



Safe... Eller & rescuers

## Missing woman rescued in Hawaii

By MICHAEL DOYLE

A WOMAN has been found alive more than two weeks after she went missing on Maui, Hawaii. Amanda Eller, 35, was last seen on May 8. Family and friends had launched a search effort and offered a cash reward for her safe return.

Ms Eller was found on Friday when she waved down a rescue helicopter. Reports suggest she got lost and injured while hiking in the area.

Photos show her smiling with rescuers Javier Cantellops, Troy Helmer and Chris Berquist.

Her mum Julia described her as being in "surprisingly good shape" considering how long she had been missing and told local news she had always "felt in her heart" her daughter was alive.

An online announcement about her rescue on the Find Amanda Facebook page has now been shared and liked thousands of times.



Arms deal... Trump

## U.S. flog €7bn in weapons to Saudi

By JOHN HAND

US President Donald Trump is approving the sale of billions of dollars' worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia.

Trump invoked a rarely used aspect of federal law to push through the €7billion deal – bypassing Congress.

He did so by declaring that ongoing tensions with Iran amounted to a national emergency.

The controversial move has angered those who fear that the weapons may be used against civilians in Yemen by Saudi-led forces.

Weapons will also reportedly be sold to the United Arab Emirates and Jordan.

Members of the US Congress have heavily criticised Saudi Arabia's human rights record over its role in the Yemen conflict and for the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul last October.

# GALWAY GIRL'S TIDY LITTLE LOVE TRICK

# I met Ken at a shamanic fire walk...after getting him sheets, a locker and a shelf in my bedroom

Says Feng Shui guru **PATRICIA LOHAN**



PUTTING THEIR LIVES IN ORDER... Patricia and Ken

By AOIFE BANNON

**MEET** the Irish woman who used feng shui to meet her dream man – and reckons the ancient art can help you achieve anything in life.

Patricia Lohan, from Galway, is a feng shui expert who leads a busy online consultancy helping people to reorganise their home in a way that will help them fulfil their dreams.

And she told how she's proof that creating a harmonious and balanced home space can have positive repercussions in other areas of your life.

She believes the Chinese practice helped her meet her husband Ken Mahon, with the happily married duo now running their online business from beautiful Bali.

She said: "After I moved into an apartment in Dublin I decided I wasn't moving out until I met someone."

"So I set up my bedroom for love and made sure that it was always a calm and beautiful space, even though I wouldn't naturally be very tidy."

"I made sure I had a double bed, which I pulled out from the wall so that it was suitable for two people. I got two bedside tables, two bedside lamps, I had a shelf up high that I left clear for the man I would meet."

"I upgraded my linen and I even bought spare hangers for the wardrobe so that there would be space there for his clothes."

"It was about making space in my bedroom, in my wardrobe and in my life. It turned out my husband also used feng shui and had set up a low shelf in his bedroom."

The couple first met briefly at a shamanic fire walk in Dunderry Park in Navan, Co Meath. Although they didn't exchange numbers, they each sought the other out and crossed paths again three months later. They married in August 2015 and went travelling to India, before settling in Bali.

The pair now run a busy feng shui programme that's been taken by people all over the world, with four couples married and three engaged as a result.

Patricia said: "We can work anywhere so the plan is to work between Bali, New York and Europe."

"I really wanted to have an online business so that we could do this. We are working with people all over the world and have so many clients who have met their soulmate. It's blown my mind how powerful it can be."

Patricia has written a book called *The Happy Home*, which explains how a home's energy can affect areas of your life, from wealth and happiness to relationships and love. In it, she explains how to ensure your home isn't creating bad energy.

She said: "Each home is unique. Some homes are bad for money, that's just how it is, but the best thing about feng shui is that everything is fixable."

"There's usually a specific remedy for each home. If you have money problems, it could be about finding the prosperity area of your home and making sure it's clear of clutter and adding some positive affirmations there."

"Some people are dubious of feng shui but it's used by huge corporations all over the world – like Disney and Coca-Cola – they're not doing it for the fun of it."

●FOR more see [Patricialohan.com/happyhomebook](http://Patricialohan.com/happyhomebook).



# CANCER SURVIVOR ON NEW FOUND ROLE



**Nobby's NEWS**  
WITH MARK NOBLE

DOING the good deed on Saturday got me in a bit of a squeeze and it has left me concerned.

I went to the Leinster game in the Aviva and took the opportunity to use the Dart to get there — use public transport where possible, they say!

Well, doing the good deed isn't something I'll be in a rush to do again because the capacity of the Dart line cannot facilitate things like stadium events, as far as I'm concerned.

