



● Extra-interest . . . Sarah Allen in the arms of her dad John. They were attending the Limerick premiere of Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes* in aid of Focus Ireland last night. The father and daughter had roles as extras in the film  
Picture: Liam Burke/Press 22

## Young 'Ashes' star puts big boys in the shade

WE HAD The Corrs and Emily Watson, Alan Parker and Colm Meaney; but it was the youngest star who upstaged the big names from *Angela's Ashes* last night.

Nine year old Joe Breen poked fun at the photographers — "roight, roight!" — pronounced himself bored with his sixth viewing of him-

By STEPHEN O'BRIEN

self on screen, and flouted the black tie rules in sweatshirt and chinos. Joe — who plays the young Frank McCourt appeared right at home in flashlights and congratulations territory last night with parents Michael and Stephanie keeping a discreet eye

from nearby. The *Angela's Ashes* Dublin premiere raised around £80,000 for the Irish Youth Foundation with tickets priced at £100 a head and a charity auction.

The evening was also something of a reunion for Alan Parker's Class of 1990 — the cast of *The Commitments*. Joining their former director

in celebrating his latest work were Colm Meaney, Maria Doyle Kennedy, Robert Arkins and Andrew Strong.

The movie got a round of applause at the end of the premiere in Limerick last night.

● Parker slams the begrudgers: Page 13

## Villagers mourn seven lost in trawler tragedy

By RICHARD SAVILLE and FERGUS BLACK

A SMALL fishing community was struggling to come to terms last night with the sudden loss of seven young men, victims of one of Irish sea's worst fishing tragedies.

The seven attended the same school, played in the same football team, and they lived in three villages only a few miles apart in the south of Scotland.

Skipper Craig Mills (29), his brother Robin, and cousin David (18) were seen on the *Solway Harvester*.



● The Solway Harvester: lost with all hands

Tuesday to inform the sister boat, the *Tobrach-N*, that the weather was poor and he was seeking shelter in Ramsey, Isle of Man, before heading home.

Coastguards said seas at the time were moderate to rough, with force five to six south westerly winds, but they soon deteriorated to force 9 winds and "pretty horrendous" conditions as a weather front passed over.

The last signal from the vessel's emergency radio beacon came from 11 miles south-east of the Isle of

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