



**Mar 27th 2000**

Hi, how's it going?

I've been busy changing nappies (diapers) for the last three weeks!!! Yes, you guessed it. My wife and I had a baby boy, Jacob, on March 2nd (two days before my birthday, woo-hoo!!!). I've been running around like a "headless chicken who won the lottery" since he was born. I must admit, I haven't felt this good in years!!

The band have begun rehearsing again, about two weeks ago and everything is going great. We have been preparing for our upcoming concerts in Puerto Rico and Mexico. We are really looking forward to visiting Puerto Rico, as it will be our first time there, so we will hopefully get to see some of the sights. The last time we were in Mexico, it was "Berrymania" so I'm sure we'll have a ball there again!

As well as rehearsing for the concerts, we have been writing new songs and they are starting to take shape. We are due to begin recording a new album in August with Stephen Street. It will be great to work with him again, he always managed to capture something magical in our music. We hope to have it ready for release early next year.

Now, what else is there? Oh yeah, We have been working with Storm Thorgerson again on cover-sleeves for the new DVD we were telling you about. This DVD will be called "Beneath The Skin", and it will contain our live gig in Paris last December, as well as other videos, interviews and some behind the scenes stuff.

We also plan to release an Album of B sides in the next few months, called "The Complete Sessions". It will include the entire "Bury The Hatchet" album as well as all of the B-sides recorded from the *BTH* sessions. .

Well, I'd better go, I can hear a little cry in the background, aahhw .

Talk to you soon,

Fergal.

(P.S. All the text above has slightly changed once today. Right after I uploaded the news onto the website, I had more news,..so the text above was slightly edited!)

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**New Concerts Announced!:**

Dolores returned from Prague in the Czech Republic on Sunday (12 March). She performed at the Czech Grammy Awards on Saturday, performing "Dying In The Sun" and "You & Me".

Dolores attended a press conference on Friday to announce the first appearance of the Cranberries in the Czech Republic in Prague on May 20 at the Sports Hall- Paegas Arena.

The band have also confirmed the following new shows, which have been added to the schedule:

April

10 Mexico, City - National Auditorium (a second show due to popular demand)

May

11 Cape Town, Bellville Velodrome (will be announced on April 6)  
13 Johannesburg, Standard Bank Arena (will be announced on April 6)

June

3 Leipzig, Germany - Woodstage Festival  
4 Bonn, Germany - Museumsmelenfest  
27 Tel Aviv, Israel (venue has not been confirmed)  
29 Istanbul, Turkey (venue has not been confirmed)

August

2 Skanderborg Festival (Denmark)

[Click here for a LOUD AND CLEAR overview of the new Tour Dates!](#)  
More dates and cities will be announced shortly.

