#).

*The Ferry* is a short mystery and heartfelt drama set against the backdrop of the mother and baby homes in Ireland. (See if you can spot the twist). The film will play as part of the film festival online.

### **The Ferry**

Newport Beach Film Festival Online

Available to watch October 1st

<https://watch.eventive.org/nbff2020/play/5f652fc6278efe005b906500>



## *REST IN PEACE*

**HAROLD JOSEPH DOLAN**  
(10-8-1936 – 9-24-2020)



*Harold Joseph Dolan*, born October 8, 1936, passed from this life September 24, 2020 leaving behind many wonderful memories. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of proud and hard-working Irish immigrants. Given the gift of Irish heritage, one is naturally obligated to shine and not waste the gift of life. Hal, as was known to his friends, was one of nine children. He was an altar boy at Good Shepherd Church and received excellent marks in school. As a teen, he worked at the railroad yards as a brakeman, he boxed as a Golden Glove featherweight, and he served up vanilla creme sodas behind the counter at the local five and dime. And did the girls swoon over this handsome freckled-face kid. He joined the Air Force National Guard in 1954, surviving a lucky crash-landing. He met the absolute

love of his life Maggie (Lewis) on a double date. Slyly, he managed to convince Maggie's date that he could save him some gas if he took Maggie home. Two crazy kids madly in love in New York, it doesn't get any more romantic. Hal joined the New York Police Department and worked there for about a year and a half. California was hiring police officers, so Hal moved his wife and young son to Los Angeles, California in 1959, the land of oranges and grapefruits growing in every yard. He graduated from the LAPD Academy where he made life-long friends who were always there for him and his growing family. He began his police career as a patrolman, became a fingerprint expert, and eventually made Sergeant. Later, he was promoted to Detective Inspector Three. He and Maggie raised eight children. Life was not always easy, but they always tried their best with what they had. They taught their children the importance of loving and supporting friends and family.

Hal was a man of great generosity; his middle name may as well have been What Can I do for You? The City of Los Angeles chose to celebrate this man at a special LA City ceremony March 12, 1993 presenting Hal with a plaque and proclaiming him "...to be a man of high personal integrity and possessing an overwhelming sense of purpose and dedication." Hal donated time and money to many charities anonymously, and on occasion, took the lead. He served as Vice-president on the Board of Directors for the Center of Renewed Life, Chairman of fundraising efforts for the Holy Angels Fundraiser for the Deaf, as well as playing a significant supporting role with the Columban Fathers. What can I do? What do you need? Hal was always ready to help you out.

He and Maggie suffered a great loss when their son died at a young age to complications of diabetes. Years later, Hal was blindsided with the immeasurable loss of his wife Maggie, the love of his life. Hal carried this loss as grief as heavy as a millstone. The heaviness of losing his true love remained with him to the very end. Now, thank God, let's hope he's at peace and Maggie dusts off her dancing shoes because Sunflower is home. I'll leave you with Dad's signature salute:

I Love You

Due to COVID restrictions and respect for the health of family and friends, a memorial date has not been set, but you will be contacted when this has been decided.

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## *REST IN PEACE*

Dear Friends,

The fourth sibling of the Nine Dancing Nolans has died in his sleep, leaving Denise, Bill, Pat, Tom, and Maureen behind. I was seven years old when Mike was born, and remember fondly cuddling that darling blond and pink baby. At a young age he was so quick and clever that he could hold a conversation with anyone.

At 17, Mike patriotically volunteered to join the Navy, and served in Vietnam to help prevent its fall to Communism. He suffered from PTSD and Agent Orange poisoning for the rest of his 72 years.

However, he was still active in Burbank politics, being a gadfly to keep the City Council and Board of Education on their toes. The VA was supportive and helpful with his health problems, etc..

Because of the Corona Virus there is no service planned at this time.  
Please remember him in your prayers.

Requiescat in pace, Amen.

Denny Nolan

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### **Subject: Sermon**

A priest in Co. Clare was completing a temperance sermon: with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down.

The music leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365:



"Shall We Gather at the River." [THE FULL HYMNS](#)

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Avoid Financial Mistakes During Retirement

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When you retire, you've learned a lot about all sorts of things, helping you avoid some of the mistakes you made earlier in life. However, you may still be susceptible to financial missteps specifically related to your retirement years. How can you dodge these errors?

Consider these suggestions:

- **Manage your withdrawal rate carefully.** You will likely need to tap into your retirement accounts – your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But you should establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation. By withdrawing too much each year, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine the withdrawal amount that's right for you. (Keep in mind, though, that once you turn 72, you will be required to take out at least a certain amount each year – based on your age and account balance – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar plan.)
- **Don't underestimate health care costs.** Once you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan and will probably also incur other expenses. In fact, A healthy 65-year-old couple who retired in 2019 will need nearly \$390,000 over their remaining years just to pay for health care, according to HealthView Services, which produces health-care cost projection software. Other estimates show different amounts, but they all amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. So, when calculating your expenses during your retirement years, reserve a big space for health care.
- **Don't take Social Security too early.** You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks when you reach age 62, but your payments will generally be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be between 66 and 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) Of course, if you need the money at 62, you may have to take it, but if you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.)
- **Don't invest too conservatively.** Once you're retired, you might think that you should take as few chances as possible with your investments – after all, you simply have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, which we've experience recently, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.
- **Don't be more generous than you can afford.** If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do whatever you can to provide assistance. However, the hard truth is they simply have more time than you do to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford – but don't go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family, as well.

Retirement can be a wonderful time of your life – and you may enjoy it more by doing what you can to avoid costly financial mistakes.

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