On the way to the match the carriages were uncomfortable to say the least.

Think of any rush hour jam you like and add more people — particularly small kids who are the most vulnerable. By Clontarf it was getting hot and jammed, by Pearse Street it was ridiculous.

Yet even there, more passengers were allowed to force their way into the carriages.

After Pearse, the crowd made groans as the packed train moved with the bend.

I actually got off a stop early at Grand



Canal Dock due to the claustrophobic atmosphere onboard.

After the game, the queues forced into narrow lines by crash barriers to get on the Dart were manic.

I decided to go back to Grand Canal Dock hoping to avoid some of the jam only to realise that it was closed (to manage crowds I'm told — fair enough) but after walking to Pearse Street, I noticed people with kids even having to walk as far as Connolly to try to get on a train.

I tweeted Irish Rail who reaffirmed the crowd control logic of the closed stations but, in my opinion, this needs to be looked at as I don't know if it's working.

Obviously everyone got to their destination safely, but I can't say that it was with ease or that people felt safe due to crowds both on the train itself and the size of the queues to get home afterwards.

I think Irish Rail should really consider if there are enough trains on for these events or if ushering people to one station is the right approach.

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# I'm 5ft 3in and only have one leg... I'd never thought I could be a model



IN DEMAND ...  
Bernadette has signed for London agency Zebedee

"I can just be me and it doesn't hold me back"

By AOIFE BANNON

**A YOUNG girl who lost her leg to cancer has told how she's been signed up as a model.**

Bernadette Hagans, 22, had her right leg amputated last October after she was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called synovial sarcoma.

But Bernadette says she's determined to look only at the positives and is embracing a new career as a model.

She explained: "Modelling is amazing as I can just be me and my disability doesn't hold me back."

The Belfast girl had suffered pain in her leg for almost a year before she was eventually diagnosed with cancer.

After being told her leg would need to be amputated, Bernadette said she was simply concerned about how her family would take the news.

She added: "I knew I couldn't change it. It was happening and I just needed to deal with it."

"But at the same time I knew my family would take it badly."

"I hadn't told them about what was happening as I didn't want them to worry."

She added: "So I just made a joke about it. I figured if I can keep them laughing then they wouldn't be crying."

"With my friends as well, the fact that I was talking about it and joking meant it wasn't awkward. They felt able to speak to me about it and ask questions."

"Cancer doesn't just affect you, it affects everyone around you and I just wanted everyone to be able to talk about it and not be upset."

"My family were shocked but because I was laughing, they knew I was OK and then they were OK."

Bernadette learned to walk again in January and was discharged from hospital.

Fitted with a prosthetic, fashion-forward Bernadette was determined not to hide her leg.

She said: "I think because when I told people about the amputation, a lot of them said, 'Oh, at least you can wear jeans'. People thought I wouldn't be able to wear a dress again and I just thought, 'I'll wear what I want to wear'."

"People do look twice when they see me, but not in a bad way. I think they're just interested."

In February, Bernadette contacted modelling agency Zebedee, which works with models from different, more diverse backgrounds, as she admired their work.

To her surprise, the agency asked for her photos. She flew to London to do test shoots and has been signed to their books, with work already flooding in.

She said: "I'm not a model. I'd never modelled before."

I was initially going to say no but then I

thought of kids who have had amputations and that it might be cool for them to see a model with a prosthetic. They might see me do it and realise they can too."

Currently cancer free, Bernadette didn't undergo further chemotherapy after her surgery but may have to if the cancer returns.

She does, however, still suffer from phantom pain in her leg.

