

Irish Examiner

LIFE/STYLE

Peace of mind

Do our children need training to deal with stress? 15

SPORT

SPURS SLIP-UP LEAVES FOXES ON THE BRINK

Tottenham held at home by West Brom: 19

ES
E
lives
byl: 7

April 26, 2016

www.irishexaminer.com

No. 60,272

00 ter ant t to axed

owners may lose out as FG t '50/50' on reaching deal

well and
naith
k set to lose
ater conser-
vment for
a "shelved"
rtainty over
h Water, the
an reveal.
imes as a
erged be-
and Fianna
sue of sus-
argues, with
liator Barry
e chances of
est "50/50".
st-night re-
el offer of a
ster charges
six to nine
econd time
woefully in-

been presented to the minister," a Department of the Environment spokesman told the *Irish Examiner*.
"The Department of Social Protection is ready to pay out the funds, but Kelly and his department won't give the order," said one minister. "In a climate where Irish Water's future is in doubt and charges look like they are being suspended, the order won't be given. They are shelved it seems."

As a result, there will be €110m extra of so-called 'fiscal space' for the parties to utilise in their government formation talks, senior sources have suggested.
Talk of axing the grant means €6m spent on setting up the payment system could go to waste.

In more than three hours of talks yesterday, Fine Gael reoffered a suspension of water charges, believing the move would help to end the stand-off. This was on condition once the period ended, some form of charges system would be returned.
However, Fianna Fáil repeatedly rejected the offer.

Meanwhile, the Fine Gael offer has caused a separate crisis for the party, with a number of backbench TDs warning they will not support any such deal.
Speaking to the *Irish Examiner* last night, Wexford TD Michael D'Arcy said if a suspension happened "that's the end of Irish Water", and that no compromise deal will be agreed when this week's parliamentary party meeting takes

Mad hatters



Anna Kate Daly and Róisín Ní Liatháin at the launch of the Killarney Races Mad Hatters competition. Killarney Races kicks off its summer season on Sunday, May 15, with a three-day festival, with the 'Irish Examiner' as media sponsors. Sunday is Mad Hatters Day, with competitions for children and adults. Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan

Cork could be 'waste capital of world'

Noel Baker

Cork could become the waste processing capital of the world if a proposed incinerator for the harbour area was to become a reality, according to academics from University College Cork.

The claim was made at the oral hearing into the proposed incinerator for Cork Harbour in Ringaskiddy, which also heard concerns over a meeting between applicant Indaver Ireland and the HSE, and fears a well-developed bunker fire at the proposed facility could burn for more than a week.

Gordon Dalton of the UCC-affiliated Marine Renewable

Energy Ireland Centre claimed the Indaver facility, if allowed, would produce 1/40th of Ireland's industrial CO2 emissions.

"Cork will become the waste processing centre of the world," said Dr Dalton, adding that, like his colleagues, he was speaking in a personal capacity and not on behalf of UCC. He also raised the prospect of a brain drain, stating if the plan proceeded, he would be seeking a new job elsewhere.

Pat Leahy, a lecturer on wind energy in UCC, claimed the presence of a wind turbine, erected in 2014 and just 500m from the proposed incinerator site, would create a

greater dispersal area for plumes from the facility which would be "less controlled and predictable".

The Cork Harbour Area for a Safe Environment (Chase) group has launched its own 'plume plotter' which it said showed the extent to which plumes could expand in the area.

Rory Mulcahy, senior counsel for Indaver, contested the figures and said evidence had already been put forward that the wind turbine would not have any significant impact on plume dispersal.

Peter Daly, a former chief emergency planning officer for the HSE, said the HSE's

submission on the proposal did not have an adequate public health element. He also said a fully developed bunker fire, at a time when the facility was operating at 4,000 tonnes of waste capacity, could burn for six days — and for more than a week if operating at its 6,000 tonne capacity.

It also emerged Indaver had met with the HSE around two weeks ago, with Chase claiming the group had not been informed.

The chief inspector leading the hearing, Derek Daly, asked that heads of the meeting be provided, while John Ahern, regional manager Ireland and UK for Indaver,

said his colleagues would be able to provide information.

Chase chairwoman Mary O'Leary said it was "more evidence of meetings behind closed doors".

The hearing was told by a delegation from PDForra, the representative body for members of the Defence Forces, that up to 1,100 personnel are on duty at Haulbowline Island at any one time and there were concerns about the evacuation of the island if there was an accident at the incinerator.

Mark Kane said, given the limited access to and from the naval base, it could take several hours to a number of days to evacuate.

Inside

News

A jockey who followed a student, bringing with him duct tape and scissors, told gardaí he was angry after she rejected his sexual advances. **Page 8**



Sean O'Riordan

The majority of frontline garda detective units are receiving no tactical training in how to deal with terrorist attacks and are not equipped with the firepower to counter them.

O'Brien said that while Ireland might be on the periphery of Europe "things could also happen here", he was concerned about the lack of tactical training given to both armed detectives and unarmed, uniformed officers.

gangland shooting at the Regency Hotel in Dublin highlighted the issue of a need for tactical responses because the first gardaí on the scene were uniformed, unarmed officers.

He said no unarmed officers should have to face

Do sui adv ing

Jimmy W
Mid-West C

The grues
in the life
who left
across thr
folded at a
in Newcas
erick, yest
Julia Ho
of Co Tyro
Ruttle, 56,
her final fa
Five me
decompos
they broke
home at B
ton, on Ma
out a robb
and letter
deceased w
Ted Knig
Thomas F
from a pre
— Ian, 19,
described t
rific" and
vile person
His wife
described
had worke
for many y
man. "He
man. A g
great with
liant," she
Mr Knig
employee l
derful man
"We are
his two boy
shock but t
can do abo
Mr Knig
dicts meant
sure for
pecially for
"At least
stand thing
than they
said. "I th
been) in sh
fied a lot of
"They v
themselve
been very c
Mr Knig
time he sa
was in grea
a lovely g
very quiet
ing... a grea
He disag
gestion M
ible and tal
"No," he
own man.
thing, and
chap."
Mr Knig
met Holm
goodness"
wanted to
said.
Althoug
could not
logical fin
the cause o
condition o
were defini
they died.