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A random, subjective list of our favourite things, in no particular order.

FANTASY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



1 AMANDA BRUNKER

Model, writer, singer, mum and furniture saleswoman. There's just one job title missing from Amanda's resume. That's right, President.

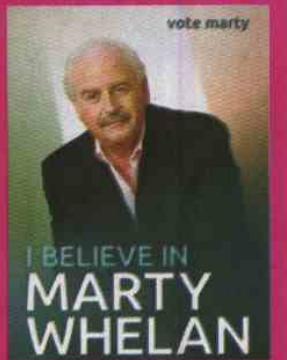
If elected, she would have the Áras decked out in her own sofa collection, the bookshelves stocked with copies of *Champagne Babes* and Bono calling 'round every day (she's way too shy to admit this, but she and he are actually VBFs). Difficult diplomatic situation? She'd just break out the low cut top. **VOTE BRUNKER: SEXIER THAN MICHAEL D HIGGINS.**



3 DANIEL O'DONNELL

He's polite, the yanks love him, and he once turned up to a *Dubliner* party. All reasons to elect him to power. But just imagine the country/rock/ballad version of "The Soldier Song" he could croon out at State events. Just. Imagine. Our only concern is that the Donegal man would find it difficult to leave his dear mammy for the bright lights of the big city. **VOTE DANIEL: FREE TEA FOR ALL.**

2 MARTY WHELAN



The 'Marty Whelan for President' Facebook page are hoping to cajole the presenter into running, as they believe that his knowledge of finance (gleaned from years of spinning the wheel) and Europe (presenting *Eurovision*) make him the only man for the job. Plus, they're backing Kathryn Thomas for Vice Pres, naturally. Under the slogan "It's more than a feeling, vote Marty Whelan" they want to put that moustache in the Áras. We couldn't agree more but our own slogan would be a bit different. **VOTE WHELAN: YES, WHE LAN.**

4 BOYZONE

Words, words are all they have, to take your votes away. Ronan would be in charge of schmoozing First Ladies, Keith would be campaigning to end social injustice, Shane would choreograph big State events and Mikey...well, Mikey could take the coats and make sure that everyone who visits gets a nice cup of tea and a bourbon. **VOTE BOYZONE: DON'T LOVE THEM FOR FUN, VOTE THEM NUMBER ONE.**



EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT...

.... SINEAD O'CONNOR'S LONELY HEART

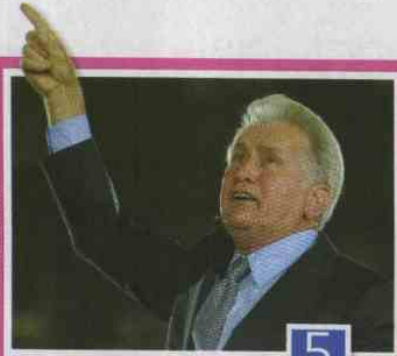
Sinead O'Connor has revealed that she is so stuck for a ride that she has considered the virtues of certain fruits and vegetables. "I tell you, yams are looking like the winners," she wrote. She has also penned a *Lonely Heart* ad. "Leather trouser-wearing Gardai, fire-men, rugby players, farmers and Robert Downey Jr will be given special consideration," she wrote. "As will literally anyone who applies." Interested parties can apply at: vampyahslayah@yahoo.com.



... THE TV3 AUTUMN SCHEDULE

"Talent borrows, genius steals," said Oscar Wilde. TV3 would probably prefer to say they were 'inspired' when they compiled their Autumn Schedule. Upcoming programmes include *Tullaforia*, which follows "eight of West Dublin's girls and boys as they spend four weeks living, eating, sleeping, working and partying together" and *Southside Wives* (which comes to our screens at least six years too late). Poised to be compulsive viewing – for all the wrong reasons.





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MARTIN SHEEN

So what if his only political experience is playing the American president in *The West Wing*. That leaves him at least 10 times more qualified to do the job than Dana. We already know he can deliver a rousing speech, he looks great in a suit and imagine the house parties Charlie could have when the old man was away on diplomatic visits. The Áras filled with Playboy models...

