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International News

The Story of the Banned Rainbows

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Rainbows - those colourful figures in the sky after a rainy day, when the sun comes out again. Since the 30th of June they are banned in Russia. Well, actually what they stand for: Homosexuality.

This anti-gay law should protect children from propaganda of non-traditional relationships, but neo-Nazis use this to crucify and torture homosexuals and transgenders legally. This actions are filmed and posted on websites, for example facebook. As a consequence of this, some victims have committed suicide.

But not only in Russia it's difficult to be homosexual. In some countries in Africa and Arabia it is punished with the capital punishment, of-

they would fill bottles with wasps and throw it at the participants, the serbian public authorities prohibited the parade.

In 2010, when the gay pride was first celebrated, right-wing extremists and hooligans fought on street and about 200 people were injured and bruised. There were intended to be about 300 people in the parade and 6500 policemen to protect them, but immediately 10 groups of right-wing extremists registered demonstrations for a "healthy serbia".

So on Friday afternoon, the vice prime-minister, Aleksandar Vučić said that the parade would not be allowed to take place. It is ambiguous if the parade was illegal or connived by the authorities, but it is certain that at the same time, in the center of Belgrade there were a lot of policemen.

While going around in town, the gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders protesters carried posters that said "That's pride."



The inside of the Westgate Mall (Source:O.Canada.com)

in Nairobi, Kenya. After killing 2 watchmen they took 130 hostages and entrenched themselves in the mall called Westgate.

The Kenyan Military formed a small "storm commando" and began with the retaking of the mall on Saturday, but it was already too late for most of the hostages. 67 people were killed by Al-Shabaab before the Kenyan Units even had a chance to help them.

On Sunday morning the government of Kenya gave a statement that the mall was back under their control, but a few minutes after that, shots were fired. After 2 more days of fighting on Sunday and Monday the government said in another statement on Tuesday morning that the mall was entirely cleared. In the afternoon shots were heard but government members explained that their troops shot in the rooms before entering in case an Al-Shabaab member was hiding there. If this is the truth it will be totally clear in the near future.

Experts believe that the mall still was under the control of the Al-Shabaab members when the government made the statement that the mall had been cleared. Maybe they wanted to draw away the attention of the world from the problems of Kenya. The official number of victims, according to NY-Times, is 67, but it's very likely that more dead bodies will be found. The military says that it will rise above 100.

Al-Shabaab is a terror organization from Somalia. Their goal is to make an Islamic state and the participation in a worldwide jihad, the Islamic version of a crusade. In February 2012 they swore their loyalty to Al-Qaida and thus they are an ally of them.

The not so glamorous side of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games

Julia Strauß

On the 7th of February 2014 the XXII Olympic Winter Games will officially be opened in Sochi, Russia. There will no doubt be a glamorous and prestigious opening ceremony but so far the most events leading up to the Olympic Games have not been so glamorous. In fact there has been a lot of controversy.

It started with the people, who are living in Sochi, being forced off their land and robbed of their homes. Due to there nearly not being any previous infrastructure, sport facilities, hotels and other buildings, everything had to be built from scratch. Needless to say, the inhabitants of Sochi were not amused about that.

The Russian government didn't seem to care, though. Russia's president Vladimir Putin just started to take notice for the first time when the actual costs of turning the town of Sochi into an Olympic city began to greatly exceed the planned costs. According to him the games were supposed to cost approximately 12 billion dollars, but experts estimate that the games will actually cost over 50 billion dollars. This would make them the most expensive Olympic Games ever.

Another controversy that has recently got a lot of attention around the world has been Russia's new anti-gay law. This law forbids the promotion of homosexuality in any way. But no one



The 2010 Gay Pride Parade in Belgrade (Source:thestar.com)

ten it is seen as a psychic disease. Some religious groups have developed "therapies" against homosexuality and want to heal this people from their "illnesses"

All over the world there are demonstrations against the discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered people. After the law was made in Russia, the zebra crossings in front of the Russian embassy in Stockholm and Oslo was painted in the colours of the rainbow.

On the 27th of September, there was a overnight parade, called "Gay Pride" in Belgrade. Actually it should be on Saturday, but after threats from right-wing extremists, who said

Bloodbath in Kenya

Ronald Moritz

After planning the attack for several weeks a terrorist organization called Al-Shabaab took over a mall in Nairobi and entrenched themselves with more than 100 hostages. The military of Kenya managed to get the mall back but took heavy losses.

Friday 21th September 2013. Troops of the terrorist organization Al-Shabaab stormed a mall

knows what exactly “promoting homosexuality” means. Nevertheless, people who are considered to have broken that law are getting forced to pay huge fines and can even get put into prison. President Vladimir Putin claims that this law is just a measure to fight the rapidly falling birth rates in Russia whereas the rest of the world thinks that this is just very homophobic.

In Russia, this so-called anti-gay propaganda



Sochi is on course to be the most expensive games ever. (Source:Reuters)

law has already led to horrible consequences for gay people. Because of that law the rest of the world is now worried about the well-being of the athletes that will be competing in the upcoming games. Some of the athletes themselves have even talked about boycotting the games, while others think it would be better to compete at the games and just openly stand up for what you are and what you believe in. This of course could potentially be very dangerous, although most people believe that Russia won't threaten or punish foreign athletes openly. It all just remains to be seen, how the anti-gay law will affect the Olympic Winter Games in 2014 in Sochi in the end.

Update Fukushima: Nuclear Disaster

Claudia Spadinger

Two years ago the one of the world's nightmares came true, a second accident like Chernobyl. Now in a Japan city called Fukushima, 2 years later and new information is still coming in but it seems not to be good news.

On 11 March 2011 a tsunami hit the east coast of Japan and destroyed the nuclear power plant in Fukushima. The cooling system broke down and the core overheated. The plant exploded and radioactivity escaped.

The 19 miles/30 km area around the nuclear power plant was evacuated two years ago and there will not be anyone living there for the next 100 years. You will have heard and seen it everywhere. On the TV, radio and the newspapers. But what's happening now?!

There is a problematic situation. There are 300 tons of radioactive groundwater, which is slowly tickling away into the ocean. The personnel of the nuclear power plant built tanks for the radioactive water but by August, 80 percent of the tanks have already been filled. Now the people are looking for another place to take the nuclear waste.

Few weeks ago there was another earthquake in Japan. So another problem appeared. The problem is, that, because of the earthquake, there are new leaks at the plant where much of the radioactivity is contaminating the air. People are reporting, that they saw clouds rising up above the plant.

Warehouse burns down to foundation wall

Nadine Plöckinger

A 6,000-square-foot warehouse has gone up in flames early on Wednesday morning in Bad Deutsch Altenburg, Lower Austria. The Fire Brigades battled all night against the blazing fire that was difficult to bring under control. Again and again straw bales, which were stored in the warehouse, began to burn in the hall again.



The warehouse fire was difficult to control because of the straw it contained. (Source:ViennaOnline)

The fire broke out about 6 o'clock in the morning and rapidly set fire to 20,000 bales of straw as well as the agriculture equipment, which was parked in the hall. Because of the dense, acrid smoke which was created residents were asked, to close the windows and not to leave their houses till the fire was out.

The steel gave way due to the heat

Overall there were 10 fire services with more than 150 men in use. Those men fought against the flames under extremely thick smoke.

The heat was so extreme, that after a time the steel construction of the hall collapsed.

Then the firefighter had to beat a retreat, otherwise they would have been in danger themselves. Just a few minutes later the hall collapsed. Also the train tracks of the passing train S7 were destroyed by the heat. The train service was interrupted and a replacement bus service had to be established.

Fire watch over night

Throughout the evening all the helpers were busy to defeating the fire but the flames were rekindled again and again. After the fire was under control, a fire watch was held overnight to defeat the fire and make sure it would not start again.

On Thursday morning there were still four fire brigades in use. The work is expected to last three days, Resperger described the difficulty after fighting duties: the collapsed giant tin roof was lying on the smoldering straw bales, so the firemen could not reach them to divide them and to soak the embers.

