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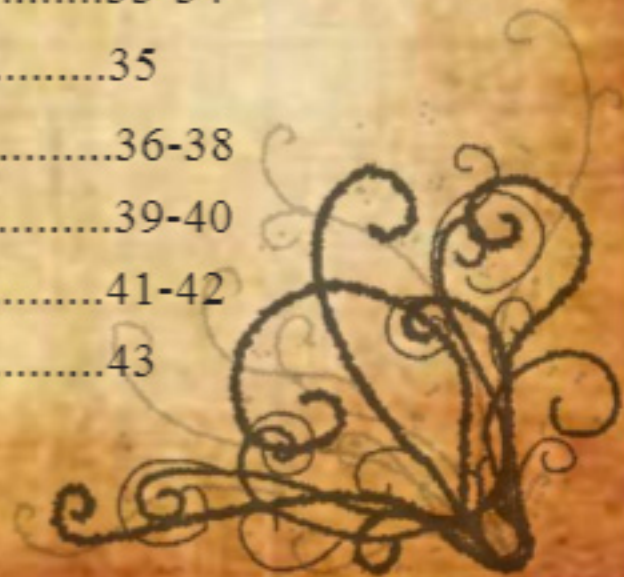
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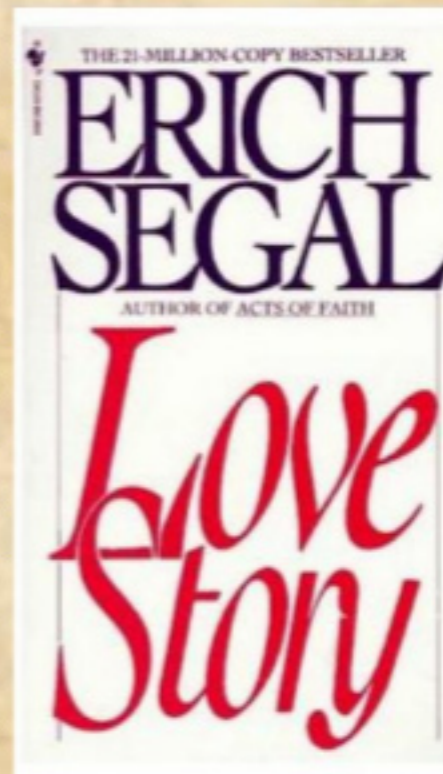
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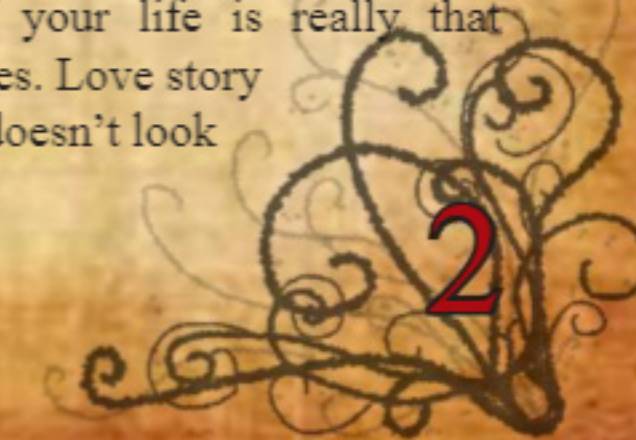
Erich Segal: *Love story*

Love story is a story about two young people Oliver and Jennifer Cavalleri. Oliver is the son of rich successful family of importance dating back many generations. Jennifer is the only child of a widowed baker who is dreaming about studying art in Paris. She is as different from Oliver as one person can be. They first meet in Radcliffe library where Jennifer is studying. Jennifer is unimpressed with neither his intelligence nor his wealth and she thinks that he is just a dainty loser. Despite her

can't resist to invite her to games. These meetings start when Jennifer suddenly ing their separate ways after icked. He was not ready to and so he proposed to Jennifer's parents' house together to their marriage but his par- of Jennifer because she had was poor. Oliver was angry disowned himself. He pro- per while finishing his law without his unlimited access working part-time juggling



low opinion of him, he dates and his hockey off their relationship. started talking about go- graduation, Oliver pan- end their relationship nifer. They went to his announce the news of ents were disapproving no reputable lineage and with his parents and he ceeded to marry Jennif- degree. It was tough to money. They were both school and work just to make ends meet. But after graduation, he got great offers from law firms and that made their lives easier. Now when they were safe they planned on hav- ing a baby. But after many unsuccessful tries, they decided to find medical ex- pertise. It turned out that Jennifer was sterile. But there was worse news. She was having a leukaemia. How did he handle it? Did he tell her about her dis- ease, or not? Was their love enough to handle it? You can answer all these questions by reading the story. And when you end the book, you may stop and think if your life is really that hard and if it's worth it to be angry about trivial issues. Love story will show you how beautiful a life can be even if it doesn't look like it.

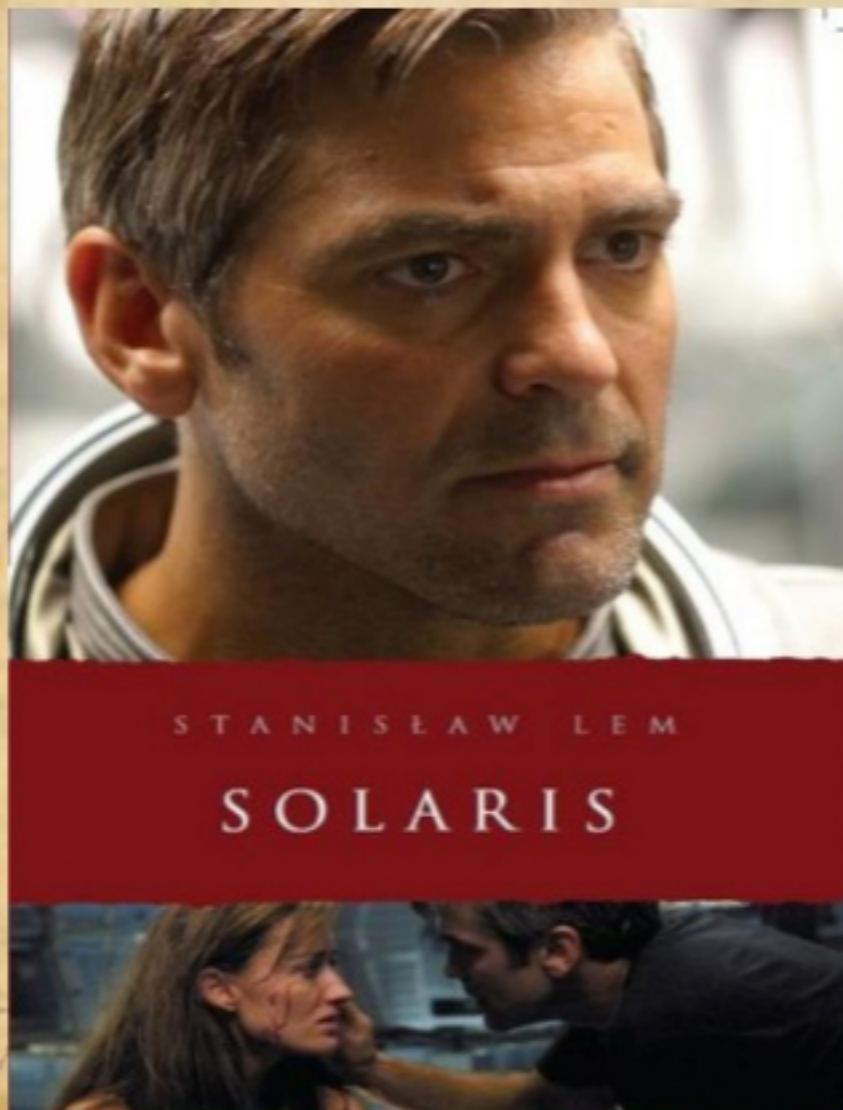


Stanisław Lem:

