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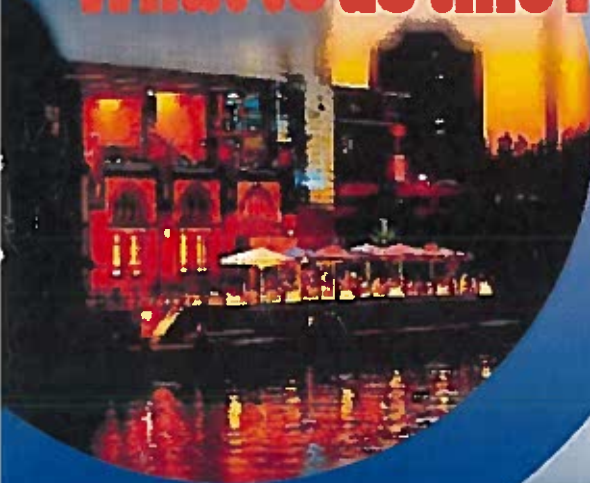
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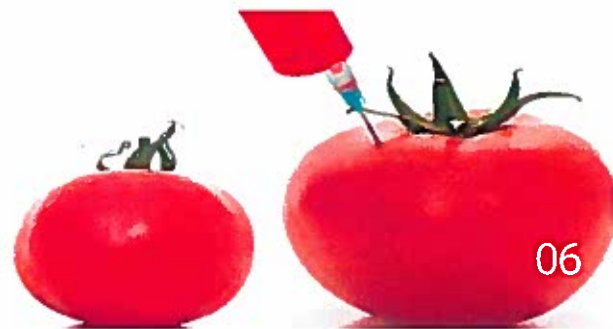
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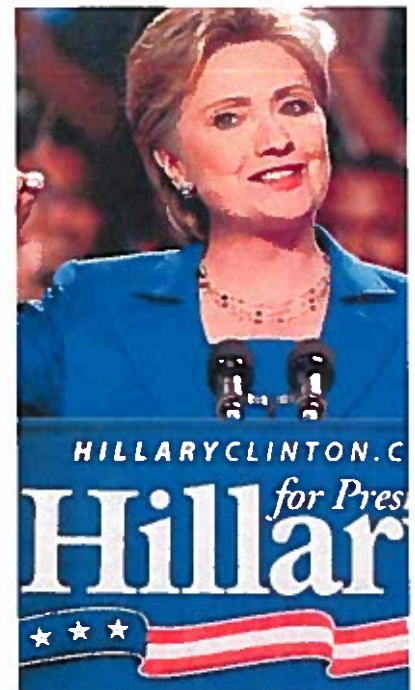
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# BBIS turns 25

BBIS WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, STARTING AT 14.00. NOT ONLY WILL THE NEW HOUSE 1 STATE-OF-THE-ART LEARNING CENTER BE OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED BY BRANDENBURG'S MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, BUT THERE WILL BE AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES, INFORMATIVE SESSIONS, A STREET FOOD MARKET, LIVE-COOKING, AND A PARTY AT BBIS'S "GLOBAL VILLAGE". THE PAW PRINT USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW THREE TEACHERS THAT HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR MANY YEARS NOW, ASKING THEM ABOUT WHAT CHANGED ABOUT BBIS AND THEIR FAVORITE MEMORIES.

*What is your best memory from the years that you have worked at BBIS?*

**Mrs. Klooster:** There are no best memories; BBIS is like a big puzzle with many wonderful memories. Wonderful is the buzz of life filling the campus beyond the regular school hours, including weekends. This brings a new and long-lasting identity to the school. Having boarders is adding a new dimension which certainly is unique to BBIS.

**Ms. Roy:** Hmmmm.... I don't know that is really, really hard. I think possibly some of my favorite memories are from class trips and spending time with Grade 2 students in the beautiful woods next to Werbellinsee... or walking around Arendsee with Grade 3 students. But then there is Musical Mania and the amazing talent and leadership of our students in that kind of creative and collaborative setting. Writers' Workshop is my best memory in the classroom when students work hard to write stories and poems and create books with such enthusiasm. I have many best memories!

BY  
CARLOTTA  
VON GIERKE

## *Since when have you been working at BBIS? What campuses did you experience? on trips as a whole grade?*

**Mr. Johannsen:** I have been working at BBIS since 2002 – 1 year as a substitute, and then I became a Drama and English teacher in 2003. I have only been on this campus...but that was when it was entirely Haus 2, except for the 2nd floor of Haus 3.

**Mrs. Klooster:** I have been working since August 2005 at BBIS. At this stage the whole school occupied only House 2 with about 350 students. We had three laboratories and 4 Science teachers. BBIS has certainly grown since then.

**Ms. Roy:** I have worked at BBIS since August 2003 and have only had the chance to work on the Seeberg campus. However this campus has changed a great deal since I arrived. When I came the elementary school had early childhood through Grade 4 all in House 2 in one hallway! We still had Grade 6 in the elementary school too.

## *What is the biggest change that you have witnessed at BBIS over time?*

**Mr. J:** The growth, renovation, renewal...every year or so, a new building or play space... And male teachers taking paternity leave!

**Mrs. Klooster:** The biggest change at BBIS was the transformation of the area where now the sports field is located; then it housed an old and dilapidated swimming pool, surrounded by trees and plants. The construction of the sport facilities (including the gym) was raising BBIS onto a new level.

**Ms. Roy:** There are so many changes that have happened at BBIS. First of all we have just grown so much over the years. I remember when I heard that we would be starting a boarding school and I wasn't sure what I thought about that. Now I appreciate so much the boarding students who are at the sporting events and the performing arts events and bringing so many different perspectives to our community. But probably the biggest change has been this year with the elementary school becoming the primary school and moving to house 1. We have been working so hard to get everything ready and it is an exciting time in the primary school for new learning spaces and new ideas.

