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HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES

Stuart Clark runs the rule over the burgeoning artisan cider scene in Ireland – and also samples one of our favourite breweries' new seasonal beer...

Stuart Clark, 15 Mar 2013



I'm not a violent man, but I was tempted to give somebody a wedgie and/or severe Chinese burn recently when they said – forgive me for repeating the heresy – that "all cider tastes the same."

Like its beery counterpart, the Irish cider industry has been undergoing a quiet revolution these past few years; the result being a range of world-class artisan tipples that all have their own unique character.

The 'world-class' part is underlined by the Silver Medal picked up recently by Mac Ivors Traditional Dry Cider (macivors.com) at the International Brewing Awards, aka "the brewing Oscars".

"To win silver at such a prestigious awards when we'd only been available commercially for four months was just amazing," enthuses Greg MacNeice whose family have been fruit farming since the late 1800s. "We've 150 acres here in Armagh, so we're self-sufficient in terms of the apples we use. My mother comes from northern France, so I sampled their wonderful cidres growing up and wanted to know how they got all that taste. I also went to the West of England to see how they've perfected their craft. Time's the big thing – the cider has to mature for seven months before we even think of blending and bottling it."

The gong is an endorsement for not only Mac Ivors, but also Irish cider in general.

"As with artisan beer and cheese, the 'green island' image really works in our favour abroad," Greg ventures. "They try it because it's Irish, and then realise it's a really top quality product."

Having selflessly engaged in an extensive taste test – the results were doubly, at times even triply checked – here are five more Irish ciders that Team Hot Press reckon you absolutely have to try:

Llewellynn's

Made with 100% apple juice – at no stage is water added – the LL Bone Dry and Medium Dry 6% ABV ciders are both bottle-conditioned, giving them a lively natural sparkle.

The full-flavour comes from the fruit being harvested in the autumn and allowed to further mellow and mature before pressing.



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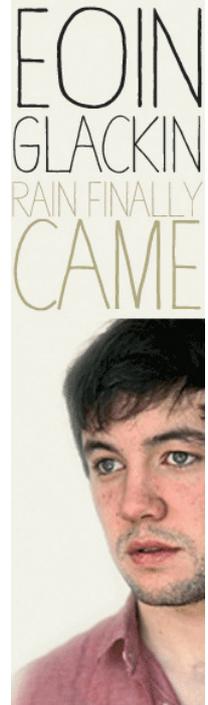
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It had been years since anyone had heard from David Bowie, the rock icon who seemed happier to fade away rather than burn out. But suddenly, in January, came a new single with his first album in a decade to follow. Stuart Clark reflects on the Thin White Duke's remarkable career, and then talks to his right-hand man, Dubliner GERRY LEONARD, about 2013's most-anticipated return.

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Already a top five act at home, Delorentos have spent 2012 becoming big in Spain. When we heard they were playing in a bullring there with Wilco, we had to go and check it out!

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A BUGGS LIFE

He may have Noel Gallagher and Jimmy Page as fans, but chart-topper Jake Bugg is far from your run-of-the-mill indie rocker. The teenage sensation talks about his diverse influences, his upbringing on a sketchy Nottingham sink estate and how music saved him from life on the dole. words Stuart Clark

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PARADISE GARAGE

David Chase and Steve Van Zandt have made some beautiful music – and a film – together

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DON'T WORRY BE HOPPY

Without in any way having to compromise on quality, this was the year when craft ales, lagers, stouts, porters, and – well, whatever you're having yourself! – hit the mainstream and proved that we truly are a nation of beer lovers.

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THE HOLE TRUTH

You thought Courtney Love was the most, um, idiosyncratic member of Hole? A new online movie should set you right...

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BEAUTIFUL LIFE

She gave up a high-flying job in advertising to become a novelist. Now Helen Seymour is the toast of the literary community, her book *Beautiful Noise* lovingly evoking the pirate radio scene of '80s Dublin. She talks about turning her back on a life of corporate bling and the encouragement she received from pals Ali Hewson and Bono...

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JAKE BUGG, LIVE AT THE ACADEMY

The talent is still raw, but tonight Jake Bugg lives up to the hype and then some.

