



### Top Stories

#### Real IRA claims responsibility for gun attack

The Real IRA has claimed responsibility for a gun attack last night that killed two British soldiers and wounded two. The Sunday Tribune received a telephone call, using a known code word, claiming responsibility on behalf of the Real IRA's South Antrim Brigade. The spokesman defended their actions and said they "...made no apology" for an attack against occupiers and their collaborators.

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- The Eurovision Song Contest disallows Georgian pop group Stephane & 3G's "We Don't Wanna Put In."
- A suicide attack kills 33 people in Baghdad, Iraq.
- Northern Ireland's Police Service arrests two men in Craigavon for murdering an officer.
- Tibet's Central Administration claims that China's accusations of the Dalai Lama's "genocide" are "fabricated."
- China disputes that its ships illegally harassed USNS Impeccable in the South China Sea.
- North Korea readmits South Koreans into the Kaesong Industrial Region.
- At least ten people are killed and 25 injured during a suicide attack in Matara, Sri Lanka.
- At least ten people are killed during a shooting spree in Geneva County, Alabama.

#### Pennsylvania cop on trial for allegedly murdering girlfriend's estranged husband

The trial began today for a Pennsylvania state trooper accused of killing his girlfriend's estranged husband.

Kevin Foley, 43, is accused of cutting the throat of John Yelenic, a dentist who was in the final stages of finalizing a divorce from

his wife, Michele. According to prosecutors, Foley "loathed Dr. Yelenic" so much that he asked another fellow trooper to help him commit the alleged murder, which occurred in Yelenic's Blairsville home.

Deputy Attorney General Anthony Krastek told an Indiana County jury that Foley also prayed Yelenic would die, and spread false rumors that Yelenic molested his adopted son.

"You will see Kevin Foley has the motive, the opportunity and the ability to commit this crime, almost to the exclusion of anybody else," Krastek said.

Foley's defense attorney, Jeffrey Monzo, said during opening statements that DNA evidence was not conclusive. Monzo admitted to the jury that Foley did not like Yelenic, but said that does not mean he murdered him.

"Kevin Foley is innocent," he said.

Prosecutors said they could call as many as 70 witnesses to try and prove Foley wanted Yelenic to die. The trial, at the Indiana County Courthouse, is expected to last about three weeks.

Foley, who is on unpaid suspension from the Pennsylvania State Police, is charged with criminal homicide. The jury has the option of convicting him of first-degree murder, which could put Foley in prison for life without parole, or of a lesser degree charge, like

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The United States Senate passes a US\$410-billion omnibus

manslaughter.

John Yelnic was found dead in his home on April 13, 2006, one day before he was planning on signing his divorce papers. Prosecutors said Foley killed Yelnic after going to the dentist's house to confront him over the terms of the divorce. Prosecutors claim Foley slashed Yelnic several times with a knife and pushed his head through a small window, causing a further gash on his neck. Yelnic bled to death.

Foley had been living with Michele Yelnic for two years at the time of the alleged homicide. Krastek said Michele also helped perpetuate rumors that Dr. Yelnic molested their son. John and Michele Yelnic had been separated in 2002. Michele Yelnic stood to collect Dr. Yelnic's estate and a \$1 million life insurance policy, and could lose about \$2,500 a month in support if the divorce was finalized, a Pennsylvania grand jury previously determined.

Michele Yelnic is expected to testify that Foley was home with her when the alleged murder occurred. Krastek told the jury DNA under Yelnic's fingerprints will ultimately link him to the murder, as will bloody shoe prints found at the crime scene that match athletic shoes Foley is known to wear.

Monzo also said authorities have failed to investigate several other suspects, including Yelnic's neighbor. Monzo said Yelnic was on very friendly terms with the neighbor's wife, which could have given him a motive to commit the murder.

Prior to the trial, Foley's defense attorneys unsuccessfully sought a change of venue because an

overwhelming majority of the jury pool was familiar with the allegations. The change was denied when jurors insisted they had not formed an opinion about the charges.

### **Community Television consortium urges Australian government to increase funding for channels**

The Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) has urged the Australian government to increase funding for community broadcasters. CBAA is asking for an extra \$AU14 million for "vital community broadcasting services."

According to CBAA President Deborah Welch, community television is the training ground for the Australian media industry.

"It is the launching pad for the career of thousands of Australian musicians. It is an incredible source of local news, music and culture targeted specifically to local communities and produced by members of the community themselves," Ms Welch said in a statement.

Stations broadcast a range of programs from religious programming, to car shows and sporting events. Several state based sporting leagues broadcast on community television stations. C31 Melbourne broadcasts an association football show called The Victoria Football Show; Queensland Community Television broadcasts AFL Queensland State League matches; and C31 Adelaide broadcasts Indoor Cricket & Netball and South Australian National Football League matches.

According to the CBAA, the primary income sources for community television stations are

sponsorship announcements and community donations.

"The CBBA is calling on the Federal Government to commit \$14 million in new funding for content production, infrastructure, training and sector co-ordination and planning," Ms Walch says. "With \$10.4 billion being spent on 'strengthening the economy' this is highly targeted \$14 million will assist in skills development and employment pathways for many volunteers involved in local stations as well as strengthening local communities ability to sustain themselves in tough times."

