

FIVE THINGS to do this week...

1 GO see the 3D version of *Titanic* - which opens in cinemas on April 5. James Cameron's 1997 tear-jerker is back, but this time in 3D. The story focuses on passengers Jack Dawson and Rose DeWitt Bukater, both from two completely different social classes, who fall in love on the doomed ship.



2 WATCH the family film in *Rua Red*. This Saturday, April 7, the animated story of two young girls that discover a forest inhabited by magical creatures is showing in the Tallaght-based, county arts centre. Kicking off at 12pm, admission is €3.50 per child - adults go free. To book call 4515860 or email boxoffice@ruared.ie.

3 READ the *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. The intense, three-book series tell the story of a sixteen-year-old girl who is forced to represent her district in *The Hunger Games* - a live televised battle during which only one person out of twenty four

survives. The first part of the trilogy is in cinemas now so get reading!

4 TAKE a trip to Dublin Zoo. There's a wide range of events taking place over the easter holidays - from face painting, easter bunny discos, arts and crafts and spring workshops. Visit www.dublinozoo.ie.

5 JOIN an Easter Camp. Tallaght Leisure Centre is one example of the many Easter Camps running for the holidays. The camp is held from April 10 to 13 and is suitable for children aged 5-12 years. Spaces are limited so book quick! Contact 452 3300.

Musical giants play Marlay Park

By Mary Dennehy
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MARLAY Park will play host to the exclusive gathering of three musical giants this August - Van Morrison, Tom Jones and Bobby Womack.

Against the backdrop of the Dublin mountains, all three will perform full sets with their respective bands, with a few surprise collaborations also expected.

Van 'The Man' Morrison is headlining the gig and will be filling the Rathfarnham-based park with a string of folksy, blues classics - many of which have become household favourites.

Born in Belfast, as George Ivan Morrison in 1945, the Grammy Award-winner's recent sold out show in the O2 Dublin has been hailed the "highlight" of the year so far.

The media-shy Morrison will be joined on stage by Welsh crooner Tom Jones and American, soul icon Bobby Womack - who last performed in Dublin in 2010 as part of the Gorillaz Plastic Beach tour.

Together, the three veterans will fill the 300 acres suburban park with a medley of sounds - stretching back over five decades.

The Echo understands that Womack (68) is pressing ahead with the show despite being recently treated for colon cancer and will be promoting his first album of original material in 13 years.

Produced by Damon Albarn [Blur and the Gorillaz], *The Bravest Man* will be released in

Ireland on June 8 - giving fans a chance to familiarise themselves with the tracks ahead of August's gig.

Tickets for the 'one night only' show on Saturday, August 25 are currently on sale from ticketmaster for €59.50.

Visit www.ticketmaster.ie.



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Poet's corner

Tallaghtwocky

by James Hyde

(After Lewis Carroll's famous nonsense poem, "The Jabberwocky")

'Twas Tallaght, and the Old Bawn Road
Did Ban and Croft to the wabe:
All Belgard were the Dodder Parks,
And Kiltipper outgrabe.
Beware The Kilnamanagh, son!
The Jobstown bites, the Cookstown catch!
Beware the Lugmore bird, and shun
The Tallafornia bandy snatch!
He took his Hellfire sword in hand:
Long time he Killinarden sought --
'Til rested he by the Firhouse tree,
And Carrigwood in thought.
'Twas Greenhills, and the Airtown Road
Did Tymon Park through the day:
All Kingswood were the Hospital,
while he in Square outgrabe.

I WORK with the National Learning Network on the Broomhill Rd, live near Tallaght Village, and write a lot of poetry and drama.

I am a member of the Tallaght writing group, Platform One (in the Rua Red county arts centre). Recently, we did an exercise about 'Found poetry', where you take information such as a leaflet, poster or article from a paper or such, and rearrange/use/are inspired by the existing words and phrases to create a new poem. I was looking through an old phonebook recently and was struck by the interesting sound of many local area names, so thought the poem below might appeal, as a bit of fun, to the readers of *The Echo*.

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