



HEADLINERS: Vincent Crowley (left), Chairman, NewsBrands Ireland, and Professor John Horgan, chairman of the judging panel, with six Press Pass award winners



NEWSMAKER: Minister Finian McGrath and Vincent Crowley with winner Kate Ni Dhubhain



PARTNER: Evita Paulauska outside court

€2.75M for dad injured in crash

A 33-YEAR-OLD father who suffered a catastrophic traumatic brain injury when the car in which he was a passenger crashed into a wall has settled his High Court action for €2.75 million.

Caspers Gibners, the court heard, may not have been wearing a seat belt at the time. He is in a minimally conscious state and cannot communicate and is cared for in a nursing home.

His counsel, Turlough O'Donnell SC, said it was a very tragic case where Mr Gibners, a mechanic, had a daughter who is now five and a partner, Evita Paulauska, who, with his parents, visit him in the nursing home.

Driver

Caspers Gibners, formerly of Ashfield Green, Drogheda, Co Louth, had through his father, Leons Gibners, sued the driver of the car, Kanwaldeep Singh, The Haymarket, Drogheda, Co Louth, as a result of the accident near Marsh Road, Drogheda, on August 31, 2012.

He claimed Mr Singh was driving with excessive speed and there was an alleged failure to take any adequate evasive action so as to avoid the collision. Counsel told the court liability was not an issue in the case.

Mr Gibner suffered a severe brain injury and facial fractures as well as a chest injury and a severe injury to his eye.

€4k for chef over bus fare

A LONDON chef who claimed Dublin Bus turned his family holiday into a nightmare after accusing them of not paying a correct fare was awarded damages in the Circuit Civil Court.

Kamel Bouazza, who said he was defamed after being ordered off a bus although his family rambler ticket was valid, was awarded €4,000 and his legal costs.



TICKET: Mr Bouazza

Future is bright...

IRISH newspaper journalism has a bright future in the hands of the next generation of young scribes, an awards ceremony has heard.

Some 8,000 Transition Year students took part in NewsBrands Ireland's Press Pass programme last year — designed to improve literacy and encourage young people to engage with society as part

of the Newspapers-in-Education programme.

The 16 Press Pass winners were awarded for their original journalism yesterday in Dublin's Convention Centre.

Speaking at the awards, Minister for State Finian McGrath said: "Press Pass is a wonderful initiative that promotes literacy and critical thinking skills by bringing newspa-

pers into classrooms and encouraging students to study them in depth."

NewsBrands Ireland Chairman Vincent Crowley said the quality of the students' work "bodes well for the future of journalism in this country".

The top Press Pass award went to Tomas O hUallachain of Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne in An Daingean, Co Kerry.



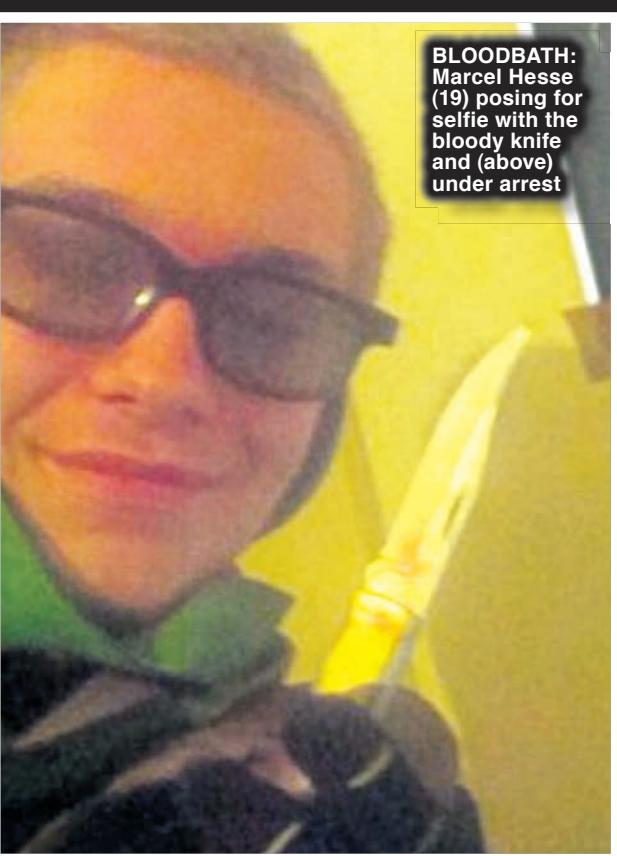
SCOOP: Star Editor Des Gibson, overall winner Tomas O hUallachain and John Mitchell, Star Night Editor and member of judging panel

KNIFE KILLER BEHIND BARS



Sick psycho boasted on web and posted selfies

BLOODBATH: Marcel Hesse (19) posing with the bloody knife and (above) under arrest



A DOUBLE killer who put a video of himself butchering a nine-year-old boy on the internet messaged afterwards: "Doesn't feel bad tbh."

Twisted Marcel Hesse (19) murdered his young neighbour Jaden when he stabbed him 56 times after luring him into his cellar.

After posting a video of the bloodbath on the 'dark web' he went on the run for four days before phoning police and telling them: "I am the man they are looking for."

He alerted them to a nearby apartment where the body of Christopher W (22) was found.

Hesse had stabbed him 68 times then posed for a selfie holding up the bloody blade. He sent that snap to a pal.

Police last night described him as a "brutal killer" and said he had confessed to both crimes.

While at large Hesse, a martial arts fanatic rejected by the

German army for being unstable, shared messages and photos on WhatsApp and in online chatrooms.

In one chatroom he wrote: "I know that people die slowly when you slaughter them."

Another message said: "I just killed the neighbour's child, doesn't feel bad tbh, my hand bleeds lil which is the only thing annoying me."

Victim

Pictures showed him washing a knife and posing for a selfie with blood on his hands.

Police said after killing Jaden on Monday in Herne, Germany, Hesse hid in a wood before going to the home of his second victim whom he had met at college.

They ate together then played computer games before Hesse killed his pal the next day.

Last night detectives were trying to trace a third possible victim. Hesse told an internet chatroom he had attacked a woman and subjected her to "torture" to get her bank pin number.



STABBED: Jaden, aged nine



TWISTED: Marcel Hesse