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WEATHER

Today: After a cool start to the day, it will be fine and mostly sunny with plenty of blue sky. Light winds, variable in direction. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F).

Four day Outlook

MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR
20C (68F) 11C (52F)	19C (66F) 12C (54F)	18C (64F) 12C (54F)	18C (64F) 11C (52F)

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MOST WANTED: Cartel leader 'Don Mario' is led away in handcuffs

COPS NAB THE 'KING OF COKE'

THE world's biggest cocaine cartel has been smashed following a series of early morning raids in Columbia by US law officials.

Anti-drug agents arrested dozens of members of a powerful Colombian cartel on Friday including the country's most wanted crime boss, known as "Don Mario" and "The King of Coke".

Last night, officials claimed the gang were responsible for almost half of the cocaine on American streets and also trafficked huge amounts of drugs into Europe.

The feared cartel ran sophisticated drugs labs in the country's jungles and used submarines to transport the drugs all over the world. It is believed they had links with the crime gang controlled by Irish drug baron Christy Kinahan.

Charges

Kinahan is currently behind bars in Spain awaiting trial on drug trafficking charges.

The cartel are believed to have smuggled batches of cocaine directly into the UK and Spain over the last number of years.

One US agent told newspaper the gang cleared more than \$5 billion in profit and were making so much money they could not launder it all.

He said: "Their tentacles reach all over the globe.

"It's mind-boggling the kind of profit these guys were producing.

"They invest in businesses, big investments, apartment complexes, office buildings but there's so much left over that they have - they have



RAID: Cops break up the coke haul

By NIALL DONALD

to do something with this cash. Sometimes all that's left is to hoard it and hide it."

The cartel has been under constant supervision by Colombian and US cops for the last nine months as part of Operation Pacific Rim.

US Ambassador to Colombia William Brownfield said the operation began last September at Buenaventura after officials intercepted a suspicious fertiliser container that was later found with more than \$28million worth of shrink-wrapped cash.

On Friday, cops captured one of the top three kingpins of the super cartel, a man known as "Don Claudio" during a raid in Eastern Columbia. Another - "Don Lucho" - was arrested in Argentina, and the U.S. has requested his extradition.

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OIL WELL COULD BLOW

FEARS are growing that the Gulf oil spill could lead to a devastating "doomsday blowout" under the sea.

The uncontained leak continues to spew up to 60,000 barrels of oil a day into the ocean, two months after an explosion which killed 11 people.

Senator Bill Nelson of Florida suggested that a well casing underneath the floor of the ocean has possibly ruptured in several places and that oil is leaking through the sea bed as well as into the open ocean.

BP officials claimed they discovered ruptures in the subsurface, and that the mud being pushed into the well to prevent oil from coming out was making it out to the side.

The fear is now that any further attempts to try and plug the spill will cause too much pressure underneath the ocean and create an underground blowout of the well.

Oil industry expert Bob Cavnar described such an outcome as "uncontrolled flow to the sea floor, the doomsday scenario".

WORLD

ADIOS



TRIUMPH: Mexican shows us support

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

THE *Sunday World* answered the Hand of Henry this week - with a Mexican wave.

Seven months after France cheated us out of our chance to go to South Africa, we were finally able to celebrate - with the nation who gave them their come-uppance.

Our heroes in the Mexican embassy were only too happy to help us say Adios to Les Cheats.

Yesterday as the French World Cup descended into farce when striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home for a row with hapless coach Raymond Domenech, Mexican Embassy staff loaned us their sombrero and flag so we could wave it right outside the French embassy in Dublin.

An Irish worker in the Embassy said his French colleagues had not been following the World Cup.

The cowardly French could only hide inside as we staged our little victory demo - just as they did when thousands of Irish protested outside after the Hand of Henry knocked us out.

Squirm

For the Irish, watching the Mexicans trounce the French was even more fun than seeing Henry squirm when we ambushed him outside his house last November.

Here in Ireland, Mexican embassy staff Cinthia Molina and Adela Almazan were saying Ole Ole along with the *Sunday World* this week.

Consular Assistant Cinthia pointed out: "We beat France without cheating!"

Her Irish husband Barry McDonnell was wearing a sombrero as he joined his wife and hundreds of Mexicans in Dublin's Odeon and Buskers, to celebrate the victory.

Cinthia, who helped organise the parties, said: "The Irish were like Mexicans for the night. We were all one nation!"

Administration Officer Adela was in the Odeon to cheer on her home country with her husband and two kids. She said: "It was great to be among the Irish when we

MEANWHILE: Una Healy dons the Irish colours on stage



HUMOUR: Aussie fans before draw

Irish rejoice as French prepare for early exit

won, because of what the French did."

France, who had been regarded as one of the teams most likely to win the World Cup, will now have to pull off a hat trick against South Africa to stay in the running.

And if they fail again, we'll be back outside their embassy to torment them - with a vuvuzele.

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