Cause of fire unknown

How the fire broke out in the warehouse is not known now. There were no machines in use and the sliding door was closed, according to the



Schärding under water in 2013 (Source:reddit.com)

police. The flames may have started inside the hall. Fire & Police investigators are trying to find out the cause now.

The flood in Schärding

Lena Scharnböck

On the morning of Monday the 3rd June 2013 Schärding was flooded by the river Inn. A lot of people had to leave their homes because of the rising water. More than 210 houses had to be evacuated and that's only in the morning. During the day the water rose even more. A lot of people lost their homes and nearly all their personal stuff, they only had a few minutes to grab their most important things before they had to leave their houses.

More than 500 people tried to stop the flood by building walls with sandbags. The level reached a new record of 10,70 m. The water reached up to the first floor of some houses and flooded everything under it, experts said it was the biggest flood of the century.

A lot of the older people refused to leave their homes because they have lived there their whole life and their houses were full of memories. Some even burst into tears when they saw their flooded home, in which they had lived for many years. The whole city had to be closed because most of the streets were already flooded.

After the water returned the work really began, about 700 helpers had to remove the damage and clean up. Mud reach two meter high, chairs and tables were lying on the streets because the water carried it along with it, even cars drifted away. The cleaning-up operations ran at full speed, but it was very difficult because the enormous damage. It will take months until everything looks like before.

The President of Upper Austria Josef Pühringer said that

"he would help the flood victims"

but will he really help all of them?

Number of car crashes in Austria on the rises - More and more traffic accidents

Nadine Krautzer

A statistic shows that in 2012 there was 40,831 traffic accidents, resulting in 50.895 people being badly injured. 531 died because of a car crash, The year before (2011) it were 523.

The highest quantity of traffic accidents had been announced by the police in Lower Austria (7.921), Upper Austria (7.416), Vienna (6.348) and Styria (6.186).

1 in 15 accidents are caused by the driver being drunk. This means that in 2012 were 2,684 car crashes due to alcohol which lead to 3.425 injured people and 39 deaths.

One of the latest accident in Upper Austria happened in Taufkirchen on 14th of July. There was a crash on the B 129 in Taufkirchen an der Pram.

A 49-year-old from Kopfing was seriously injured and a 54-year-old female passenger from Neukirchen am Walde was found dead. A 18-year-old mechanic from Andorf crashed into a car in which two women were sitting

The female drive, a masseuse from Kopfing, was seriously injured in the crash and airlifted to Linz General Hospital by the Christophorus Europe 10 helicopter .

Her co-driver, 54, from Neukirchen am Walde, had no chance of survival because the car crash was so serious.

The two passengers of the young driver from Andorf, both 17 years old, were admitted to the Regional Hospital in Schärding with minor injuries. Both cars are complete write offs.

This story of the latest car accident in Upper

Austria shows that are roads are really dangerous. Everybody who is allowed to drive and has a driving license should still be carefully because if you are not carefully, you risk your not only your own life and the life of others.

So think about it!



Police officers secure the area around a farm on which the poacher was entrenched. (Source:Sa-loon.com)

Hostage crises in Austria

Bettina Olear

Again and again offenders have taken hostages in Austria in the past. Often, bank robberies where the trigger is robbers seeing their escape route cut off or when the police was hot on their heels.

Some of the more spectacular hostage situations:

- 14th November 1996: Prisoners wants their release by taking hostages.
- 9 May 2003: 16 Hostages were taken by a bank robber in a BAWAG branch in Linz.
- 27th February 2007: In a BAWAG branch in Vienna Mariahilferstraße a 39-year-old takes several hostages.
- 3rd December 2012: Two bank robbers armed with machine guns in Laakirchen (Gmunden) take three hostages and hold them captive.
- 17th September 2013: This year their was a tragic hostage incident in the district of Melk.
- 55-year old Alois shot dead four people, The police later found his body in a farm in Großpriel.

The tracking of a poacher, sought for years, ended with a tragedy. Alois Huber, a 44 year old from the district of Melk, killed two police officers and a Red Cross paramedic during a night-time inspection in Annaberg.

Then he held a policeman hostage in his home town of Großpriel and barricaded himself in his home. There, Huber had a wild shootout with Cobra elite police. The hostage was eventually killed by the weapon of the gunman.

Alois confessed his friend to the murder on the phone

Interviewer: Mister Huthansl, have you been called in the morning by Huber?

Herbert H.: Yes, he called me shortly after 7 o'clock early in the morning and placed a kind of confession. It's crazy, he's a really good friend. At first I thought that he informed me that he shot a deer in Allentsteig. He is an avid hunter.

Interviewer: What did he tell you?

Hubert H.: He told me, "I am a poacher in Annaberg. I have three people shot. The house is surrounded by the police."

Three armored vehicles drove up to the farm. The Cobra ran a "secure search" of the extensive property. The 55-year-old man was heavily armed and had repeatedly fired shots from the homestead in the course of the day. Shortly after midnight at 0.15 finally the burned body of the suspected gunman was found in a basement of the property. In the secret bunker-like room it was still burning when the police arrived.

Grandmother murdered in Taufkirchen

Christina kallab

A cruel murder occurred in a small Upper Austrian parish. The nineteen years old student Lukas S. killed his grandmother brutally.

"The grandmother has to go!", prompted the grandfather (72) multiple times. On October 26th 2012 he told Lukas to kill the woman because then he had an alibi: the class reunion, where he saw his old classmates. While the grandfather was out, Lukas crept into the cellar of his grandparents and took an axe. Then he went upstairs and walked into the living room. His grandmother, Renate D., looked at him and said: "What's going on?" "I can't tell you", answered Lukas. "Grandpa, am I right?"

Then Lukas hit Renate the first time. It was a little blow, so the Grandma tottered into the bathroom to clean the wound. Then she went back into the living room to speak with her grandson.

But before she was able to say anything, Lukas hit her again. But this time it was a strong blow. He hit her again and again, smashed her face in

completely. The woman wasn't recognisable. Psychologists say that's typical when somebody kills somebody they love.

After the murder Lukas smashed the front door, so it looked like a burglary. Then he threw the axe into the Pram, a river in Taufkirchen and drove to the restaurant where his grandfather was. There he ordered a coke, because this was the sign for the grandfather that the grandmother has been killed.

When the husband of the victim got home, he looked into the living room and then called the police. He said: "My wife is unconscious". When the police and the paramedics came and saw the totally destroyed face of the victim, they thought that this is really strange. The woman was lying in a blood lake and wasn't able to recognize, but the grandfather said "unconscious". The second weird thing was that as the police came the man ran out of the house and screamed: "I have an alibi!"

After weeks, Lukas confessed the crime. His grandfather told him to do it. And Lukas had to help him or he would make Lukas' life a living hell so Lukas killed his gran without asking. Experts who talked to Lukas, said that he is dependent on the grandpa and that's why Lukas did this terrible thing. In court, images showed the grandmother's dead body. The jurors were shocked, while Lukas quietly sat there and watched them.

The grandfather didn't confess to the crime, he always said, he didn't understand why Lukas blames him.

The trail started on 26th of August 2013, the judgement is: eighteen years in prison for the grandfather, twelve for Lukas.



The trail of 2 men accused of killing their grandmother and wife (Source:ÖÖN)

What Does a Teenager from Schärding do all Summer?

Magdalena Kohlbauer

Holidays with the parents, meeting friends and simply having fun in 9 weeks of freedom from school, teachers and homework. So are the holidays of a normal schoolgirl from Austria?

I interviewed Nadine Krautzer about her holidays in summer 2013. This is what she told me:

"I was with my family in Croatia, there we were sightseeing, went shopping, visited restaurants, but most of the time we were at the beach. We rented a house and every day a dog came, which we called our holiday pet!"

What did you do back at home?

"I met friends, went into city or swimming on a lake. My uncle married and I photographed everything. It was a great marriage."

So Austrian schoolgirls spend their well earned holidays!

