

Vienna is the best city in the world – for those who are already on a 'good wicket'

From the President

“Vienna best place to live in the world, says study”

This headline in the *Austrian News* was typical of the media's coverage of the results of an annual survey conducted by Mercer's Quality of Living Study.

The article continued: “Vienna retains the top spot as the city with the world's best quality of living, according to an international study. The Austrian capital comes first for a second year in a row.”

The Swiss cities of Zurich and Geneva follow in second and third place, while Vancouver in Canada and Auckland, New Zealand, are joint fourth. The highest ranked Australian city is Sydney (10th) with Melbourne 18th and Perth 21st.

Mercer Austria boss Josef Papousek is quoted as saying of Vienna's triumph: “This result is mainly down to the city's high safety level, the stable political circumstances and its functioning infrastructure.”

But hold on one second. What are the criteria for this study? Mercer says on its website that the criteria are “objective, neutral and unbiased.” Quality of life is about a person's emotional state and personal life.

Fair enough. So who is questioned in this survey? This is where it gets interesting. To quote the website again: “Mercer has designed an objective way of measuring quality of living for expatriates based on factors that people consider representative of quality of living.”

For expatriates? So, the criteria are put to people who come to Vienna to work under conditions that we all know about.....things like subsidized housing, health care and private schools, high salaries, expense accounts, perhaps with diplomatic status meaning duty free or chauffer-driven cars.

Mercer's survey scores points on quality of living “factors”. These are: political and social environment, medical and health considerations, public service and transport, consumer goods, economic environment, socio-cultural environment, schools and education, natural environment, recreation and housing.

And who are these expatriates? Well, it appears that it is their managers who are questioned. Those people who bring the expatriates here in the first place. It's not the average man and woman in the street, the local bus driver or city office worker and shop keeper. It's certainly not the refugee or the immigrant trying to find a better life and is living in crowded and ancient apartment buildings that dot the city.

The survey is conducted among those who are “on a good wicket.”

But these same criteria are used for every city that is surveyed, you say. True and therefore it is “neutral and unbiased.”

But where do you see this reported? Which media explains who the survey is aimed at and for what purpose? Mercer's survey is aimed for managers and businesses involved in employing expatriates in these cities. Quality employees with experience and the best qualifications will be more willing to move to a city where life for them is good. They will have good jobs, are not likely to be hassled by racists,

immigration authorities or police and will be able to escape on regular quality holidays.

Some media takes time and space to explain this. Most does not. And that is why I am critical of the simplistic headlines that this survey always attracts.

Again, have a good summer - if it ever arrives.

-- Brett

Italy's Lake Como a hangout for Adelaide journalists

By Brett Bayly

"Wot, another journalist from Adelaide!" Jane, the owner of the Villa Belvedere Hotel on the shores of Lake Como, said.

She is Scottish and had every reason to say what she did. The boutique hotel sits right on the water in the small village of Argegno in northern Italy. It has 17 rooms, 12 of which have magnificent views over the water.

The hotel was converted from an 18th century private villa and was owned by Giorgio Cappelletti and his wife for many years before he died in 2004. Today his wife Jane and daughter run the hotel which has seen many Australians pass through its welcoming doors.



Villa Belvedere

Most of them come from Adelaide. Why? I don't know really. It has been word of mouth, but it might well have started years ago when Adelaide journalists started staying and writing about this delightful villa that serves exquisite food with big smiles.

When in Adelaide earlier this year Suzanne and I had

dinner with a cousin of mine and she mentioned that she and her husband were going to stay at Villa Belvedere at the end of end of a tour through Morocco, Portugal and Spain. They had heard about the hotel from their travel agency. So we decided to join them there for a few days.

Two Adelaide journalists had spent lazy days at the hotel years ago. One of them, a former colleague of mine at the Adelaide Advertiser, motoring writer Bob Jennings, and his partner Liz stayed there in 1975 and returned in 2004 when he had written about the place. He had returned following the death of another Advertiser columnist Jeff Turner earlier that year. Jeff had fallen in love with the place and when he died relatively young from cancer his wife Rosemary and two children returned to Argegno to spread his ashes.