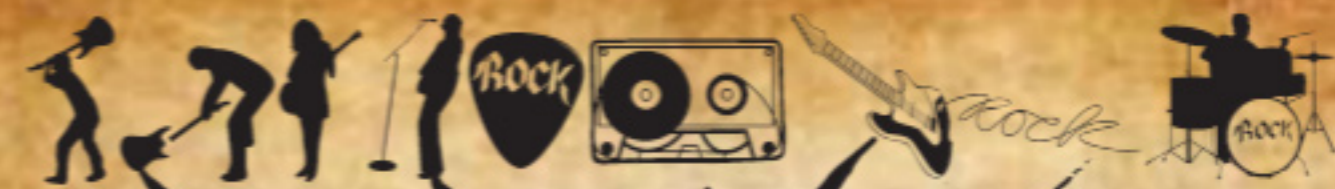
SOLARIS

A psychologist Kris Kelvin arrives on a research station on planet Solaris, a planet discovered many years ago, covered by an “ocean” of unknown mass with small signs of thinking abilities. But all their attempts to communicate failed. Now there are only three people on the station. After Kris arrives he finds one member drunk and in deep depression, the other one locked in his laboratory not allowing anyone to enter the room and the last one, who was the reason why Kris arrived, committed a suicide. After some time on station he starts to see more than two people on station and he hears conversations behind closed doors even though he knows there is only one person, and he even hears crying children. Soon, he discovers that this is how the planet tries to communicate. It is somehow able to recreate dead people that you miss most. Will their mind be able to handle it or will they end up as the first member of station?

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**MUSIC**

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▶ SLIPKNOT

The first thing almost everyone will notice about these guys is that each member wears a unique mask. Their reason, as they said, is that they want people to focus just on their music and not on themselves. And of course, this has been the subject of much criticism. So, to focus on their music, Slipknot is a heavy metal band playing nu- or alternative metal. It is difficult to define what style they actually play because from time when they started until now it has been changing a lot and it is impossible to definitely place them to one the two styles. Band had 9 members for a long time (everyone assigned simply by numbers 0-8) until the death of one of them, the bassist and songwriter, Paul Gray in May 2010. Slipknots were formed when I was 6 months – in September 1995 by Paul and percussionist Shawn Crahan in Des Moines, Iowa (USA). Now something about the album, which I chose – “All hope is gone”.

I like this album the most because of great texts and some perfectly melodic and rhythmical songs. (Dead memories, Snuff, Till we die, Child of burning time, Where-in lies continue) One of that is a song called Psychosocial, which is also my most favourite song ever. And as a guarantee that they are really go(o)d in what they do: they have been nominated in plenty of awards and they also won a few (as Grammy).



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MOVIES

I Love You

Phillip Morris



I love you Phillip Morris is a movie not like any other. In America, the release date was postponed because of its controversial theme and the movie could not find a distributor for a long time. The movie's main character Steven Jay Russell (Jim Carrey) had always been an exemplary father, husband and employee, who had even spent every Sunday playing organ in a church. His whole life changed in a second - he has been involved in a car accident, after which he decided that life was too short and finally stopped living a lie. Russell quit his job, started to be open about his homosexuality, moved away and found himself a boyfriend. Only later did he realize how hard it is to lead such an expensive life without a job.

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The only solution seemed to be committing a fraud, for which Russell got to the jail where he met this sweet, blond, soon-to-be the love of his life - Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor). From that point Russell's only desire was to get Morris out of the prison and live happily ever after. In fact, he did fulfil the first point, but succeeded in the other only partly, because after he stole millions of dollars, he got back to the jail. But he managed to escape. Then the police caught him. And guess what! He escaped again! I love you Phillip Morris is more of a comedy based on the life of real Steven Jay Russell, who is well known in the USA for escaping from prison multiple times. With his IQ over 163, he was able to get free as a judge, a police officer or a handyman. He even pretended to have AIDS! Russell is currently in Texas serving 144-year prison sentence and he is now 56 years old.



The Smurfs



Everyone has some specific amazing stories, experiences and memories from his or her childhood. One of these unforgettable things, which we all bear in our minds, is an animated cartoon, which describes the adventures of little blue figures - The Smurfs. Raja Gosnell directed a film in 3D, which was written by J. David Stem and David N. Weiss. They connected their perfect ideas and created a film, which will appear in cinemas this summer (August 3, 2011). They used The Smurfs as an excellent motif of their film and also assigned famous people for the voice casting, like Katy Perry, Jeff Foxworthy, Paul Reubens, Alan Cumming. Thanks to this idea we can revive our feelings from the times when we wanted to watch every episode on Saturday and Sunday mornings. But we have changed since we were children and so have the Smurfs. They are a bit different in this film. We will have no chance to enjoy their beautiful houses, which were in fact mushrooms. The Smurfs in this story decide to visit a city called New York and then they search a way to return back home. We may expect many changes and surprises. You will find out all the details if you go to the cinema and spend a good time with The Smurfs. Then you can make your own opinion about the new Smurfs.

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EDITH PIAF

(Journalist) - What would be your advice to women?

(Edith) - Love.

(Journalist) - And to girls?

(Edith) - Love.

(Journalist) - And to children?

(Edith) - Love.

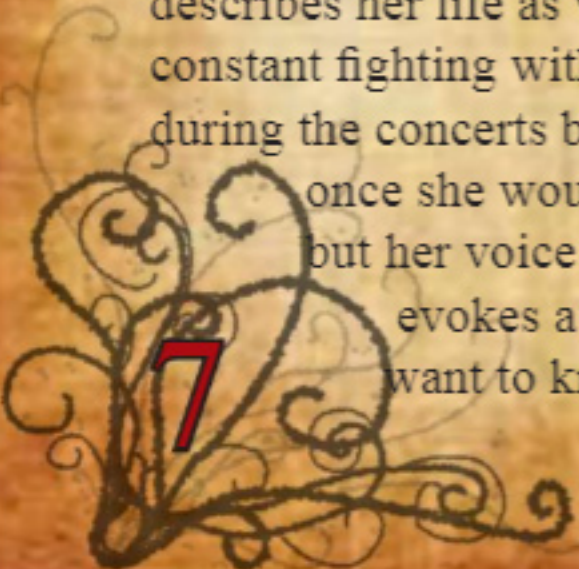


Édith Giovanna Gassion (1915-1963) was an impressive and talented French singer. Her songs are still known around the whole world. Her voice is the soul of Paris. Her round eyebrows, high forehead and amazing voice is well known to all of us. You feel like you are in Paris when you hear her singing. No

one can say he hasn't heard her most famous song Non, Je ne Regrette Rien (No, I regret nothing) yet. She didn't regret anything, she didn't need any of her joy or pain, she forgot the past.

