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Death of Dolores O’Riordan

Music fans all over the world were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of singer, songwriter and Cranberries band member, Dolores O’Riordan. She was found dead in a London hotel where she was staying while recording in London. She was only 46.

Dolores was born in 1971 in Ballybricken in Co. Limerick the youngest of seven children. She was singing and writing her own songs from the age of 12. She became lead singer with rock band the Cranberries when she was only 19. A gifted songwriter she wrote many of the band’s top selling hits including “Zombie” and “Linger”. She had an unusual high pitched, haunting voice which gave the band their own unique sound. At the height of their success in the 1990’s, the band became popular all over the world especially in the United States where many bands find it difficult to have success. They made seven albums and sold more than 40 million albums world-wide.

In the last few years, due to depression and other health problems Dolores had stopped touring and singing in public and the band had split up. Her marriage to her husband of 20 years, Don Burton also ended. However, the band had started recording again recently and were planning to go on tour in the coming months.



Although she travelled all over the world, Dolores remained a Limerick girl at heart and was a regular visitor to the county where her mother and family still live. Local people were extremely proud of her success. It was only fitting then that her funeral was held in Limerick where thousands queued to pay their respects and say goodbye to a great talent.

Dolores was mother to three children, Taylor (20), Molly (17) and Dakota (12). May she rest in peace.

Mary Lou to Lead Sinn Féin

Later this week party leader and president of Sinn Féin political party, Gerry Adams, will step down after 34 years at the helm.

Dublin TD Mary Lou McDonald will take over the position and will be the first woman ever to lead the party. The post of vice president will also be held by a woman, Michelle O’Neill, who became leader of Sinn Féin in Northern Ireland, following the death of Martin McGuinness last year.

Gerry Adams has been involved in affairs in Northern Ireland since the 1960’s and was involved in the peace process and the Good Friday Agreement. He was an MP up until 2011 when he was elected to the Dáil as a TD for Louth. Under his leadership Sinn Féin’s following has increased to make it the third most popular party in the country.



Dublin woman, Mary Lou has been a TD for Dublin central since 2011. She was a member of the European

Parliament before this. She said she is proud to accept leadership of the party and is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Michael Lyster to retire

In RTE, Michael Lyster, host of the popular TV sports show The Sunday Game, has also announced that this will be his last year. The very popular Galway man also retires after 34 years as presenter of the GAA sports show.



Here also a woman is to take over the role for the first time ever. Joanne Cantwell, a former Dublin footballer and sports reporter on TV and radio for the last 11 years will take over at the end of 2018.

Compound words: when two words are joined together to make a new word

airport	everyone	footprint	headache	landlord	newspaper	rainbow
breakfast	fingernail	grandchild	homemade	leaflet	timetable	shoelace
birthday	fireplace	handshake	jigsaw	lipstick	toothbrush	weekend

Pick a word from each list to make a new compound word (The first one is done for you)

- Fire *mother 1. Fireplace
- Post *book 2. _____
- Grand *body 3. _____
- Some *corn 4. _____
- Moon *place 5. _____
- No *end 6. _____
- Pop *berries 7. _____
- Week *office 8. _____
- Note *light 9. _____
- Straw *one 10. _____

Maths

1. Mary owns a small shop. Her total takings for Friday, Saturday and Sunday add up to €1,256. If her takings on Friday were €356 and she took in €298 on Saturday, how much did she take in on Sunday?

2. I can buy half a dozen apples for €3.60 in shop A. I can buy 5 apples for €4.00 in shop B. I can buy 4 apples for €2.80 in shop C.

Which shop is the best value?

3. Tim earns €480 per week. Jane earns double this. Peter earns ½ (half) of what Tim earns.

How much does Jane earn per week?

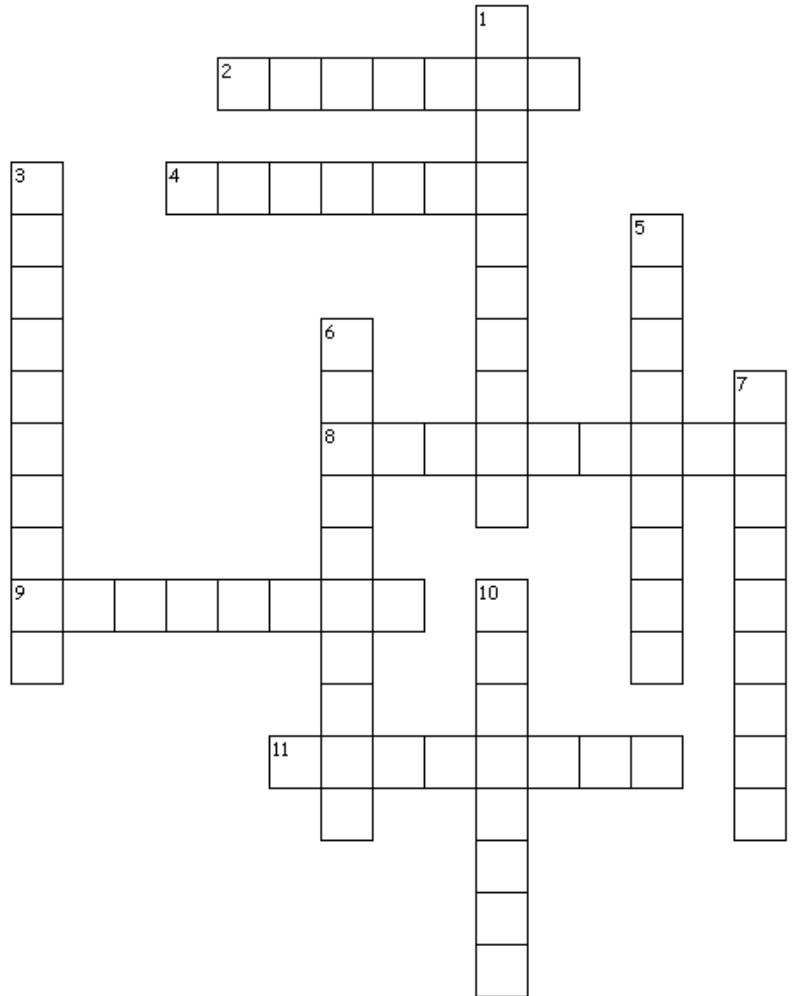
How much does Peter earn per week?

Answers opposite

Congratulations to Clare from Kerry and John from Tipperary who were the winners in our Christmas competition. Well done to both!

Crossword

The answers to the clues are all from the **wordlist**



Across

- 2. Band of 7 colours across the sky (7)
- 4. Where you catch a flight (7)
- 8. The "Irish Times" is one of these (9)
- 9. The person you rent a house from (8)
- 11. A colour for your lips (8)

Down

- 1. Used to clean your teeth (10)
- 3. Your daughter's child is your _____ (10)
- 5. You leave this on the sand when you walk on it (9)
- 6. Found at the tip of each finger (10)
- 7. First meal of the day (9)
- 10. The day you were born (8)

Answers Q1 €602, Q2 SHOP A, Q3 Jane €960, Peter €240