## *What is your favorite thing at BBIS? What makes BBIS unique?*

**Mr. J:** The Drama Club, but can you blame me for choosing it? It goes hand in hand with what makes us unique and my favorite memories. Agreed, there are other schools with bigger and more sophisticated Drama programs. Still, it is our "Good Stuff" that sets us apart. Chiara Heppner, class of 2013, said it best when she joined the school. She played a small dancing role in the company of *Man of La Mancha* back in 2010. During "Good Stuff," she commented on the event (having never seen it before) – "I came from a school with a much bigger Drama program, but we never had something like this where we all come together before the final show to talk about what we value in each other." For anyone who has experienced a full Musical Mania week, you can't help but bask in the theatrical endorphins – students and teachers alike. *Rent*, *Bang Bang*, *You're Dead*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Cabaret*, *Joseph*, *Milkshakes*, *Streetcar*, *Crying Wolf* – once you become part of the Drama Club, something inherently good remains with you. Such unifying moments as graduates returning to BBIS to be in the "Graduate Show," a "Cha Cha Slide" finale at *Romeo & Juliet* with previous R & J casts, or the newest presentation of Thespian Honor Society plaques that have members all the way back to the Class of 2005 helped make BBIS the glorious school it has become as well as what it is becoming.

**Mrs. Klooster:** There are so many positive aspects to BBIS, it is difficult to pin point one item only. Certainly special for me is the ease and mutual respect with which pupils and staff interact. We can all work in a supportive environment to follow the holistic educational approach at BBIS. Unique to BBIS is also the history of the campus – it certainly left an impression on me when I visited BBIS for the first time at the very beginning of January 2005, during my summer vacation from Australia.

**Ms. Lisa Roy:** Community... creativity... caring. Those are my three words for BBIS. I love doing Musical Mania with students from 6th – 12th grade working together and teaching each other. I love how the secondary school's design tech department welcomes our young children into the workshop to help them create and design their creative ideas. I love how we have diverse children with their diverse talents learning together. I think what makes us really unique is that we really, truly respect the voices and thoughts of our students.



# Genetically Manipulated Food in Germany

BY  
CONSTANTIN  
ERNST



The most consumed good worldwide, unequally divided amongst the rich and poor. The resource that is limited by the agricultural terrains of the planet. It is our vital source of energy: food.

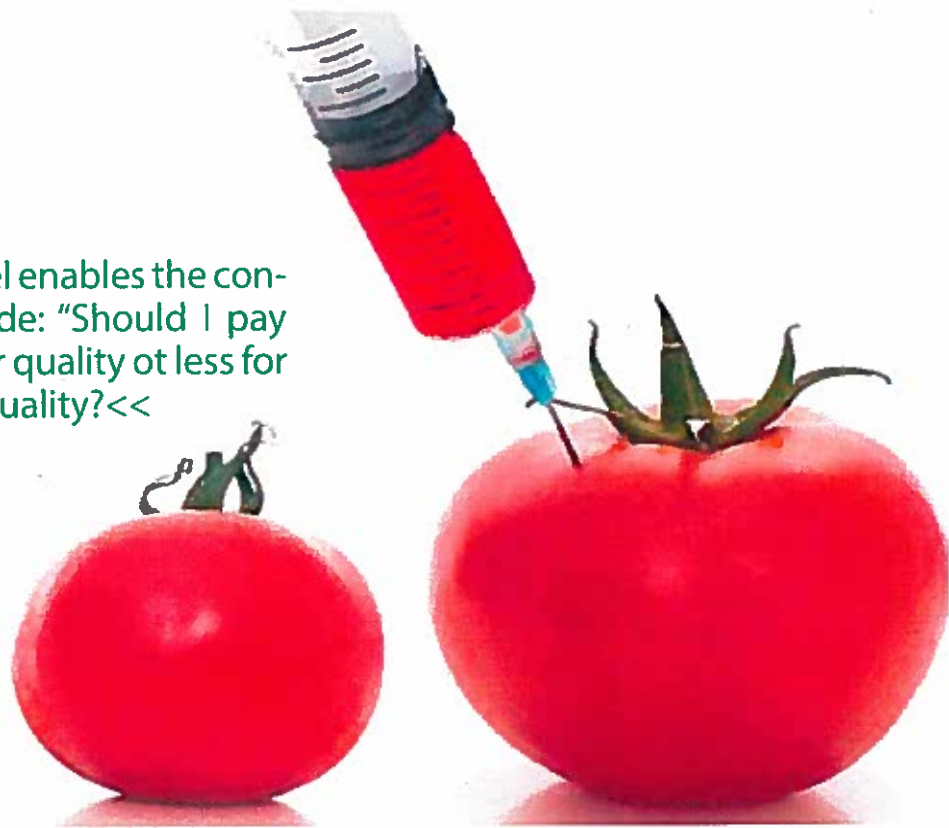
Everyone needs food in order to survive, but as population increases in some parts of the world, supplying food is becoming more challenging. One of our options to increase this supply is by using genetically modified crops. "Genetically modified" is reminiscent of "Frankenstein"-plants, but in Germany, and most of Europe, it is almost impossible to not be around genetically modified consumables.

The SPD in Germany currently states that: "The SPD Bundestagsfraktion wants..., that the cultivation of genetically modified plants can be generally and nationwide prohibited, therefore creating a healthy environment and GM-free acres on German ground." A GM-free Germany can only exist if Europe cut down on their massive imports from North and South

America of genetically modified animal food. 35 million tons of soy beans are annually being imported into the EU to cover our immense meat and milk demand. That is approximately 65 kilograms per EU citizen. According to recent studies, more than 80% of soy beans are genetically modified.

GMOs have positive and negative aspects to them. On one hand, the engineered DNA can provide an enhanced or reduced taste / spice, it can provide more nutrition by adding minerals and vitamins, and gene-modified crops are more resistant to diseases. Plus, less chemicals and fertilizers have to be used to grow the plants, thus not harming the environment. On the other hand GMOs cause environmental damage due to the change that occurs when cross-breeding with other plants. GMOs take just as long to grow as regular crops do with fertilizer, meaning they are as time efficient. Lastly studies have shown that "consumptions of GMO food increases the risks of

■ >>The bio label enables the consumer to decide: "Should I pay more for better quality or less for the standard quality?<<



Comparison of organic and genetically modified tomatoes

allergies in a general population". According to the Institute for Responsible Technology, GM crops are not as precisely manipulated as genetic engineers claim they are. "Native genes can be mutated, deleted, permanently turned on or off, and hundreds may change their levels of protein expression. This collateral damage may result in increasing the levels of an existing allergen, or even producing a completely new, unknown allergen within the crop" (2007). Furthermore, if an allergy has been developed for crops also used as animal food, like soy, then the risk of showing allergic reactions to the meat that had once been an animal feeding on this crop is also high.

