

NEWSUPDATE

Knives a one-way jail ticket: judge

A DISTRICT Justice has warned that people appearing before him on knife charges will be get a one-way ticket to jail.

Oliver Whitehouse (17) of Pinewood, Green Avenue, Balbriggan, was jailed for three months after he admitted possessing a Stanley knife at Quay Street, Skerries, on September 18 last.

Judge Sean Delap told Balbriggan court that in another of his court areas he had ten murder cases involving stabbings — two of which had come before him in the last number of weeks.

"They are deadly weapons and anyone who comes before me that has been found carrying a knife will go straight to prison," he said.

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■ When a kangaroo died, leaving her baby without a pouch, staff at Miami zoo hopped to it and turned a pillow case into a welcome substitute.

HOTSPOT

'Demon' charges

FIVE members of a tiny born-again Christian group in San Francisco have been charged with beating a 25-year-old Korean woman to death during a bizarre ceremony to "cast out her demons".

200 donkeys safe

A TURKISH municipality is caring for 200 donkeys made homeless during army operations against rebel Kurds, after protests from international organisations.

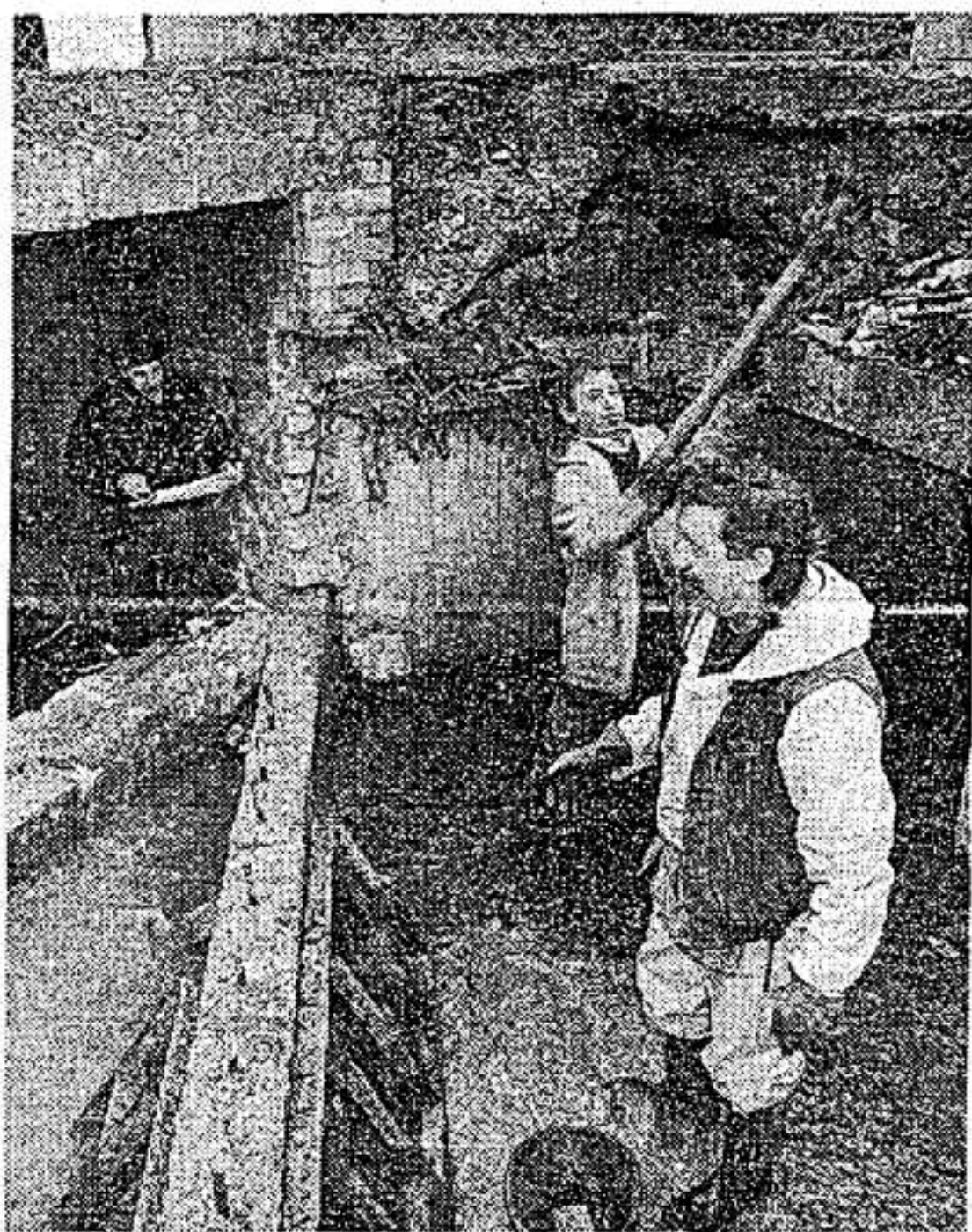
Food for thought

SOUTH Korea has bowed to public pressure and reversed a ban on toothpicks at restaurants.

CITY PAINTER IS INSPIRED BY DRAINS PROJECT



□ **WATCHING BRIEF:** Artist Michael Lyons at work drawing Corporation workers on the site of the Poddle. (Pictures: Kyran O'Bryan)



□ **LIFE IMITATING ART:** Artist Michael Lyons gets a worm's eye view of work in progress

Artist's life in the gutter

KNEE deep in water in the city's drains may not seem the most inspiring place in the world.

But Dublin based artist Michael Lyons produces works of art there.

The 36-year-old from Crumlin is drawing the drains and the people who work in them.

"I basically spend the day on site working with Dublin Corporation drainage department and at night I work in a studio in the Irish Museum of Modern Art."

It is part of a project

by **DAVID MURPHY**

with the local authority and the museum which are both funding it.

And what might seem a damp, unappealing environment attracts the artist.

"The water is clear there are no rats and it's not smelly.

"The idea is that I would work for a year and then I would have an exhibition in the museum and in the Civic Offices."

Michael is now working in Harold's Cross where workers are extending the cover of the Poddle river which runs under the city.

Corporation carpenter Frank Connolly, who shares the site with Michael, approves of his new artistic colleague.

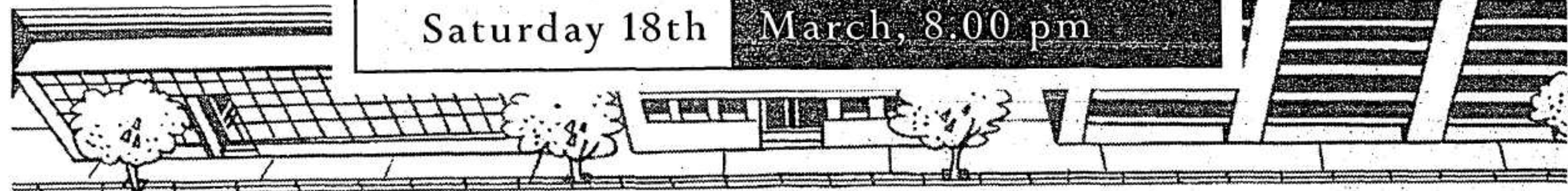
He says the drainage work "is the kind of work the public might not always see."

Two other artists are also doing projects with the corporation — and the museum.

Liz McMahon is working in the local authority's mapping office and drawing how the city has changed through the years.

And Aaron Fowler is doing a project on Bull Island.

Saturday 18th March, 8.00 pm



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