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Dear Mayor Brown:

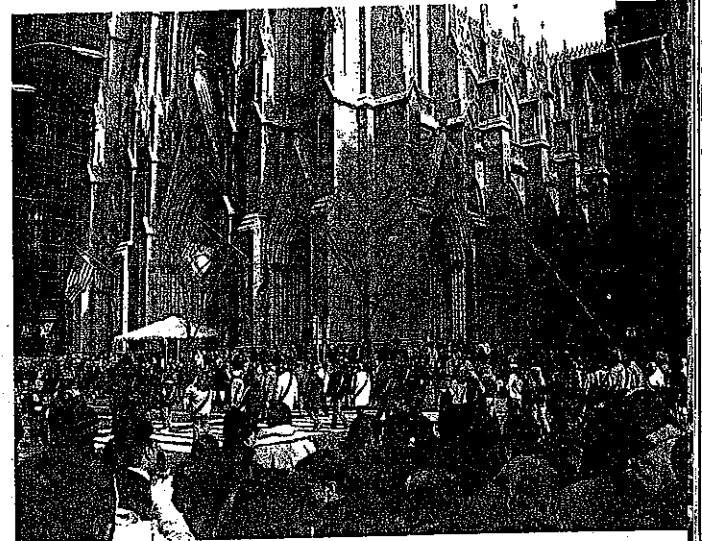
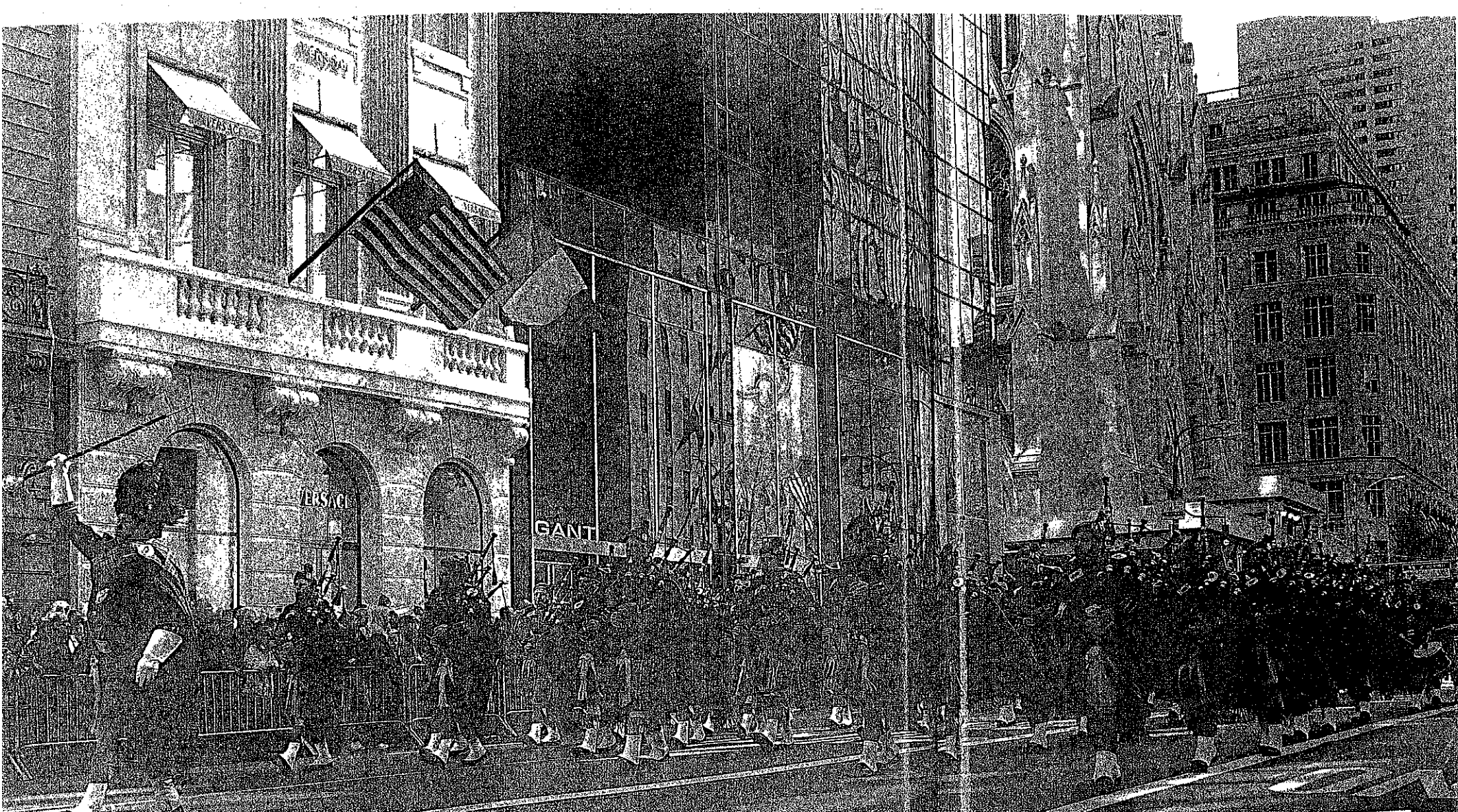
I am enclosing a copy of an article from a magazine called "Ireland of the Welcomes". **The magazine is published in Dublin, Ireland.**

