

### IS FAKE TAN SAFE?

Why going organic might be the answer



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**ABUSE REPORT** 

## Hi-tech devices used in abuse of women

Women's Aid says technology used to stalk and control victims

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MOBILE phones and computers are increasingly being used as tools to abuse, control and stalk women, a report from Women's Aid

Many of the 14,613 women who called the Women's Aid helpline last year said telephone, surveillance and computer technologies were being used to harass and intimidate them.

Women reported:

How their home and mobile calls were being monitored, as well as their texts by their partners and ex-partners.

How their phone conversations were being

### INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

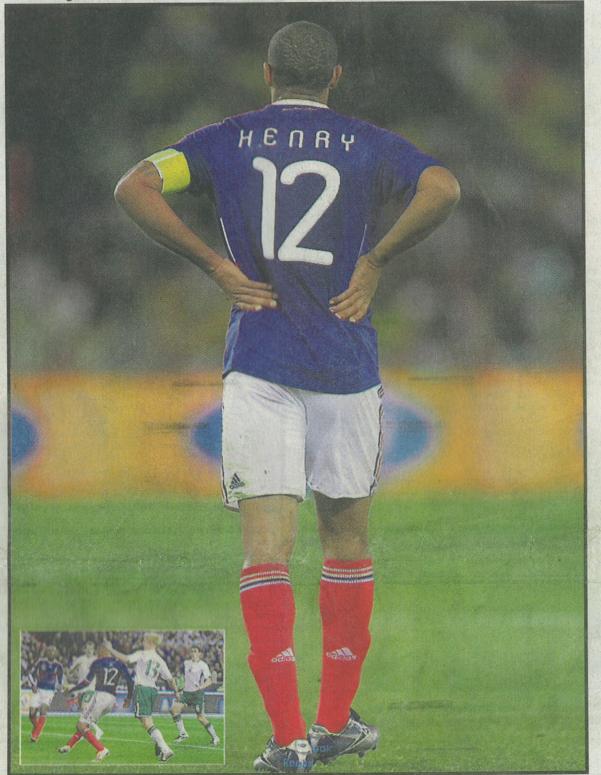
- 14,613 incidents of domestic abuse reported last year. ■ 8,629 incidents of
- emotional abuse. ■ 3,479 incidents of
- physical abuse. 1,679 incidents of financial abuse. 826 incidents of
- sexual abuse. 335 reported rapes within relationships.
- 1,814 specific disclosures of child abuse that included beatings, attempted stabbings and children being thrown across the room.

THE World Cup isn't just about winning — especially not for



training session on Sunday.

JUSTICE POÉTIQUE



The farce that started with Thierry Henry's infamous handball to rob Ireland of a place in the World Cup ended yesterday when France lost to South Africa and went crashing out of the tournament. Picture: Getty Images

After the one-time champions'

# 25% of Irish people at risk of poverty

by Ann Cahill Europe Correspondent

WE are failing to face up to the true extent of poverty in our society, according to a report from EU.

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The survey of living standards throughout Europe has revealed that the level of in Ireland is more

One in five said they could not cope with an unexpected bill of €1,000, slightly fewer than the EU than twice what people here' believe it to be.

Using a yardstick which poverty in Ireland as a €232 a week, the survey shows 25% of people are either at risk of poople are be let go in the part 12 typical family with a disposeither at risk of poverty or are deprived of many of the material essentials they need

Irish people who were surveyed believe, however, the figure is less than half that, at just 10%.

The survey shows that in most other countries the perception regarding the Network in Ireland said reality of poverty is much there was undoubtedly a

The survey also reveals how one person in every 25 surveyed said they feared having to leave their homes in the next year because they were having problems paying for it.

Twice that number said there was a high risk they would fall behind with rent or mortgage payments, while 20% rated their risk as moderate.

One in six people said At their summit in Brus-they ran out of money to sels last week they set a buy everyday essential goods the past 12 months while more than a third said they struggle regularly to pay their bills on time.

A third of those surveyed said it had become more difficult to pay health bills over the last few months and many believed they will have trouble paying for food and other daily items over

the coming year.

A similar number feared they may not be able to defines those living in meet repayments for goods such as furniture and appli-

months.

The Irish were among the most pessimistic when it came to their chances of finding new employment within six months, with 62% saying it would be very problematic.

A spokesman for the European Anti-Poverty Network in Ireland said gulf between perception and reality of poverty in this country.

'We have one of the highest rates of lone parents with one or two children at risk of poverty in the EU and the new social welfare bill will make this worse, he warned.

EU leaders have agreed to make reducing poverty a key part of their next 10-year programme.

target of cutting the number and services at least once in of people in poverty by 20 million and in the autumn they are due to bring forward programmes setting their national targets.