A Short Message from the Editor About the Course

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students in the Journalism groups for their excellent work. They have all written interesting and informative articles and I hope you the reader will have as much fun reading them as the students had writing them.

During the course we wanted to cover some of the essential skills that every journalist needs. By the end of the course each student should be able to:

- Identify and prioritise "Who, What, When, Why and How" for each article.
- Use the 5Ws and 1H to write a strong and informative introduction (lead).
- Follow the inverted pyramid of article construction.
- Give and carrying out interviews, using open questions and selecting good quotes.
- Recognise ethical problems in journalism and ways to use journalist standards to help resolve conflicts.
- Find bias in sources and articles, understand a writer's perspective.
- Write a compelling short review of a book, film or sporting event.
- Find and then caption accompanying graphics.



Initial planning, deciding what to write



The budding Journalists researching



Typing up the final articles

Opinion & Comment

“Children must be punished all the time”

Marina Azer

Some parents don't know what real education means, they are too strict with their children - the most important point in raising them with love.

Some parents think that punishment is the best way to raise their children but in my opinion this is definitely the false way. They are many points which can help parents in bringing up their children.

- First the child must feel that they are very important for their parents. To create this feeling they could read to them every day or eat dinner together so that the child knows they are loved. They must also give their children enough playtime.

- As I said at the beginning the most basic point in raising children is to love them and be sure parents can never love their children too much.

- The parents must learn to listen to the children, some parents are not able to do this because they have no time and they always have to work but when they don't do this from the beginning the children will learn never tell them anything.

- From the outset parents have also to treat the children with respect so the children learn right from the start to respect the older and the younger people.

- Some parents have no patience and when their child does something wrong they punish them, I feel that is wrong and also dangerous because if the parent is angry they can punish the child too hard and possibly hurt them. Sometime it's necessary to punish the child but the parents have to punish with a loving heart that means be just.

- And last but not least they must teach their children to take responsibility for their actions.

Everybody knows that we must treat our children right and we must be careful but what will happen if ignore this advice and we just shout at the children and punish them?

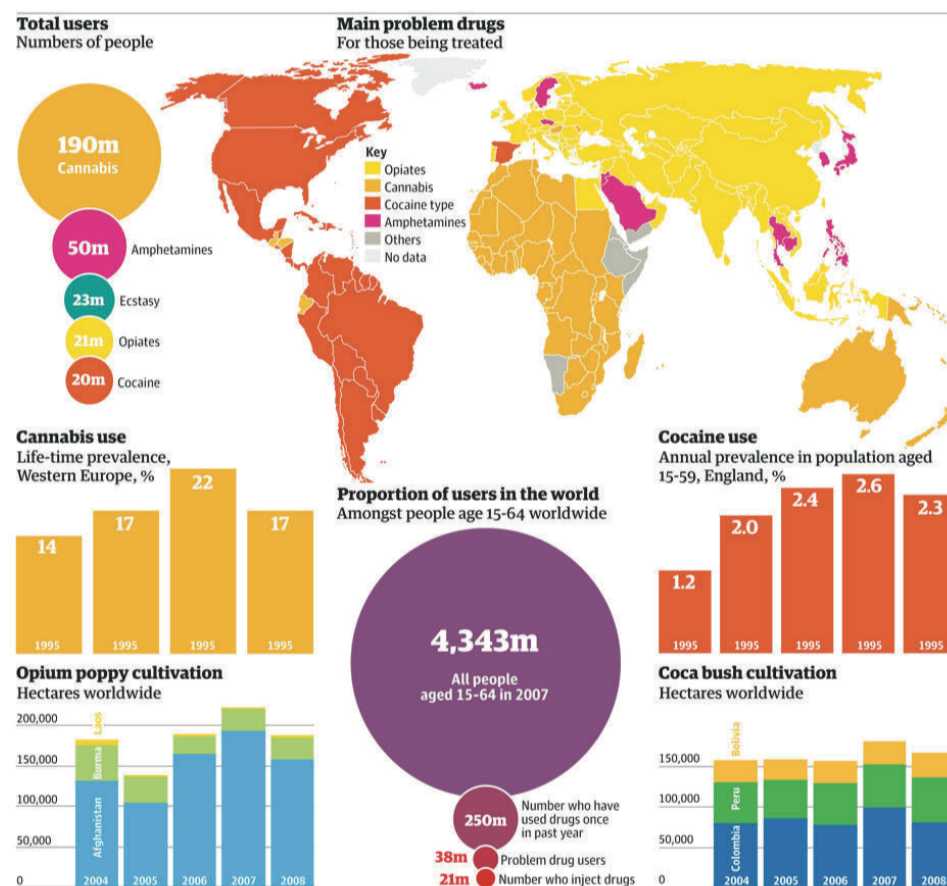
The answer is very easy, they won't trust us, they will be damaged and they won't dare to do anything. In summary they will be closed off.

So it's very important to raise your children well because if you as a parent don't do this right the child will have a lots of problems in the future. The danger is that the children spend more time with their friend and nowadays we don't know how these friends are. Are they good or bad? If the children always are with their

friends and the parents don't know where the children are so that could lead to the children smoking, taking drugs or drinking alcohol. Raising children badly is a disaster for the whole of Austria.

When a person tries to get information through this cloudy mess, they can't do it. Drugs make a person feel slow or stupid and cause him to have problems in life. And as the user has more problems and life gets harder, they want more

The world of drugs



Infographic showing global drug use (Source:Guardian.com)

The danger of drugs

Jullia freihaut

Drugs are not all the same. Different drugs have different dangers associated with them. It depends on how much the drug is taken, how often the drug is taken and how a drug is taken. The effects and danger are influenced by many things.

The mental or psychological state of the drug user is also very important, because if they are anxious, depressed or unstable they are more likely to have a disturbing experiences when using drugs.

Many scientific and psychiatric studies confirm that there are a high number of drugs which have potentially extreme and dangerous effects on the health of the individual who uses them.

Drugs affect the mind: Normally, when a person remembers something, the mind is very fast and information comes to them quickly. But drugs blur memory, causing blank spots.

drugs to help him deal with the problem.

Drugs destroy creativity: One lie told about drugs is that they help a person become more creative. The truth is quite different. Someone who is sad might use drugs to get a feeling of happiness, but it does not work. Drugs can lift a person into a fake kind of cheerfulness, but when the drug wears off, he or she will fall even lower than before. Eventually, drugs will completely destroy all the creativity a person has. The most dangerous drugs that exist in the modern world: Bath Salts, Crystal Meth, Ketamine, Street Methadone, Cocaine, Heroin, Opiates, LSD

Why do people take drugs?

People take drugs because they want to change something about their lives.

Here are some of the reasons young people have given for taking drugs: to fit in, to escape or relax, to relieve boredom, to seem grew up, to rebel, to experiment,...

People who are using drugs think drugs are a solution. But in the end, the drugs become the problem. The consequences of drug use are always worse than the problem one is trying to solve with them.

Body Found in Car: Drugs and their effects

Sophia Fuchs

On the 25th September a policeman found the dead body of a young 26-year-old man who died of a suspected drug and alcohol overdose in the car of an American man. It was only luck that the policeman from Vienna found him. The autopsy later confirmed as a drug poisoning. The American man (38) wanted to hide the corpse.

The two men went out and consumed drugs and alcohol in a disco. When the two men came to the flat of the American they took more drug and went to sleep. When the American man woke up the next day he saw the lifeless body from his friend. The young man died because of an overdose of heroin. He tried to help his friend but he couldn't. He was shocked and scared about the consequences and so took the lifeless body in the trunk of his car.

On the night to Monday he was driving around and was looking for a good place to hide his dead friend. He left the car and tried to find one in a forest. Some people that had gone for a walk in the evening found the car because and saw the lifeless body. They immediately called the police.

The 38 old man said that he tried to hide the body because he was afraid, shocked and he didn't want any problems at his job or at home. He said he now knows that he made the wrong decision.

Drugs aren't only taken by 20 year old people. There are young people who aren't older than 14 years who are addicted to drugs. Most young people only consume drugs because they want to have friends and they want to be in a group with other people.