The movie Edith Piaf, directed by Olivier Dahan, is a true story of her life. From the sparrow, (in French) Piaf, who sang on the streets of Paris to Edith Piaf, who performed in the New York's most famous concert halls. She found the meaning of life in singing and loving. The director describes her life as very difficult, full of tragedy, drugs, alcohol and constant fighting with her health problems. She suffered many collapses during the concerts but she never stopped singing. She thought that

once she would stop singing, she would die. She is gone now but her voice is still here and alive. The movie is very sad and evokes a lot of emotions. You should see this film if you want to know whose voice is the signature of French and American 20th century.



TV SHOWS

THE GUILD



This time, my first review will not be about a TV show, but an Internet one. The Guild is a very successful web series about six MMORPG players and their obstacles while playing the game and also about their non-virtual life, other enemy guilds or about the need of money. I think there is no wonder that the show won so many prizes and it is one of the most humorous shows. It is a great way to spend your time. Each episode is less than 10 minutes long. It is only the theme song that gets on my nerves. If you are interested go also check their catchy songs "Do you wanna date my avatar" and "Game on".



modern family

Modern family is funny, smart and a well-written TV show. This show rocks because it shows typical, ordinary situations in unusual and hilarious ways. Most of the problems are actually from the crew's life. If you cannot decide about what to watch when there's nothing on TV, you should go totally check this one out. Sure, there're lots of better shows, but I'm trying to introduce here the not so famous ones. I hope you will enjoy the life of three related families until the next month review.



GAMES

Robot Unicorn Attack

Have you ever felt terribly bored? All your friends are gone and you have played every single online game? Then Robot Unicorn Attack is exactly what you need! Highly addictive and challenging game, which won't let you sleep, is suitable for all ages. You can play it everywhere, on Facebook, iPod, iPhone or iPad, together with your friends or alone improving your high score. There are two versions Heavy metal with a crappy song and the original pink one, which is fantastic and bombastic but the lyrics don't really make sense. So you are running with your sexy unicorn with horns and a rainbow tail. The object of the game is simple: eat the floating fairies and destroy the deadly stars. If you hit something, you're dead but you still have one or two wishes. The only thing this game lacks is the story. You are a Robot Unicorn patient running to save your sister. The fairies, who were the workers and technicians of a factory, the God and the evil dolphins are trying to stop you, but your quest must be accomplished. You don't even know if



you save your sister, but you are not going to give up. So live in harmony, try hard and ENJOY!





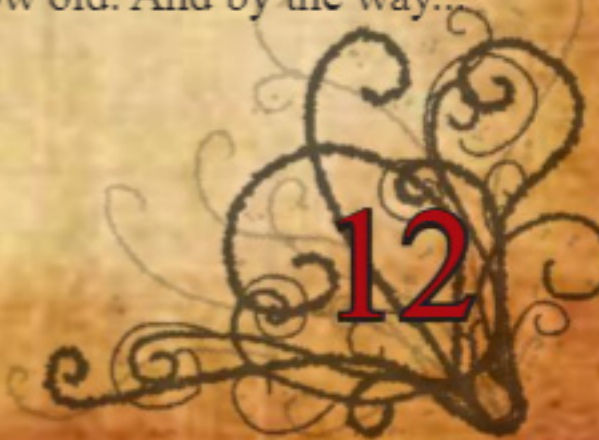
BGMH

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

20 years of our school

What do you think about this age? Would you like to be 20 years old? Are you looking forward to it? And if you are, are you enjoying it? Do you remember the day of your twentieth birthday? Because when you are twenty years old that is a time when you are regarded an adult, responsible for yourself but at the same time you can still enjoy the freedom (at least I hope so, since I am quite far away from being 20 :D) And in my opinion this age perfectly fits to our school. Many things can happen and change over a period of twenty years. Just like our school. But I do not want to talk about HOW did this school have changed, what and when was rebuilt and so on... This is the stuff you can google if you are interested. What is more important is WHAT changed this school. Do you know what I mean?... It changed us, we are its components. BGMH has taught us many things. And I do not mean only the skills, knowledge and information. But also these bits and pieces, like that the word „trigovica“ is not a type of alcohol, but sweatshirt. And that getting up for the zero lesson isn't always as simple as it sounds. And that the phrase: „I have nothing to do“ doesn't exist here, that the worksheets are never-ending. Just like that the word „pop“ mostly doesn't imply a kind of music, but something little bit worse. Here we found out how it looks when your train leaves in front of your nose and what it means to meet the deadline. Also what a reaaaally long speech looks like. And besides, what it means to travel without a ticket, and how to survive with no money from Wednesday. Just like we found out that is possible to run „osemstovka“ along the crowing hens. But this all is just a section of all the experiences that BGMH gives us. But the main thing we found out here, which we all need for our future life is how to be responsible, successful, always prepared, intelligent and educated but at the same time seize the day and enjoy the life. Now then, do you understand, why 20 perfectly fits our school? That age is exactly as magical as our school... So as the message sounds: Dear BGMH, grow and expand, refresh, learn and change, but please... Never loose your energy and your independence, because that is what makes you so special. You can grow, but you can't grow old. And by the way...

Happy Birthday



STUDENT OPINION

THE 1ST EDITION OF KARIS IS OUT!

Well, the first edition of Karis is out. Despite a couple of imperfections, it was really nice, in my opinion. What do other people actually think, including teachers, students and anybody else who have also read it?

What do people

Like:

variety of topics
great design
interesting content of articles
interview with teachers

Dislike:

small letters
blurred text
empty double-page
empty space in page margins
two mixed languages, one would be better
(English, Slovak language)
missing information about magazine
(Was it for free, for every student and also for teachers?)

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As you may have noticed the table presents mostly negative opinions. This fact, though, does not imply that the magazine was badly organized. All it shows is, that we do have things we can improve and, believe me, we will keenly work on them, so that the following issue will meet more of your expectations. Too much empty space, small letters, ...are just technical errors that can be easily removed.

I can honestly admit that my first impressions were that it is an interesting magazine full of various topics. In this second edition you will notice some changes, and hopefully you will like it much more. We have tried to make this edition better than the previous one. So, go ahead and enjoy the reading!