If you will look at the second page of the article, you will see that Buffalo has been listed as one of the cities having a St. Patrick's Day parade worth mentioning. We may not be the biggest, but, obviously, the magazine thought we were worth mentioning.

I thought your PR people might be able to use this to further tourism to Buffalo.

Sincerely,

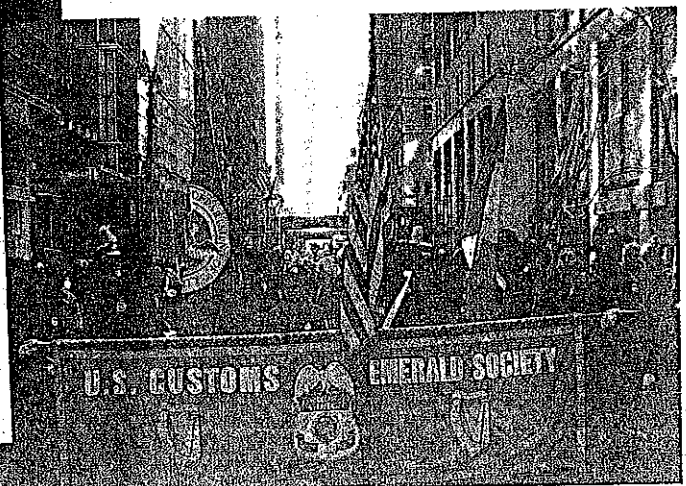
  