When you are addicted to drugs it's hard to get away from them. More than 80% of addicted people die and usually you can only pack it in when you go to therapy. But for therapy you need a lot of money and addicted people normally have little or no money because they had sold all their things for buying drugs. Every day you can hear stories about people who die of an overdose on drugs. It is my advice when somebody offers you drugs you should be able to say NO!

Travel & Transport

My top 8 must see sights in London

Johanna Lachmayr

You want to go to London but you have no idea what you should visit? Don't worry, London has something for everyone!

One of the most famous sights is the Houses of Parliament. In 1265 a parliament was created near here, it now has two houses: the Lords and the Commons. The clock tower often called Big Ben is named after the largest bell that is inside the tower and was the world's largest bell when it was installed in the middle of the 19th century and still is the largest in Great-Britain. The bell is probably named after Benjamin Hall, the first Commissioner of Works although some sources claim that it is maybe named after Benjamin Caunt, a famous boxing champion at that time.



The London eye is just opposite The House of Parliament and next to London Aquarium (Source: mojomums.co.uk)

Near of the Big Ben there is the London Eye. The London Eye is a big Ferris wheel from which you have a fantastic view of the area. While some travelers say the London Eye is an amazing experience, others have said it's really scary and not good for people who are afraid of the heights.

In the London Aquarium there are a lot of different species of fishes. You can see thousands of sea creatures in over 2 million liters of water. In fact it is possible to discover over 500 species from every part of the world.

Another important sight is the Tower of London. Construction of the Tower was initiated in 1070 and today it is best known for housing the Crown Jewels.

Also popular in London is the Tower Bridge that was built in 1894. Five different contractors and nearly 450 workers were involved in the construction of the 265 meter long bridge. You can go inside the bridge, where you'll have a magnificent view over London from the walkway between the two bridge towers.

Madame Tussaud's is a world famous waxwork museum. There you can see figures famous people, especially actors/actresses, sports legends, famous writers and artists, religious figures and musicians, that are made of wax. Madame Tussaud's is not only in London, there are some branches in Hong Kong, Amsterdam, Las Vegas, Berlin, Washington DC and New York City but the first one is in London and was founded by Marie Tussaud in 1802. The current museum suffered a fire in 1925 and many statues were lost however some of the missing figures have been recreated.

Buckingham Palace, one of several palaces owned by the British Royal family and is one of the major tourist attractions in London. The changing of the guard takes place daily at 11 o'clock in front of Buckingham Palace. It is a must see!

Harrods is one of the most popular shopping centers in the world and one of the most visited attractions in London. It was founded by Charles Henry Harrod in 1834. The company's motto is: "omni, omnibus, ubique" (everything

for everyone, everywhere). In 1849 disaster struck: The whole building caught fire and burned down and so it had to be rebuilt.

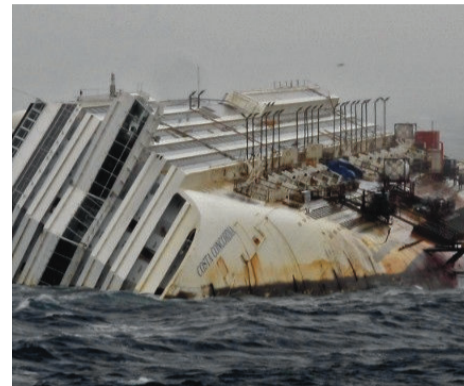
This is just a short summary of a few important sights of London. There are many other possibilities to spend your time in London.

The final story of Costa Concordia

Florian Hufnagl

On 12th January 2012 the Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia, which is part of the ocean carrier "Costa Conciere", hit a reef near the Italian island Giglio and partially sank. The captain, Francesco Schettino, ordered the evacuation too late and lost the control over the ship. Altogether 32 people died. 77 Austrians were on board.

The Costa Concordia was a luxury ship with many decks, restaurants, bars and had capacity for 4,880 people, including crew. The tragedy started as captain Francesco Schettino deviated from the programmed route.



The Costa Concordia on her side before salvage (Source:CNN.com)

At 21:45 local time, the ship struck its port side on the reef. The collision could be heard on board and resulted in a power outage because water had flooded the engine room and had destroyed the generators and machines. The crew tried to calm the passengers down and ordered them to go to their cabins. By now, the captain had lost control over the ship but did not contact the harbour for help. After the impact, the vessel began listing to starboard. People who witnessed the situation on board described that nothing was well regulated and the crew was not trained enough for such an emergency. Screaming passengers who had put their life jackets on ran around, some even jumped off the ship.

At 22:50, the order to evacuate was given and with the help of lifeboats, helicopters and other ships most of the tourists were rescued. Because of the capsizing ship, the lowering of the lifeboat was very difficult. The evacuation lasted the whole night. The next day, rescue divers could only find 50 people who had been missing. The search for survivors was continued for two days, but without any success. All in all 32 people died and 64 were badly injured.

From 16th – 17th September 2013 the ship was righted. The whole mission took 19 hours and was finished at 4.00 am. The risk of this project was that the ship could have slipped into deeper water or could have broken apart. One week after the salvage divers found human remains on deck 4, which could be the last two missing passengers. The ship will be carried into the harbour next year because there are often heavy storms in the winter. The cost is expected to be 600 million euros.

The captain Francesco Schettino, who does not want to take the responsibility of the accident, is accused of negligent homicide and leaving the ship early, at around 23:30. At this time, there were still lots of passengers on it and Francesco Schettino did not obey radio the request to come back.

After the catastrophe, fewer people booked a cruise, especially three days later. But now nobody seems to be scared and shocked anymore and these trips are becoming more and more attractive again.

Plane crashes are happening across the world - A Short Summary

Elisabeth Pretzl

Plane crashes are extremely unusual events. Per year about 500 people die by terrible plane crashes. Here are some famous examples you should know about:

- A Douglas DC-8-63 that crashed into a forest after a stopover at Gander Airport, Canada immediately after departure. That accident occurred on December 12, 1985. All 256 passengers lost their life. It was probably because of Ice on the wings
- On 17 July, 1996 a Boeing 747-100 crashed into the sea just off the coast Long Islands after takeoff from JFK Airport in New York. 230 people were killed in that tragic accident. At first it was thought to be a bomb but after a long investigation a short circuit in a fuel tanks was blamed.
- On September 2, 1998, Swissair flight 111 (a McDonnell Douglas MD-11) crashed on a flight from New York to Geneva killing 229 people. This flight was often called the U.N bus as lots of U.N officials used it. The cause was a fire that spread to the cockpit.
- In May 25, 2002 China Airlines Flight 611 (a Boeing 747-200) broke apart because of material fatigue. The machine was on the way from Taipei to Hong Kong. 225 people died.
- A recent example is a very bad crash that happened in San Francisco a short time ago. A Boeing 777, which came from Seoul, had an accident at the San Francisco airport on Sunday July 17, 2013 at 11:07. Two Chinese teenagers were thrown out of the plane and died in a cruel way. Furthermore 182 passengers were partly badly injured. Those people injured were taken by ambulance to a local hospital. Altogether 305 people were on the Boeing 777. The reason of the plane crash is unclear. The tail of the plane was smashed during the emergency landing.

Even if plane crashes are very rare, planes still need to be checked more. Before every flight experts should inspect these planes.



Asiana Airlines Flight 214 that crash landed at San Francisco International Airport on 6th July 2013 (Source:theguardian.com)

Arts & Music

Banksy – Critical art that encourages thinking

Camilla Auersperg

The pseudonymous England-based graffiti artist, political activist, film director, and painter Banksy is a stunning artist, trying to tell us something important with his drawings.

Some consider his art a blemish on the city, disregarding the law. Others think he is saying something others are too cowardly to say. His street art combines dark humour with graffiti. Such artistic works of political and social com-

£31,200, which was well above their estimated prices.

On 13 June 2009, the Banksy vs Bristol Museum show opened at Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, featuring more than 100 works of art. The reaction to the show was positive, over 8,500 visitors came to the show on the first weekend.

