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## Strange tales and happy endings in Irish flag flap



**By James Kirby**

Charles Haughey, a famous Irish politician, once said that “Ireland is where strange tales begin and happy endings are possible.” A strange tale that began in Ireland several years ago did play out at the recent AGM conference; however, without the aid of a group of American members this tale would not have had a happy ending.

This strange tale dates back to the Kinsale, Ireland, AGM of 2003 where Derek Nally (the great white hunter) and his band of merry men known as the POD’s presented a rugby ball to the Council to be sold off at the live auction. Now the Irish claimed that this was no ordinary rugby ball, but rather the very ball Derek Nally used when kicking the winning points for team Ireland in their victory over England at Twickenham in 1960. The ball was auctioned for a considerable amount of money in Ireland and . again at the Alexandria, Virginia, AGM in 2004 with the winning bid (a sizable amount of money) being offered by a group of American members. The Americans, fair sports that they are, agreed to put the ball up for auction at the following AGM,

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*Photo by Jack Burke*

*Left to right: Jim Kirby, and Debbie and Jim Kerins hoist the Irish flag above the Bahia Hotel—a small step for mankind everywhere!*

## CII AGM 2006 slated for Singapore

**By Ponso Kalastree**

Take out your desk calendar and make sure you pencil yourself in for a week in glamorous Singapore! The 2006 CII AGM will be held in Singapore from 15-19 August 2006. The AGM will start with the Board Meeting on 15

August 2006 ending with the Banquet on 19 August. Negotiations are now being held with various hotels and as soon as plans are formalized another announcement will be made. Pencil in a week of vacation while you’re at it! See you all there.

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to be held in Portugal in 2005. Just prior to the 2005 AGM, a story appeared in this newsletter (*please see 'PODS Make a Comeback' July 2005 Councillor page 7*) wherein the POD's claimed that the rugby ball in the Americans' hands was not the REAL ball used by Mr. Nally, but rather a fake, a substitute used in Kinsale to fool the Americans and other bidders. This article left a huge question as the 2005 AGM approached. Was this part of the POD's disinformation plan in



*Did Chairwoman Joan Beach secretly donate funds for the purchase of Irish propaganda?*

hopes that it would keep people from bidding on the ball in Portugal? Or was the story true and had the good natured and well intending Americans been duped by the cunning and devious Irish?

Those of you that have attended a CII AGM are well aware of the importance of the Flags. For those of you who have not attended an AGM, it has been a CII custom for the Flags of the many countries of the Council members to be put

on display during the conference. AGM host Roy Whitehouse outdid previous hosts by arranging for the Flags to be flown from the roof of the Hotel, which

*The jig is up as Jimmy Gahan, more commonly known as the silver tongued devil, tries some sleight of hand with the rugby ball, attempting to pass it off as an inferior "fake".*

made an awesome display. No fault of Roy's, but somehow the flag of Ireland was missing from this display. President Joan Beach took it upon herself to secure an Irish flag, at her own expense, so that it could be flown with the rest of the flags above the Baia Hotel. Joan Beach presented the flag to Derek Nally and the POD's in an informal ceremony with the thought that they would ensure that the flag was raised above the hotel with the others. Days went by, yet no Irish flag flew above the hotel. Joan Beach was later heard to comment that each time she

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## The three “must have” insurance buy for PIs

By Kevin Morency

Insurance protects your business *if* you have the correct coverage. Here’s a quick and easy primer on PI insurance “must haves”:

### General Liability

General Liability, the first “must have,” protects against suits brought for bodily injury or property damage due to your negligence through action or inaction. Example: firing your weapon and striking a bystander or property damage during a surveillance.

### Professional Liability

Professional Liability, the second “must have,” AKA errors and omissions or E&O. This coverage defends and pays for suits because of your negligence when no bodily injury occurs. Example: an error on a background check or during a surveillance that harms someone’s reputation.

