









Ireland Today & Tomorrow

Ulster	 16°	 17°
Munster	 18°	 19°
Leinster	 18°	 18°
Connacht	 18°	 19°

Around Ireland yesterday

Ballypatrick	15 Rain	Kilkenny	16 Cloudy
Belfast	16 Cloudy	Knock	15 Rain
Belmullet	17 Cloudy	Lockfeea	15 Rain
Birr	16 Drizzle	Rosslare	18 Cloudy
Cork	13 Cloudy	Shannon	17 Drizzle
Glenanne	19 Drizzle	Valentia	16 Fog

Saturday's Lotto draw

LOTTO Main Draw BONUS

5 15 31 33 37 40 16

Plus 1: 15, 22, 26, 31, 36, 42 Bonus: 7
 Plus 2: 3, 4, 10, 36, 40, 42 Bonus: 1

Friday's Euro Millions

EURO Millions

6 18 22 23 37

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE Academy of Television Arts and Sciences rejected 47 proposals before selecting the Emmy statuette in 1948. Founder Syd Cassyd suggested calling it 'Ike', a nickname for a television iconoscope tube. But it was rejected because of similarities to Dwight D 'Ike' Eisenhower. Television pioneer Harry Lubcke suggested 'Immy', after the orthicon camera tube. The name 'Immy' was used for years until it was changed to Emmy.

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Dempsey: No Cabinet split over Shannon

BY ED CARTY

THE Government will not be split over Aer Lingus's controversial decision to end its valuable Shannon-Heathrow service, transport minister Noel Dempsey said yesterday.

Mr Dempsey said the Fianna Fáil deputies were united, despite suggestions by his Cabinet colleague, defence minister Willie O'Dea, that the decision was wrong and should be reversed.

Fine Gael have vowed to call a Dáil motion on the issue, but Mr Dempsey insisted Government TDs would vote as one if such a motion was tabled.

'The Government has made its displeasure and disappointment known with Aer Lingus,' Mr Dempsey said.

'But I would not expect any

erick-East, said everything would be done to persuade the airline to reinstate the service.

However, after last week's Cabinet meeting he said he was pleased with the outcome.

Aer Lingus's main rival, Ryanair, has also weighed into the controversy, calling for an extraordinary general meeting to debate the move.

But Mr Dempsey said Ryanair's bid for the special meeting of shareholders was an unhelpful side-show. The low-cost carrier owns just under a third of Aer Lingus.

He said the Government had accepted Aer Lingus's decision and was focused on finding a replacement airline for Shannon.

The Government retained its 25 per cent in the airline to ensure the airline did not dispose of Heathrow slots, he said.



Dempsey: Deputies united

Deputies or Senators in that region to be voting against or abstaining in relation to this matter.' In the days after Aer Lingus bosses announced plans to axe Heathrow slots out of Shannon in favour of a new base at Belfast, Mr O'Dea, TD for Lim-

murderers, such as Brady and Soham killer Ian Huntley, should never be released from jail. However, not all EU countries have life sentences, and some have maximum terms of 20 years.

SURF'S UP

MORE than 300 people waxed their boards and delved into the tropical waters off Cornwall, England, in an attempt to break a world record. They were trying to get 44 surfers riding the same wave at the same time to get into the history books. It was part of the Earthwave Global Surf Challenge, which featured seven different groups of surfers from around the world over the same 24-hour period.

Anti-Irish protest in Kansas City

ANTI-Ireland protesters gathered outside of the Kansas City Irish Fest in the US yesterday. The demonstration was planned by Westboro Baptist Church, the congregation which launched the GodHatesIreland website last month, calling Ireland the 'Land of the Sodomite Damned' for its perceived tolerance of homosexuality and anti-hatred laws. The group claimed the protest was 'in religious protest and warning', claiming that 'God hates fag-dominated Ireland'.

Diabetes eased by drug combo

STRICTER blood pressure control using a combination of drugs can reduce complications from diabetes by one-fifth, according to a new

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