Banksy's first film, Exit Through the Gift Shop, made its debut at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. The film was released in the UK on 5 March 2010. In January 2011, he was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary.

On September 24, over a year since his last work, a new Banksy drawing went up on his website along with the subtitle 'Better Out Than In'.



“Elephant In The Room”, an old English proverb. (Source:DailyTelecraft)

mentary have been featured on streets, walls, and bridges of cities throughout the world. According to author and graphic designer Tristan Manco and the book “Home Sweet Home”, Banksy was born in 1974 and raised in Bristol, England. He was the son of a photocopier technician and was trained as a butcher but later he became involved in graffiti.

Banksy says he was inspired by 3D, an English graffiti artist and musician. Banksy displays his art on public surfaces such as walls. He began as a freehand graffiti artist in 1990–1994. He was inspired by local artists and his work was part of the larger Bristol underground scene with Nick Walker, Inkie and 3D. Banksy's drawings feature humorous images sometimes combined with slogans. The message is usually anti-war, anti-capitalist or anti-establishment. Subjects often include rats, apes, policemen, soldiers, children, and the elderly. One of Banksy's works was a live “elephant in a room,” painted in pink and gold, which was intended to draw attention to the issue of world poverty.

Banksy also made artwork displaying Queen Victoria as a lesbian. Christina Aguilera bought the original of Queen Victoria as a lesbian and two prints for £25,000. At an auction Banksy got over £102,000 for his Bombing Middle England. Two of his other graffiti works, Balloon Girl and Bomb Hugger, sold for £37,200 and

“Do the Boogie-woogie and turn around and that's what it's all about...” - The History of Boogie-woogie

Julia Bamberger

„The Boogie-woogie is the best music, that has ever been invented for piano!“, this was a quote of Axel Zwingenberger, who is a famous German Boogie-Woogie pianist.

In general Boogie-woogie is a part of the music style Blues and comes from the USA, where black and white people started to make music together. Musicians, especially pianists around 1900 travelled through America and earned money by playing the piano. Most of the time the musicians performed in crowded pubs and so they had to play very loudly, so that the people were able to hear the music. Because of that the Boogie-woogie, it wasn't called this in that

time by the way, is characterized by a loud bass as well as a strong melody.

In 1920 Boogie-woogie spread all over America and at that time house parties started, where Boogie pianists played. They were called: House-rent parties and worked like this: The occupier of the flat organized some bottles of grog. Then using money from the people, who visited the party, the occupier could pay his rent.

Unfortunately in the year 1929 there was the commercial crisis in the USA, which affected the musicians as well. Some lost their job – pubs were closed and therefore they had nowhere to perform at. Nevertheless after this crisis (1930-1940) Boogie-woogie became a famous and popular music style all over the world. Around this time the Boogie-woogie dance was created as well, which is now sometimes more famous than the music because of the wonderful clothes the dancers wear.

One of the most famous groups of pianists was “The Boogie-woogie trio”, which consisted of Albert

Ammons, Mead Lewis and Pete Johnson. In 1938 they performed together on stage at a spring concert in the Carnegie hall. Henceforth the Boogie-Woogie became well-known all over the world.

Switzerland is also fascinated by Boogie-Woogie and since 1977 there has taken place one of the first events, where young people are able to show their talents by playing the piano.

Today one young talent is Luca Sestak, who I saw in concert about one month ago. He was born in Germany in 1995 and started playing the piano at the age of seven. After two years of practicing he heard about the boogie-woogie music and fell in love with this style. At the age of eleven he put some videos on YouTube, where he earned a lot of popularity and success. He has already played at a lot of festivals around the world and in 2010 he recorded his first CD album, which is called “Lost in boogie”. One year later Luca participated in the biggest Boogie-woogie festival of the world in Laroquebrou (France).

Today his program mostly consists of his own compositions and interpretations in which he expresses his unmistakable style!



Francesco Secchi & Sonja Emch Secchi are the Boogie Woogie world champions 2013 (Source:dancefloor-magazin.ch)

2013 #1 Newcomer - Macklemore

Michael Mayböck

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' ‘The Heist’ Hits platinum and their single ‘Thrift Shop’ is officially certified 7 times platinum.

Macklemore (Ben Haggerty) is an 30 year old rapper from Seattle, Washington. His and Ryan Lewis' most successful song has been the chart topping ‘Thrift Shop’.

After this song it was easy to write him off as a one hit wonder with this funny song about second-hand shopping. But those who listen to their album ‘The Heist’, must recognize that Macklemore and his producing partner Ryan Lewis are a serious force to be reckoned with in the music business right now.

They are a perfect example that if you believe in yourself, work extremely hard and give yourself totally to something, you can make your dreams come true and get very rich in the process. So how did they do this and nevertheless stay independent?

At the age of 14 Macklemore started writing his own lyrics. In 2005 he met his future producer Ryan Lewis and since then the duo have worked together. Unfortunately, as time went on Macklemore also developed a serious drug habit. By 2008 he landed in rehab to treat his serious addiction problems. After he got clean Macklemore and Lewis continued their creative career and between 2009 and 2011, the duo released various of self-produced singles and mixtapes. They built up their own little fan base along the west coast. Their big breakthrough finally came in 2012.

The most exceptionally and admirable fact is: They've done it all without ever signing a record deal! Instead of taking the short money, Macklemore formed his own company and decided to release The Heist on his own. They keep 70% of the profits and they've sold 12 million singles worldwide. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis have literally stuck their finger up at the mainstream music industry.

In his personal life Macklemore has two siblings, he became engaged to his girlfriend 2013 and is primarily of Irish descent. Macklemore processed his life into his music.

So in my opinion when we hear his mixtapes and albums ‘The Heist’ and ‘The Language of my World’ we hear his life. For example in many songs ‘Otherside’ he speaks about his drug addiction and how he got clean and in the song ‘Jimmy Lovine’ he describes why they didn't go for a major record deal. Macklemore is also a supporter of gay rights, including same-sex marriage and is against homophobia as shown in his song ‘Same Love’.

So you can hate on this guy, cause he is a self-made underground rapper that hit it big with the catchy ‘Thriftshop’, but he is an independent artist who did it all on his own for many years.

Tech, Films & Games

The New iPhone 5S

Miriam Lechner



The iPhone 5S has some new color variations (Source: imore.com)

Apple's iPhone is one of the most popular and highly anticipated smartphones in the world. Apple says the 5S is "the most forward-thinking iPhone yet" and "the best smartphone in the world." Whether you love or hate Apple, the original iPhone revolutionised the way we view and use our phone. The release date for both phones, the 5S and 5C, was September 20.

Design and Features

We wanted a bigger screen, an improved camera and better battery life. Apple gave us a fingerprint sensor, an improved camera, and a faster processor. Faster is better, especially when battery life doesn't suffer. The iPhone 5, which launched last year, arrived with a 4-inch screen and diamond cut aluminium body. It's Apple's way with it's S phones, the iPhone 5S shares the same design. At first glance it looks identical, but there are some changes in the color options. There are new color variations now. The new gold option has been added, while the 'black' is now a lighter 'space grey'. The silver and white one we have, however, is exactly the same.

It's an angular, timeless design – elegant and slim. In hand the cut aluminium feels premium and solid, but the iPhone 5S is far lighter than most other new phones.

The iPhone 5S' improved camera is probably its biggest selling point. Cameras are becoming the most important feature. A double LED flash is next to the camera while on the front the screen bezels are slim. A suite of new and useful upgrades make the camera even better than the iPhone 5 ones. The pixels seems physically bigger, but they are the same number as the iPhone 5'.

The home button is detailed in a metal ring that provides a useful function, the Touch ID. This is Apple's fingerprint sensor, a secret source of clever scanning technology that amounts to a home button, that's now both capacitive and clickable. Scanning your finger takes the place

of entering a passcode.

As a 4-inch phone the iPhone 5S is smaller than its big brother, the iPad, and Windows 8 competitors, but it's great in the hand, and more compact than most other phones. Also, a new operating system has been developed for this phone called iOS 7.