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SCHOOL EVENTS

ACADEMIA

10.2.2011 – that was the day. The day mentioned so many times this year, the day so expected, the day when it happened. Our school celebrated the 20 happy and successful years of its existence. It was a typical BGMH-event day – students had been crowding up at the Martin square since the lunchtime, they were walking around and waiting for the performance to start. At about half past one, we all moved towards Strojár. After opening the entrance of the cinema, the great crowd of students rushed in to get the best seats in the hall of the cinema. The show time started at 2 o'clock, with a wonderful version of a song Hallelujah performed by our amazing Black and White Choir. It was pleasant and touching and it moved our minds into the right mood. This introduction was followed by the main part – a stage play written and acted by those, more gifted than us. I am not going to describe the storyline of the play, because we have all seen it. And the ones who for some reason missed it – you do not have to worry! – it has all been recorded ☐)... What, in fact, is important about this day and this show are the feelings and the impressions it emerged in us. I guess, or at least I hope, that everybody realized how privileged we are to have such talented students at our school and how proud we can be when we see their amazing achievements. Dear ladies and gentlemen this is my school. Oh, maybe even better... THIS IS OUR SCHOOL and it is 20 years old, which means that it has already educated 20 excellent generations of students. That program somehow connected us all. So when we were standing in a line in front of the cloakroom, to pick up our coats, we were just smiling and talking... and I heard someone singing: GBAS we love, teachers love us...

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INTERVIEWS: HEADMASTER

Čo vás priviedlo na túto školu a ako dlho ste tu?

Priviezlo ma auto z krajského úradu a som tu už dvanásť rokov. Na túto pozíciu som išiel z inej školy, z iného gymnázia, kde som robil zástupcu.

Ste tu riaditeľom od začiatku, alebo ste boli aj učiteľ?

Nie, od 13. októbra 1999 som tu a od začiatku som bol riaditeľom.



Čo vás baví na vašej práci?

To, že som riaditeľ. No a učenie, to je najkrajšia činnosť. V podstate učím len piatakov, takže to už nie je ani tak o učení, ale skôr o nejakých úvahách na tému fyziky alebo chémie

Ste spokojný s tým, akým smerom sa ubera naša škola?

Myslím, že smer je dobrý, aj keď obavy tu sú, vždy môžeš omylom zísť z označeného chodníka. Treba byť pripravený na rôzne zmeny, ktoré nemusia

byť vždy v prospech. Zatiaľ som však spokojný, lebo nejaká výrazná nespokojnosť zo strany žiakov či rodičov nie je a to je dôležité. Škola by mala žiaka brať ako klienta. Pokiaľ je to tak, že žiak s rodičom príde a povie, čo by od nás chcel, je to fajn. Ale pokiaľ my budeme žiakom hovoriť, nech robia veci tak ako my chceme, už to nie je celkom dobré. Snažíme sa o to, ale niekedy predpisy nepustia.

O našej škole sa hovorí ako o jednej z najlepších na Slovensku. Čo si myslíte, prečo je to tak?

No žiaci minulý rok dosiahli výborné výsledky v maturite. Na žiadnej inej strednej škole na Slovensku, pričom je ich asi 750, nejdú všetci žiaci maturovať z cudzieho jazyka na úrovni B2. V absolútnom poradí sme na 6. mieste, ibaže tých 5 škôl pred nami majú iba jedného zástupcu, čo je nekorektné. U nás ich maturovalo 86, takže si môžeme povedať, že ten jeden výsledok nehrá žiadnu úlohu a sme jednoznačne najlepší. V slovenčine nás celkovo predbehlo len nejakých 32 žiakov z Nového Mesta nad Váhom. To sú všetko len také školské výsledky. Dôležité je to, že keď si pozrieme nástenku, kde nám píšú maturanti, tam si čítame pozitívne reakcie na dobu, ktorú tu trávili a aj na vyučovanie. Keď žiak povie, že to je skvelé, to je najlepšie hodnotenie.

Čím to podľa vás je? Učiteľmi alebo žiakmi?

Nie je to len žiakmi alebo len učiteľmi. Keby sme sa však obmedzili na tieto dve kategórie, obaja k tomu prispievajú. Žiaci preto, lebo sa sem dostávajú cez výber a sú tu najlepší žiaci z celého Slovenska – vidíme to na ich výsledkoch. To však nestačí. Žiak musí byť motivovaný a vedený učiteľom. Ani najlepší učiteľ nenaučí nič žiaka, ktorý nechce. A naopak ani najlepší žiak bez motivácie učiteľa nedosiahne taký dobrý výsledok.

Nastali vo fungovaní školy aj zlé časy, kedy ste si povedali, že chcete skončiť?

Určite, boli aj také časy a úvahy, ktoré mohli končiť pri otázke či s tým nemám skončiť. Raz je človek hore a raz dole, ale myslím, že to je v poriadku. Boli problémy, vyriešili sa – ak by to tak človek nebral, bol by permanentne v depresii. To aj žiakovi poviem, že dnes sa ti nedarilo – a čo teraz? Nabudúce to bude lepšie. Ideálny človek neexistuje a ani by sa nám nepáčil.

Akú najvtipnejšiu situáciu na svojom poste ste zažili?

Neviem, bolo ich veľa. Napríklad aj tento rozhovor je vtipný...

Čo by ste zmenili na našej škole?

Veľa vecí. Človek musí mať sny, vízie a je toho veľa. Tie viditeľné sa dajú zariadiť jednoduchšie ako tie neviditeľné. Je to napríklad prístavba školy s odbornými učebňami, šatnami so skrinkami. Boli by tam zväčšené jedálne a kuchyňa, väčší bufet a sála, kde by sa zmestilo 150 žiakov na besedy, aby sme nemuseli naše pekné veci robiť v telocvični. Ďalej internát s knižnicou, čítárňou, posilňovňou, bunkovým bývaním pre dvoch, internetom...

A čo vaše záľuby?

Bicyklovanie, turistika, cestovanie. Všetky pekné veci... Dokonca, na prekvapenie aj čítanie dievčenských, ženských časopisov o trendoch. Myslim, že som v tom aj celkom zorientovaný. Veľmi rád radím dievčatám a ženám, že čo a ako... A možno aj preto si dám niekedy aj ja na seba vec, ktorú by si iný muž napríklad nedal, lebo by si o sebe myslel, že je polohermafrodit. Tiež ma baví aj písanie vtipných veršikov pre študentov našej školy.

Mohli by ste nám aj nejaký poskytnúť do časopisu?

Jeden bol napríklad naposledy na vianočnom assembly a áno, môžem vám nejaké aj poskytnúť.

Čo váš obľúbený spisovateľ?

Nechcem vyzerat' trápne, ale väčšina autorov z povinnej literatúry je skvelých. Hemingway je skvelý spisovateľ, potom Sienkiewicz – Ohňom a mečom je skvelá kniha. Ruských klasikov mám tiež rád a v poslednom čase som zistil, že balkánska literatúra mi je tiež celkom blízka. Naposledy som si znovu prečítal Saroyana – Tračyho tiger. Je to úžasná kniha pre deti, študentov a aj dospelých ľudí.

