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Smiling Irish Eyes

A recent survey confirms the top St. Patrick's Day parades are in Boston, New York City and Chicago. Surprisingly, Savannah, Kansas City and New London, WI also made the list.

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Seems this recession is affecting everyone. First, it hit Wall Street... then Main Street – and now...Sesame Street. The long-running children's educational program is reducing staff by 20 percent, stating Elmo and friends are "not immune to the unprecedented challenges of today's environment."

And there's news Eddie Doyle was laid off after 35 years on the job. He tended bar at the Bull and Finch Pub in Boston, and you know his alter ego...Sam Malone. "He's as important as George Washington to this city," said former mayor Raymond Flynn. "They say it's a bar where everybody knows your name, but it's really a bar where everybody knows Eddie Doyle." One thing is certain, his run far outlasted Norm, Cliff and Woody.

[The Rest of the Story](#) When I was a kid, my father would drive us to school with the radio tuned to 820 AM, and we would listen to 'Paul Harvey News and Comments.' I took the keys in 1976, and while my friends were rocking to Led Zeppelin in their cars, I remained committed to hearing "And now, page two..." from the legendary broadcaster. As an adult, in the middle of my morning exercises, I always enjoyed his enchanting tales of little known facts about historical people and moments.

While Paul Harvey could have relaxed and slept in during his twilight years, he rose each morning at 3:30 a.m. and drove to the ABC studios in downtown Chicago to write his scripts and broadcast three daily shows. "Retiring is just practicing up to be dead," he said. "That doesn't take any practice."

In 1981, after going to journalism school at the University of Texas, I landed a job as sports producer for a TV station in Dallas. On weeknights, the sportscaster and I would sit in his office, working on scripts for the 10 o'clock newscast. He taught me how to write – not the prose you babble in college to get a good grade on an English theme, but the words you create to paint a picture that wraps your arms around the audience in a warm embrace. More often than not during those sessions, he would listen to my efforts and say, "Think Paul Harvey, Davey Boy. Think Paul Harvey."

After nearly 30 years – and three career changes by me – my mentor is still the top-rated sportscaster in DFW. He shot me an e-mail shortly after Paul Harvey died two weeks ago that read simply: "He was incredible...truly truly incredible." Thanks for the writing lessons, Dale Hansen...and thanks for the inspiration, Paul Harvey. Good day!

[Words of Wisdom](#) A skilled writer says more in a sentence than others communicate in 100 words. With all the uncertainty in the world, this captures perspective everyone should keep in mind:

Historians know little about St. Patrick, including when he was born and died. At 16, he supposedly was sold as a slave in Ireland, escaped at 22, became a bishop two decades later, and returned as a missionary to convert the pagan country of his captivity. One thing is probable: Patrick didn't drive out snakes, as geological evidence suggests they didn't exist in Ireland after the Ice Age.

Whoever the legendary saint was, he inspired a great day of celebration around the world. So wherever you, lift a glass and sing:

Making your way in the world today, takes everything you've got. Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot. Wouldn't you like to get away...

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"In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these." – Paul Harvey

That's great guidance. Given it comes from a man who lived to be 90, perhaps worth looking in the mirror and repeating each morning.

[Beauty Before Age](#) Speaking of growing old gracefully, Barbie turned 50 last week – and, imagine, she doesn't look a day over 21. Since debuting for \$3, Barbie has found her way into the hands of 90 percent of American girls ages 3 to 10, and is sold in 150 countries. (FYI...Wal-Mart has an update of the original for the original price.)

Her creator was Ruth Handler, founder of Mattel...and while I'd love to claim otherwise, she was not part of our family tree. Neither are talk show host Chelsea Handler nor actor Evan Handler. Guess we derive from the less artsy branch.

Every second two Barbie dolls are sold somewhere, and it takes more than 100 designers, tailors, beauticians and sculptors to develop each edition. Proving she's kept up with the times, more than 50 million visitors go to her Web site each month. As Mattel says, it's Barbie's world; we just play in it.

"I was very shy growing up," Olympic gymnast Shannon Miller told *Forbes*. "Barbie was this beautiful, strong woman that could be and do anything...I loved the idea that anything was possible..."

Perhaps the inspiration to gain from Barbie is to be an inspiration. You may not affect millions, but you may affect the ones who matter.

By the way, the doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, and she grew up in Willows, Wisconsin. In real life she would be 5'9" and weigh 110 lbs. That information could win you a green beer at your favorite watering hole today.

Cheers...and Happy St. Patrick's Day! Until next month, continued success in all things.

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