

Zeitschrift: Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand
Herausgeber: Swiss Society of New Zealand
Band: 67 (2001)
Heft: [3]

Rubrik: Snippets form [i.e. from] Switzerland...

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. [Siehe Rechtliche Hinweise.](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. [Voir Informations légales.](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. [See Legal notice.](#)

Download PDF: 16.05.2025

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

Snippets form Switzerland.....

Author moves world's great mysteries to Interlaken

The best selling Swiss author, Erich von Däniken, has recently taken another step closer to realising his dream of creating a theme park outside Interlaken to showcase what he calls the "Mysteries of the World".

Lego to close Swiss factory with loss of 390 jobs

Europe's largest toy-maker, Lego, is to close its production site at Baar in canton Zug with the loss of 390 jobs. The Danish company announced recently that it plans to shut the site by the middle of next year.

Parliament rejects shorter working week

The Swiss House of Representatives has come out against a trade union proposal to reduce the working week to 36 hours. Voters are to be given a final say on the initiative at the ballot box.

Computer programmers stop snow in its tracks

Computer scientists in Geneva have developed a new programme which helps to determine the most effective places for avalanche barriers. The system works by predicting how snow is carried by the wind and how it is deposited.

Most Swiss sceptical about Expo.02

Expo.02 director, Nelly Wenger, plans to better inform the Swiss about the project

Less than half of Swiss people are in favour of the national exhibition, Expo.02, according to a survey by the Konso Institute. Organisers, however, can take comfort from the fact that more people than ever expressed their intention to visit the exhibition.

The results of the survey, which were broadcast recently on French-speaking television, showed that 50,3 per cent of those polled were sceptical about Expo.02, which opens to the public in just over one year. Despite the fact that the exhibition has been located in western Switzerland, the poll showed that the French-speaking Swiss are the most sceptical about the project. Some 62,4 per cent of them said they did not want the project to proceed, and 53 per cent of Ticinese agreed. "I was a bit surprised by the results because the majority of projects come from French and Italian-speaking parts of the country," said Nelly Wenger, the director of Expo.02 "Now they are the ones who are the most sceptical." The German-speaking Swiss proved to be more supportive of the national exhibition, as 53,9 per cent said they were in favour of the scheme.

Expo's president, Franz Steinegger, said that he was satisfied with the fact that 45 per cent of the 1239 people polled said they would visit the exhibition.

Steinegger said he was personally

seeing to it that the exhibition will open its doors to the public next year: "I have told the government that Expo.02 will start on May 15 2002 with a budget of SFr1.4 billion." (approx. \$ 2 billion NZ.)

The financial well-being of the project has come into question after two major backers, SAirGroup and Orange, (a private Telephone Company operating in Switzerland) last month pulled out of their sponsorship deals.

The organisers originally budgeted that 5 per cent of Expo's capital would come from the private sector. Now just one third of their financing will come from the private sphere, one third will come from the state and another third from sales. Steinegger said the cost of the scheme would be the same whether they decided to pursue the exhibition or cut its life short.

The survey also showed that a majority of Swiss, 67,7 per cent, are ill-informed about what will be on show next year. French-speaking Swiss once again showed the least interest, with 80 per cent professing to have no idea about the contents of Expo.02. Further, 73,4 per cent of Swiss people were unable to cite one example of an attraction that is scheduled to feature at Expo.02.

Director Nelly Wenger said she was aware of this ignorance. "We have always intended on launching an information campaign in advance of May 15. We have to go directly to the people, and perhaps sooner than planned," Wenger said.