Aké je vaše životné motto?

Poznanie je nekonečné a nekončí, ani keď život skončí.

Čo očakávate od akadémie, ktorá sa uskutoční pri príležitosti 20. výročia školy?

Ten najkrajší umelecký zážitok, že to bude originálne ako všetky vystúpenia žiakov doteraz. Ako napríklad

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akadémie k 15. výročiu školy, assembly, záhradné slávnosti, imatrikulácie... Posledné vystúpenie spevokolu Black and White bolo skvelé. Bol som sám prekvapený kvalitou toho vystúpenia, užil som si to a týmto koncertom pre mňa začali Vianoce. Očakávam dobrý pocit. Nejde ani tak o kvalitu, ale to, aký celkový pocit mám z toho.

A teraz malá ukážka z tvorby pána riaditeľa:

Keď v lete svieti slnko
a v zime padá sneh,
je všetko tak, ako má byť.

Keď žena miesi cesto
a muž ide záhon zryť,
je všetko ako má byť.

Keď stane sa krivda
a vieš odpustiť,
je všetko ako má byť.

Keď plačeš bolesťou a smútkom
a slzy ti nemá kto osušiť,
nič nie je tak ako má byť.

Za rozhovor veľmi pekne Ďakujeme.

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Disclosure

Rátaj mi nádychy

„Rátaj mi nádychy.“-šepne vietor zemi.

A to, čo vtedy bolo,
všetky plány zmení. Šepol vietor zemi.

„Rátaj mi nádychy.“-mlčím slová stromom,

šum odpovie mi strach,
že nežijem s dobou,
v týchto dňoch, svetoch, rokoch.

„Rátaj mi nádychy.“-hovoriš mi v mojich snoch,

a ja ich rátam v tých Tvojich.
Spoločné nádychy nás dvoch.

„Rátaj mi nádychy.“-cíti pocit trpkú príchut',

zakusne sa s radosťou,
vpichne nebezpečný nápoj,
opojí nás svojou chuťou,
raz aj v nás zavládne pokoj,
naplním celý svet dotykom,
Tvojím a Mojím, pre lepší svet,
Niekedy, vôkol.

N. K.

Svetlá mesta

Oslepujú oblohu
betónové cesty miera
Nikam
GPS namiesto obličky
otoč to do protismeru

System zlyhal

Svetlá mesta oslepujú
obzory
umlčaná Tichom Snov
v tom Tvoje oči
a veľké sny
vyplávali von

túžba rastie s nadmierou
ručička stúpa hravo

Svetlá mesta oslepujú
Moje Oči
zaslepená ich nehou
bežím cez polia
storočí
v cieľi ma počkaj, Láska
Prosím...

N. K.



WORLD Amazing Facts: 5+1 interesting things about... WOMEN



They are everywhere around us. They are beautiful, dear, and intelligent.

They are cruel, indecisive and scrappy, but everyone loves them. Yes, women! These are the things, which you have probably never heard of.

1. The two highest IQ's ever recorded (on a standard test) both belong to women
2. Women are never wrong. Apologizing is the man's responsibility.
3. Women like looking at men, just as much as men like looking at women.
We just know how to hide it better!
4. There are 6 million more women than men in the world.
5. Women will always be attracted to bad boys, but will eventually settle down with one of
the good guys. We just have to get over the fact that we can't change a bad boy and then we
wise up and go looking for that sweet, nice guy, so there is a definite hope for all nice guys!
6. On average, a woman kisses about 79 men before getting married!

SCIENCE

DERMAL CELLS INSTEAD OF BLOOD?

An accidental discovery in a laboratory in Canada led to a revolutionary finding – dermal cells can change into blood. Until now the scientists used stem cells from the embryo for the transformation. But they raised the blood cells from the skin, which had been isolated from the body of an adult person by stab DNA proteins with mixture of molecules into the dermal cells. This discovery can help to create the transfusions practically made-to-measure with subduction of the patient's skin. It is impossible that the immune system will refuse the blood. The first transfusions will be tested in two years.

“Essential to life” research OR Anti-Nobel prizes

Anti-Nobel prizes or Ig Nobel prizes (eng. ignoble: defames, nasty) are granted for research projects, which should not repeat, for useless discoveries or investigation. These prizes are disposed in 10 categories. Let's look who the winners were this year.

The winner in Veterinary Medicine was a discovery that cows with names give more milk than dairy cows without names.

Peace award belongs to the investigation that empty beer bottles are better weapons than full bottles in the pub fights.

In Economics managers of four Icelandic banks won because they contributed to the economic collapse of their country. They practically demonstrated how small banks can grow to big and then shrink again.

Three chemists impressed the jury because they made diamonds from tequila and they won Anti-Nobel prize for Chemistry.

Donald Unger was estimated by the prize for Medicine because he had chopped his left hand fingers off, to find out whether it leads to the development of the arthritis.

How is it possible not to fall and balance for pregnant women was the research, which won the prize for Physics. Irish national police won prize for Literature. It had

25 given more than 50 penalties to the in worst traffic rules breaker the country.

A man is called "Prawo Jazdy", which means "driver's licence" in Polish.

Anti-Nobel prize for Public Health was given to scientists who had invented a bra, which can be used like a pair of gas masks in a case of risk.

In Mathematics a governor of Zimbabwe and his bank won the prize for edition of the paper money from a cent to 100 trillions dollars.

A group of Japanese scientists proved that a bacteria, which can be found in the panda faeces can contribute to reduction of the 90 percent of the kitchen waste. This finding brought them Anti-Nobel prize for Biology.

These are discoveries, which were marked "absolutely ineffective". What do you think?



SOCIAL NEWS

wikileaks

Wikileaks, the Internet site, now widely known due to its possession of more than 250,000 US Embassy cables has undoubtedly changed the view on American foreign policy of past decades. As the site claims, the cache of cables contains sensitive information dating back up to 1966, and comes from 274 embassies, consulates and diplomatic missions throughout the world. Although the site raised much of a controversy, because of its moral problems, it also brought different views on some of the past events. Now we are fully aware of facts that US used their diplomats as sales force to help domestic corporations and military contractors. It also reminded us that EU is not as uniform as it seemed to be. A good example might be the report on Bulgarian justice system that disconcerted Brussels. Some of the cables show how fragile the peace in mid-east is (Israel having only 12 minutes to react to Iran's missiles). Sometimes a view of an independent side can show us what we are doing wrong. This might be the example of Slovakia, with its alibistic, pro-russian attitude towards Georgian conflict in 2008.

What really Wikileaks told us?

Its message is that we should stop wearing rose-coloured glasses and look at the world as it is. As one man noted: "If Assange was Chinese, the west would call him dissident and praise him." Should Mr.Assange be loved or hated? You decide.