Room with a view

Bob said it was Jeff's wish to have his ashes spread on the waters of the lake beside the hotel. Another Adelaide journalist friend of mine, Rex Jory, who also stayed at the hotel only last year after spending time with us in Venice, wrote in the Advertiser that Jeff's ashes had been spread under a copse of pine trees in the hills above Argegno. I don't know which version is correct, but does it matter?

In May last year Rex wrote that Jeff was a great journalist, a great bloke and a great mate. "A few weeks ago my partner Liz and I had a picnic lunch under the pines with the spirit of Jeff. A sandwich and a couple of glasses of red wine. It was a simple, moving lunch. Not a time of sadness but laughter, reminiscence and reflection on what might have been."

To this day photocopies of Bob's and Rex's articles are left in the guest folder in the room and a framed copy of Bob's extensive piece hangs on the wall in reception. A framed photograph of some people with the inscription *Friends from Adelaide* hangs in the bar.

And so it was not surprising when I was chatting with Jane and asked if she remembered Rex's visit that she made her remark. Then she added: "The weather was

much like today when they were here.”

The day had started out wet with low cloud, but soon brightened. The lake had fallen calm and the sun appeared. Perfect for a boat ride.

Tips: There are four Belvedere hotels around Lake Como. This one is: <http://www.villabelvedere-argegno.it/villa.html>. Ask for a room overlooking the lake. The hotel is open March to November. We put the car on the train as far as Innsbruck and then drove over the Brenner Pass and down almost to Milan before swinging north to Lake Como. For the journey home, we drove on autobahn across northern Italy, then north beneath the mountains into Austria and on to Vienna. Distance door to door: 940 km.



One of many private villas around the shores

Red Bull Air races - Perth April 2010

By Peter Waggitt

I was lucky enough to be in Perth on holiday in April for the Red Bull air race weekend. This is a true speed spectacular with the planes starting their timed runs through the various “gates” at speeds up to 350 kph. The location in Perth over the Swan River was superb and the weather was clear and hot with only a few light breezes, just perfect. The event is free to watch, although you can pay for a seat in the grandstand if you wish – but a folding chair and a picnic and an early start to get a good spot on the riverbank also works very well. The joy of air racing in a venue like this is that you get a pretty good view from everywhere; and, as I said, it is all free!

The racing is really rapid fire with heats in a series of knock out rounds over two days gradually whittling the numbers down from 14 to 4 who fight it out in the final on Sunday afternoon. This year the big news was the crash of the Brazilian pilot’s plane in practice on the Thursday. Happily he was

OK, being released from hospital with just a stiff neck the next day.

The race is between fabric pylons that are inflated with air and so when a plane hits one there is a spectacular deflation but no damage to the plane; however the 6 second time penalty is bad news for the pilot when the times for the two laps of the circuit average about 1m 30 s. The planes also have to trail smoke all the time they are racing so spectators can follow them more easily.

At the end of a thrilling two days the final shoot out was between four planes and with a really exciting finish the winner was Austrian Hannes Arch (appropriate for a Red Bull event), second was Aussie Matt Hall in another stunning performance from the man who was rookie of the year in his first season last year and third place winner in the 2009 championship. Third was the Englishman Paul Bonhomme who is leading the 2010 championship.



Smoke on! Matt Hall begins his run in one of the heats; he is already turning after passing through the gate horizontal to avoid penalty points.



Ooops! Just cut the top off the pylon – six seconds penalty!!



Going through a "knife edge" gate

And if you want to see this spectacle in Europe the last three rounds are in Europe this year at: Lausitz, Germany August 7-8; Budapest August 19-20 and Lisbon September 4-5. Anyone want to make up a party? Info at:

http://www.redbullairrace.com/cs/Satellite/en_air/Red-Bull-Air-Race/Event/011238611393596

OzCon Events June Bar Night

This month's bar night will be on Friday 18th June at Flanagan's, Schwarzenbergstr. 1-3, 1010 Vienna from 5.30pm. We hope to see you there!