### Non-Owned and Hired Auto Liability

Non-Owned and Hired Auto Liability coverage is the third “must have” if you or an employee use personally owned vehicles in the course of business. In other words, if you or an employee use any vehicle *not owned by*

*your company*, you create an exposure protected only by non-owned and hired auto coverage. Example: involvement in a vehicle accident while working. Your personal auto policy will defend you, but not your business.



Always read the fine print!

Protecting against these exposures is well worth the expense no matter the size of your firm. Preserve your hard-earned assets with these affordable coverages.

-Kevin Morency, VP  
Brian Feltes & Associates

## Joan gets to hobnob with all the nicest people!



Joan Beach and Walter Atwood, CII, SC, took a few moments from the busy social whirl at the CII 2005 Summer Social held in Virginia, to have a photo op!

In other news from Walter Atwood, his son, Kirk, recently underwent major surgery. We received this note from Walter: “I have been busy with my new job as President of the National Association Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni. I was in Orlando, Florida, for Thanksgiving with the family when our son, Kirk, had chest pains and went to emergency hospital. He had a 99% blockage in an artery. A stent was installed and he is doing okay. Best regards to all.” All of CII wishes a speedy recovery for Kirk.

## Top 10 signs you’ve hired a bad private eye

1. Considers reading "The Hardy Boys Mysteries" actually helpful research.
2. He has a pet basset hound named "Flash" that acts as his trusty assistant.
3. His best disguise is wearing a hat.
4. Keeps getting confused and follows you all the time.
5. Won't read any messages without his trusty decoder ring.
6. Dresses up like Jessica Fletcher from "Murder She Wrote" when he thinks he's caught the suspect.
7. Well, he's blind.

## Irish flag flap affair

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brought the subject of raising the flag to the Irish they seemed pre-occupied with how they were going to win the rugby ball back at the upcoming live auction. It was obvious to others in attendance that the POD's seemed very distracted by the events going on around them, apparently concentrating on how they were going to outbid the Americans for their beloved rugby ball. Late night meetings were even being held by the Irish and the French representatives (one being a mysterious French woman), with it rumored that the Irish were seeking French financial backing for the upcoming auction. Not the sort of behavior one would expect if the rugby ball in the Americans' hands was an imposter. Months prior to the Portugal AGM, the American owners of the Rugby ball agreed that they were going to allow the POD's to "outbid" them at the auction so as not to embarrass them any further. The POD's did win back the ball at the Portugal auction, although it is still uncertain if the French provided any financial backing. It was this steely-eyed determination of the Irish to win the "imposter ball" at the expense of raising the Irish flag that nearly earned the POD's national scorn back in their homeland. Surely had this story made its way back to the shores of Ireland, it would have been a major source of embarrassment to Derek Nally and the POD's. If not for the actions of the selfless Americans, the candle that burns in the President of Ireland's window calling and welcoming the return of native Irish to the homeland would not have burned for Nally and the POD's upon their return from Portugal.

Who was the infamous Parisienne who financially backed the US?

Late one evening, as a group of Americans (Jack Burke, Jim Kerins, Debbie Kerins and Jim Kirby) were cleaning up the

Jim Kerins displaying some of that "devil-may-care" attitude.



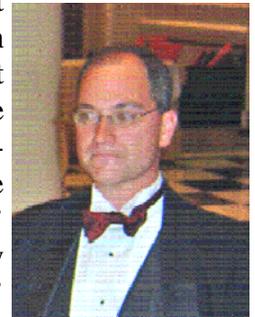
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hospitality suite after all others had gone to bed, they came across the Irish flag, the very one purchased by Joan Beach days earlier. Spurred on by Jim Kerins' patented devil-may-care attitude, it was agreed that the right thing to do would be to take on the POD's duties and raise the flag themselves. Taking with them only what they would need to accomplish this task and led by former adventure mountain climber Jack Burke, Jim Kirby (acting as the group's voice of reason) and Jim and Debbie Kerins scaled the hotel to the roof where they raised the Irish flag. At the conclusion of the flag-raising, the Americans found a bottle of Jameson along with several glasses nearby (evidently a gift from above). Thinking that this must be some sort of "Irish thing," the Americans drank a toast and memorialized their feat before retiring for the evening. The following morning when Nally and the POD's learned of the Americans' great feat of daring and peril, they dismissed the idea that Americans' actions saved them from national disgrace back home. A source close to this author had provided that upon their return to Ireland, the POD's held a parade through Bunclody, Ireland, in celebration of the return of the famed rugby ball. In Derek Nally's brief hour and a half long speech to those in attendance, he reportedly made the claim that the POD's allowed the Americans the honor of raising the Irish flag, hoping it would be a "feel-good moment for the Americans" that would ease their pain upon being tricked by the POD's and losing out on the rugby ball. The return of the rugby ball was certainly a happy ending for Nally and the POD's. As for the Americans, they were simply happy for the adventure and to have received a bottle of Jameson for their efforts.