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### New York

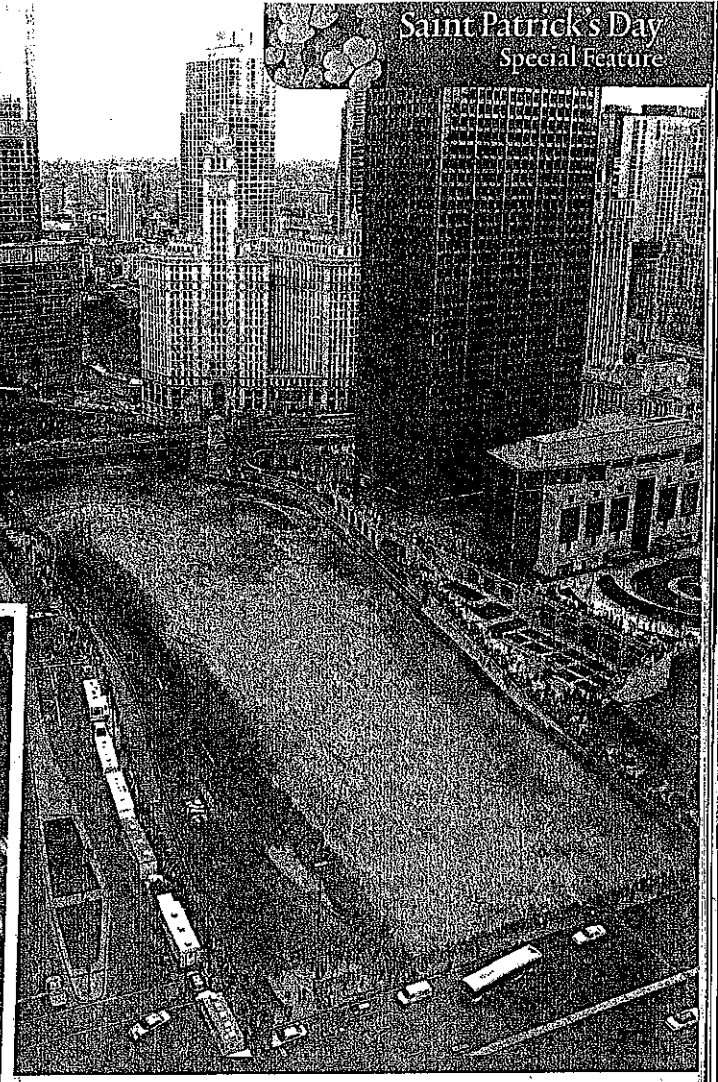
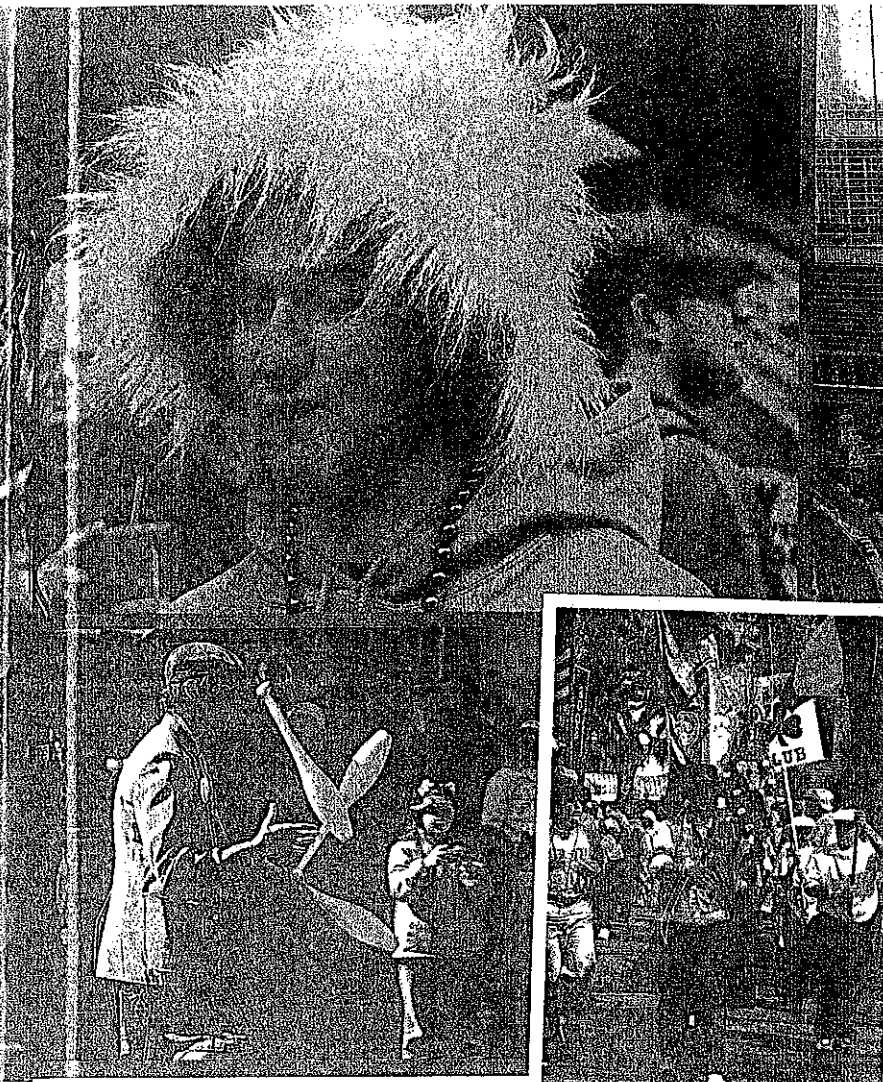
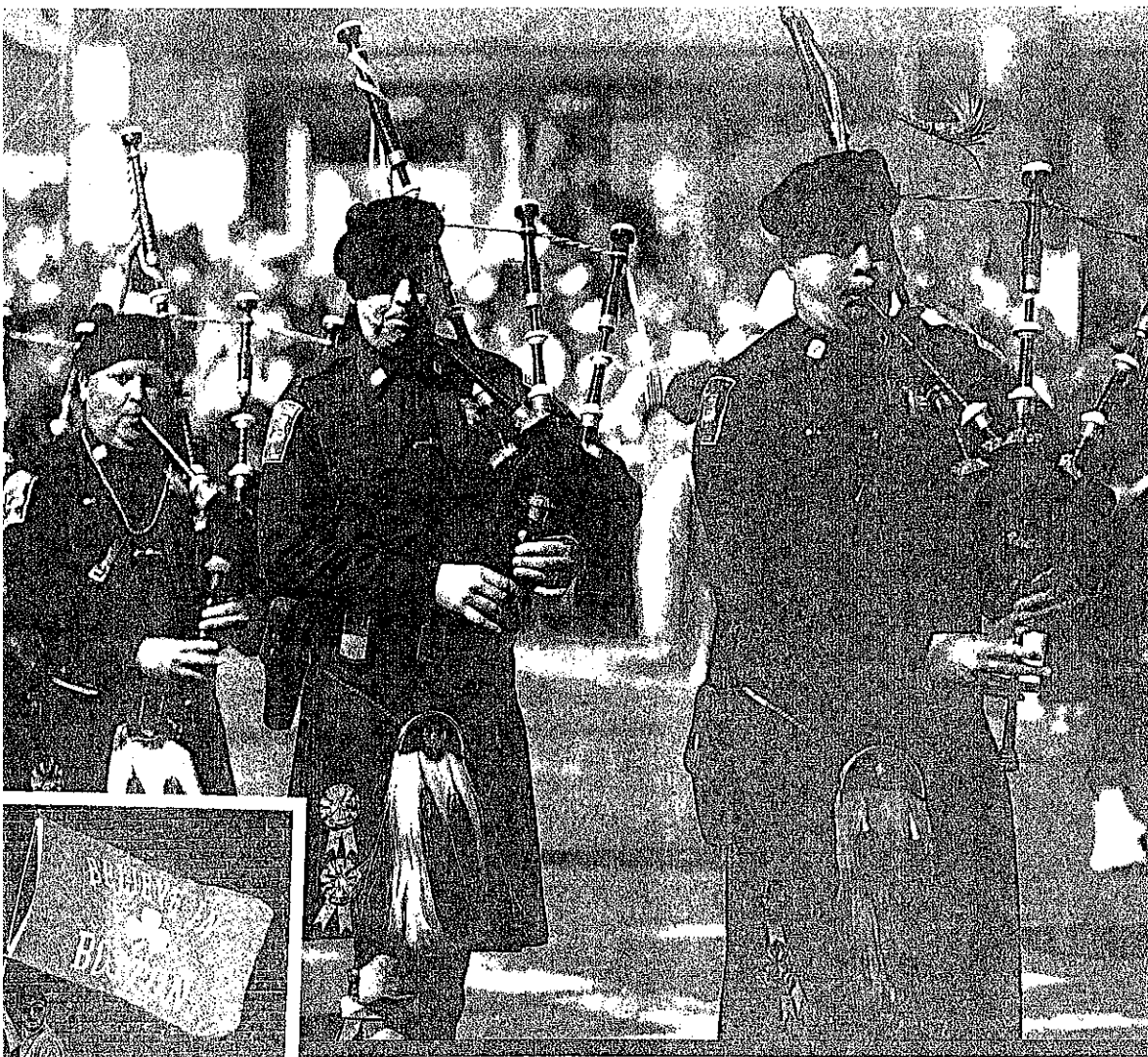
Once again, pride of place on St. Patrick's Day must go to the Big Apple. For anyone who's ever stood on Fifth Avenue on 17th March, the sensory experiences are overwhelming – the vivid colors, the massed bodies of marching uniforms, the flags and banners; the waves of sounds as the air vibrates with rolling drums, wailing bagpipes, saxophones, trumpets, and clashing cymbals; the aromas of hot chestnuts and pretzels; the raucous cries of street traders selling every imaginable St. Patrick decoration and gee-gaw; and the wonderful alchemy of the day that makes everyone Irish, if only for the day.

