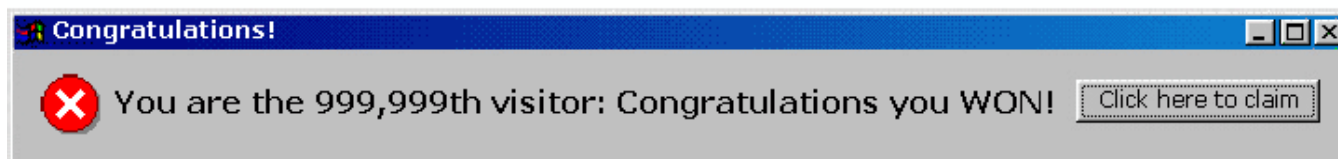


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Mother of Imran's love-child demanded \$10m trust fund

Six weeks after Imran and Jemima Khan announced their divorce, an insight into the extraordinary events of the weeks leading up to their split: Sita White - the mother of Khan's "love-child" Tyrian - attempted to blackmail the couple shortly before her death in May.

The threat is contained in a letter that has been unearthed by the journalist Vicky Ward, and is printed in next month's Vanity Fair. It calls on Khan to establish a \$10m (pounds 5.5m) trust fund for his illegitimate daughter.

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"This is not about me; it is not about revenge, it is about justice, justice for Tyrian," wrote White. "This proposal is a final offer to bring this issue to a close without legal intervention, refusal to respond is not acceptable."

She continued: "Should you choose not to respond and agree to these terms, the fall-out from media intervention in both Pakistan and the UK will be certain and out of my control."

Shortly after the letter was written, White dropped dead in a Los Angeles gym. In a bizarre twist, she had chosen to name Jemima Khan as Tyrian's legal guardian.

The 12-year-old girl is currently challenging that decision, so that she can live with her aunt Carolina in the United States.

Contrary to recent accounts, Vanity Fair reports that Tyrian remains close to Imran and Jemima (left).

Touch of Frost in fashion accounts

IT'S JUST as well that Sadie Frost (left) secured upwards of pounds 10m in her divorce settlement from Jude Law.

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Accounts just filed at Companies House reveal her other major source of income, the fashion label Frost French, made just pounds 35,000 in its past financial year, leaving it pounds 114,000 in the red.

Although it enjoys an edgy reputation, the firm - launched nearly five years ago - is said to be seeking new investors to join its two shareholders: Frost and her chum Jemima French.

A co-director, Frances Ridley, insisted all was well when Pandora called yesterday. "These figures cover the year to September 2003," he said. "In the year to 2004 we expect a strong operating profit. We are a young company in the fashion business, so it's quite usual to have these sort of small debts."

A question of taste

KEN HOM has declared war on the brewing industry. The Chinese celebrity chef is launching a range of wine called Spicy Veriators, specially designed to go with Oriental food.

"Most people drink beer with Chinese food, but I'm not a beer- drinker," he tells me. "I'm not crazy about it, and it's too gassy. People choose it because they don't have a good alternative. "

With just a hint of modesty, he adds: "The bottle will have my name on it, but not my picture; that would be a bit naff, and probably degrade the wine."

... and freedom

NAIM ATTALLAH is keeping a beady eye on the forthcoming autobiography of the veteran ghostwriter Jennie Erdal.

In the 1990s, Erdal was bought in when Attallah decided - scandalously, in the view of many literary types - that he needed a helping hand with some of his own work.

"Naim was very relaxed about [my book] to begin with," says Erdal. "He even offered to publish it. But it soon became clear he wanted some kind of editorial input.

"I'm sure he will find some aspects challenging, but in his publishing hat, he has often defended the freedom of authors to say what they want, even against the threat of libel suits and fierce opposition."

Michael Portillo has waded into the topical debate over philanthropy. "I am astonished at how underdeveloped is the British sense of personal obligation and responsibility," he tells the Wave Network's latest magazine.

"Most British people just don't seem to get it. You invite them to a charity breakfast or lunch, and they don't even give you the cost of their food and drink! Americans are left gasping at the meanness of so many of Britain's successful people."

Pandora recently revealed that Portillo had levied a fee of "up to pounds 5,000" to speak at a fundraiser for the Shooting Star Trust, a charity building a hospital for terminally ill children in his constituency. Bet that left a few people gasping, too.

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