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STYLE QUEEN
A day in the glamorous life of the most powerful woman in fashion, former Vogue editor Carine Roitfeld
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Two architects worked in perfect harmony to create a striking home near Glanmire
PROPERTY



ROYAL FLUSH
What happens if your wedding clashes with THAT one? Three Irish brides know the answer
WEEKEND



COTTAGE INDUSTRY: Thatcher Simon Crackwell from Cool Mountain near Dunmanway, Co Cork, thatching a cottage on the Cork to Macroom road. Simon harvested the reed on the banks of the River Bandon, near Innishannon, Co Cork.
Picture: Denis Scannell

Mother of all legal battles over wine

USA: Rival wine sellers targeting overworked mothers are fighting over use of the word "mommy" on their wine labels, according to a lawsuit filed in San Francisco federal court.

In the suit, California-based winery Clos Lachance Wines asked the court to declare that its Mommyjuice does not violate the trademark of Mommy's Time Out, which is marketed by a New Jersey distributor.

"Mommy" is a generic word that they don't have a monopoly on," said KC Branch, an attorney who represents Clos Lachance.

The owner of Mommy's Time Out declined to comment on the lawsuit. To succeed in a trademark violation case, a brand owner must show it is likely that a rival's mark will create confusion in the minds of consumers.

The front label of Mommyjuice features a drawing of a woman juggling a house, teddy bear and computer. The back label advises mothers to "tuck your kids into bed, sit down

and have a glass of Mommyjuice. Because you deserve it". The wine is available in a white Chardonnay and a red mixed blend.

The front label of Mommy's Time Out, an Italian wine sold in red and white, shows an empty chair facing a corner. A wine bottle and glass sit on a table next to the chair.

Richard Mendelson, a California vintner who teaches a course on wine law at Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley, noted that wines with "fanciful" names have proliferated as marketers try to reach new categories of customers. In recent years, vintners have launched wines like Fat Bastard, Cleavage Creek and a red wine featuring a rooster called Big Red Pecker.

ENGLAND: A lamb has been saved from the dinner plate after being found dumped in a wheelie bin on a city street.

District nurse Gillian Powell was



doing her house calls when she heard a high-pitched "baa-baa" coming from the bin on Watts Street in Levenshulme, an inner-city area of south Manchester.

The animal was checked over by a vet and found to be uninjured and healthy, apart from a slightly ulcerated eye which it is receiving treatment for.

ENGLAND: Garden sheds that have been converted into pubs, diners and museums are among the entries into a nationwide competition to find the Shed of the Year.

People clearing out sheds before the contest found items ranging from life jackets and bales of hay to broken freezers and lawn mowers.

The most common items found in sheds are tins of paint, bikes and broken tools, according to a study of 2,000 adults by woodcare firm Cuprinol, which sponsors the competition.

USA: A man who gouged out his eyes while in jail in Miami has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for gouging his wife's eyes after he was released.

Eugene Roman, 50, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and kidnapping charges in the May 2006 attack. His estranged wife was left blind in her right eye and partially blind in her

left. He cried in court and asked for forgiveness.

Roman gouged out his eyes while serving a 364-day sentence for attacking his wife and police officers inside the couple's home in 2005. He was released early when his wife agreed to take him back.

USA: A woman was stabbed in the face with a pen on a New York City subway train after she tried to stop a man from lighting a cigarette.

Evelyn Seeger was attacked on a crowded train near the Chambers Street station during morning rush-hour. Smoking is not allowed on the trains.

Witnesses told the Daily News and the New York Post that an argument quickly escalated when Ms Seeger asked the man not to smoke. Two commuters were trying to restrain the man when he pulled out a pen and slashed her face. She was treated at a hospital and released.

Lady Diana knows it's better to ask

A LITTLE Romanian girl drops into the restaurant. It's a quiet afternoon and I'm the only waiter working. She sits in reception like a lady and orders a pizza. She has no money. She is cheeky and brilliant. She's beautiful. I hope she never loses that spirit.

Her name is Diana. "After Lady Diana," she tells me. I spot her mother waiting sheepishly down the street — keeping an eye on her meal ticket. I take her order and give it to the kitchen. "One margarita. Sliced."

The next day, when I come to work, who is sitting in reception but Lady Diana and her younger brother Elvis. "Oh God! What am I going to do?" So, I explain to m' lady that we can't do this every day. After all, I'm only a foot soldier and I could lose my job and then the three of us would be roaming the streets. I explain further how "I'm on the inside" and if they drop in every now and then (the odd month) then maybe I could wrangle something. I give them some strawberries and they go away.

Diana is about 8 or 9. I was thinking back to when I was 11 and I got into a spot of trouble. I was in the local deli with Dave Vaughan who was a little older. I bought a regular orange ice-lolly that cost 4 pence and followed Dave outside. I asked Dave did he want a lick of my ice-lolly, as I knew he had no money, but he said that he was ok. Next thing he pulled out a Loop-the-loop; a far superior ice-lolly: lemon and lime, with chocolate on top. It took me a while to figure it out but when I did it was life-changing. Not long after that I was in the big time.

We looked forward to Friday night. The shopping centre stayed open late and there was no school the next day. We'd go on knocking-off sprees: mainly hitting the "big store" and sometimes the smaller ones, but mainly the big one. My



Shane Nestor

The Last Word

younger brother, Seanie, the twins, Kearney and myself. Kearney never stole but always ate — the cute fecker! He works on Wall Street now. The buzz was in the steal, seeing what you could get away with: big plastic bottles of minerals (orange, tanora, coke, lemon and lime), chocolate, crisps etc. After each run, we'd eat and drink the loot on the green across from the store. It became so easy it became more of a challenge to get caught.

We would walk out the door carrying whatever we could, calling "Mom" after some random woman. Our substitute Mom was oblivious. The staff probably didn't care.

It came to an abrupt end when one of the twins got caught stealing a catapult and "grassed" on the whole street. At my First Confession I had to confess. At least Lady Diana had the decency to ask.

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