The rugby ball reportedly sits on display at Andy's, a local meeting place of the PODS in Bunclody, Ireland, while the Flag of Ireland will surely fly over future AGM's with all of the other flags that are proudly represented by the Council of International Investigators.

*Editors Note: The International Councillor acknowledges the poetic license exercised by the writer in preparing this creative work.*



Jim Kerby—the voice of reason in the nefarious flag raising scandal.

## What's in print

*Or as the worm turns . . .*

### *In the Company of Giants*

*By Paul Ciolino*

The author, a past President and longtime distinguished member of the CII has recently published this book, which is an investigative guide for the legal profession, journalists and the falsely accused/convicted. Rob Warden, Executive Director of the Innocence Project with Northwestern University School of law states, "For those who care about justice and especially those who want to do something about injustice, a must read." As the



cover of this book so clearly shows, you get the feeling of being on death row looking out; not a reassuring feeling especially if you are innocent. This is the arena where Paul Ciolino takes on the stacked deck, to bring justice back to those in

their darkest moments, with extraordinary results.

*Veritas Valet Vitae.*

### *Offshore: The Dark Side of the Global Economy*

*By William Btittan-Catlin*

The author has worked as a BBC producer and as an investigator for Kroll & Associates. He takes the reader on an unprecedented exploration of perhaps the most mysterious aspect of global society today. Offshore is about the shadowy, semi-legal realm of offshore banking and finance. Catlin takes us into the secret operations of Enron and Parmalat, behind international trade disputes, organized crime, and terror networks. He provides disquieting evidence that through offshore practices, the key value of capitalism and civilization-freedom-has been put in grave danger.

### *Lighting Out of Lebanon/ Hezbollah Terrorists on American Soil*

*By Tom Diaz and Barbara Newman*

A recent review called it 'An eye-opener...reads like a novel, but documents in detail how operatives of what many call the A-Team of Terrorism have taken advantage of our freedoms, legal loopholes, and defense weaknesses to set up support cells in communities all over America. But it also tells how dedicated federal and local law-enforcement officials broke up and successfully prosecuted a secret terrorist cell, leading to other investigations that continue today.

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### Canadian RCMP under fire



The Canadian RCMP is in front of the gun on the issue of background fingerprint checks. The Mounties currently have a backlog of 411,674 requests for fingerprint background checks and at their current pace, it will take four years to clear the 380,446 criminal and 31,228 civil requests.

The backlog has forced the Mounties to hire 30 per cent more staff and obtain outside contractors to train them.

There is growing concern that the delays in processing the fingerprints might result in criminals being left on the street.

*-CanWest News Service*

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## News from Nancy



**Nancy Barber**

Our very own Bill Lowrance was just elected vice-president of the Private Investigators Association of Virginia and a round of congratulations to him. Additionally, Bill has graciously agreed to take over as Regional Director for Region 5 (USA Southeast). And we would like to thank his predecessor, Michael Russell, winner of the Malcolm Thompson Award this year for all of his support and contributions to CII as Regional Director.