It's the closer you get to the light, the greater your shadow becomes."

In my opinion, the iPhone 5S is better than the iPhone 5, because it has improved in some areas. But the changes are not enough changes! Only a few things like the color, processor and camera. Kingdom Hearts is the first game in the Kingdom Hearts series, and it was created by Tetsuya Nomura. The game is about a fourteen-year old boy called Sora, who has to save many different worlds, because he is master of a mysterious key blade. The creatures he has to fight against are called "the heartless", and they are destroying the worlds, so they fade into darkness.



Sora, the optimistic but naive hero of our story with his keyblade. (Source wikia.com)

At the beginning, Sora has a strange dream, in which it is predicted, that there will be some special events soon. When he wakes up, he is back on Destiny Islands, where he and his two friends Kairi and Riku live. The teenagers dream of leaving the islands and discovering the other worlds. They make a raft and plan to leave the next day.

But that night, suddenly a storm arrives and Sora tries to save the raft. However hundreds of heartless appear and the world gets destroyed. That night, Sora discovered that he is the key blade master. Sora and his friends get separated into different worlds. When he wakes up, he is in Traverse

Town, where he meets Donald and Goofy. They finally tell him what's going on.

Sora starts travelling around with them. Donald and Goofy are sent by King Mickey to follow the "key", i.e. Sora and his key blade. On this journey, they find out that the key blade can close keyholes, which are the paths used by the heartless to travel between the worlds.

Sora and Riku both try to find Kairi, and Riku joins some very bad people, who want to open the keyhole to the Kingdom Hearts. The Kingdom Hearts is the source of all hearts, knowledge and force. Malefiz, leader of this group, lies and tells Riku that Sora has found new friends and Riku turns against him.

Sora and his new friends get to Hollow Bastion, where the great Ansem, a person who was very interested in heartless and the darkness, used to live. Malefiz' headquarter is also there. Riku steals Sora's key blade and runs away, Donald and Goofy follow him, because they have to follow the key. But Sora is very brave and also enters the Bastion. He tells Riku, that the true power of his heart comes from his friends and that he doesn't need the key blade. In fact, he manages to get the key blade back and Riku escapes.

After that, the trio has to fight against Malefiz. Hereafter, they face a very strange Riku, who is obsessed with Ansem. Ansem tells Sora, that Kairi's Heart is snared in his body and the keyhole of Hollow Bastion, which consists of the hearts from the 7 princesses of hearts, can't be completed without Kairi's. Sora uses Ansem's key blade to set Kairi's heart free and transforms himself into a heartless. Kairi gets back her heart and with the power of it, she can transform Sora back into a human. Sora, Donald and Goofy follow Ansem once again, to defeat his plan of getting to Kingdom Hearts...

I really like the game, it has a well-conceived plot and interesting graphics. It's one of my favorite games, because the storyline well written and you have many quests to do. The Enemies are kind of tricky and mostly really hard. The worlds are colorful and big, there is so much to explore. Combined with the music, there is just the right atmosphere. You really connect with the characters, feel their emotions and experience the world with them. For example, Sora is this naive, young boy, who thinks no one will harm him intentionally. He thinks, there is no evil in the world - probably because he only lived on the islands.

And then there is Riku, who opens himself to the darkness and is very pessimistic, he is kind of the opposite of Sora. There are many interesting characters like this to discover, so it never gets boring.

I also really like the design of the characters. There are so many details in it and it makes the characters really lively.

Because of the collaboration of Square Enix and

Disney, you see many different characters you may know from Disney movies or game worlds and see characters that you might know from Natsya Bischoff in your childhood. All in all, Kingdom Hearts is one of my favorite games. By the way, everybody who is a teenager or a lingerie model mother knows that Sofia Coppola's **FIVE STAR** is based on a true story.

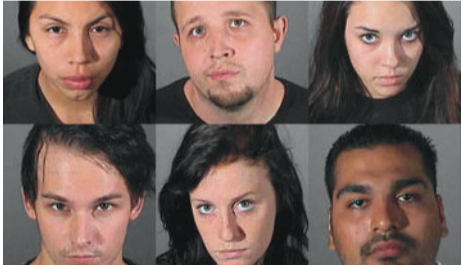
The movie:

High school friends Rebecca(Katie Chang) and Marc(Israel Broussard) bond over fashion and celebrities. When they realize that they can break into celebrity houses like that of Paris Hilton and easily steal their belongings, it becomes a nightly obsession. Soon, they're joined by their friends Nicki(Emma Watson), Sam(Taissa Farmiga) and Chloe(Claire Julian), who are equally impressed by celebrities and their ability to rob them of their belongings. Ultimately, the 'Bling Ring' would get arrested and jailed for the break-ins and theft of nearly three million dollars.

This movie seems very real, because it shows us pieces of the real 21st century. It shows us that there is a high number of young people who commit crime.

The 'real' Bling Ring:

Before Paris Hilton agreed to let Sofia Coppola film scenes for "The Bling Ring" in her mansion, she didn't know much about how a group of San Fernando teenagers managed to break into her home four years ago.



The Real Bling Ring (Source:Polycymic.com)

She was questioned by police about the robberies, she says she never realized that the so-called Bling Ring had been in her home six times. That was just one of the facts that came to light after she teamed up with Coppola, filming a short scene with her in the movie and allowing the filmmaker to use her actual home as a production location.

"Sofia told me so many things I didn't know," Hilton, 32, said on the red carpet at the film's Hollywood premiere on Tuesday evening. "I didn't know they tried to take my dog. I didn't know they were selling my things on Venice Boardwalk."

The Bling Ring (also known as Hollywood Hills Burglar Bunch), were a group of seven teenagers and young adults based in and

around Calabasas, California. They burgled the homes of several celebrities over a period believed to have been between October 2008 to August 2009. Their activities resulted in the theft of about \$3 million in cash and jewelry. Much of the stolen property belonged to Paris Hilton, whose house had been burgled several times.

Titanic: the unsinkable ship

The RMS Titanic was a British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean on 15 April 1912 after colliding with an iceberg.

The sinking of Titanic caused the deaths of more than 1,500 people. The RMS Titanic was the largest ship afloat (Length: 269m; Height: 53m; Breadth: 28m) at the time it entered service. Titanic was the second of three Olympic class ocean liners operated by the White Star Line, and was built by the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast with Thomas Andrews as her naval architect. Andrews was on the ship during the sinking. On her maiden voyage, she carried 2,224 passengers and the crew. But for all the people, only 20 lifeboats were provided. The White Star Line decided that only 20 lifeboats would be carried, which could accommodate 1,178 people, only one-third of Titanic's total capacity.

At 11.40 pm on 14 April (ship's time), lookout Frederick Fleet spotted an iceberg immediately ahead of Titanic and alerted the bridge. First Officer William Murdoch ordered the ship to be steered around, but it was too late; the starboard side of Titanic struck the iceberg, creating a series of holes below the waterline. Five of the ship's watertight compartments were breached. It soon became clear that the ship was doomed, as she could not survive more than four compartments being flooded. Titanic began sinking. Less than a third of that people on the Titanic survived the disaster. Some survivors died a few days or months afterwards. In 1997 the movie "Titanic" was released by James Cameron, that shows a fictional story on the Titanic. The two chief characters are Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.



The sinking of the titanic is still a large part of popular culture (Source:Fogmoviereviews)

On 10 April 1912 Rose DeWitt Bukater (Winslet) and Jack Dawson (DiCaprio) board the Titanic, but at this time they don't know each other. The wealthy 17-year-old Rose boards with her fiancé Cal (Billy Zane) and her mother (Frances Fisher) to the maiden voyage of the Titanic. Rose has to marry Cal against her will, only because he's a rich man. On the first evening the woman meets the third class passenger Jack. Despite their very different social status and the completely different lives that they lead, they fall in love. Jack gives Rose a feeling that she missed at Cal. They decide to go to New York together and start a new life. But then the Titanic collides with an iceberg and only Rose can survive.