In Germany, the "Bio" label is very common. The consumer

can assure himself that the product labelled with "Bio" was made only with natural ingredients and processes. That includes the fodder for a cow, if the label is found on a sealed steak. The "Bio" label enables the consumer to decide: "Should I pay more for better quality or pay less for the standard quality?"

The three letters make it fairly easy for the customer to decide whether or not he wants to buy a "bio" product. So shouldn't also gene-manipulated goods be labelled as well? The European threshold value for labelling GM food starts at 0.9% of all ingredients, although there is no scientific reasoning for it. Does 0.8% to 0.9% make a great difference? All products should be marked if they were in contact with

any gene-manipulated material. That would recolour every grocery store in Germany, GM labels on medicine and our clothing. Even the Euro bill with which you pay at the check-out, is made from genetically modified cotton wool. In reality, the dream of a life without GMO is seemingly impossible.

The argument of the SPD policy document is pointless, due to the fact that Germany and the rest of Europe relies on genetically manipulated goods. In this age of "Genome-Editing" technologies, it becomes harder to distinguish between natural genotype change and a forced genotype change. How can we regulate the use of genetically manipulated goods, if we cannot verify the origin of the genotype?



# TRUMP VS CLINTON

## *The Battle of the Primaries*

BY DARYA  
GUETTLER

1- HILLARY CLINTON  
2- DONALD TRUMP

AS THE US ELECTIONS progress and edge closer to November 8th, 2016, the set presidential election date, candidates for POTUS scramble to gain the affection of the public. The most recent polls have identified Hillary Clinton as the frontrunner of the Democrats, 25.5 points ahead of Bernie Sanders, and Donald Trump as the frontrunner of the GOP, 14.3 points ahead of Ben Carson. These two primaries in the race have been under scrutiny by the public, as well as the media. Clinton has been the subject of criticism regarding the use of her

federal email account. During her time as Secretary of State, Clinton is said to have sent private emails through the email address issued to her by the government. Even though her numbers have decreased slightly due to the rise of new candidates and the email "scandals", Clinton is still 6 points ahead of Trump, thus still leading the overall polls. Donald Trump, whose candidacy was interpreted as a joke by many for the first month, continues to lead the GOP polls, with numbers that increase exponentially every month.

When matched against one another, Clinton and Trump's polls result in the largest gender gap in the race. Women tend to break for Clinton by 23 points, 60% to 37%, while men favor Trump by 11 points, 53% to 42%. Yet as Jeb Bush, Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders and other strong candidates gain popularity, the gap between these presidential contenders and Clinton narrows. New polls propose that in order for Clinton to regain her vast lead over the other candidates, Joe Biden, another Democrat candidate, who has been the Vice

President to Barack Obama from 2008, would not make a run for president. As this race is still in its early stages, contenders still have the opportunity to rethink their candidacy. Important debates to look out for are the Republican Debate on September 16th on CNN, as well as the Democratic Debate on October 13th on CNN as well. The General Debate date will be announced early 2016. Overall, this is a very exciting election that the Paw Print will continue to cover, so check the Paw Print every month for new updates on the election.

And the punch line is...

# 2016 presidential candiadtes

BY KAIA  
SKILLMAN

**A**s Donald Trump continues to lead in polls and a candidate known as Deez Nuts has received traction, there seems to be a growing discontent with the presidential elections. American politics seem like a joke with candidates not only continually saying ridiculous and illogical things, but the addition of an independent candidate known as Deez Nuts. How are these candidates doing in the polls? Surprisingly well. Not only do candidates seem to receive more support after

new scandals, but people applaud this as "honesty" in a time of "unneeded political correctness". Some of the quotes below illustrate the media's current favorite, Donald Trump. Don't be mistaken; he is an actual possibility for becoming the leader of one of the largest powers in the world.

Not only has Donald Trump done surprisingly well for a candidate with no previous political experience, but continues to stir up controversy.



#1



"You could see there was blood coming out of her eyes. Blood coming out of her wherever." –Donald Trump, insulting Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly over questions she asked during the first Republican primary debate (because it's totally okay to ridicule a woman for literally being a woman and having a menstrual cycle)

#2

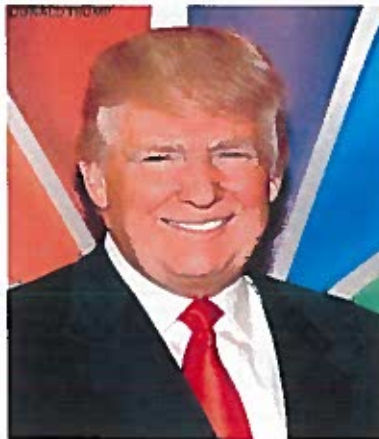
"All of the women on 'The Apprentice' flirted with me – consciously or unconsciously. That's to be expected! (Because women have no way of resisting a man with money...it's all they want in a relationship).

#3

"I have a great relationship with the blacks." –Donald Trump (because this doesn't scream of condensation, generalization, and ignorance)

#4

"26,000 unreported sexual assaults in the military-only 238 convictions. What did these geniuses expect when they put men & women together?" - A tweet from Donald Trump, spelling mistakes and all (because interaction between men and women always ends in sexual assault...Men just can't control themselves).



#5

#6

"I will build a great wall — and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me —and I'll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words." - Donald Trump on building a border between the United States and Mexico (because he has the ability to not only cheaply build a wall estimated to cost billions of dollars but he can make Mexico pay for it).

