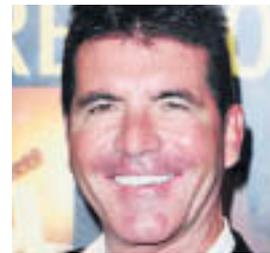




If only money grew on trees

AS autumn takes hold and foliage falls, the Lotto jackpot rises with tonight's top prize un-be-leaf-able €5.5million.

Finding more than they bargained for in the woods and celebrating a barrow win were Hayley Ryan and Tiffany Stanley.



SUPERCAR Simon Cowell

Simon drives his €1.3m car twice in 3yrs

BY **EAMON DONOGHUE**

SIMON Cowell has revealed he has only ever driven his €1.3million Bugatti Veyron twice.

The pop mogul bought the supercar in 2010 after instantly falling in love with it in a Beverly Hills showroom.

He told Ellen DeGeneres: "It was beckoning me to buy it. Seriously.

"The following day I walked in and bought it."

The X Factor boss joked of once hitting Sunset Boulevard with his dream vehicle at 400kmh.

Cowell, 54, is expecting his first child with US socialite Lauren Silverman in February.

US talk show host Ellen gave the star a mini-Bugatti as a present for his unborn child, before adding: "And he'll probably drive it twice in three years, also."



INSPIRATION Miranda Kerr

Miranda: I model myself on my granny

BY **MIRROR REPORTER**

SUPERMODEL Miranda Kerr has revealed her grandmother is her style icon.

The former Victoria's Secret Angel said her granny Ann told her it's not always about what you're wearing but how you wear it.

Miranda, 30, added: "My grandma has great style and really influenced me.

"The one thing that stayed with me was that fashion doesn't need to be expensive or complicated - just worn with grace and confidence."

The Australian model has had to change her wardrobe since becoming a mother, adding her two year-old son Flynn "is the best thing that ever happened to me."

She said: "Since becoming a mother, I've re-evaluated my priorities and scheduled my work more efficiently to ensure my son is now my priority."

KILLING WON'T END MEMORIES OF MIXER

BY **ALANA FEARON**

MOURNERS at the funeral of murdered grandad Michael Gannon were told his killing could not destroy their memories of him.

The 55-year-old, known affectionately as Mixer, was stabbed in the heart at the door of a house where he was babysitting.

The popular roofer was looking after his daughter Jade's children in Skerries, Co Dublin, when he was attacked on November 14.

And yesterday his devastated partner Nicola, his father Michael, his kids Jade, Michael, Aaron and Kane and his grandchildren Leila and Sean comforted each other as he was laid to rest.

Fr Eamonn Cahill told mourners nothing could take away their cherished memories of him.

He said that nine days ago the

Family's tears at stabbed grandad funeral



FAREWELL Coffin leaves church in Finglas yesterday and, inset, mourner



family could not have "anticipated" being in the church for this "sad, sad welcome".

The priest told mourners at the funeral Mass at Church of the Annunciation in Finglas, North

Dublin: "The lasting challenge is to realise Michael's life has not ended, despite the tragedy. His life has been changed and not ended.

"The obvious thing to believe is that Michael's life has been



VICTIM Michael Gannon was known as Mixer to his friends

destroyed by his tragic death but the difference he made to your lives can't be destroyed by his death because death is not that powerful.

"The help he was to you and the love you shared can't be

destroyed. Your memories of him, his sense of welcome and his sense of boundless strength can't be destroyed.

"And strange as it may seem, we Christians talk about celebrating the end because we can't allow death to have the final say."

Michael, whose wife Patricia and mum Kathleen died a number of years ago, was later taken to Glasnevin Crematorium.

His partner Nicola said: "He was a good man, a good father, a good partner. He gave to me unconditional love, always. He always said to me. Always, no matter what."

His death was the second tragedy to hit the Gannon family after Michael's nephew Daniel O'Haire died last year.

The 31-year-old was confined to a wheelchair for almost a decade after he was stabbed in the neck in 2003.

A Romanian national has been charged with Michael's murder.

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