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<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">BOOK of the week</div>  <p>THIS EDEN Ed O'Loughlin</p> <p>REMINISCENT of the cyber noir novels of William Gibson and the golden age of espionage fiction, This Eden is bluntly described as a 'fast-paced literary thriller' by the Irish-Canadian author and journalist. But O'Loughlin's books are always difficult to pigeon hole and as one of the more unique authors writing today, readers can expect to be taken down a lot of rabbit holes as the story hurtles from Vancouver to Jordan to Paris. One to pack away for the plane — if you're lucky enough to be getting on one — or the back garden, which is where most of us will be sitting this summer.</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">TV of the week</div>  <p>THE EQUALIZER SKY Witness</p> <p>SKY Witness has picked up CBS drama 'The Equalizer', which sees Academy Award nominee Queen Latifah star in a reboot of the classic 1980s crime drama of the same name, which starred the brilliant Edward Woodward in an equally brilliant drama. Denzel Washington made two great movies under the same franchise. To tip the scales a bit and in keeping with everything that is going on Stateside, an African American woman in the lead role seemed fitting but reviews have not been good. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, although new viewers may think differently.</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">SERIES of the week</div>  <p>WE THE PEOPLE (SEASON 1) Netflix</p> <p>FORMER US President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama rang in the Fourth of July with a new animation series for Netflix aimed at educating children on United States civics lessons. The hope of course was that the sentiment would be easily understood elsewhere around the globe. Titled We the People, the 10-episode series features three-minute music videos covering a wide range of topics to enlighten "a new generation of young Americans about the power of the people." Not sure the Irish would get this — but you can always give it a go and maybe be thankful we are where we are this side of the pond.</p>
<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">DAY OUT of the week</div>  <p>FOREVER YOUNG FESTIVAL Palmerstown House Estate, Kildare, Sept 10-12</p> <p>WHAT do Jason Donovan, Paul Carrack, Wendy James (pictured), Chesney Hawkes, Heather Small, Bad Manners, Paul Young ... do we need to go on? So what do they all have in common? Well, they will all be in a big field together in September if you fancy three days of dewey-eyed nostalgia. The usual glamping options are available — and probably necessary given the age profile of would-be attendees — but make sure you have a fat wallet: prices range from €500-€940. Still, if the eighties music scene was your thing, this is Heaven. For others, it's pure Hell. www.foreveryoungfestival.ie (ticket prices to come)</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">SHOP of the week</div>  <p>SCHOOL STATIONERY Aldi.ie and www.barnardos.ie/foldi</p> <p>HATE to say it. But we all know that back to school can be crippling expensive for families. Fear not, as Aldi has all you need at low prices once more before school starts again. Aldi's next Amazing School Stationery Event hits 147 stores nationwide from Thursday, 5th August, meaning you can spread the cost out and stock up before they return to school. Aldi will also be kicking off a colouring competition as part of Back to School for Barnardos. To get the kids to join in, go to the website above. (50 cent from sale of colouring pencils goes to Barnardos).</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">FAMILY DAY of the week</div>  <p>COILLTE FORESTS AND PARKS www.coillte.ie</p> <p>LOOKING for ideas to entertain the family that don't cost the earth? Look no further than the 260 forests spread across the country, managed and cared for by Coillte, which has just produced a map of their top 5 for families to visit over the next few weeks. Coillte was motivated to promote their forests having discovered 56% of Irish adults did not know there were 260 Coillte recreational forests, with marked trails, open to visitors. Entry to all Coillte's forests is free for pedestrians and cyclists, with onsite carparking available for just €5 for the larger forest parks. (Picture: Donadea Forest Park, Kildare)</p>
<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">ALBUM of the week</div>  <p>BOB DYLAN Springtime in New York</p> <p>JUST when you thought the vaults had to be empty, yet another treasure trove of Dylan songs have been found and packed to join the long line of albums released in the Bootleg Series. This one is bound to please, given it comes from the years 1960-1965 when he made some awful rubbish and some real gems. Included are some classics from Infidels, with the great Mark Knopfler at the desk. So, it ain't all that bad out there ... apart from the price. At £129 for the full collection, you'd need to be a die hard die hard!</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">CHARITY of the week</div>  <p>DAWN TO DUSK DAILY DIP www.smh.ie/fundraising/events/dawn-to-dusk-daily-dip-2021/</p> <p>ST Michael's House, one of Ireland's largest providers of community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, is challenging families to brave the open waters for the second annual 'Dawn to Dusk Daily Dip' fundraiser. Throughout August, the charity is encouraging people to take a quick dip between dawn and dusk to fundraise for vital supports. Pictured taking part in the charity event is journalist and broadcaster, Brendan O'Connor. Entry fee is €15.</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.9em;">BUSINESS of the week</div>  <p>SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN www.isme.ie/support128-oms/</p> <p>NOW businesses are back in action, the Irish SME Association (ISME) has just launched its 'Shop Local' summer campaign for consumers and businesses. To highlight products and services from SMEs across Ireland, a new online portal has been developed to support SMEs and service providers, centred around the slogan 'Shop SMALL & Send BIG LOVE'. Baskally, it's a plea to go out and support your local stores and businesses, entertainment venues and the hospitality sector. Pictured: Susan Kennedy, MD of Lensmen.</p>