"When Mexico sends its people, they are not sending their best. [...] They are sending people that have lots of problems. They are bringing those problems to us. They are bringing drugs and they are bringing crime and they're rapists." - A comment made during his candidacy for president (because ALL Mexican immigrants are rapists and drug mules).

# The Photograph that shook the world

AN UPDATE ON THE GRUELINGLY PERPETUAL REFUGEE CRISIS

BY JUSTINUS  
STEINHORST

Yet another row of deaths; another series of incidents; another escalation in the ceaseless dilemma that is the global refugee crisis. The last few weeks have once again reflected the absence of progress made in this dire humanitarian calamity. One can only feel a sense of 'Déjà vu', witnessing the latest incidents, devoured by the media. Sunken boat disasters, just a few miles off the EU shores, deluged campsites, and hundreds, even thousands of deaths. All with the exception of one anomaly; this time,

a single photograph left the world astonished.

A young, three year old boy, lying facedown in the spume washed up at the beach. He was one of 12 Syrian refugees that drowned in an attempt to take the perilous journey from Turkey, across the Mediterranean into Greece. The innocent body lying limply on the Turkish shore, only too well encapsulates the inordinate risks refugees are willing to take, to reach the EU. In the summer of 2015 alone, an estimated 2,500 people have died, attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea. Within

hours of its publication on the Internet, the photograph took social media by storm; a powerful message, reiterating the gravity of this issue. As Justin Forsyth, CEO of Save the Children, beseeched a recent interview with The Guardian: "This tragic image of a little boy who's lost his life fleeing Syria is shocking and is a reminder of the dangers children and families are taking in search of a better life. This child's plight should concentrate minds and force the EU to come together and agree to a plan to tackle the refugee crisis."

Meanwhile in mainland Europe, recent events caused unusual levels of disunity between the two EU governments of Budapest and Berlin.



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With the train transit of vast numbers of refugees from the east, to the desired heart of the EU, Hungary was faced with a logistical disaster. By Wednesday of last week, the number of refugees swelled to a massive 3,000, effecting tensions between the passengers and the authorities. The crowds were left stranded in the Hungarian capital, largely placed into temporary camps, and reportedly left without sufficient amounts of food and water. The refugees, mostly carrying legitimate tickets with the destination Austria, were disallowed to continue their journey, due to a decision made by the Hungarian Railways in cohesion with the national government: In the interests of rail travel security the company has decided that until further notice, direct train services from Budapest to western Europe will not be in service." Hungarian Prime Minister, Viktor Oban, blamed "Europe's biggest influx of migrants since the end of World War 2" on Germany "opening their doors too wide." In a statement released on Thursday last week, German chancellor Angela Merkel rebuffed these comments stating, "Germany is doing what is morally and legally required of [them], no more and no less."

Thus, the battle on all frontiers is set to continue. As the humanitarian crisis is intensifying by the day, European and trans-national politics have yet again failed to find the slightest indication of a solution. As we edge closer to the end of the calendar year, things are looking ever-so unnerving for the European Union and their war on the global refugee crisis.

Due to its disturbing nature, a visual copy of the mentioned photograph was not included.

*Name: Gabe Newell  
Profession: Managing Director of Valve  
Date of Birth: November 3, 1962  
(age 52)  
Website / More info: [Gaben.tv](http://Gaben.tv), [steam-powered.com](http://steam-powered.com)*

## INTERESTING PERSON OF THE MONTH

Gabe Newell is probably a name you should have heard of by now. He is the owner of the digital game distribution platform "Steam" and the head of Valve, a company that has received many awards for its game design. Interestingly enough, the internet has revered Gabe for his innovations in the pc gaming market and his approach to running his company. This admiration has gone to the extent of people (jokingly) referring to him as "lord Gaben" (originating from his online username: GabeN). Prior to founding Valve, Gabe worked at Microsoft for 13 years. To put it in his own words he was the "producer on the first three releases of Windows". After a Microsoft Employee, Michael Abrash, left to make a game called quake Newell became inspired and left with another Microsoft employee named Mike Harrington to found Valve.

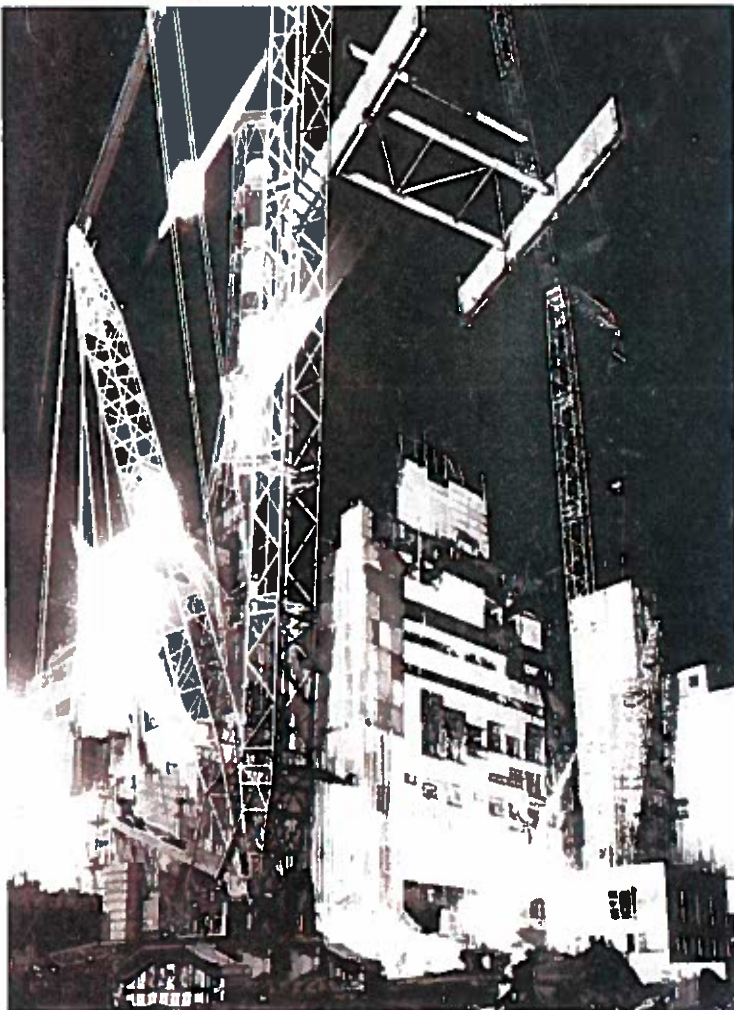
With a net worth of over 1.25 billion dollars Gabe Newell has become one of the most known figureheads of the computer and video games community. "Steam sales" are massive sales hosted on his online game distribution service named Steam. These sales were becoming so popular that Microsoft and Sony had to come with services to compete with the steam sales. Microsoft introduced the "Free games with gold" policy and Sony introduced "sales and free games with Playstation plus".