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As we mourn the loss of The Troggs frontman, we look back two decades and find him in conversation with Stuart Clark before the band's Irish shows...

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Forget your brussels sprouts and stuffing sandwiches – Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the festive chinwag that is the Hot Press Summit. The great and good of the year in music 2012 gather to discuss the Savita Halappanavar tragedy, Chris Brown's attempted rehabilitation and the pros and cons of poppy-wearing. words: Stuart Clark: photos Graham Keogh Forget your brussels sprouts and stuffing sandwiches – Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the festive chinwag that is the Hot Press Summit. The great and good of the year in music 2012 gather to discuss the Savita Halappanavar tragedy, Chris Brown's attempted rehabilitation and the pros and cons of poppy-wearing. words:

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SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE MUCK

She blew us away with her Electric Picnic slot over the summer. At the end of a very busy 2012 avant-gardist Grimes talks about supporting EDM kingpin Skrillex, bringing buff dancers on tour – and why she's not ashamed to have Bieber fever.

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ODE TO JOY

Legendary Joy Division/New Order bassist Peter Hook has penned a page-turning new tome. Stuart Clark catches up with him...

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GILLEN IN THE NAME OF

First Other Voices and now Sigur Rós videos! Aidan Gillen underlines his rock 'n' roll credentials by starring in the ten-minute promo accompanying the Icelandic outfit's 'Ekki Múkk'. The Game Of Thrones man plays an anorak-wearing Roy Cropper-type whose "magical journey through an English field" leads to encounters with a fox and a talking snail.

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SHORTALL'S DEPARTURE WELCOMED BY DRUG EXPERT

While the Roisin Shortall debate focuses on her relationship with Ministry For Health boss James Reilly, her handling of the National Drug Strategy has been criticised by Dublin-based addiction specialist Dr. Garrett McGovern. Also up for discussion when he meets Stuart Clark are the recent deaths of two young men in Kinsale.

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3 SHALL OVERCOME

They've tasted global success, headlined the Aviva and won tens of thousands of new fans thanks to singer Danny O'Donoghue's gig judging the UK edition of *The Voice*. But they've never stopped taking risks and on their latest album, called simply #3, The Script open up as never before about heartache and loss. Taking time out from trashing their hotel suite, they discuss fame, personal upheavals and the night will.i.am stood them up for Bill Clinton.

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ARE YOU LOATHSOME TONIGHT?

Here's something to give you nightmares – an Elvis impersonator in full clown make-up!

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HAIR RAISING ENTERTAINMENT

He's one of the most infamous figures in popular music – and not just because of his mushroom cloud hair. Now Al Pacino is slipping into the platform boots of producer Phil Spector, for an HBO biopic centred on his murder trial.

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SPOTIFY'S IRISH LAUNCH: ARTISTS RESPOND

The Swedish streaming service is a boon for consumers but artists are yet to be convinced.

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Rock gods do nothing to tarnish their legends

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A NEW KIND OF PRESIDENCY

It's been a tumultuous year in Irish politics and President Michael D. Higgins' decision to address the Savita Halappanavar tragedy drew flak from some politicians. In a rare interview he answers the critics, outlines his vision for the presidency and reveals his admiration for Mario Rosenstock's 'Michael D' character and crime show *Love/Hate*...

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SHORTT STORY

The star of *Killinaskully* and one half of *D'Unbelievables*, Pat Shortt is the doyen of Irish comedy. But beneath the bumbling exterior is a clever and ambitious performer. In a revealing interview he talks about his friend Gerry Ryan, the painful end to his partnership with Jon Kenny and the downside of being world famous in Ireland.

words Stuart Clark portrait Graham Keogh

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JACK WHITE LIVE IN THE O2

Our man Stuart Clark watched the Detroit star shake Dublin this Halloween...

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FROM A WHISPER TO A SCREAM

Recording on a Californian mountain top with Jackknife Lee has paid handsome dividends for Two Door Cinema club, with the resulting album, *Beacon*, storming its way to number one. LA, Azealia Banks, Lady Gaga, Snow Patrol, the Olympics and dressing-room trashing are all on the agenda as Nordy Ireland's latest chart conquerors shoot the breeze with Stuart Clark.