**Swiss
chocolate
and
German
confectionery
Swiss
biscuits**

Munz
Stella
Maestrani
STOLWERCK
Carma Pfister

Impex
INTERNATIONAL TRADING LIMITED
FINE QUALITY PRODUCTS

P.O. Box 528, 13A Sammaree Place
Kerikeri, N.Z.
email impex@extra.co.nz

Phone 09 4074277
Fax 0800 4 SWISS
(0800 479 477)



for flight bargains!
Zurich - Auckland
return from sFr. 1860.-



Ozeania Reisehaus
5442 Fislisbach
Telefon 056 493 77 11
Telefax 056 493 56 03

www.ozeania-reisen.ch · ferieninfo@ozeania-reisen.ch

Muslims celebrate Feast of Sacrifice

Switzerland's 200,000-strong Muslim community has been celebrating Islam's most important feast day, Eid-al-Adha. This Feast of Sacrifice was unaffected by Europe-wide concerns about foot and mouth disease.

Anthology of Chagall art in Lugano

A new exhibition showcasing the works of Marc Chagall opens at the Museum of Modern Art in Lugano on March 8 (and runs to July 1). The organisers say it may be the largest-ever exhibition of the Russian artist's works.

Alberto Nessi: In search of mystery in Ticino

Alberto Nessi is one of the writers and poets who best represents Italian-speaking Switzerland. In his works, he speaks of the lives and feelings of ordinary people, dwelling with great sensitivity on the many facets of daily life.

Musicfestival on a mountain high

The sounds of spring was music to the ears of holidaymakers heading for the Upper Engadine in eastern Switzerland. At the end of March, 18 classical concerts were part of the "Snow and Symphony" festival to mark the end of winter.

MILLS

Glass & Glazing

Colin Dow
Owner/Operator

Commercial Windscreens
Table Tops / Mirrors / Cat Doors
Window Replacements
Glass Cut to Size

641 Rewi Street
PO Box 352
Te Awamutu

Phone (07) 871 2123
or Ph/Fax (07) 871 3295
Mobile (025) 270 8559



Royal Heights Shopping Centre

138 Royal Road,
Royal Heights, Auckland.
Phone (09) 832 5446
Fax (09) 832 5917

We can supply you with Bratwurst, Cervelas, Biersticks, Cabanossi, Frankfurter and more

**All made on the premises by a
Swiss butcher.**

Lamb, Pork and Beef cuts also available
for a competitive price.

Ask us about delivery by courier
Orders Welcome – Paul and Tania Betschart

Swissair to restructure....

Around 2,000 employees at Swissair are likely to lose their jobs, according to a report published today (19.3.001) in the Swiss Sunday newspaper, SonntagsZeitung". The paper says that the job cuts, which amount to around a quarter of the airline's workforce, are a consequence of the restructuring programme underway at Swissair's holding company, SAir-Group. It estimates that in a worst-case scenario, Swissair will be forced to shed 2,268 jobs. SAirGroup is estimated to have lost as much as SFr2.5 billion in the past year. The management board announced its mass resignation on March 9, taking collective responsibility for the company's financial problems. The Swiss government has announced its intention to keep its three per cent stake in the company. Newly-appointed SAirGroup chairman, Mario Corti, will lay out the future direction of the company at a press conference on April 2. He has already hinted that severe cost-cutting measures are on the table. He suggested he was looking towards an eventual Merger of Swissair with its regional subsidiary, Crossair.



Dolphin Travel

"SWISS Professionalism with a KIWI Smile"

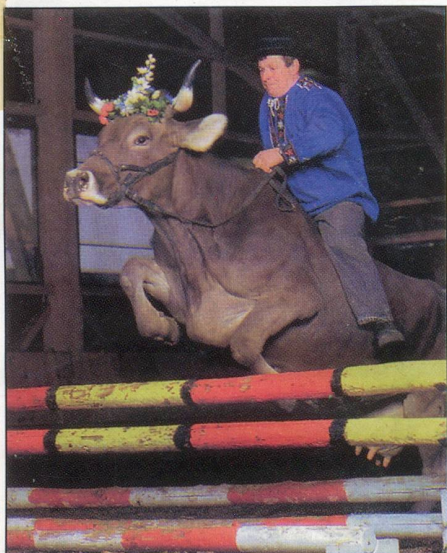
*Ihr Schweizer
Neuseeland-Spezialist*

Planung und Buchung der Neuseeland-
Arrangements Ihrer Freunde und Bekannten
nach Schweizer Qualitätsmassstäben?