Gabe has shown his knowledge of the gaming community on multiple occasions. For instance, he hired the mod developer "IceFrog", who created modifications and mini games for a game named Warcraft III, to create a full game based off one of his "Mods" named Dota. Dota 2 is now one of the most popular competitive games on pc, along with Counter Strike: GO (also owned by Valve), League of Legends and StarCraft 2. This knowledge of games is also shown in many of the games he helped developed or supervised, such as HalfLife 2, a game in desperate need for a sequel.

# REMEMBERING THE PAST

BY NIKO  
SINGLE LIERTZ

THE MATTER PRESENTED BELOW, IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN LARGELY FORGOTTEN, ALTHOUGH IN THE SPECTRUM OF HUMANITY, MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE WORST PREVENTABLE CATAclySMIC CATASTROPHES OF THE 20TH CENTURY.



As of 14/09/2015 it has been 29 years, 4 months, and 20 days since the reactor number 4 of the V.I. Lenin Nuclear Power Station in the Ukrainian city of Pripyat (then known as Ukrainian SSR), experienced a beyond-design-basis accident. Many may have already forgotten what actually occurred on the night of 26, of April 1986 and the events that followed: therefore in short, at 1:24:04 a.m. an experiment was conducted to test a theoretical emergency cooling system on reactor number 4, in the event of a power grid failure. In the event of such a failure 4 backup diesel generators would provide the energy required to power the cooling systems to prevent the core from melting; the test was conducted because between the grid failure and the backup generators kicking in there was a delay period of around 60-75 seconds, which was deemed



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unsafe by Russian authorities. In Layman's terms, physicists predicted that one could use the excess heat produced by the decaying nuclear fission material to power the cooling system. To test this, the experiment required that graphite tipped boron control rods (responsible for controlling the fission reaction) be removed from the core; this being one of the largest flaws on the fateful night. After a long series of malpractice, lack of safety procedures, and miscommunication, the experiment went monumentally wrong. As a result of these strings of smaller safety mishaps in the previous shifts, the experiment failed, the temperature and pressure of the core went critical. The engineers on duty instinctively pressed the AZ-5, or SCRAM button, which causes all control rods to be inserted back into the core. This process of emergency discontinuation took around 7 minutes for the Chernobyl reactor. However within about a minute of the experiment starting enough pressure from the cooling system had built up to burst the 2000 metric ton reactor cap into the air. The explosion violently caused coolant to flood the reactor core, causing a second explosion roughly 2 seconds after the initial blast. It is estimated that the secondary explosion had the equivalent force of 10 tons of TNT. The stations fire fighters attempted to put the fires out, however to no avail. No matter how much water they put onto the reactor, the core kept burning.

Now that an abridged version of the story is known, it is important to understand the implications of such an event: currently there is a 30 km exclusion zone that will be uninhabitable for the next 20 thousand years. However things at Chernobyl could have gotten a lot worse: only 20 years after the incident, where the real files that are hidden in the vaults of Kremlin were released. 4 Floors under



1. Construction of the sarcophagus
2. Bio-robot atop the generator hall 4
3. The breach caused by the explosion

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reactor number 4 was a failsafe bubbler pool, which was essentially a large reservoir of water used to cool steam in the event of a broken pipeline. Above this pool were 195 tons of molten reactor components, such as graphite and fuel rods, which were melting through the core casing and onto the concrete above the bubbler pool, creating corium. The Russian scientist Vassili Nesterenko, who was the leading scientist on the countries thermonuclear ballistic missile program, stated that if only 1.4 tons of this uranium corium mixture made contact with the pool it would have sufficed to set off an explosion comparable to a large nuclear bomb. Nesterenko and his team of scientists predicted that the explosion would have a yield of around 3 to 5 megatons of TNT. In this scenario, almost the entirety of Europe would be severely contaminated with radiation and rendered uninhabitable. Within the first hour of this explosion more than 10 Thousand people would have died, within 2 years millions of people would have died from acute radiation poisoning. Over 2 days a battalion of 80



helicopters dropped more than 2400 tons of lead onto the reactor trying to cool the reactor and prevent the corium mixture from reaching the pool, 600 pilots died in the months following the operation.

The bubbler pool was drained by three engineers who manually opened flood gates that released the water, by diving to a submerged latch. Alexei Ananenko, Valeri Bezpalov and Boris Baranov, when reemerging from the water already showed signs of acute radiation sickness. Within a few days of exposure, two of the divers died, the others following only a few weeks later.

In the entire process more than 500 thousand people and the equivalent of 18 billion dollars were spent in the fight against the invisible enemy. Every resource required in the clean-up was mobilised, thousands of men and women put themselves at risk of death to stop further radioactive contamination, the nameless heroes of Chernobyl, countless numbers of which are already dead. The effects of radiation on "Liquidators" (those that worked in the clean-up of Chernobyl) are still present; the radiation has taken its toll on their bodies, of the 500 thousand, 20 thousand are already dead, another 20 thousand are listed as disabled: the effects are devastating. The liquidators prevented the disaster from escalating because of the selfless acts, like those that exposed themselves to lethal amounts of radiation. Next year on the 26th of April, 30 years will have passed since the horrific events that occurred at the Chernobyl power plant, and therefore it is our obligation to honour those that sacrificed so much, many of which were unaware of the mortal danger they were putting themselves in, not only at the anniversary, but also now.