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GREEN MANIFESTO

There's never a dull moment where Ireland are concerned. After a brave Euros qualification campaign came the humiliation of the finals themselves. Then the recent last gasp win over mighty Kazakhstan. As the World Cup qualifier campaign gathers pace, three of the lynch-pins of the squad discuss Trapp's reputation for managerial stubbornness, his controversial selection of players from the lower echelons of British soccer and tell us what's on their iPhone playlists

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LEONARD COHEN LIVE @ KILMAINHAM

Stuart Clark reports live on Laughing Len's latest Irish visit...

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With Lianne La Havas, Lee "Scratch" Perry and Cashier No. 9...

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Making the world seem a shinier, happier place...!

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JERSEY ROAR

Springsteen fever was in the air as Bruce and the E-Street Band touched down for a two-night stand at Dublin's RDS. Having hooked up with the man himself on the launch of his latest album, Stuart Clark was on hand to check out both live shows and shoot the breeze with Bruce's right-hand man – and respected actor and musician in his own right – Steve Van Zandt. He brings us a frontline report.

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FEEL GOOD SMITH OF THE SUMMER

35 years after first jamming together in a suburban garage, The Cure are playing some of the biggest shows of their lives as part of a festival tour that brings them to the Electric Picnic. Drugs, keep-fit regimes, MASTODON collaborations, Irish sojourns, football, David Bowie and Tommy Cooper are all on the agenda as Robert Smith has a late night pow wow with Stuart Clark.

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PLAN B: THE IRISH CONNECTION

When he's not playing guitar with Plan B, the Wexford-bred, London-domiciled Adam Jordan is one-half of the New Machine writing and production duo whose rapidly expanding C.V. includes Devin, Hope, Chlo33, InMe, Steve Shabytah and his Model County homey – it's not often you get to write that! – Maverick Sabre.

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JOHN THE REVELATOR

As PiL return with their best album since Metal Box, a typically forthright John Lydon treats Stuart Clark to his thoughts on David Beckham, the Pistols, The Clash, Ari Up, butter, PTA meetings & a whole lot more besides!

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THE NATIONAL HEALTH

New wave familiarity fails to breed contempt

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CAUGHT IN THE NET

There's more to the Icelandic music scene than pale esoteric types channelling Lothlórien, as a new online documentary shows.

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RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS & NOEL GALLAGHER'S HIGH FLYING BIRDS

"They're my songs, so I'll fucking sing 'em if I want to!"

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CAUGHT IN THE NET: RHYME ON HIS SIDE

He's knocked the acting on the head and branched into documentary making. Chronicling the evolution of rap, Ice T's first project from behind the camera is proving rather a sensation

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CAUGHT IN THE NET: WHAT A CARRIER ON!

Fancy a get away with a difference? What about a converted Soviet era aircraft carrier, the centre-piece of a new Communist theme park in China?

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CAUGHT IN THE NET: SHOOTING FROM THE STRIP

This fortnight: a comic strip from an unlikely source, Sasha Baron Cohen channels his inner tin-pot and Nikki Sixx keeps its together on radio.

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CAUGHT IN THE NET: LABIA-D WITH LOVE

In addition to releasing some of the finest indie rap to ever caress CITN's ears, the Forbidden Fruit-bound Grimes has this week embraced the jewellery business...

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CAUGHT IN THE NET: RAW 6 APPEAL

What happens when you mix a cult TV show with some top indie talent? For the answer, get thee to rural Wales without delay

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MIDDLE-AGE KICKS

Paul Weller may be approaching his 54th birthday, but his new album proves that the former Jam man is in the form of his life. Fresh from hobnobbing with Roger Daltrey and his other rock royalty mates, he talks fatherhood, sobriety, politics, influences and Amy Winehouse with a suitably star-struck Stuart Clark.

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ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

Stuart Clark selflessly volunteered to meet Fanfair, a girl group with impeccable rock 'n' roll credentials and a member who's the youngest of 12 kids from Terenure.

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MANORS MAKETH THE MAN

He's already made the transition from underground hip hopper to blue-eyed soul boy du jour. Now Plan B has written and directed Ill Manors, a damning indictment of Cameron's broken Britain, and is also about to star alongside Ray Winstone in a reboot of classic 70's cop caper The Sweeney ("Get dressed, you're nicked!") A wellied-up Stuart Clark meets him and his crew in a north Yorkshire forest.

