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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.