On a closing note is important to express that many mistakes were made, both before and after the incident, that have and will, claim the lives of many people. The purpose of this was not to scare people away from nuclear energy, simply to remind the public of the momentous events in human history that have been so easily forgotten, and Chernobyl is remembered as a place of significance, a place of great mourning, grief, and above all, achievement in the harshest of times. The importance of which should never be forgotten.

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Bio-robot with minimal protection



# Meet some of BBIS' new science teachers

## Ms. Lodhi

### COULD YOU START OFF WITH INTRODUCING YOURSELF?

*I will be teaching Chemistry for the IBDP and the MYP program. I am from England, but my family is from Pakistan. The past four years, I have not been working in England. I have been in Brunei, which is an amazing place. I have also been in the UAE and Milan. I have worked in three different international schools, and I really like working here at BBIS.*

### WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE PLACE IN THE WORLD THAT YOU HAVE TRAVELLED TO?

*The most memorable place I have travelled to is Cambodia. I would really like to go back. It was amazingly peaceful and very nice being there.*

### SO FAR, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BERLIN?

*I like that Berlin is a melting pot and that there are so many different cultures. Berlin is a big city so that means there are so many things on offer like: theaters, shows, museums, historical monuments. I just find it a really nice place. There are so many green spaces as well even though it is a big city.*

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTRIBUTING TO THE BBIS COMMUNITY?

*I am looking forward to being part of International Award and I have been doing that in my previous schools. I think International Award gives a lot to the students in terms of getting to work with people they wouldn't normally work with and the challenges they face on the expeditions. I think it builds confidence and it gives students life skills. The ECA that I am trying to launch is Einstein Club for grades 6-8. This is where students can design their own experiments, or each sessions they will get to look at 5 different experiments. We are looking at the science behind those experiments. We are trying to do something fun and quirky and different than what you are doing in your lessons. I also really enjoy kickboxing and origami, they are both very different!*

## Mr. Stiles

### COULD YOU START OFF WITH INTRODUCING YOURSELF?

*I am originally from Brighton in the UK. I studied Biochemistry at Manchester University (also in the UK) and Education at the University of Sussex. Following this I travelled to Australia where I have family who live in Melbourne, stopping off for a month in Malaysia on the way. I lived in Melbourne for a year enjoying the climate, and having a summer birthday for the first time in my life (my birthday is in mid December so it is always cold and dreary). I moved back to the UK and worked as a science teacher, firstly in Brighton (I had a sea view from my lab which was great), then for 3 years at a school just outside of London (with a view of a landfill site - not so great). I moved to Berlin in July 2014 and learned German at a Sprachschule in Wilmersdorf for 6 months, then started working at BBIS as the Lab Technician from January 2015. This August I got back into the classroom and am now teaching Biology and Chemistry from Grade 9 - 12.*

### WHAT IS THE MOST MEMORABLE PLACE IN THE WORLD THAT YOU HAVE TRAVELLED TO?

*The most memorable place I have travelled to is Iceland in the middle of winter.*

### SO FAR, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BERLIN?

*My favourite things about Berlin are the lakes, the ability to cycle everywhere, the variety of restaurants, and the electronic music scene.*

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTRIBUTING TO THE BBIS COMMUNITY?

*I trained as a Gold Assessor for the international award over the summer so will be training and assessing groups to complete the challenging 80km, 4 day Gold award both in Germany and hopefully abroad. I am a musician as a hobby and often write songs about the science I am teaching. One day I would like to perform them alongside chemistry and physics demonstrations - I often think that being a teacher is a lot like being a rock star... only with more explosions!*

# BERLIN, DU BIST SO WUN- DERBAR

BY CECIVON  
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**B**ERLIN, a powerful, historical, and unique city! A combination of culture, religion and ARTs. A remnant of history and a "living" city. Those are factors representing the capitol. Adjectives that glorify, and show the longing of people for this city. What is it that makes Berlin so special? How does Berlin attract 11 million visitors each year? Why did you come to Berlin?

The capital city is a fascination. With its multicultural areas, wide variety in art studios, wild music tastes, and incredible diverse restaurants, Berlin offers everything to everyone! It gives you what you long for, what you are interested in and what you love! Whilst some admire the concerts of various small bands in Mitte, others might enjoy the overwhelming graffiti works in the streets of Kreuzberg. The rich history of Berlin and variety of events taking place offers a fine balance between intellectual education and amusement. Whether you enjoy strolling around stores in Mitte, bargaining for the lowest prices on flea markets, love the diversity of museums or being a fan of live music, Berlin has everything!

## TOP 3 EVENTS AND LOCATIONS WORTH VISITING

### 1. LUKAS GRAHAM CONCERT

**THE DANISH PERFORMER** is known for his incredible voice and performance on stage. Arriving in Berlin on the 27th of September, he will be giving a concert in Lido, Berlin Kreuzberg. If you love live performances and adore a mixture of different genres such as soul, funk, hip-hop and pop, then you should pay this concert a visit.



### 2. MAUERPARK

**YOU SHOULD** definitely check out this flea market if you like buying jewelry, clothes, or vintage cameras second hand. New products and multicultural foods are also available. Most sellers will easily bargain with you. Relaxed atmosphere and nice products. Also opportunity to dance, sing, and have a picnic in the park.



### 3. KLUNKER- KRANICH

**THIS RELAXED** panoramic terrace in Neukölln, providing an endless, overwhelming view over Berlin, is an optimal meeting point if you are interested in Swingdancing, love watching movies or need a quiet spot to talk.