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THE STONE ROSES

"More important than Picasso," said Damien Hirst. "Music's Kevin Keegan," opined Nicky Wire: there was a lot of hyperbole spouted in the run-up to the Roses' first Irish show since the infamous Ian Brown cat-strangling incident at Féile 95 – a gig I walked out of halfway through for fear of permanently souring our relationship.

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A GLEN FOR ALL SEASONS

Since winning an Oscar for Once, Glen Hansard's life has swerved like an out of control rollercoaster. There was a whirlwind romance with, and painful separation from, Markéta Irglová; the suicide of a fan which left him with brains on his shoes and a chasm in his soul and the strange guilt he felt at being successful. With his first solo album about to be released, he pulls up a stool and explains how he learned to stop worrying and love his new life in New York.

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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

A new initiative, launched by President Michael D. Higgins, is intended to focus minds on constructive ways to improve Irish society.

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My Bloody Valentine finally re-deliver the goods

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ABOUT A JOY

The band's iconic bass-player, Peter Hook has just finished a book recollecting the Joy Division-era and the suicide of Ian Curtis.

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WELL, I'LL BE DAMNED!

Ahead of their Dublin stop-off this week, The Damned's Captain Sensible talks to Stuart Clark about longevity, mad Argentine football games, Lemmy and the difficulties of teaching Sid Vicious the bass.

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Look out Boardwalk Empire and Game of Thrones – a hot new US cable show from the people who brought you The Social Network may be about to steal your thunder.

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CATCHING UP WITH THE JONES

Clash legend Mick Jones discusses his imminent visits to Dublin and Belfast for a gig with a difference...

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FRANZ FERDINAND, LIVE AT DOLAN'S WAREHOUSE

Job well and truly done.

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THIS IS PiL

John Lydon continues to grow old disgracefully

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TALES FROM THE DARKSIDE

€36,000 better off after winning the Sunday Times EFG Private Bank Award, Kevin Barry has been hailed as one of the finest Irish writers of his generation. In an extraordinarily frank interview, he talks LSD, Chinese marriage scams, death threats, the IRA and daffodil theft with his old Limerick colleague Stuart Clark.

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TRICKY SITUATION

Bristolian legend Tricky is hitting the road to perform his 1995 masterpiece Maxinquaye in its entirety. He talks to Stuart Clark about the album's eventual creation, the current state of hip hop and brazenly flouting Ireland's no-smoking laws.

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ANDREW WK LIVE

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OCCUPY E STREET

Bruce and the gang have just unleashed what is their angriest and most politicised record yet, a scathing attack on the railroading of the American Dream by political and corporate fat cats. Stuart Clark journeys to Paris to meet The Boss who also waxes lyrical about Obama, Catholicism, Joe Strummer, Dylan, being a hopeless music fan and why it'll take four people to

RAGE AGAINST THE FREELoadERS

Ex-Blizzards mainman and Voice of Ireland mentor Bressie has extremely forthright views on the way musicians are taken for granted – and on subject of free music downloading.

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YOU GOTTA GROHL WITH IT...

Or what happened when a hard rock legend brought some mates 'round to mourn the passing of one of the world's most storied studios

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HAITI: LIFE AFTER THE APOCALYPSE

Two years ago this politically unstable, poverty-wracked Caribbean island was devastated by one of the worst earthquakes of recent decades. Thousands perished, many more were left clinging on without sanitation or basic medical care. But now Haiti is fighting back, with the invaluable help of aid groups such as Ireland's Concern Worldwide. In a frontline report, Hot Press talks to ordinary Haitians as they try to rebuild their lives and reflects on the crazy energy of one of the most dangerous countries on earth.

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SUPER FLY GUY

A number one album, Manchester City steamrolling Manchester United 6-1 and a Hot Press Gig of the Year Award for his show in the Olympia. It's been a great 2011 for Noel Gallagher who talks to Stuart Clark about life after Liam, the Roses reunion, Gary Speed and running in to Tom Cruise's missus.