Australian Greens communications spokesperson Senator Scott Ludlum says, "[The] government should always be looking at ways to bring communities together, through sharing information and building partnerships."

### **Continuity IRA gunmen kill policeman in Northern Ireland**

A police officer has been killed in County Armagh, Northern Ireland by Continuity IRA gunmen a mere 48 hours after two soldiers were killed.

In what is presumed to be an attempt by dissident Republicans to derail the peace process, Pc Stephen Carroll was shot in the head just before 10:00 p.m. on March 9.

The officer, described as an experienced veteran with 23 years of service, was responding to a call for help in the Lismore Manor estate in Craigavon when he was shot. In what is described as a genuine incident, a female member of the public had called for help saying a street gang had broken a window.

A two vehicle patrol was sent to

the incident given previous trouble in the area. After standing off for a reasonable period to ensure that there was no ambush, the members of one vehicle got out to deal with the incident, whilst those in the second vehicle provided cover, while providing cover in the second vehicle that Pc Carrol was attacked.

The PSNI, believe that the officer was hit by one of two shots fired by a gunman secreted in scrubland on the estate. There are unconfirmed reports that a second officer has also been injured.

Responsibility for the shooting has been claimed on behalf of the North Armagh Battalion of the Continuity IRA in a coded message to Belfast media.

The shooting has led to a call for unity and calm from a broad spectrum of the community ranging from spokesmen for the Ulster Volunteer Force, who called for the gunmen to be dealt with through the courts, to Sinn Féin were quick to condemn the gunmen and to offer their condolences to the family of the dead officer.

This is the first death of a police officer to sectarian violence in over a decade, and comes after a nine month period in which intelligence indicated that dissidents were aiming to kill a policeman.

### **North Korea warns airlines over satellite fears**

In what has been interpreted as a thinly veiled threat, the North Korean government in Pyongyang has issued a statement saying that it could not guarantee the safety of airliners transiting its airspace.

The warning has led to Korean Air, Asiana Airlines and international

carriers Air Canada and Singapore Airlines to reroute services that normally pass through North Korean airspace.

The statement has been widely condemned, with South Korean spokesman Kim Ho-nyeon saying "Threatening civilian airliners' normal operations under international aviation regulations is not only against the international rules but is an act against humanity..."

The latest interchange of words comes on the eve of two events. The first a launch of a North Korean satellite seen by the United States, Japan and South Korea as a test launch of North Korea's Taepodong-2 ballistic missile.

This satellite launch coincides with an annual joint United States, South Korean military exercise, which the North has condemned in the past as a dress rehearsal for an invasion. An expansion of this year's exercises in length and scale is being seen by Pyongyang as cover for preparations to shoot down its launch vehicle.

Pyongyang has threatened both Japan and the United States, the two nations in the region capable of shooting down its satellite with "...merciless retaliatory blows" and has placed its 1.2 million strong army on alert.

### **Number of cholera deaths in Zimbabwe surpasses 4,000**

According to a report released by the United Nations' World Health Organisation (WHO), over four thousand people have died from cholera in Zimbabwe, while 89,000 total cases of the disease have been reported. A spokeswoman for the WHO, however, said that the real death toll is higher due to under-reporting because of

difficulty reaching certain areas of the country.

The cholera outbreak has been blamed on the collapse of the country's health infrastructure and water systems.

However, the WHO also said that the epidemic seemed to be slowing down. The number of cases a week have recently been averaging around 4,000 to 4,500 cases per week, down from an earlier peak of about eight thousand cases per week.

The epidemic has spread to neighbouring countries, with South Africa having reported 59 deaths and 12,324 cholera infections since November last year.

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On the Microsoft blog they wrote "In Windows 7 we are expanding the number of features you have control over in this regard, giving customers more control, flexibility and choice in managing the features available in this version of Windows." It goes on to list a number of common Microsoft add-ons including: Internet Explorer 8, Windows Media Player and Microsoft Search. If a user chooses to turn off a feature in Windows 7, it will remove the executable from the user's computer but the rest of the program will still be installed.

In Europe, Microsoft was charged for abusing the market by having Internet Explorer and Windows bundled together. According to Net Applications, Internet Explorer currently has 67% of the web browser market, with Firefox trailing a distant second with 21% of the market.

**Today in History**

1649 – The Peace of Rueil was signed, signaling an end to the opening episodes of the Fronde, France's civil war, after little blood had been shed.

1851 – Italian Romantic composer Giuseppe Verdi's opera Rigoletto was first performed at La Fenice in Venice.

1879 – Japan annexed the Ryūkyū Kingdom into what would become the Okinawa Prefecture.

1917 – World War I: British forces led by Sir Stanley Maude captured Baghdad, the southern capital of the Ottoman Empire.

1966 – In power since World War II, President Sukarno of Indonesia was essentially ousted by Suharto and the military after being forced to sign the Presidential Order Supersemar.

2004 – A series of simultaneous bombings on Cercanías commuter trains killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,800 in the Spanish capital of Madrid.

March 11 is Holi (Hinduism, 2009); Independence Day in Lithuania

**Quote of the Day**

All opinions are not equal. Some are a very great deal more robust, sophisticated and well supported in logic and argument than others.

~ Douglas Adams

**Word of the Day**

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1. (hydrology) A short-period standing wave oscillation of the water level in a lake, characteristic of the lake's

geometry.

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