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# Snippets from Switzerland

**In 15 years only about 200 SBB Railway Stations will offer personal service**

In 10 - 15 years only about 200 of the approximate 760 SBB railway stations will have staffed ticket counters. That means, at about 140 stations, machines will take the place of office personnel.

## **Billions for Customs**

The Swiss Customs in 2003 took in about 18.30 billion francs. That represents about one-third of the total government income.

## **Nestle CEO - More Salary**

The best paid manager in the food industry earned 6.95 million francs. That was 0.5 million more than last year!!! We're talking about Nestle CEO Peter Brabeck.

## **Less Meat Consumed**

The per head consumption of meat in Switzerland last year was 52kg - a drop of 1.20%. 393,000 tons of meat were sold. The biggest decrease in consumption was prime beef.

## **More Pilatus Sold**

The Pilatus Aircraft Factory last year sold 76 aircraft, 27 more than in 2002. The turnover climbed from 353 million francs to 436 million francs.

## **Super League Soccer Results**

FC Zurich - Xamax	1-0
Young Boys - Thun	0-0
Servette - Grasshoppers	3-0
Wil - Basel	1-1
Aarau - St Gallen	3-0

Basel are currently top of the table on 65 points with Young Boys (Berne) second on 53.

In the last round, spectators at the matches varied between 5,200 and 8,550.

## **Swiss Abroad Congress**

This year the Swiss Abroad Congress will be held in Winterthur from August 20 to 22. The Organisation for the Swiss Abroad have also advised that a children's camp (for children between 8 and 14) has been organised for children whose parents are attending the congress. Should you be interested in attending this congress, please contact Marianne and she will send you the application form. Replies are required by June 15, 2004.

## **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2004**

The Auckland Swiss Club  
invites you all to attend

### **The Annual General Meeting - afternoon**

### **Preceded by the Cowbell Competition - morning**

At the Clubhouse in Rapson  
Rd, Kaukapakapa, Auckland.

To complete the weekend we  
gather for a Folklore Evening  
with Dinner and Dance at  
The Sorrento, One Tree  
Hill, Auckland, on Sunday  
evening.

A detailed programme will  
be sent out to the individual  
clubs with accommodation  
contacts and directions to the  
venues, as well as  
cost details.

We welcome you all and look  
forward to greeting many of  
you here in the bustling city  
of Auckland.

**Please contact your club  
for bookings.**