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GAGA 2.0

Generally a haven for all sorts of debauchery, this fortnight finds Rihanna using the internet to get across a more wholesome message via video.

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THE LIFE OF WHILEY

Jo Whiley talks to Stuart Clark about her crusade to make TV safe again for rock 'n' roll, and why she's pretty sure Bono was joking when he called Chris Martin "a wanker!"

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He fantasises about killing Bertie and Biffo, armed himself with a baseball bat during the London riots and has some choice words for people who think he walked out on The Blizzards. He's also made a solo album, Colourblind Stereo, which he hopes people will care about enough not to illegally download. Niall Breslin pulls no punches talking to Stuart Clark.

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A NEW LISA LIFE

She's conquered Ireland with her latest album – now Lisa Hannigan is contemplating a temporary move to New York in order to raise her American profile. She talks about her love of touring, collaborating with The Chieftains and her one-woman campaign to make the ukelele fashionable.

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The elder Gallagher brother makes a triumphant return to Irish soil...

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Not content with winning the Airtricity League for the second year in a row, Shamrock Rovers made history in 2011 by becoming the first Irish team to qualify for the group stages of a European competition. Star man Rohan Ricketts talks to Stuart Clark about their moments of magic.

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COME WHAT MAY

Whether meeting the Obamas or hanging with rock royalty, 2011 has been a year to savour for Imelda May. Stuart Clark hears about the outrageous highs and one tendon-snapping low.

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ANT MISBEHAVIN'

He'd become synonymous with eccentric behaviour, but now Adam Ant has his depression under control and feels more creative than ever. The 80s pop vagabond talks to Stuart Clark about his relationship with punk svengali Malcolm McLaren, his struggles with bi-polar disorder and being "raped" by Steve Jobs.

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WAR OF THE ROSES

This fortnight: Ian Brown and friends as you've possibly never seen them before. Read on...

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BREW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

For too long the poor cousin of the Irish drinks industry, the craft beer scene has been undergoing a period of phenomenal growth with dozens of micro breweries opening across the country in recent years. Stuart Clark clinks a tankard in celebration and gives us the inside track on his favourite new ales, lagers and stouts.

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RED WHITE AND VIEW

America is producing most of the world's best telly – sorry Mrs Brown's Boys – and with a raft of great new shows chugging down the tracks, it looks like US dominance is set to continue.

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The second report from Stuart's week-long visit to Haiti on the second anniversary of the country's devastating earthquake...

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MOLTEN LAVA LITERACY

James Dean Bradfield says it in relation to the Sex Pistols, but that phrase applies equally to the way the Manic Street Preachers have operated throughout all of their 21 years on Planet Rock. Following the release of their National Treasures singles collection, he talks Richey, The Clash, Diana Ross and Johnny Rotten with Stuart Clark.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY HOT PRESS SUMMIT

To cap another highly eventful rock'n'roll year, a slew of Ireland's most hip and happening musician types and gatecrasher Phill Jupitus converge on Dublin for the 10th Anniversary Hot Press Summit. President Higgins, The Stone Roses, Amy Winehouse, the Boys In Green & marauding North Korean submarines are all on the agenda as 2011 is subjected to CSI-style forensic examination.

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THE VINYL FRONTIER

A plucky independent record store straight out of High Fidelity, darkly funny Christmas cards and, er, a lady who paints with her own vomit. They're all on the menu in your fortnightly guide to all that's interesting and/or balls-out deranged on the web.

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MANCHESTER REUNITED

They were adamant it would never happen, but The Stone Roses shocked everyone on October 18 when they announced they were getting back together for what is almost certain to be the biggest grossing rock 'n' roll tour of 2012. Stuart Clark reports on the Third Coming.

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RESURRECTION MAN

After Oasis ended in a flurry of kung-fu kicks and punches, Noel Gallagher went away and quietly made a solo record, which could just be his finest collection of songs yet. In a revealing interview with Stuart Clark, he talks about new beginnings, making babies, Amy Winehouse, Morrissey, John Lydon, the Queen and that violent night in Paris with Liam.

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STONED ALONE

The Family Stone are back to their best – alas, the same can't be said of their mercurial former leader.

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