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SAYS

Safety's first

THERE has been no doubt that Tayto Park has been a great success since it first opened its doors.

Young and old have flocked to the Co Meath theme park with its combination of thrill rides and zoo animals proving to be a real winner with the public.

But today it is making headlines for all the wrong reasons.

Attractions go through rigorous safety checks to ensure accidents like the one on Saturday night don't happen.

But that evening a wooden stairs collapsed and a number of people were hospitalised. Thankfully they were all discharged yesterday.

They can all count themselves very lucky that their injuries were not more serious.

Tayto Park now has a number of questions to answer in relation to the incident, the main ones being how and why could something like this have taken place?

We'll await the outcome of an investigation into the accident that could have had more tragic consequences.

Hopefully it won't have too much of a lasting effect for Tayto Park because there is no disputing its popularity.

A major tragedy was avoided on this occasion. It should now act as a big wake-up call to management at the park that this type of thing shouldn't happen again.

Tragedies like the one in Britain's Alton Towers not too long ago prove theme park owners are not infallible.

We don't need an Irish fairground disaster to be part of our history.

Learn from Lee

THE death of Lee Henry is a massive tragedy for his family.

The young teen was knocked down and killed on Saturday night near his home in Coolock, Dublin.

And the driver then drove off. A man has since been arrested by gardai.

Despite numerous campaigns and efforts to reduce road deaths, they continue to be a regular feature of Irish life.

The added tragedy of this is that it was an avoidable hit and run.

How many more deaths will it take for people to take more care?

A holy show

THERE'S never been any love lost between Tommy Tiernan and the Catholic Church — or so you would have thought.

But the Navan comic has now revealed that he was on the verge of becoming a priest — but for the fact his Leaving Cert results let him down.

Years of endless comedy material must be Tommy's way of getting back at them.

CHINESE PHILOSOPHY TIPS

Feng Shui me the money



REARRANGING your home can help solve money woes, says one of the world's leading Feng Shui experts.

Amanda Collins, originally from Wexford but based in the US for 20 years, has used her skills in the ancient Chinese art to improve the fortunes of Dreamworks Film Studios, Bloomingdales, Hewlett Packard and Bank of America.

She will be sharing her tips on how particular Feng Shui-inspired changes in your home and workplace can improve your finances at the Mind, Body, Spirit and Yoga Festival in Dublin next weekend.

Here she tells AOIFE BANNON her top tips.

1. CLEAR CLUTTER

IT doesn't cost anything to get rid of your old rubbish.

If you have something you haven't worn in a year, get rid of it. It feels good and you can find things you thought you'd lost so it saves you wasting money.

2. FIX WHAT'S BROKEN

IF you have a window that's broken or a mirror that's cracked, fix it.

All these broken items represent something and give off a bad energy when they're not working properly.

To give a Feng Shui example, a stove in a kitchen is associated with abundance. So if one of the four rings isn't

working, that's a quarter of that positive energy that you're losing.

3. THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH-EAST

IN Feng Shui, Bagua is the term for the different areas of our lives and their energies.

The South-East corner of any home or building is the most important when it comes to wealth and prosperity.

It's really important there should be no clutter or sharp pointy objects in this area. Anything sharp is not good for supporting money coming in.

4. LOOK NORTH FOR WORK

THE North is an important area for our careers.

If something is broken in this area, fix it. If you have something from work that you're proud of, like an award, you should keep it here. Everything should reflect the positive direction you want to go in.

5. NORTH WEST IS FOR PEOPLE

NORTH West is called Heaven's Gate and it's the direction that is dedicated to the important people in our lives.

There should be no clutter or bins in this area. You could put a picture of the people whose support you want in this area.

6. ART ATTACK

LOOK at art work and the messages that it sends out.

I was working with a large business and I sat down with the CEO who said the firm felt they were in the middle of a storm. I told him to look behind his desk at the paint-

ing on the wall, which was a 6ft by 6ft of a ship in a storm.

Pictures in a bedroom are also very important as they're the first thing you see in the morning and last thing you see at night. They should be images that inspire you and not ones that reflect negative things from your past.



7. BED POSITIONS

A BED should be against a wall but not one that backs onto a bathroom.

You should be able to see the door but not be directly in line with it.

The wall makes you feel supported and the door allows you to relax.

8. FRONT DOOR TO THE SOUL

A FRONT door of a business or home is very important as it needs to be welcoming. There should be no pottered fences or thorny bushes near the entrance. Chi doesn't like that.

The gate should be in good working order, it should be nicely painted and there should be a 'Welcome' mat.

9. COLOUR TELLS A STORY TOO many bright colours can stress people out.

If you want people to feel relaxed and calm, you should opt for earthy colours.

Green is linked to prosperity and money and is a good colour for an office. A splash of red can motivate people. Black is depressing and should be avoided.

10. DECLUTTER YOUR LIFE

GET rid of all the rubbish clogging up your car, bag, wallet and purses.

There's no room for abundance with receipts and old gift vouchers taking up space. Even your desktop and cell-phone should be cleared of anything you don't need.

More from Amanda can be found at her website amanda-collins.com.

The Mind, Body, Spirit and Yoga Festival runs October 29 to 31 at the RDS, Dublin. Tickets €15, children free.

See mindbodyspirit.ie for more information or to book tickets online.

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