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SPORT

BASE-JUMPING

For people, who feel dizzy when they stand on a balcony on the ninth-floor of a building, this sport would be unimaginable. But some people really do it - they stand on a cliff, a bridge or on the top of a building and without any suicidal ideas they jump down. They are falling as long as it is possible, and then they open their jump-sack. People call it



base-jumping, or jumping from the stable point. The word BASE is a short-cut of four objects, from which the jump is possible- Building, Antenna, Span and Earth (rocks and cliffs). The base-jumping is a combination of climbing and skydiving. There

are lots of people, who jump from an airplane. Generally, there is a small number of base-jumpers. In Slovakia, there is just one- Roman Dubský.

Base-jumping is not an invention of crazy people, who have nothing to do. History of BASE reaches to the end of the 18th century, when a physicist, and also the inventor, Louis-Sébastien Lenormand jumped with a homemade jump-sack from the roof of Montepellier observatory. The jump-suck was similar to an umbrella. We can also mention Štefan Banič, who is a part of history of BASE. He demonstrated his new jump-sack in 1914 by a jump from a 15-floored building.

But information like these do not really give a clear idea about what the base-jumping actually is. BASE is one of the most dangerous sports in the world. It is a real extreme of parachuting. To help you understand why it is so dangerous, here is a little comparison: when you jump from an airplane or anything flying, minimum height,

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when you must open your jump-sack is 800 m. This is the height, in which you have sufficient time for solving any problem that may occur with your main jump-sack. Or you can throw it away and open your reserve jump-sack. On the other hand, in the BASE-jump, the height is about 600 m. You can safely fly for 8 seconds, and then your jump-sack has 2 seconds to be opened. A reserve is useless in most cases because the jump-sack is opened in a height when it is not possible to find time for opening your reserve jump-sack. It is not allowed to face the building or the rock you are jumping from while your jump-sack is being opened. And the landing field which is placed somewhere on the bottom of a chasm...

Jumping from houses, antennas and other buildings in towns is not allowed of course. If you want to join an exhibition you need permission. In Italy, Norway, Venezuela, Mexico and Russia this sport is not allowed in free nature too, although base-jumpers do not threaten anybody.

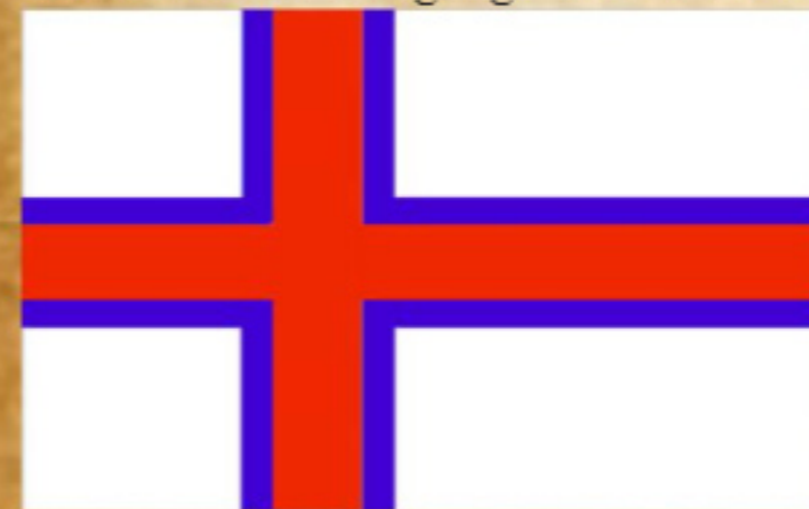


TRAVEL GUIDE

FAROE ISLANDS

This section is dedicated to all the inquisitive explorers who love travelling, and finding out the interesting facts of appealing destinations all over the world. For this issue I will try to bring you near to Faroe Islands. The first time I became interested in Faroe islands was last year when my friend was supposed to spend some time studying there. Then, on another occasion, I came across this topic when someone sent me an e-mail about the awful slaughtering of whales, which takes place there every year during the summer season. Despite of this unpleasant fact I have decided to explore and show you the real beauty of these incredible islands.

The Faroe Islands lie northwest of Scotland and halfway between Iceland and Norway. They consist of 18 islands. Regarding the political system, since 1948, the Faroe Islands have been a self-governing region of the Kingdom of Denmark with the capital Tórshavn. Faroese is the national language and is rooted in Old Norse. Nordic languages



are readily understood by most Faroese, if you are afraid of communication problems I can assure you that English is also widely spoken, especially among the younger people.

The weather is quite changeable: from moments of brilliant sunshine through misty hill fog, to showers. The Gulf Stream encircling the islands tempers the climate. The harbours never freeze and the temperature in wintertime is very moderate considering the high latitude. Snowfall occurs, but is short-lived. The average temperature ranges from 3°C in winter to 11°C in the summer.



In sheltered areas, the temperature can be much higher, but the air is always fresh and clean no matter what the season is. So do not even think of sunbathing.

The tourists visit islands mainly because of the unique nature. Along the shores of the fjords and sounds lie the towns and villages of the Faroes with mountains rising above them. Many visitors are also fascinated by animal species, which occur here, like the sea-birds, puffins, seals and several species of whales.

And what can you eat here? Traditional Faroese food is mainly based on meat, seafood, potatoes and fresh vegetables. Mutton is the basis of many meals too. Another Faroese specialty is Grind og spik, pilot whale meat and blubber. Faroese are descendents of Vikings, and pilot whales have been a central part of their diet for more than 1,000 years. Because of this tradition, they kill these intelligent creatures every year. They give them valuable food stocks for the winter. But according to animal rights activists, the killing is cruel and unnecessary. In recent years scientists found out that whales contain large amount of mercury and other toxins, which can be dangerous, especially for pregnant women. They have been counselled not to eat it. In my opinion it is not human, but on the other hand this meat is never sold and it is divided out amongst the people in the community. And what about the terrible conditions of farm animals all around the world? We do not have to go to Faroe islands to see the daily industrial slaughter of thousands of animals even in our country... So do not judge Faroe islands by people who do this. And remember, the nature is not responsible for the behaviour of its inhabitants.

Many people love these Islands because of the loneliness of the ocean, the silence everywhere, interrupted only by the voices of birds in motion, I've never been there, but I would like to visit the place one day. In this busy world it is just hard to believe that such a calm place still exists



Here are some useful faroese words and phrases:

Hello – hey

I don't understand - eg skilji ikki

Do you speak English ?
-tosar tú enskt?

How are you ? hvussu gongur

How much is it? hvat kostar tað?

Many thanks manga takk

What is your name ? hvussu eita tygum?

My name is... - eg eiti...

Yes - ja, jú

No - ikki, nei

You're welcome - eingin orsök

I love you -eg elski teg

beer- bjór

sea, ocean - hav



JASNÁ

This ski centre is located close to Liptovský Mikuláš, on the hill called Chopok. It is the biggest ski centre in Slovakia and from my point of view the best one. If you are looking for a high quality skiing conditions, like in foreign countries, and you don't want to travel abroad, this centre is the right one. But that doesn't automatically mean that everything is perfect. I mean...we are still in Slovakia. So, here come the problems, the most compelling ones are probably with parking, long lines when limited operation and high prices.