VOYE SHEEN: WINNING!

MRS BROWN

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You might find Mrs Brown more irritating than a recurrent fungal infection, but if the massive viewing figures for her last TV programme are anything to go by, a lot of us find her just GAS. The Brits love her too, which would do wonders for Anglo-Irish relations. **VOYE BROWN: CRUDE JOKES ABOUT GOING UP THE ÁRAS COULDN'T BE ANY LESS ENTERTAINING THAT WATCHING THE OTHER SERIOUS CANDIDATES SPEAK.**



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ANNE DOYLE

All joking aside, if there was one Iron Lady that could lead this country out of recession and back to opulence, it's Anne. With her steely glare, power suits, perfect hair and 'Keep calm and carry on' demeanour, no one is going to f**k with her. Not the US, not the UK, not South Korea, Not North Korea, not motherf**kin' Europe. No one. **VOYE ANNE DOYLE: BECAUSE SHE'S BETTER THAN YOU.**



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PANTI

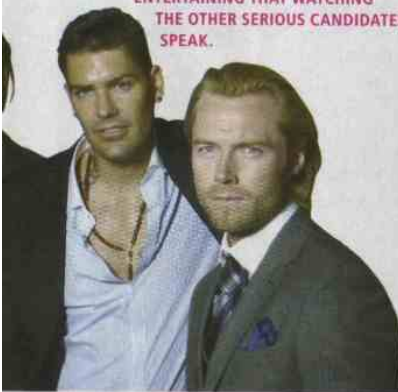
Much as we loved Presidents McAleese and Robinson, they weren't exactly what we'd call glamour birds. If you're fed up of ladies in drab pant suits then why not vote for Panti? She'll bring bigger hair, sparklier dresses and a wicked sense of humour to an otherwise dull political role. Just think, the next time Obama's in town he could be rocking it up in Panti Bar... **VOYE PANTI: BECAUSE LIFE'S A DRAG**



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ALAN 'SAMMY SAUSAGES' HUGHES

Imagine how well Alan could entertain visiting dignitaries with extents of whatever Christmas panto he's working on. Plus, his year-round tan would do wonders for tourism. **VOYE SAMMY SAUSAGES: BECAUSE HE'S BEHIND YOU.**



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GEORGIA SALPA

Let's face it, the country is pretty screwed at the moment - which means that there's no better time to use a bit of distraction to get the IMF off our backs. Enter Miss Salpa. With Georgia as head of the country, there is no way on God's green earth that any of those crusty old Euro politicians and accountants are going to be able to think of the boring facts and figures of our collective debt. Instead, they'll be considering her facts and figure, wha? **VOYE SALPA: THE BREST CANDIDATE.**



... IRISH MODELS IN WATERCOLOUR

Georgia Salpa's suspiciously plumper lips have been immortalised in a watercolour painting by Dublin artist, Pervaneh Matthews, as part of the 'Fashion on Canvas' exhibition running from 3rd to 12th September at Balla Bán Gallery, Westbury Mall, in conjunction with the **Dublin Festival of Fashion**. Rosanna Davison is also featured. Jesus wept.

.... THE COPPERFACE JACKS VIP AREA

An oxymoron if ever there was one. The last chance saloon recently added a more stringent door policy to its offering. Notable attendees at the launch included Joan and Ronan Palmer, best known for being the mother and brother of Claudine Palmer, who is best known for being the wife of Robbie Keane. That sort of sets the overall tone, doesn't it?



... IRELAND'S COMEDY EXPORTS

The Rubberbandits are going international. Channel 4 has commissioned Sideline Productions to produce three comedy shorts with the Limerick duo for the new online talent series 'Comedy Blaps'. Meanwhile, Roscommon actor and writer Chris O'Dowd, who recently appeared in *Bridesmaids*, has been commissioned by Sky TV to write a six-part series based on his childhood in Boyle.