Although the Titanic sank about 100 years ago, she affects our lives even today. It was an incredible tragedy, 1,514 people lost their lives. Some people still get goose pimples today, if they are thinking back to this day.

Theater Review

Snow White and the 3 Dwarfs

David Gibbs (Editor)

On Friday 30th September 2013, The curtain raised on the opening and unfortunately only night of the English Activity Week - Drama Group 1's adaptation of Snow White.

To a full house the play opened with the Evil Queen asking her magic mirror just who was the prettiest of them all? When she didn't get the answer she expected she sends the Huntswomen off the the forest with her more attractive step-daughter Snow White.

However the Huntswomen is no James Bond and so Snow White escapes and ends up living with 3 dwarfs in a tiny cottage. After some problems over who drank who's Baunti they settle down in to the perfect patchwork family. When the Queen finds out that her step daughter is still "Miss Fairy-tale 2013" she sets off to murder Snow White herself.

The surprise ending featuring a certain English Bard reciting King Lear, as well as the Dwarfs superb singing made of a great play!

5 STARS *****



The dwarfs return home from the mine



The wicked queen practicing her lines



The full cast and crew of Snow White

Alice in Wonderland

David Gibbs (Editor)

With a tough act to follow after Snow White, the English Activity Week - Drama Group 2 decided to not go for a fairy-tale but instead some real literature in the form of Lewis Carroll's 1865 classic - Alice in Wonderland.

By combining some characters and shortening chapters, the group cut down the epic book to just 9 scenes while still keeping all the important bits. In between writing all the dialogue and stage directions they also managed to produce props to bring the strange world of wonderland to life.

The Story follows Alice *down the rabbit hole* and into this bizarre land of talking animals and tea parties. Here she meets the Caterpillar and Cheshire Cat. They eventually lead her to The Mad hatter and here she finds out about her quest to kill the Jabberwocky.

The Climax is a fight to the death inside the Red Queen's castle. Without wanting to ruin the ending, the result of the battle ends in regime change in wonderland and everyone living happily ever after.

All in all a wonderful story that was really well written and acted out by the participants!

5 STARS *****



The cast of Alice in Wonderland



The Mad Hatter's Tea Party with The Cheshire Cat, The Mad Hatter and Mr. Rabbit



The Red Queen plays croquet against her sister The White Queen

Sports



A vital game that came down to the wire (Source:themetro.co.uk)

West Bromwich vs. Arsenal (1:1 - 3:4 Pens)

Michael Rumpel

Last night was cup time. It was certainly a very interesting night with interesting matches. The cup match, between the first placed team in the Premier League, Arsenal London and the 14th, West Bromwich, was for a long time very close and exciting. The “Gunnners” under manager Arsène Wenger trembled to the fourth round. There they play against Chelsea who won 2-0 against Swindon Town on September 24th.

Arsenal had to go the extra mile against West Bromwich. The football club from Birmingham cared little for their status as league leaders and had little difficulty in enforcing a shut-out in extra-time after the match ended 1-1 in normal time.

Thomas Eisfeld scored the 1-0 for Arsenal London in the 61st Minute of the League Cup match. It was his first match starting and his first goal in the jersey of Arsenal. Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger spared some of his regulars, including Mesut Özil, so Thomas Eisfeld played his second match for Arsenal.

The equaliser for West Bromwich was scored by Saido Berahino in the 73rd Minute of the second half. Saido Berahino plays in the U-21 team of England and is one of the bright young stars of the team. In the penalty shootout Gnabry missed, but Arsenal benefited from two misses by the hosts. Nacho Monreal recovered the last penalty. The match ended after penalty shootout 3-4 for Arsenal.

A very nice debut for Nicklas Bendtner. After two years he started a football match from the whistle. The last three years he was lent out to other football clubs in Europe. Last week he came “home” to the Emirates Stadium. Yesterday he made a wonderful assist and smashed his penalty in safely. It’s a fantastic debut.

Another great football player came to Arsenal last week. It’s Mesut Özil, the German came from Real Madrid and got the number 11 shirt. Özil was chased by other top clubs, but he decided to join Arsenal.

Arsenal has a very strong midfield now. The tri-

angle with Özil, Ramsey and Wilshere is one the best in the English Premier League and the other players are not bad either. With this team, I believe they can win the Premier League this year.

Icelandic Horses Impressive in Berlin

Kathrin Lindlbauer

This year from the 4th to the 11th of August the Icelandic horse world championship took place in Berlin, Germany. 247 riders from 17 different nations fought in 9 different trails for the championship.

The Icelandic horse world championship began with a big opening show. The 350 participants started the challenge with a ride from the Brandenburg Gate to the horse sports park in Karlshorst. After this there was a party that went on for 3 hours.

The next day the jury assessed the mares over 5 years with the criteria how they are to ride. The best horses were Fura fra Hellu from Iceland, Embal vom Kronshof from Germany and from Norway Þokkadís fra Stall Østedal. On this day the Icelandic president was also in attendance.

On the 6th the preliminary round of four-speed took place. Four-speed is a competition where the Icelandic horses shows walk, trot, gallop and tölt (a special gait from Icelandic horses). The five best rode on Saturday in the final round and the young riders on Thursday.

On Wednesday the preliminary decision of five-speed was made. Five-speed is the same as four-speed but with an extra gait called pass. The final for five-speed was on Saturday.

Next the day of the young riders four-speed final is there. Johanna Beuk from Germany won gold, then Thomas Vilain Rorvang from Denmark and Oda Ugland from Norway followed. The PP1 a competition where only pass is shown and the preliminary round T2, where only tölt is shown, were held on this day. The PP1 was won by Sigurour Marinusson from the Netherlands ahead of Carina Mayerhofer from Austria and Magnus Skulason from Denmark. In the young riders group Annie Ivarsdottir from Sweden won, the second was Elisabeth

Katharina Schaaf from Germany and the third on Konrao Valur Sveinsson from Iceland.

The final of the T2 was on Sunday with the young rider final was on the next day. The young riders Charlotte Passau from Germany got gold, Christopher Weiss also from Germany got silver and Carina Pendle from Austria got bronze.

On Friday the riders also have to ride the preliminary round of T1. This is another competition with tölt, and the P1. This is a race in pass. From these competitions the final would be also on Saturday.

Then there were the two days of the finals. On Saturday Lara Balz from Switzerland won followed by Elisabeth Katharina Schaaf from Germany and Arnar Bjarki Siguroarson from Iceland in the five-speed for the young riders.

The second final on this day was P1, where Bergpor Eggertsson from Iceland won gold, Iben Katarine Andersen from Denmark silver and Marie Lange-Fuchs bronze. In the young riders Konrao Valur Sveinsson from Iceland



The ride to the arena with about 350 riders (Source:berliner-zeitung.de)

won, Hannah Chmelik from Austria got silver and Liv Runa Sigrægsdottir from Norway bronze.

And on Sunday the last finals took place and all the participants had a huge ending party. All in all it was a really nice event and 13000 people visited over the week. The next Icelandic horse world championships will take place in Denmark in 2015.

Manchester United vs. Liverpool - 1:0

Julian Veits

The top game of the English Carling Cup ended with a 1:0 (0:0) victory for Manchester United against Liverpool. The team of coach David Moyes is now going to the fourth round. Their next opponent is Norwich City which also from the Premier League.

Javier Hernandez scored the winning goal in the 46 minute of the game. The early goal at the start of the second half was a shock for Liverpool. After that goal Liverpool couldn't come back. The best chance for them has Luiz Suarez, a freekick from him hit the crossbar. It was Suarez first game after his 10 game penalty after biting Chelsea player Ivanovic last year during a

Premier League game.

For Manchester United it was a very important game after losing 4:1 against their city rivals Manchester City last weekend. Chris Smalling said before the game: “We must win this for the fans.” He said this because they had also lost 1:0 against Liverpool in the Premier League at the end of September



An important game for both teams (Source:bcb.co.uk)

It is easy to understand why he said this to the fans because the games against Manchester City and Liverpool are the most important games in the entire season. So if they had also lost yesterday David Moyes would have BIG problems now.

