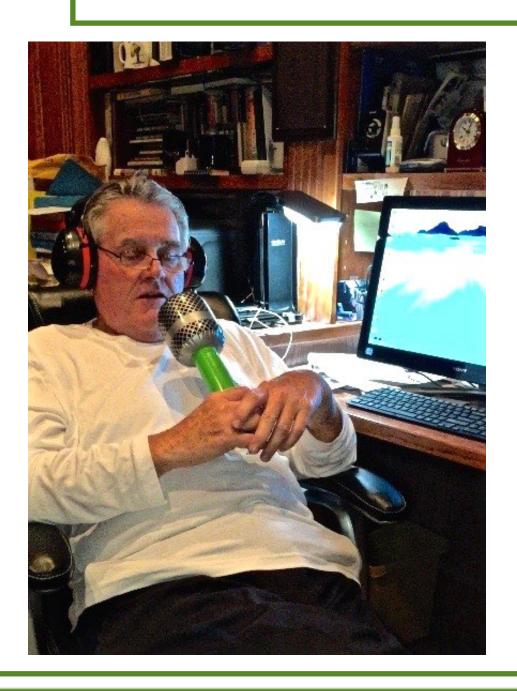
CLEARY'S * COMEDY * CORNER



"He's here, he's here, now broadcasting from the underground command post, deep in the bowels of a hidden bunker, somewhere under the brick and steel of a non-descript building in the Dallas environs, we've once again made contact with our golf "GOAT" who reminds us of an Easter story from County Cork.

It seems the rains were particularly heavy this one Easter and there was a great deal of flooding in County Cork.

So the villagers were headed to high ground and as they did they past the church where Father Dempsey was standing at the rectory window.

"Come now", Farmer Cleary called out to Father Dempsey. "You can ride in our wagon to safety". "No" said Father, "the Lord will provide for me".

Several hours past bye and the flood waters were now up to the second floor of the rectory. Captain Sheeran came by in his boat and yelled out, "Father hop into the boat and we will get you to safety". "No" said Father, "the Lord will provide for me".

It was now onto 6 pm and getting dark when the Irish safety helicopter hovered over Father Dempsey who was standing on the roof of the rectory. The pilot called out "grab the rope and we will pull you up to safety".

But Father Dempsey just said "No, I'm in the hands of the Lord and he will take care of me".

Now in despair as he stood on the roof waist deep in flood water, Father Dempsey looked to the heavens and cried out, "Lord, Lord why have you forsaken me".

Just then there was an enormous clap of thunder and lighting shot across the sky and Father Dempsey heard a heavenly voice say:

"What the hell are you talking about I sent you a wagon, a boat, and a helicopter!"

The moral of the story: Don't go to County Cork when it's raining!