



BAND PLAYS At Grammys

Eagles to bow out after Frey tribute show

BY MARK JEFFERIES

SEVENTIES band Eagles have performed their final gig together, according to founder Don Henley.

He said the group's tribute to co-founder Glenn Frey at the Grammys on February 15 was the "final farewell".

Frey died in New York on January 18 at the age of 68.

The surviving band members played classic hit Take It Easy with Jackson Browne, 67, at the Grammys as a tribute to Glenn.

But Henley, 68, told BBC Radio 2: "It was very difficult and very emotional. We actually almost didn't do it."

"That was the final farewell. I don't think you'll see us performing again."

"I think that was probably it. I think it was an appropriate farewell."

The band split in 1980 and reunited in 1994 with the live album Hell Freezes Over. They last toured in 2013.



GUILTY Adam Johnson

'Humiliating' pre-jail quiz for Johnson

BY JEREMY ARMSTRONG

SHAMED soccer star Adam Johnson is to be quizzed by child protection experts before he is jailed.

Johnson, 28, returns to court next week to be sentenced for two counts of sexual activity with a girl of 15 and grooming her.

Judge Jonathan Rose warned the ex-Sunderland winger that he faces a minimum of five years.

His "dangerousness" must be assessed before he is back at Bradford crown court.

A source said: "It means questioning him about his offences and looking at his attitudes and behaviour around children. It is the final humiliation really."

Judge Rose granted bail so the dad-of-one, of Castle Eden, Co Durham, could "get his affairs in order."

Johnson has spent his last days of freedom in meetings about the case.

Emma scoops student press prize

A SCHOOLGIRL has proved she has the write stuff after being named overall winner of the 2015 Press Pass Awards yesterday.

Emma Flanagan from Our Lady's College in Drogheda

scooped the top prize with her opinion article entitled The Politics Of Apathy.

Other category winners, pictured below, were Zachary Gillespie from St Columba's Comprehensive School, Glenties,

Co Donegal, Eoin Hartnett from Colaiste an Chraoibhin, Fermoy, Co Cork, Lorraine Hanrahan from Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co Kerry, and Ciaran Sheehan from CBS Charleville, Co Cork.



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Emma Flanagan saw off 7,500 entries to win top prize for her opinion piece

Mum 'choked her teen son and ignored his broken arm'

BY GORDON DEEGAN

A MOTHER choked her son until he passed out, a court heard yesterday.

And it was alleged the teenager used YouTube to find out how to remove a cast from his arm after the parent refused to accept his injury was serious.

It was also claimed she hurled a jar of Vicks at her daughter, injuring her eye.

At the family law court social worker for the Child and Family Agency Mary Sheehan said a third child – aged under five – was left gasping for air after their mother shoved his head into a pillow.

Ms Sheehan added the boy's older brother broke his arm while playing and was hospitalised for several days after emergency surgery.

The mother did not visit him and asked him to move furniture and do a handstand while recovering from the injury.

The social worker said the boy eventually

Court hears siblings' abuse claims

removed the cast underneath a shower after the water had softened it.

The case centred on an application by the CFA to amend a supervision order that the woman have only one hour supervised access to her three young children each week.

She had enjoyed shared access with her estranged husband from last July until late last month.

However, the CFA made an emergency move last month that

the woman have only supervised access and it is now seeking a court order confirming the new arrangements.

This followed gardai making available transcripts of specialist interviews with two of the young children last September outlining specific claims against their mother.

Ms Sheehan said: "I have to say in 31 years of social work I was absolutely horrified about what I read."

In evidence, she described one inci-

dent where the mother allegedly threw a jar of Vicks and struck her young daughter on the eye. The child sustained a serious eye injury as a result.

The social worker added: "She would have described not being able to see for a time afterwards – that her eye was swollen.

"No attention was sought for her and the mother directed her not to say anything to anyone on it."

Ms Sheehan said another sibling alleged "quite harrowing information of assaults, physical abuse where he was dragged around the floor by the hair – his head being pulled back and [he was] force-fed and assaulted".

After hearing the evidence the judge granted the order that the supervised one-hour access per week to the children would continue and a forensic psychiatric assessment would be carried out on her.

The case was adjourned until May 19.

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MARY SHEEHAN SOCIAL WORKER YESTERDAY

ORDEAL Kids interviewed