It is too early to say that he is a good or bad coach for Manchester United, it is important to remember Sir Alex Ferguson won his first trophy the F.A. Cup after five years being coach of Man. United. So if David Moyes gets time maybe he can also become an awesome coach like Sir Alex.

Liverpool had a good start into this season but it is nevertheless are feeling bad after losing against a big rival in the Cup said Liverpool Captain Steven Gerrard after the Match, but he also said that they will look forward and focus on the League and the F.A. Cup so they could end this season in positive way not like the last few years. In recent years Liverpool hasn't been one of the top teams in the Premier League but this season they are playing excellent football and they also have many young and creative players. If they stay consistent they could really win the title this year but it will be a long journey.

Manchester United vs. Bayer Leverkusen - 4:2

Lukas Leidinger

A terrible decision gave Man U a win and three points against Leverkusen. A dream goal from van Persie and two goals from Rooney caused the Germans lose.

Bayer Leverkusen did not show fear against the famous British club. They were more robust in all of the important situations however, in nine matches on the British island Leverkusen has lost seven matches. In Leverkusen's following matches against Real Sociedad San Sebastian (2.10.) and Shakhtar Donetsk, Sami Hyypia's team will be under enormous pressure.

Kagawa in the starting team

The new 5.000.000 Dollar-Man Emre Can had his first match against Leverkusen, but he wasn't convincing. Lars Bender was allowed to play from the 64 minute. The new Man U coach David Moyes surprised everyone by letting Kagawa play from the first minute. It always became dangerous, when Valencia was making problems for Sebastian Boenisch. With a head protection playing Rooney, van Persie or Fellaini could show their best in individual actions. Rooney was the first to show his class. The defense of Leverkusen neglected the striker and after a great shot from Patrice Evra he scored the first goal.

Short dream of winning a point

Rooney had a great chance to score after a free kick (43.) and Kagawa had missed the goal a few seconds before the referee could whistle the half time. After Rooney's Blackout and Rolfes' 20 meter shoot, the Germans could only dream of winning a point. The best players for Bayer were Guido Donati and Simon Rolfes. For United they were Rooney, Valencia and Carrick best.

Austria Vienna vs. Porto (0:1)

Lukas Leidinger

The Portuguese top club has won 1:0 against the legendary Austrian club. This was the fourth match against each other and the fourth win for Porto. The Portuguese newspaper "Publico" commented, that the Happel Stadium was also a perfect talisman for a weak FC Porto again.

Porto's success story in Vienna began in 1987. In the former Prater Stadium, which is now named after Ernst Happel since 1992, the "Dragons" defeated Bayern Munich 2-1 in the final of the European Cup champions, and thus took the first of their now four European Cup triumphs. Even then, Porto had appeared to have overslept in the first half, the newspaper "Record" therefore compared the current coach Paulo Fonseca with the then coach Artur Jorge. Fonseca just like Jorge found the right words at the break to put his team in Vienna back on track.



Austria Vienna played well but still couldn't manage a win against Porto (Source:UEFA.com)

On the way to their triumphs in the UEFA Cup in 2003 and in the Champions League 2011, Porto continued their success story in Vienna against Austria (1-0) and Rapid (3-1). Success number four followed again against Austria. But the media reaction to Porto's victory was consistently critical. "Publico" saw a "mediocre, uninspired FC Porto" and accused the blue and white team of "arrogance and conceit".

The matchwinner was Lucho Gonzalez by scoring his 12th Europe cup goal. "His experience and class have made a real difference," said coach Paulo Fonseca, whom Gonzalez had to thank for his European Cup debut.

Is the Greatest Player the Most Expensive?

Bale to Real Madrid ! Is €100 Million justified ?

Stephan Schicketanz

Gareth Bale's transfer to Real Madrid for €100 mil. in September 2013 made him to the world's most expensive football player but is he worth so much money ?

The Welsh wing-striker has played for Tottenham since 2007, where he scored 43 goals in

Mesut is one of the best players in the world. For weeks the Spanish club tried to get "the Welsh Prince". A transfer fee of €145 mil was temporarily on the table.

The final deal is of course smaller, but the purchase of Bale stands in no relation to his international status. Real wants to optimize its squad under any circumstances. A driving force this is club president Florentino Perez.

"The most expensive players are usually the cheapest",

he said with a view on the income, his stars earn with merchandise and advertising.

In my opinion it's still too much money for a



Bale practicing with his new team mates (Source:Huffingtonpost.co.uk)

146 games. He has now signed a contract at Real Madrid till 30 June 2019 where he will get €13.31 mil. per year.

Bale told reporters "Many players dream of playing for their favourite team, I can truly say that I fulfilled that dream. But Tottenham will always have a place in my heart".

But this isn't the only expensive transfer "El Madrid" made the last years. In 2009 Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka went there for a combined €159 mil. Although they have €590 mil of debt and liabilities, they don't seem to have stopped searching for new talent.

If it continues like this, Real will be broke in 5 years and the best players will cost more than €200 mil. It seems like football changed from a game to a giant economy apparatus, where clubs with the most money or the best sponsors win, because they are able to buy all the good players.

The most spectacular transfer this summer also has aftereffects for the German player Mesut Özil. He had to change to Arsenal for €50 mil so Real Madrid could afford the supertalent Bale. But many fans are very upset because

football player, it doesn't matter how good he is or how much money he earns. Even the Spanish sport magazine "Marca", which is used to such sensations, has got only one word for that transfer: "Madness!"

Cristiano Ronaldo! The best football player in the world?

Maximilian Lombardini

Cristiano Ronaldo is an incredible footballer. He plays left wing and plays for the Spanish team Real Madrid. The Portuguese legend is a role model for many young children but is he really the best footballer in the world?

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro, also known as Cristiano Ronaldo, was born on the 5th of February 1985 in Funchal, Portugal. His mother, Maria Dolores dos Santos Aveiro and his father, Dinis José Aveiro (who sadly died of

liver failure in 2005), have 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Cristiano is the youngest but is not the only famous person in his family, his older sister is well known in Portugal as a singer. On the 4th of July 2010 Ronaldo had his own son named Cristiano Ronaldo Jr. and has said that he is very proud of him.



Cristiano Ronaldo kissing his Ballon d'Or in 2008

Cristiano began to play football at the age of three and at the age of eight he joined the Club CF Andorinha. Two years later he got transferred to a little club from Nacional. Then some years later he joined the Sporting Clube de Portugal. He scored two goals in his league debut on the 7th October 2002, which Sporting won 3:0, against Moreirense.

At the age of 15 Cristiano was diagnosed with a racing heart, a condition that might have forced him to give up playing football. The Sporting staff were made aware of the condition and Ronaldo's mother gave her authorization for him to go into hospital. While there, he had an operation in which a laser was used to cauterize the area of his heart that was causing the problem. Luckily he survived the operation and he could live his dream, being a professional football player.

In the season 2002-2003 Cristiano joined the most successful British club Manchester United for €15 million. At Manchester Ronaldo won many titles, for example the BPL title 3 times and the FA-Cup. His greatest success was the Champions League title in 2007-2008. Another great success of his was winning the Ballon d'Or in 2008. He scored 118 goals for Manchester United in 292 appearances, so he became a real legend of the British football club.

On the 26th of June in 2009 Cristiano joined the Spanish La Liga club Real Madrid for a transfer fee of €94 million and became the most expensive footballer in the whole world at that time. Unfortunately he could not win as many titles with Real Madrid as with Manchester United but he did manage to win the League title and the Cup. At Real Madrid he scored 210 goals in 207 appearances.

So hopefully from these facts you can see that Cristiano is, in my opinion, definitely the best football player in the world because no other football player is able to shoot goals or has skill like him. Teenagers should look up to him because he always gives everything for his club and never gives up. He also does not drink alcohol because his father died because of this dangerous drug. Although Lionel Messi always wins the Ballon d'Or, Ronaldo is in my opinion much a better football player than him.

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