Kontaktieren Sie Dolphin Travel, Ihr Spezialist für individuelle
Reisen, Fly/Drives, Gruppen- und Spezialreisen in Neuseeland!

Dolphin Travel (Alex Beck, Daniel Brandl & Team)
P.O. Box 47-610, Ponsonby, Auckland, New Zealand
Tel. (+64 9) 376-6611 / Fax: (+64 9) 376-6616
E-mail: inbound@dolphin-travel.co.nz
Internet: <http://www.dolphin-travel.co.nz>

Member NZTIA



Bruno Isliker of Winterthur/ Switzerland loves his animals. That is how he is able to have much fun with his cow 'Sybille' and his Donkey, Sheep and Dog.

In answer to the critics of the animal protection society Bruno maintains that there is nothing to worry about. The 'jumping cow Sybille' for example loves to perform and it took barely two months for Sybille to learn jumping as high as 80 centimeters.

The Zürich animal protection league is happy with Isliker's 'dressage' since it is convinced that he loves the animals in his care and that he avoids any kind of force to get the animals to perform.

Isliker's experience with animals stretches back to 1970 when he began

If undelivered please return to:
The Secretary of the Swiss Society of New Zealand (Inc.)
P.O. Box 4035 Hamilton East

Permit Post
New Zealand
Permit 93966

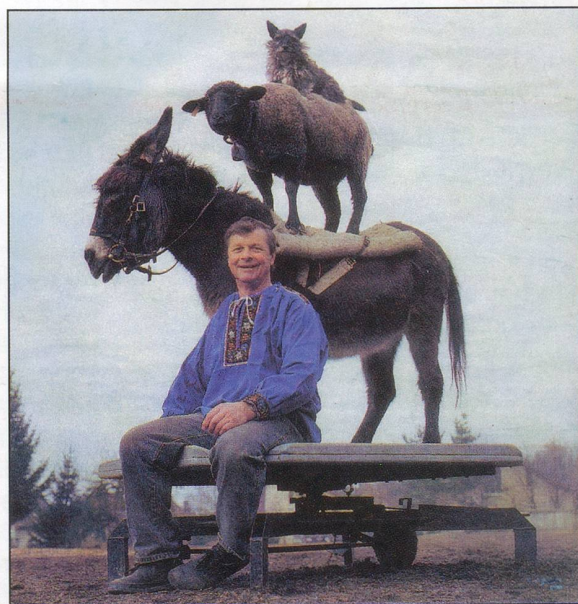
J AND M BISHOP
SKEET ROAD
R D 28
MANAIA

(Registered at the G.P.O. Wellington as a Magazine)
Monthly Publication of the Swiss Society of New Zealand (Inc.)
Group New Zealand of the Helvetic Society

to provide 'a place of retirement' for old horses. In 1980 he opened a private school for equestrian dressage.

With donkey, sheep and dog on top of each other Bruno Isliker is imitating the "Town musicians of Bremen" from 'Grimm's Fairytale' of the same name.

Bruno is confident that one day he will complete this picture with a rooster sitting atop of the dog. In the meantime he keeps on loving



PAUL & JANICE are RE-OPENING!

Fässler SWISS SMALLGOODS

with Werners tuition

- Landjager • Bratwurst • Cervelas • Meatloaf
- Schubling • Balleron • Frankfurters
- and more!*

We are at the same premises

9 Alexandra Road, Te Aroha West Cnr

Just give us a call or call in and see us

**ROSETOWN
PRINT**

PH 07 871 7786 • FAX 07 871 7746
144 SLOANE ST • TE AWAMUTU
EMAIL rtprint@xtra.co.nz