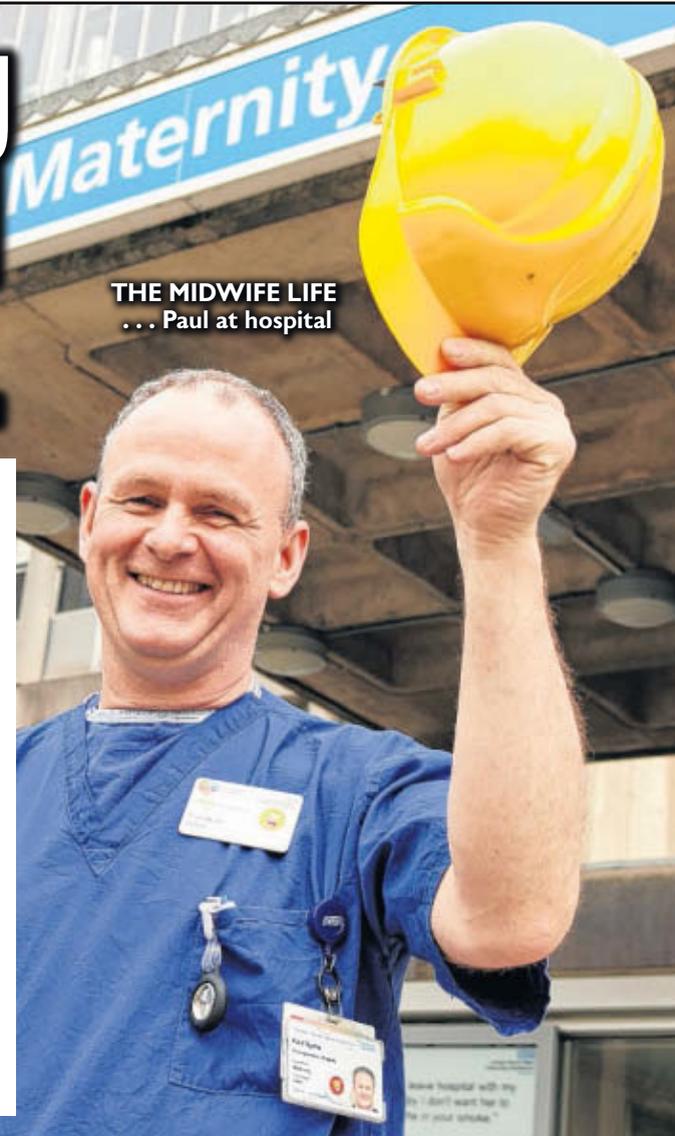
But she told how she's thrilled to be embracing new opportunities she never thought possible.

She said: "I find it fun. I'm not nervous because I'm enjoying it. I'm 5ft 3in and I have one leg. I never thought I'd be doing this!"



# ROOFER ON RADICAL CAREER CHANGE

## I thought building was tough until I tried midwifery...



THE MIDWIFE LIFE  
... Paul at hospital

**FORMER** roofer Paul Byrne has told how an accident at work inspired him to begin a new career — as a midwife.

Paul, 50, broke 11 bones after falling from a roof in January 2011, spending over three months in hospital and rehab.

Having also lost his long-term partner Ann in 2010, Paul said the care of the healthcare staff made him realise that he wanted to do something "life-affirming".

The Dubliner took on a one-year 'access' course in Inchicore College, which he passed with distinction, before going to the UK to train for three years at the University of West London.

Now three years qualified, Paul, who works at London's Northwick Park Hospital,

By AOIFE BANNON

told how being a midwife is the rewarding job he always dreamed of.

He said: "I thought building was tough until I went into midwifery. It's long hours and it's hard work — but I absolutely love it."

"It's an extraordinary privilege to be there when a baby is born. I don't think I deliver babies, women deliver babies. I'm there as a cheerleader."

Although being a male midwife has brought its challenges, Paul insisted that he doesn't take it personally when patients ask to be seen by a female midwife instead.

He said: "Sexism isn't just gender-based, it can come from men and women."

"I'm not a man in my job, I'm just a healthcare professional. My gender, the colour of my skin, all those things are irrelevant."

"I just tell patients 'My job is to make sure you're OK'. But I also get mistaken for a

doctor a lot because I'm male and older so that's something I have to be conscious of. People can mistakenly assume experience."

Paul, from Sandyford in Dublin, originally left school after fifth year and went into roofing, as his dad was a roofing contractor.

After his accident, Paul realised that he wouldn't be able to continue roofing and reckons that it was a blessing in disguise.

He said: "When I had the accident, I was still grieving and it was the only way I was letting people care for me. We all have our challenges. It's what you do with them that counts. I was fortunate in that I had tremendous support from family and friends."

Now engaged to Dublin-based Sheila, Paul commutes back and forth between the UK and Ireland.

He said: "It depends on jobs but I would hope to come back at some point."



Novels ... Philip

## Trailer for Pullman's Materials

By KEIRAN SOUTHERN

FANS have been given a look at the TV adaption of Philip Pullman's book series His Dark Materials in a new trailer.

Produced for the BBC and HBO, the show stars 14-year-old actress Dafne Keen as Lyra and Scottish star James McAvoy as Uncle Asriel.

Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy, consisting of The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, and The Amber Spyglass, tells a story of a world where human souls exist outside the body in the form of animals.

The visually striking trailer gives a glimpse of the show's fantastical elements, such as witches, Zeppelins and armoured polar bears. It is slated for release in late 2019.

### CRAZED COP

A cop was arrested after she tried to hire a hitman to kill her ex-husband, as well as a child, in New York.



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