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Golfer Feherty Wants A Divorce

TOP golfer David Feherty announced yesterday that he has started proceedings to divorce his wife, Caroline, who was born in South Africa.

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Killers Moved Body, Gardai Believe



GARDAI believe that the killer or killers of Patrick O'Driscoll, one of three men missing in Cork, moved his body sometime last Tuesday. They discovered what they believe to be his grave in a field about a mile from the Mayfield site they have been excavating for the past nine days — but the remains had been moved sometime during the previous 24 hours, according to garda sources.

The 25-acre field had been searched on Friday week last. When gardai had found nothing after digging a hole six feet long by three feet wide, they decided to concentrate on the Mayfield site.

An anonymous call to a Cork radio station said men had been seen in the field on Monday night and Tuesday.

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Wilson dies at 79

BRITAIN'S Labour Prime Minister in the Sixties and Seventies, Harold Wilson, has died at the age of 79. He had been ill for some time and died peacefully in his sleep in hospital in London.

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Coalition threat recedes after 'longest day' for Taoiseach

SPRING BACKS BRUTON

By JOHN COONEY and TIM RYAN
and GERALDINE HARNEY in Washington

IT WAS JOHN BRUTON'S longest day — but after a furious Dáil battle that lasted 2½ hours it appeared last night that the new controversy over the Brendan Smyth-affair would not threaten the Government. As the crisis deepened yesterday afternoon, the Taoiseach got badly needed support from his Coalition partners.

Tánaiste Dick Spring, in Washington for the prestige US conference on investment in Ireland, rowed in behind the beleaguered Fine Gael leader — and Democratic Left's Proinsias de Rossa also gave his full backing to the Taoiseach.

Mr Spring told reporters in Washington that he did not believe the controversy would threaten the life of the Government. Mr Bruton would make all the facts public when his inquiry is over, he said.

Earlier yesterday, the Taoiseach had suffered potentially severe political damage from Opposition allegations that he had concealed vital information from the Dáil on the existence of a client/lawyer relationship between Attorney-General Dermot Gleeson and the senior official in the office, Matt Russell.

He made the information public only after a press inquiry late on Tuesday night, rather than during Question Time seven hours earlier in the Dáil.

In the heated Dáil debate yesterday the

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Taoiseach refused to disclose any more details of the case in case it could risk prejudicing any future disciplinary procedures.

The Opposition has yet to decide on whether to table a vote of no confidence in the Government. That decision will not be made until next week at the earliest, when Fianna Fáil leader Bertie Ahern and PD leader Mary Harney return from the Washington Investment Conference.

But Mr Bruton will be subjected to further intensive questioning from the Opposition parties in the Dáil next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Last night a spokesman for Bertie Ahern said there was a real conflict of interest in the Attorney-General's Office which had "serious implications" for the Government.

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