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Swiss celebrities reminisce

The Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, one of Switzerland's best-known TV presenters, a world record holder and pioneer in aviation, a teller of fairy tales and a cycling legend: five famous Swiss people provide an insight into their lives in the "erlebt&erinnert" series of audio books. These prominent figures recall anecdotes, talk about their childhood memories and reveal key moments and major highpoints in their lives. There are tales about life under police protection, being parents and role models, hypnosis as a secret weapon, being one of Switzerland's first female politicians and overall victory in the Tour de France.

Listening to the voices of Carla del Ponte, Bernard Thurnheer, Bertrand Piccard, Trudi Gerster and Ferdy

Kübler is sure to awaken very personal memories.

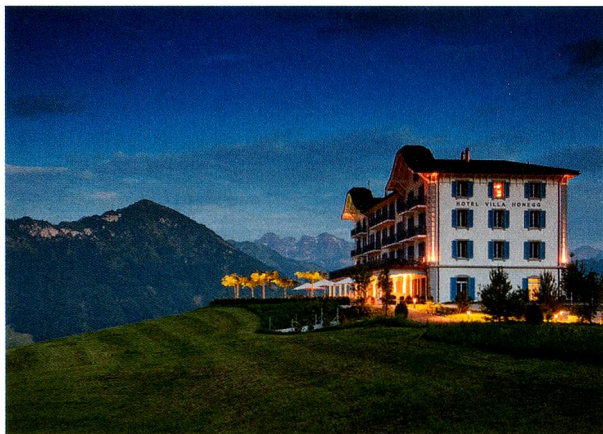
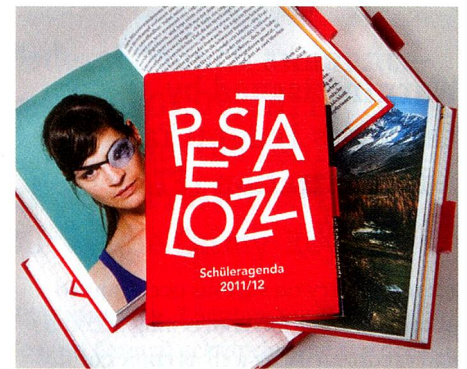
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It's back

The Pestalozzi Calendar, the popular and information-packed Swiss school pupils' organiser is now available again. More than 100,000 calendars were sold each year between 1930 and 1950. The little linen-bound book, with the "little treasure chest" as an added bonus for many years, was on the wish list of generations of Swiss school children year in year out. New sizes and formats were experimented with in the 1980s but without success. The Pestalozzi Cal-

endar is now available again in its traditional format, linen-bound with a pencil inserted and full of information including details of children's rights, card tricks, world religions and the Olympic Games.

Sales: Stämpfli Verlag, Wölflistrasse 1, CH-3001 Berne
Price: CHF 15.80 excluding delivery costs
<http://www.buchstaempfli.com>



The other Bürgenstock

Villa Honegg on the Bürgenstock has awoken from a deep slumber. The small hotel, situated on the southern slope of the mountain and not in the gigantic resort above Lucerne, offers tranquillity and, above all, magnificent views of Lake Lucerne and the mountains. The renovation of the building, which was constructed in 1905 in the Belle Époque style, took three years to complete. The hotel has been welcoming guests again since the summer. It offers everything you would expect from a 5-star hotel: 23 taste-

fully furnished rooms, conference rooms with all the necessary technical facilities, a large spa area and an excellent restaurant where the chef has a fondness for Lebanese cuisine. However, hotel manager Peter Durrer is also keen to maintain its old tradition as an inn for tourists and hikers with children. Anyone who can afford to can also hire out the hotel exclusively for themselves and their family or for a corporate event. The price: 24,000 Swiss francs a day.

www.villa-honegg.ch

"Born on 7 February 1971"

They are 40 this year. They were born on 7 February 1971, an historic day in Swiss politics when the vote for women was approved by a two-thirds majority. Around a hundred girls came into the world in Switzerland on this date. They are now entering middle age at a time when voting and political participation are taken for granted.

"Geboren am 7.2.1971" (Born on 7.2.1971) is the title of a book in this anniversary year edited by Barbara Ritschard, who worked as an advisor to Federal Councillor Moritz Leuenberger for many years. Seventeen of the women born on 7 February 1971 have their say individually, in dialogue or in a three-way conversation with their mothers and the next generation. Two are Swiss citizens living abroad: Christa Cantieni Cunin, who grew up in Schamserberg in Grisons and is now a lawyer in Brussels and a mother of three children with whom she still speaks Romansh (Sutsilvan), and Catherine Heinzelmänn from Ludwigsburg, an HR consultant and mother-of-two who was born in Berne and grew up in Geneva. Her twin sister Laurence, who also features in the book, still lives there today.

The accounts are illustrated with numerous photographs and, as an additional feature, interspersed with information on referenda over the past 40 years where Swiss women have voted differently to men. The outcome is an extraordinary anniversary publication, which is engaging, touching, insightful, carefully produced and without the usual retrospective views of leading politicians.

"Geboren am 7.2.1971"; edited by Barbara Ritschard; hep verlag Berne, 180 pages, paperback; CHF 29; Order: info@hep-verlag.ch