Another member, our very own Bill Sullivan, has also graciously agreed to take over as Regional Director for Region 4 (USA Northeast). Again, a round of thanks to his predecessor, Reggie Montgomery, for filling in and taking on one more task for CII.

Please welcome the two Bills to the RD jobs and I know we are looking forward to working with them on our campaign for new members this year.



CII received an invitation to co-host a conference that probably will compete with our own AGM schedule, but if any one is not going to Singapore, and may be attending the Southwest Super Conference in San Antonio sponsored by TALI and PI Magazine on August 23-27, 2006, please let me know as we could work on sponsoring a CII booth if we could collect enough volunteers. If any one is interested, please contact me. Best regards to everyone.

*-Nancy S. Barber  
Glass Key Investigations*

### Things to see and do in Singapore at AGM 2006



The Butterfly Park, on Sentosa Island, is a cool outdoor conservatory and is home to 2,500 live butterflies from over 50 species. There is also the Insect Kingdom Museum which exhibits some pretty rare and specific bugs from Giant Millipedes, tarantulas and Rhino-Beetles etc. There is also the largest Dynastes Hercules Beetle ever recorded at 160mm.

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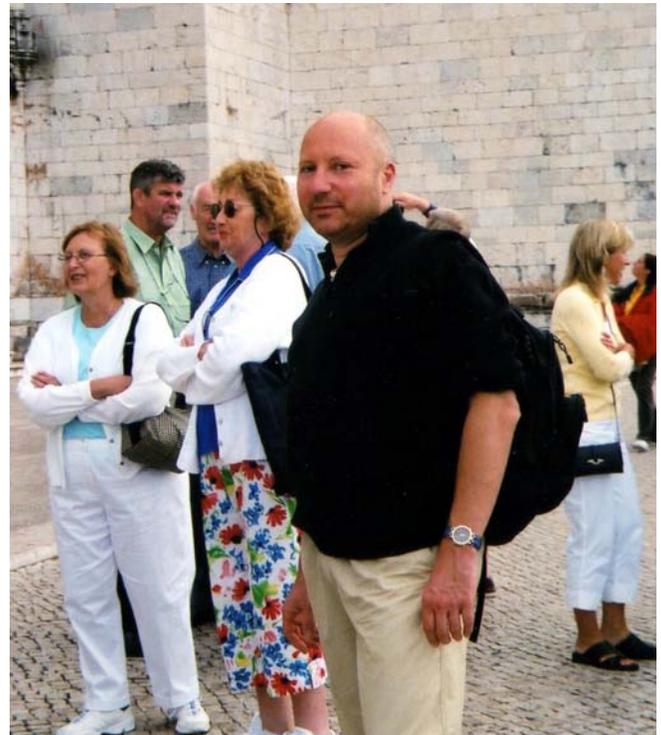
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## The photo corner



*Who are all these people and what are they looking at?? Vicki Marr, Tom L. Davies, Nancy Barber, Ken, Gurnam Singh, and Bert Falbuam gather during the networking tour in Portugal at the 2005 AGM.*

**Photos  
by Joan  
Beach**



*Photo at left:  
New CII Member Peter Grant from South Africa attended his first AGM, the 2005 Portugal event, along with, Gurnam Singh, Alan Marr, and Chairwoman Joan Beach*

*Photo at right:  
Our French Connection! -Joel Auribault, CII member from France*

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in order to make this  
newsletter  
an informed and  
entertaining  
vehicle for CII.

### Things to do in Singapore

Jurong Bird Park, located on 20 hectares of lush greenery in Singapore's model industrial estate, is home to over 8,000 birds from more than 600 species. Take a ride on the air-conditioned Panorail for a panoramic view of the Park and into a tropical world of jungle mists at the Waterfall Aviary. Enjoy the spectacular Penguin Exhibit with an underwater viewing



gallery and do not miss the All-Star Bird Show, reputed as world-class.

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*Virginia Attorney Patrick Rea, left, talks shop with CII member Larry Ross, D.C., at the 2005 Summer Social held in Virginia.*

*Photo submitted by Joan Beach*