# Album Recommendation

BY PHILIP WURZNER

Hazy, mellow and laid back. Those are the words I would use to describe this album. This album, creatively named 2, features 11 songs. All of the songs in this album feature 2 guitars, 1 bass guitar and a drum. Mac's distinct style is present throughout the entire album. This style focuses on low pitch, sleepy vocals, accompanied with a jittery leading guitar and a steady melodic guitar and drums. The bass lines in almost all of the songs are impressive, a feat missing in most contemporary rock/alternative songs. The lyrics for all of his songs in this album are minimalistic and sincere. This can be seen in the first song of the album, "Cooking Up Something Good," where he talks about how mundane life can be. This is evidenced by the line "when life moves this slowly, just try and let it go". This line also shows his attitude towards life, how he is simply going along with what's happening around him. My most recommended songs from the album are "Dreaming" and "Ode To Viceroy". Dreaming stands out to me as a pure

feel good song; the vocals are drawn out and there are relaxed instrumentals playing in the background. The lyrics also coincide with this feel good theme, as they are essentially just about him fantasising about a girl. Ode to Viceroy is amazingly simplistic, he just sings about his love for viceroy cigarettes. The instrumentals are steady and simply put just nice to listen to. I can't place a finger on why I like this song so much, so I suggest you listen to it yourself.

My biggest complaint with the album is the repetition. The laid back theme is both a curse and a blessing. Songs begin to sound a lot like each other despite their completely different makeup. When you listen to the songs carefully, there is plenty that makes the songs differ from each other such as guitar presets, synths and tempo. However the vocals have the same style throughout the entire album, making this album hard to listen to in one go.

Also, just so you know, Mac's music videos are tad weird.



ARTIST: MAC DEMARCO  
ALBUM NAME: 2  
GENRE: PSYCHEDELIC ROCK/  
INDIE ROCK/JANGLE POP  
LABEL: CAPTURED TRACKS  
RELEASED: 16TH OCTOBER  
2012  
FAVORITE SONGS: "DREAMING"  
AND "ODE TO VICTORY"



MAC DEMARCO 2-album of the month



MAC DEMARCO Rock and Roll nightclub



MAC DEMARCO salad days

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Clärchen's Ballhaus seen from the outside.

BYINGA FILIPIAK

# SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

BERLIN – ONE OF THE MOST MULTICULTURAL AND BLOSSOMING CAPITALS GRADUALLY SOARING ITS WAY TOWARDS BEING KNOWN AS A CULT CITY. FOR MANY STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS, BERLIN OFFERS A MYRIAD OF NIGHT CLUBS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS THAT CAN TRANSFORM A LONELY WEEKEND INTO AN EVENTFUL NIGHT.

Infamous for its exclusive and severe selection process, the most renowned night club is of course Berghain. Not only has the venue been visited by countless world-leading DJs, but also promotes partying into the morning hours with many of the 1500 guests not leaving until 13:00.

Although Berlin may be a melting pot of restaurants and clubs for weekend nights, it appears that many of us still find ourselves lost in a mental turmoil of where to go on a Saturday night. Barriers such as guest lists and age restrictions leave those among the younger generations overlooked with cinemas being the only option for a social evening with friends. However, few people seem to know of the

Clärchen's Ballhaus. Located on Auguststrasse 24, in the Mitte neighbourhood centre, the Ballhaus is primarily a restaurant with traditional German cuisine. While this may sound mundane and highly unimaginative at first, the locale's subsidiary offer is dancing.

The Clärchen's Ballhaus was established during the DDR era and was a place where many officials spent their weekends. Despite the few renovations, the restaurant/club remains stuck in the past: silver plastic tassels dominate the walls, blue neon lights and a spinning disco ball authenticate the 80s-club atmosphere the Ballhaus says to have preserved over the years, reluctant to acclimatize itself to the contemporary club design.



Clärchen's Ballhaus seen from the outside.

Accompanying this is of course music corresponding to the 80s atmosphere painted by the venue's appearance. Nowadays, most clubs prefer to play loud, uninspiring pop and house music, all of which seem to follow the same four chords. Being a time machine back the past, Clärchen's Ballhaus almost solely plays 20th Century music, whether it be Sinatra-esque jazz, Aretha Franklin's anthems or Bronski Beat's staple hits. Furthermore, in order to suit every music-palette, the locale has an on-going music event schedule: whilst Saturday nights are devoted to a DJ

soul band after 23:00 o'clock, the rest of the week includes other genres such as salsa Argentinian tango and swing dance.

Aside from the exquisite traditional German food (eg. spätzle and schnitzel) and music selection, the most notable characteristic of the Ballhaus is the variety of guest-type. The club appears to attract people across the whole age spectrum, most likely due to its effortless positive atmosphere.

The Clärchen's Ballhaus has an entrance fee of 5€ in regard to its high demand and is most

undoubtedly an exceptional alternative from the generic 21st-century club found nowadays. If you are looking for a night with a unique setting and one-of-a-kind experience, the Ballhaus is the perfect fit.

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## AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. GREGORY

# WORLD SCOUT MOVEMENT

BY PAUL  
NOWAK

A JOURNALIST FROM THE PAW PRINT  
INTERVIEW MR. GREGORY, THE SCHOOL  
COUNSELLOR, ABOUT BOY SCOUTS, ITS  
HISTORY AND WHAT BEING A SCOUT  
ENTAILS

**W**hat do you think about Scouts? Scouting is amazing! Scouts gave me a huge opportunity when I was younger, to explore the world, adventure and I gained valuable experience in woodcraft, camping, mountaineering, leadership and personal growth. I met some of my life friends through Scouting, boys whom I am still lifelong friends with, all of whom I met when I was a Cub Scout when I was eight years old.

**How has scouting changed since you were a Scout?** I am actually still involved as a Leader Trainer in Scouting as part of British Scouts Overseas, but beyond the uniform changing and girls joining in the 1990's, I think Scouting has remained true to its

origins, even going back to 1907 when Baden-Powell founded it. Scouts still explore and truly adventure and not much has changed since. That is what makes it relevant and attractive to many children and young people and why it is the largest youth movement in the world with over 40 million members from 160 countries.

**Do you think badges and the programme have changed?**

Yes, some new badges have been introduced like IT Specialist, Gamer, Web Designer etc., some badge titles have been tweaked, but at its core are the same principles.

**How did the fleur-de-lis become the Scout Symbol?**

The fleur-de-lis is the main element in the logo of most Scouting organizations.