Prices: A day ticket costs 31 euros in high season but students, retired people, children from 6 to 12 years of age and organized groups receive discounts. Children under six years ski for free. Tickets for more days or the entire season are also available, and they are cheaper. But there are also other possibilities how to ski for less money – this year, for example, there was a chance for everyone who buys a magazine Plus 7 dní, to get a one-day ticket just for 3 euros!

Gastronomy: if you are not willing to spend much money on eating, than I recommend not to eat in any restaurant or a snack bar right on the slope. Prices there at least doubled. It is more sensible to have a lunch in a nearby restaurant, which is within a minute walking distance from the slope with absolutely normal prices. Or, if you are not a very demanding eater, bringing your own food is also a way!

Accommodation: if you want to be accommodated right in the ski centre, the cheapest way are bungalows – they are located about 200m from the chair-lift in a part called Záhradky. And your demands are higher, there are more expensive, luxurious hotels available in the area.

Ski centre Jasná consists of three smaller centres – Záhradky, Otupné and Biela púť, which are all connected together (see the map). It is almost impossible to get lost in the particular centres, the only problem might appear when you traverse from one ski centre to other – so it is always useful to ask somebody informed.



The main thing, which makes the ski centre Jasná so special, is a variety of slopes and facilitation. It is so easy to spend a day there. One day is not enough to try out all the possibilities and slopes (I mean, just look on the map). So, pack your ski stuff and enjoy the snow while it is still there!

CULTURE

LAKOMEČ

I am supposed to write about a play called The Miser (fr.:L'Avare or sk.:Lakomec). But now, I am the miser- I am too stingy to tell you anything about the play. You should go to the theatre in Žilina and see it yourselves. It is worth it. Enjoy and dress smartly!

...Oh yes, and don't get too scared at the beginning, it is not a horror play. Don't worry, you will get everything: money, love, despair, lost and found family members...

...And oh, did you know that Mr. Jean Baptiste Poquelin Molière, who wrote this play, is a part of our maturita exam from Slovak language? (easier to see it than to read it, isn't it?)

...And another thing: there were one or two songs sung during the play, which didn't really fit into the play, although they were sung well.

...Oh, and if you happen to meet Harpagon (who is the main character in this play) somewhere in the streets after you've seen the play, be kind and don't spit at him- he is not the real Harpagon, only a brilliant actor whose name is Boris Zachar.

COMPANIES

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Google

Google. In my opinion, an extremely well-known word. Whatever you want to know, use Google! Google has simplified our lives a lot. Just think about it. You are working on a school project and you are about to use the Internet. How do you proceed? I bet most of us google the topic first of all.

Have you ever wondered what the meaning of Google is? The Internet's most popular search engine? What does the word "google" stand for? The name comes from word **GOOGOL**, which is a mathematical term for the number 1 followed by 100 zeros, (see any connection with number of letters „o“ in „goog-
le“?), which was chosen to signify that the search engine wants to provide large quantities of information for people.

Now a little bit of history. Google began in January 1996 as a research project of two „Google Guys“ Larry Page and Sergey Brin when these two were the students of Stanford University. The company's mission was "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful" and I think they succeeded. Google today hosts and develops a number of Internet-based services and products, and generates profit primarily from advertising through its AdWords program.

And to prove we aren't talking about some little company, Google nowadays employs over 23000 people and even the expression 'to google' became an official verb in 2006 when both Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary as well as the Oxford English Dictionary recognized it.

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Jakub Malý: „Najúspešnejší ľudia sú tí, ktorí riskujú.“

X – Trade Brokers (XTB) je brokerská firma pôsobiaca na území Európskej únie. Základným cieľom pôsobenia X – Trade Brokers je vytváranie čo najefektívnejšieho a najústretovejšieho systému pre uzatváranie obchodných transakcií na derivátových trhoch mien, indexov, komodít a akcií. X – Trade Brokers nemá v úmysle sa zaoberať investičným poradenstvom, jej cieľom sú aktivity, ktoré prispievajú k rastu povedomia jej zákazníkov o pravidlách fungovania finančného trhu.

To bolo v krátkosti niečo o spoločnosti, ktorej zamestnancom je aj bývalý študent našej školy Jakub Malý. Poprosili sme ho, aby nám priblížil činnosť X – Trade Brokers.

Mohli by ste nám povedať niečo bližšie o spoločnosti?

XTB považuje za konkurentov spoločnosti ako je SAXO, CMC, IG Markets, alebo OANDU. Z toho plynie, že sa radíme, čo sa týka veľkosti do prvej päťky spoločností, ktoré ponúkajú svoje služby retailovému segmentu. Inak povedané, v rámci XTB obchoduje viacero individuálnych fyzických osôb než korporácií či spoločností. XTB sa na rozdiel od akciových obchodníkov ako je napríklad RM System Slovakia špecializuje na sprostredkovanie obchodov na mimoburzových trhoch za pomoci derivátových produktov.

Aké služby ponúkate?

Do portfólia instrumentov, ktoré ponúkame patrí:

- FOREX (obchodovanie s menami ako napríklad EUR/USD, EUR/CZK, atď.)
- komodity (obchodovanie napríklad s kakaom, platinou, zlatom, hovädzím dobytkom...)
 - akcie
 - štátne dlhopisy
 - opcie (vanilky, binárne..)

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Ako vyzerá pracovný deň v XTB?

Obchoduje sa u nás 24 hodín denne, človek môže využívať počítač, mobil, internetový prehliadač, či telefón na zadávanie obchodov. Garantujeme ceny, likviditu (to znamená, že obchod sa vždy zrealizuje).

Okrem iných sponzorov, tak aj spoločnosti X – Trade Brokers vďačíme za vydávanie nášho časopisu. Je o Vás však známe, že organizujete aj iné projekty. Mohli by ste povedať, o aké projekty sa jedná?

V Prahe každý rok realizujeme intership pozície, kde sa študenti učia, ako to chodí a pomáhajú predajnému oddeleniu. Každý rok usporadúvame investorské súťaže. Tento rok bude jedna takáto v máji, kde si ľudia môžu s virtuálnymi peniazmi vyskúšať, ako sa obchoduje a ak sa im podarí zhodnotiť kapitál, vyhrávajú ceny. Minulé roky víhercovia dostali osobné autá. Viac o súťažiach nájdete na: http://www.xtb.sk/media/vsetko_o_xtb_cup/. Účastniť sa môžu ľudia nad 18 rokov, takže celý 5. ročník to môže skúsiť. Len tak mimochodom, človek skutočne nemusí mať veľký prehľad. Najúspešnejší sú tí, ktorí riskujú. Máme najväčšiu investorskú komunitu na Facebooku a máme tam aplikáciu, ktorá je koncipovaná ako investorská súťaž a za výsledky sú opäť ceny (notebook, počítač, trička). Ďalší ročník začína 7. 2. 2010 a môžu sa ho zúčastniť všetci nad 15 rokov, takže znova niečo pre Vás. Ďalej realizujeme semináre pre širokú verejnosť, ktoré sú zdarma a vyučujú ľudí, ako zhodnocovať peniaze, resp. obchodovať. Máme ich vždy plné, ale vstup je v podstate pre každého kto má záujem, stačí sa len registrovať. Viac info nájdete tu: <http://www.xtb.sk/vzdelanie/seminare/>.

