

**NEWS  
IN BRIEF**

**THIEVES FAIL  
TO ROB ATM  
WITH DIGGER**

THIEVES caused extensive damage to a Co Monaghan bank yesterday in an attempt to steal a cash machine using a digger. Gardai believe two people were involved in the robbery bid at the Ulster Bank in the Diamond in Clones. It is believed the digger used to carry out the failed raid was stolen in Kells, Co Meath. Gardai have appealed for anyone with information to come forward. **end**

**FLU SCARE  
FOR BRITISH  
SCHOOLKIDS**

A GROUP of 52 British schoolchildren and teachers have been quarantined during a trip to China after four were taken to hospital with suspected swine flu, it was revealed today. The pupils and staff remained in a Beijing hotel while embassy officials attempted to obtain information, according to the Foreign Office. It is not known where in the UK the group was from.

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TOUR: Our girl takes a look around with Martin Murphy



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BY GERALDINE COMISKEY

SPORT and stilettos are enough to bring out the WAG in any girl.

The trouble is, unless you happen to be Victoria Beckham, the chance of watching a match in your finery is nil.

Well, that's always been my excuse for steering well clear of soccer, rugby and gaelic - whether as a player or spectator.

Not even the promise of a corporate box at San Siro - courtesy of a hunky Italian bloke - could convince me to stand in the wind and rain and watch a match.

However, a close encounter this week with Ronaldo, the Dubs hurlers earlier this month and celebrating the Grand Slam in March reminded me just what I was missing.

So I was thrilled when I heard Ireland was getting the first ever WAG-friendly stadium.

The new Aviva stadium, which is being built on Dublin's Lansdowne Road, will have lifts, escalators - the ones with steps so those of us who

**New stadium designed to**

wear heels won't topple headfirst on the way down - an underground car-park and even an indoor route to the DART station across the road.

So there's absolutely no need for a girl to ruin her hairstyle or feel her mascara streaming down her face in the wind.

"It's very woman-friendly," the new stadium's Director, Martin Murphy, explained as he proudly showed me around the site. "We're putting in lots of toilets. With mirrors of course."

**Exclusive**

All that and men in shorts too - what more could a wannabe WAG want?

The former IRFU Director of Corporate Affairs, who has played rugby, soccer and gaelic, has noticed all three sports have suddenly become very attractive to women - and not just the sporty gals.

Blame it on Mrs Beckham, or even our own WAGS, Amy Huberman and Claudine Keane. Both soccer and rugby have become beautiful games whether you're watching the match or

the VIP box. While hardened footie or rugger blokes might not want to admit it, they too are going to love the new luxury spectator experience at the new Aviva stadium when it opens next year.

The lads will certainly be impressed by the fast-pour taps in the restaurant. "They can pour a pint of Guinness in four seconds," Martin points out. Though Ross O'Carroll Kelly types will probably be asking for a speedy Heino instead. There will be 1,000 kegs in the storeroom at any one time so no one will go thirsty during a match.

For the first time in the stadium's history, every one of the 50,000 spectators will have a seat - unlike the old stadium which catered for 48,000 mainly standing fans. The roof will cover the seats but not the playing ground - so we'll still get to enjoy looking at muddy players.

With the likes of Ronaldo sporting a flower behind his ear and even tough old rugger blokes like George Hook