Following the formal installation of New York Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly as Grand Marshal in January, Parade Chairman John Durleavy announced that the 249th St. Patrick's Day Parade is dedicated to the Boy Scouts of America, who celebrate their 100th anniversary this year. Dignitaries who attended the installation included last year's Grand Marshal, Mike Gibbons, Cardinal Edward Egan, and Irish Consul General Niall Burgess. At 11 am on Wednesday, 17th March, the first of 250,000 marchers will step out in front of an estimated two million spectators lining the great boulevard, and will be watched by millions on television and the internet around the world.



# Marching WITH PATRICK

Once more across the North American continent the men and women of Irish birth and heritage, and many with no direct links to Ireland, proudly step forward and march in honor of St. Patrick. Seán Carbery tracks some of the biggest – and the smallest.



...y in the United States than Boston? St. ... fine time to take in the festivities and ... hats, music and Irish good cheer await ... St. Patrick's Day parade. Celebrate ... 's most Irish neighborhood. ... t 1 p.m. at the Broadway 'T' Station and ... e, South Boston. Best bet for viewing ... out a spot anywhere along Broadway. ... de has become a prominent part of ... Needless to remark, there are many ... oughout Massachusetts.

The common theme remains honoring St. Patrick's work. The thousands of marchers and spectators in their green bedecked finery, the bands and floats, the flags and music highlight one of the grandest parades in a city that loves parades.

### Morristown, New Jersey

Parade day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption, off Maple Avenue in Morristown. The parade starts at 12 noon at the corner of South Street and James Street, with 20 bands and 50,000 people in attendance, either in the parade or as spectators. Held since 1979, this parade honoring Ireland's patron saint is presented by the Irish American Association of Northwest New Jersey, the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, and the Trustees of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

### New Orleans

In the Big Easy, they love to march, and the annual St. Patrick's Day Parades are considered another opportunity for family and friends to get together and enjoy a day outdoors. It seems as if the entire city is on the street with picnic baskets, umbrellas, and their recreational vehicles, enjoying one of the biggest street parties of the year. Men and women in walking groups from various clubs in the city dress in costumes of green, and give out flowers, beads, and kisses to lucky parade goers

amplifiers in the parade, and walking groups dancing down the street. Floats and truck floats respond to the call, "Throw me something, Mister!" Historically, the parade's most famous throws are cabbages, carrots, onions – and moonpies! (There'll even be a potato or two in the air!).

### Buffalo

Buffalo, New York, like many other communities throughout the United States, has a large Irish-American population. The richness of Irish culture provides this population with numerous ways to celebrate its heritage throughout the year. Several Irish step dancing schools provide children and young adults with a love for this traditional art, traditional music is available in various venues nearly every weekend, and Irish theater is a highlight of Buffalo's downtown area. The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, however, is Buffalo's largest celebration of the Irish heritage. The Parade, which begins near Buffalo's art deco City Hall, draws people of all nationalities. The enthusiastic crowds line Delaware Avenue as the Irish dancers, bands, civic organizations, and others march proudly by in celebration and in honor of St. Patrick. John Carmody served as Grand Marshal of Buffalo's first St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was held on March 17, 1916 in Buffalo's Old First Ward, an Irish-American neighborhood. It was reported that nearly 300 members of the Gaelic Athletic

### Savannah

This year's Parade, the 186th edition, takes place on March 17th. The day starts with the celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the Parade will step off at 10:15 am. It is expected that over 400,000 people will visit Savannah to help celebrate the second largest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the United States. Georgians still recall with pride the time when theirs was the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world.

### Chicago

A modern day miracle occurs each year as part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade celebration, when the Chicago River turns an incredible shade of Irish green. This spectacular transformation ranks right up there with the parting of the Red Sea by Moses, say the locals. It can be best viewed from the upper level bridges at Michigan Avenue or Columbus Drive. It began in 1962, when a city plumber whose overalls had been colored green with dye used to trace pollution inspired Stephen Bailey, a labor leader and close friend of Mayor Daley, to turn the river green for St. Patrick's Day. When the day rolled

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