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HE TOLD ME, 'I TRIED TO KILL MYSELF THE OTHER NIGHT'. I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. HE SAID, 'I'LL SHOW YOU' **Carl O'Brien, page 18**

ALL BLACK FOR IRELAND?

GERRY THORNLEY, LIAM TOLAND AND BOB CASEY **SPORTS MONDAY**



NewsDigest

Suu Kyi says dialogue needed

Thousands of cheering supporters greeted Burmese democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday after she was freed from seven years of house arrest at the weekend. The Nobel laureate told supporters of a need for reconciliation and dialogue: **page 10**

Consultants sign up to Croke Park agreement

Hospital consultants have signed up to the terms of the Croke Park agreement on public service pay and reform. The move could have significant implications for any future decision to cap top-level pay: **page 4**



Seán Donlon on how tenacious leadership led to the Anglo-Irish Agreement 25 years ago. Opinion, page 12

HomeNews

Offshore resources claim: The Irish Offshore Operators' Association has said Ireland's offshore resources could provide an "important solution" to the State's economic problems: **page 8**

Impac longlist: Colm Tóibín, Colum McCann and William Trevor are among 162 nominees from five continents on the International Impac Dublin Literary Award longlist: **page 3**



Adams to run for Dáil: Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams will this week quit the Stormont Assembly to enable him to contest the next Dáil election. Mr Adams said he would seek the Sinn Féin nomination in the Louth constituency: **page 5**

BusinessNews

Windmill losses: Pretax profits at the Dublin-based television and film-editing studio Windmill Lane Pictures plummeted last year by 84 per cent to €135,570, with gross profit down 26 per cent: **page 18**

EBS bid: Billionaire investor Wilbur Ross, who heads the private equity consortium bidding for EBS building society, says that debt forgiveness would only be considered in limited cases or not at all: **page 18**

WorldNews



French reshuffle: French president Nicolas Sarkozy reappointed François Fillon as prime minister yesterday but reshuffled his cabinet in an attempt to position himself for re-election in 2012. The move followed months of speculation and open lobbying: **page 9**

Israeli deal: Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday outlined to his ministers details of a deal worked out with Washington to get peace talks with the Palestinians back on track: **page 10**

SportsMonday

Soccer: Chelsea suffered their first home defeat of the season, and saw their Premiership lead cut to two points, as Sunderland won 3-0 at Stamford Bridge.

Lotto: There was no winner of Saturday's €2 million jackpot. The numbers were 10, 11, 36, 40, 42, 45 (17). Plus 1 draw: 8, 17, 22, 24, 31, 42 (20). Plus 2 draw: 4, 7, 17, 20, 21, 28 (39).

Weather

Sunny intervals in many areas today, with isolated showers in the south. Highest temperatures of 7-9 degrees and winds from the west of 15-30km/h. Remaining quite unsettled: **page 22**

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Joy of the Rovers: FAI Cup glory for Sligo after penalty showdown



Richie Ryan, Danny Venture and Conor O'Grady of Sligo Rovers lift the FAI Ford Cup after defeating Shamrock Rovers in a penalty showdown in the Aviva Stadium yesterday. A crowd of 36,101 attended the final, which ended 0-0 in normal time. Reports: Sports Monday. Photograph: Ryan Byrne

Ministers claim fiscal plan and budget negate need for bailout

STEPHEN COLLINS, MICHAEL O'REGAN and ARTHUR BEESLEY

GOVERNMENT MINISTERS remain adamant that the four-year fiscal plan and the budget on December 7th will avert the prospect of Ireland having to avail of any EU/International Monetary Fund bailout.

They have dismissed speculation in the international media about an imminent EU bailout, with one Minister describing the reports as "fiction". The reaction of bond markets today will be crucial to the Irish position in advance of the meeting of euro zone finance ministers in Brussels tomorrow and Wednesday.

Campaigning in Donegal yesterday, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport Mary Hanafin was emphatic that the Government had not engaged in discussions with the EU authorities on a possible bailout. "There is no question of it," she said.

Ms Hanafin, just back from the US where she attended a Global Irish Network forum, said the network was very concerned about stories that had no foundation. "They said that coverage in the *Wall Street Journal* had been quite damaging to our reputation abroad. I met the head of the stock exchange and he is anxious to see what we can do to stabilise the financial message from Ireland."

Minister for Justice Dermot Ahern also said there was no foundation to media reports that the country is

close to availing of the bailout. "It is fiction because what we want to do is get on with the business of bringing forward the four-year plan," he told RTE's *The Week in Politics* last night.

"We obviously have to ignore a lot of this speculation because it is only speculation. We have not applied. There are no negotiations going on. If there were, Government would be aware of it, and we are not aware of it," said Mr Ahern. "There is nothing going on at the direction of Government in relation to this. I spoke to the Taoiseach this morning. I spoke with the Minister for Finance and absolutely nothing is taking place in respect of this," he added.

Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation Batt O'Keeffe insisted Ireland was not like Greece - it was not funded until mid-2011 and was not discussing any bailout with the EU.

Labour leader Eamon Gilmore, also campaigning in Donegal yesterday, called on the Government to ensure Ireland retained its economic independence. "We fought hard for our independence, and we should not hand it away," he said. "I would be very surprised if there were any behind-the-scenes discussions between the Government and the European authorities on this." He said he accepted Mr Cowen's assurance that no such talks had taken place. "I think it is important that we, as a country, retain our economic independence and sovereignty."

The European authorities are on standby as markets reopen today

amid acute concern about the loss of investor confidence in Ireland. High-level officials held meetings about the Irish situation in Brussels yesterday. Further anxiety surrounds the position of the Irish banks and fear that the €45 billion bailout bill might be increased.

The Department of Finance reiterated the case last night that Ireland has not applied for external support and said the Government continues its work on the four-year recovery plan and the 2011 budget. "Ongoing contacts continue at official level with international colleagues in light of current market conditions."

Despite positive weekend comments by IMF managing director Dominique Strauss, well-placed European sources acknowledged German worries about Ireland's ability to survive. With Irish bond yields close to record levels as trading resumes this morning, Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan will provide a briefing to his euro zone counterparts when they take stock of the turmoil at a scheduled meeting in Brussels tomorrow night. A well-placed source said they stand ready to convene an ad hoc phone conference at any moment in the event of an upsurge in volatility.

The European Central Bank declined to comment yesterday on a Bloomberg report that policymakers pressed Ireland to apply to the euro zone rescue fund during a conference call last Friday.

Meanwhile, Portuguese foreign minister Luis Amado said at the

weekend his country could be forced to leave the euro if a political consensus to deal with its financial crisis could not be found. Portugal has seen a sharp loss of investor confidence in tandem with the pressure of the bond markets on Ireland.

"The country needs a grand coalition that allows it to get through the current situation," said Mr Amado.

The Socialist government in Portugal does not have a majority and requires backing by the Social Democrat opposition to get its austerity budget passed on November 24th.

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- Ministers deny State is on brink of seeking EU aid
- Far from clear bailout for Ireland would calm matters elsewhere; analysis, Dan O'Brien
- Berlin denies forcing Ireland to accept bailout

US cardinal told apostolic visit off to 'a very poor start'

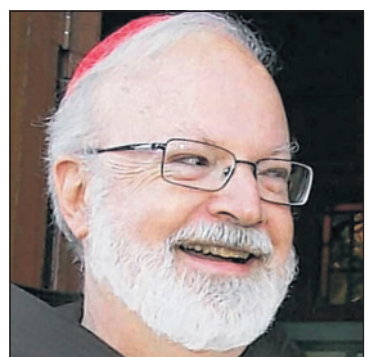
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Religious Affairs Correspondent

CARDINAL SEÁN O'Malley of Boston, who is apostolic visitor to the Dublin archdiocese, was told by a clerical abuse victim last night that his consecration of Mass in Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral yesterday with two bishops named in the Murphy report was "a very poor start" to his visitation.

Among the concelebrants with him and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin were Bishop Dermot O'Mahony and Bishop Eamonn Walsh.

Dublin abuse victim Marie Collins, who met the cardinal for about an hour last night, said the participation of the two bishops sent out "a very, very bad message".

This was particularly so as "Bishop O'Mahony has never shown any regret, nor has he accepted the Murphy report findings", she said. Cardinal O'Malley met Ms Collins and other Dublin abuse victims at separate meetings in All Hallows College last night. He "appeared sincere and very open", she said, but



Cardinal Seán O'Malley: consecrated Mass in Dublin

"there's no way of knowing, I've been in that situation many times before."

Cardinal O'Malley became archbishop of Boston in 2003 after his predecessor, Cardinal Bernard Law, resigned following controversy over his handling of clerical child sex abuse allegations there.

He has been sent by the pope as apostolic visitor to Dublin "to verify the effectiveness of the present processes used in responding to cases of abuse", as he put it yesterday.

The Murphy report found that Bishop O'Mahony's handling of allegations or suspicions of clerical child sexual abuse was "particularly bad". Auxiliary bishop of Dublin from 1975 to 1996, it found that he was aware of 13 priests against whom there were allegations or suspicions by 1995.

Last December, one month following publication of the report, Bishop Walsh offered his resignation. That has since been refused by the pope.

Yesterday's Mass, marking the feast of St Laurence O'Toole, patron of the archdiocese, was attended by members of the archdiocese's metropolitan chapter, which includes senior clergy in the archdiocese.

Bishop O'Mahony is dean of the chapter and Bishop Walsh is its precursor.

Following publication of the Murphy report, Archbishop Martin asked Bishop O'Mahony to refrain from publicly administering confirmation and to cease his association with a charity which brings disabled children to Lourdes.

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