Gravestone solves 1948 air crash mystery

Jennifer Hough unravels a mystery that connects a mummified hand, gold bullion and a retired Limerick pilot.

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The five-star Merrion is the only establishment to win a Gold Medal Award for Excellence twice.

Merrien checks out with gold in elite hotel awards

HAVING collectively consumed 231 meals and shared 492 stories with our judges, the Merrion Hotel in Dublin 4 has been crowned the best hotel in the country, a jury of 11 last night at the Grand Hotel in Killarney.

The Dublin landmark was pronounced the winner by industry’s highest accolade, at this year’s Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards ceremony, having fought off very stiff opposition.

Bill Conlon, the hotel’s CEO, said the accolade was a "true reflection of the hard work and dedication of the entire team."

The group said that those who itinerant groups across the country were competing for the coveted Gold Medal Award for Excellence at the awards, which celebrated their 25th anniversary this year, to drive tourism to Ireland’s elite hotels, restaurants and caterers.

Organised by Hotel & Catering Review, the annual event is a showcase of hospitality excellence within the hotel and catering industry.

Following its triumphant win in the six-star hotel category, the Merrion Hotel was named Munster Hotel of the Year, City Hotel of the Year and Restaurant of the Year.

The hotel, which is owned and operated by the PSO family, received a warm welcome from the podiatrist, who said it was a "true reflection of the hard work and dedication of the entire team."

Now in its 14th year, the Gold Medal Awards are the pinnacle of recognition for the Irish hospitality industry, the awards celebrate the highest level of excellence within the hotel and catering industry.

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The takeoff was "terrifying."

"It was in the hand of the state to identify who it belonged to," said Mr Conway. "Trying to get a DNA sample from a VR Bullitt, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Box, Bo