The symbol was first used by Sir Robert Baden-Powell as an arm-badge for soldiers who qualified as scouts (reconnaissance specialists) in the 5th Dragoon Guards, which he commanded at the end of the 19th century; it was later used in cavalry regiments throughout the British Army until 1921. In 1907, Baden-Powell made brass fleur-de-lis badges for the boys attending his first experimental "Boy Scout" camp at Brown Sea Island. In his book *Scouting for Boys*, Baden-Powell referred to the motif as "the arrowhead which shows the North on a map or a compass" and continued; "It is the Badge of the Scout because it points in the right direction and upward.. The three points remind you of the three points of the Scout Promise", being duty to God and country, helping others and keeping the Scout Law. The World Scout Emblem of



the Scout Movement has elements which are used by most national Scout organizations. The stars stand for truth and knowledge, the encircling rope for unity, and its reef knot or square knot, service.

**Why should people join Scouts?**

I think that Scouting has a considerable amount to offer to young people. Employers and Universities see Scouting as a valuable set of skills that lend themselves

to highly effective employers and future managers and leaders. Scouting offers some of the finest Leadership Training in the World. Companies like IBM and Apple often use Gilwell Park as a centre for Leadership Training. I would not have had the chance to experience real adventure without my Scouting experiences, at such a young age. Whether climbing a frozen waterfall in the Scottish Highlands or spending 3 days climbing the Matter-

horn with an international team of 19-25 years old, these experiences stay with you and form and shape you as a person and a leader. At its heart Scouting has a set of values and beliefs which in 2015 are just as relevant today and still guide my work and the way I live even after 32 years since joining. I don't think I would be doing the job that I am doing now if it were not for Scouting.

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# BBIS

## takes Osterburken

THURSDAY, 4:00AM. FIVE SLEEP DEPRIVED BBIS STUDENTS MAKE THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL TO JOIN MR. STILES AND MRS. USPENSKAIA FOR THE FOUR-DAY PRACTICE HIKE TO COMPLETE THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD.



After a seemingly endless six-hour drive, the group finally made it to the starting point of the expedition: a Roman Museum in Osterburken. Carrying an abundance of food, and slightly unsure of the navigational aspect of the trip, the group tentatively set out towards what would turn out to be not only a physically, but also mentally demanding task for the next 96 hours.

The first day of the expedition proved to be slightly discouraging, as the group slowly realized the overwhelming abundance of flat and paved field trails, that provided little entertainment over the course of the 23 kilometer hike that was to be carried out. Nevertheless, the BBIS students persevered and eventually arrived at the first farm that would serve as a camping ground for the night. Despite experiencing slight fatigue as a result of the day's arduous hike, tranguas were built, ramen noodles were prepared, and tents were set up, thus concluding the first quarter of the trip, and providing the students with a flicker of hope that perhaps this quest wasn't as impossible as once imagined.

However, this enthusiasm was short lived, as the second day was accompanied by blisters and sore feet, resulting from the hard, paved roads that constituted the majority of the paths in the area. In turn, the group faced a considerable struggle that was only aggravated by somewhat faulty navigational skills, which resulted in several moments of disagreement amongst the students.

Nevertheless, once arrived at the second farm, the day's lows were put aside, and the group rejoiced at the prospect of food and clean bathrooms for the night. This positive attitude carried over

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Niko and a kitten.

Previous picture:  
From the left: Niko,  
Philip, Oscar, So-  
phia and Amy.

to the following day, which turned out to be one of the highlights of the trip. This day featured a straightforward hike, accompanied with temperate weather, and the company of several baby kittens, who helped to considerably raise the moral at this point in the expedition. This somewhat more manageable day served to rejuvenate the group, and shined a somewhat brighter light on the final day of the expedition.

Despite waking up to the repercussions of slight rain showers during the night, the group decided to get an early start and leave the farm at 7:20 am, to assure

an early return home. This proved to be a wise decision, as the heightened enthusiasm and drive to return back to civilization allowed the students to complete the final 17km hike in 4 hours and return to BBIS by 5pm on Sunday night.

Although featuring a multitude of ups and downs, this practice expedition served as an ideal dry run for the assessed expedition that is planned to take place in late October.



BBIS//  
BY NINA  
LEHNER

# Tops and Flops

TOPS

The annual **Grill and Chill Welcome Party** took place on Friday the 4th of September. This event is the absolute perfect occasion to get to know new people and spend some quality time with classmates and friends. The whole event was organized by a group of hardworking students. I think that everyone who came enjoyed the delicious burgers as well as the baked goods, along with the music and the nice atmosphere. Thank you Student Council and Student Ambassadors!

From the 9th to the 11th of September the **School Photographers** came and hopefully took amazing photos of you and your classmates. This was your time to shine for the next yearbook. Overall, I think that these individual photo sessions are a lot of fun and the final results always look very professional. Hopefully you also got some pictures taken with your friends and family for a year to remember.

On the 19th of September the **25th anniversary celebration of BBIS** will take place. The celebrations will be on school campus and will start at 2 p.m. and finish at 11 p.m. This celebration will offer some great set ups, wonderful music and several drama productions. It is wonderful to see how far this school has come. Especially now with the new renovations, this school has come to a higher level and will definitely stand out in the future. Thank you very much to all of the people who made this anniversary happen and I hope that as many people as possible will come and celebrate this special occasion with us.

**Trip week** is slowly but surely coming up on the 28th of September to 2nd of October. Hopefully all 6th to 10th graders will enjoy their trip and have a nice time in the chosen locations. I am sure that teachers and organizers put a lot of effort into creating new trips which will be just as fun as the old ones. This week will be the perfect time to get to integrate the newcomers fully into your grade, as well as strengthening the bond between all students. Also, for 11th and 12th grade it will be interesting to see what the school has to offer for us. Let it either be different teachers to fill up our schedule or intense studies in chosen subjects, but I am sure that this week will be an interesting experience for us.

FLOPS

Now to a funny and out of school flop. If you thought your day was bad, wait for this boy's story. A **12-year-old Taiwanese boy** tripped in a museum, lost his balance and accidentally punched a hole through a painting with his hand. According to the exhibition organizers it was a 350-year-old painting from Paolo Porpora worth \$1.5 million. Thankfully the parents don't have to pay the bill of the reparation, but still, imagine something like this would happen to you....