Akú funkciu zastupujete?

Mám pozíciu regionálneho riaditeľa a mám na starosť ČR, SR, Taliansko a Turecko. Zodpovedám sa CEO celej spoločnosti, majoritnému majiteľovi.

Za rozhovor a všetku pomoc veľmi pekne ďakujeme a spoločnosti X – Trade Brokers do budúcnosti želáme minimálne toľko úspechov, koľko už dosiahli. A vy neváhajte a zapojte sa do súťaží, o ktorých ste si mohli prečítať, pretože je to naozaj skvelá príležitosť ako sa niečo nové naučiť a súčasne aj získať zaujímavé ceny.

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FAMOUS PERSON

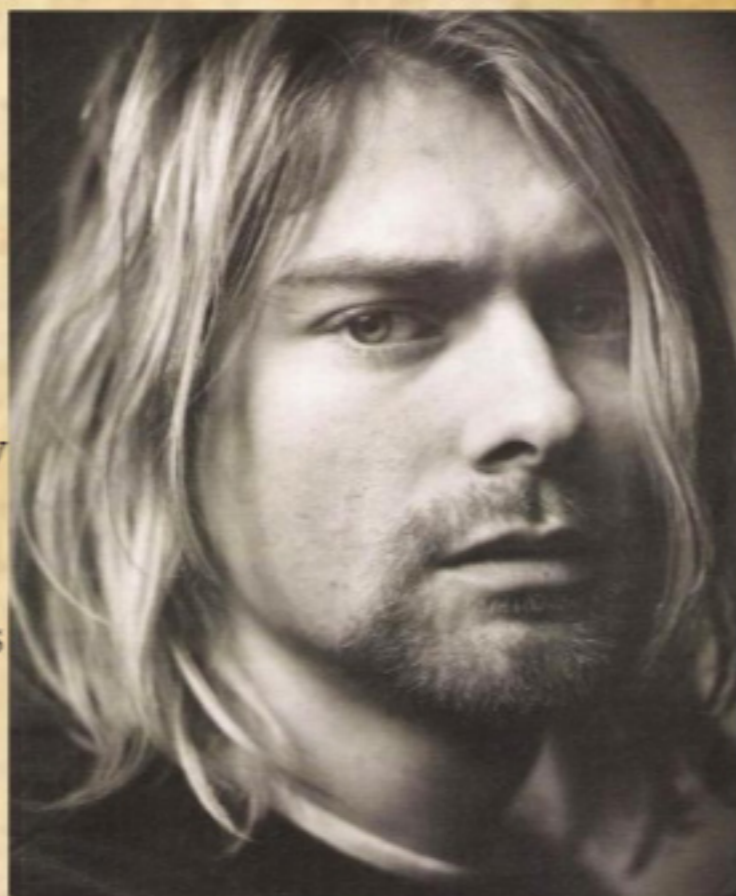
Kurt Cobain

Full name: Kurt Donald Cobain

Date of birth: 20 February 1967

Date of death: 5 April 1994

Height: 178 cm



Kurt Cobain was born on February 20 1967, in Aberdeen, Washington. Kurt and his family lived in Hoquiam for the first few months of his life, later they moved back to Aberdeen. There he had a happy childhood until his parents got divorced. This caused that he became very anti-social. That time he was just surviving and living from day to day. He lived with his friends and at times even homeless. Kurt was not the most popular person at his high school and he was labelled as a "queer". In 1985 Kurt left Aberdeen for Olympia where he formed the band Nirvana in 1986. In 1989 Nirvana recorded their debut album Bleach. Nirvana became very popular in Britain and by 1991 they signed a contract with Geffen. Their next album Nevermind became the 90s masterpiece. This made Nirvana one of the most successful bands in the world. However, the great success was very hard to bear for him. In February 1992 Kurt married Courtney Love. She was already pregnant with his child, Frances Bean Cobain.

Nirvana released their next album Incesticide later that year. In September 1993 Nirvana recorded their next album, In Utero.

This album topped the charts. On March 4, 1994, Kurt was taken to hospital in a coma.

. It was officially stated as an accident but many people believed it to have been an unsuccessful suicide attempt. Family and friends convinced Kurt to seek rehab. On April 8th Kurt's body was found in his Seattle home. In his arms was a shotgun, which had been fired into his head. Near him laid a suicide note written in red ink. It was addressed to his wife Courtney Love and his daughter Frances Cobain. Two days after Kurt's body was discovered, people gathered in Seattle, they began setting fires and fighting with police officers. They also listened to the tape of Courtney reading sections of the suicide note, which was left by Kurt. The last few words were "I love you, I love you".

Interesting facts

- He was named the 12th greatest guitar player in 2003
- He loved all seafood
- He wore blue-plaid pajamas and a woven Guatemalan purse to his wedding with Courtney Love
- Drew Barrymore is the godmother of his daughter
- The last film he saw before his death was The Piano (1993)



FUNNY PAGE



Úspešný muž je ten, ktorý zarába viac peňazí, ako jeho žena dokáže utrátiť.

Úspešná žena je tá, ktorá dokáže takeého muža nájsť.

Viete prečo Maďari nebývajú chorí?? – Lebo aj baktérie majú svoju hrdosť !!

Príde opitý muž do cukrárne, objedná si koláč s čerešňou navrchu . Zje koláč a chce napichnúť čerešňu na vidličku. No odrazí sa mu na zem. Dlhšie sa ju snaží chytiť na zemi, no nejde mu to, tak príde čašník. Napichne mu ju a opilec : „Sa ti dobre chytá, keď som ti ju uštvál?“

Stretnú sa dve blondínky a jedna hovorí:

“Včera, keď sa vypol prúd, ostala som tri hodiny zaseknutá vo výťahú!”

“To je nič! ja som zasa tri hodiny stála na pohyblivých schodoch!”

Stretnú sa dve blondínky a jedna vraví: počúvaj dala som si spraviť vodičák ale nedostala som ho:

druhá na to: a to už prečo?

prvá : ako som jazdila tak som bola pred kruhovým objazdom a tam bola napísané 30. tak som ten kruháč obišla 30-krát.

druhá na to: počúvaj a počítala si správne?

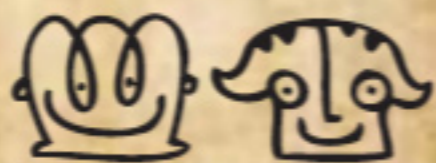
Stretnú sa dvaja kamaráti:

Počul som, že si sa oženil...

Veru hej, oženil...

Gratulujem! To musíš byť šťastný muž!

Veru, to muím!



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