OzCon Summer BBQ

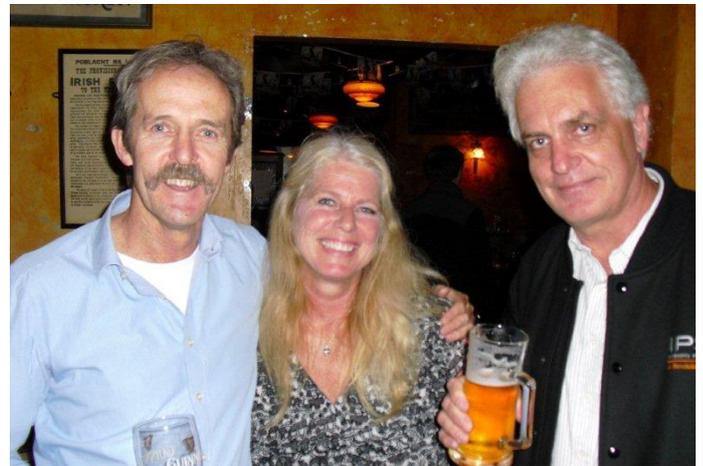
Another reminder for those of you who have not replied. Our annual BBQ is planned for Sunday 18th July between 11.30 am and 7pm at the club area of the Naturfreunde, An der alten unteren Donau 51. As it is FREE to all OzCon members we urge you to RSVP to Susanna Martin at susanna.martin@chello.at so that we can get an idea of numbers and arrange payment for the group.

Members farewelled at bar night

It was a case of saying farewell and hello at the monthly bar night at Flanagans.

At the end of this month Leon and Nancy Schupelius will leave for Adelaide after the expiration of Nancy's contract as head of the secondary school at the Vienna International School.

Noel Boyd and Jayne Anderson will also leave us to take up new teaching positions in Ho Chi Minh City. What a change to Vienna!



Departing Noel Boyd with new arrivals Pam and Charles Morris

Sam Ranger is heading back to Australia, hopefully temporarily, to seek employment while his wife Edith remains in Vienna.

All have been active members of OzCon and will be missed at our various functions. It is hoped, however, that some if not all will be able to attend this month's bar night before they leave. We wish them all well.

At the same time we welcomed a new family recently arrived from Sydney. Pam and Charles Morris and daughter Emily have joined our group. Charles comes from the Australian Nuclear and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) to join the IAEA. He was introduced to OzCon by Peter Waggitt. Emily is a soccer coach and no doubt will quickly realise that she is now a football coach.



Peter Waggitt and Irish friend Bernadette Azzie

Australia at World Cup

Speaking of football, we are still trying to establish if we can see any Australian World Cup matches at Flanagans.

Australia is in Group D and will play Germany in Johannesburg at 20:30 on Sunday 13 June; Ghana in Rustenburg at 16:00 on Saturday 19 June; and Serbia at Nelspruit at 20:30 on Wednesday 23 June.

The World Cup starts 11 June and ends on 11 July. The times are the same as here in Vienna. You can follow the action at www.fifa.com/worldcup
-- Brett Bayly



Patricia Ellard with Beorn and Nikki Harris

Federal Budget doesn't give and it doesn't take

Treasurer Wayne Swan delivered his third budget to Parliament on Tuesday 11 May. Here is a summary of the coverage by some of the newspapers compiled by Brett Bayly.

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Wayne Swan's third budget introduces simplified tax returns and a long-awaited discount for interest earned on savings. Ross Peake, *Canberra Times*

Treasurer Wayne Swan set the scene for an election fought on economic credibility as he handed down a tight Budget with few sweeteners pitched to families. *Herald Sun*.

WAYNE Swan is banking on surging company tax revenue and the revitalised mining boom, backed by government spending discipline, to drive the federal budget back into surplus three years ahead of forecasts and cement Labor's case for re-election. Matthew Franklin, *The Australian*

SPORT will become a compulsory part of school life in an attempt to reduce obesity in children. Michael McGuire, *The Advertiser*

At last - a budget that allows millions of Australians to toss their shoeboxes full of dog-eared tax receipts into the rubbish bin. *West Australian*

THE government has set itself up for this year's election - and possibly the one after - with an upbeat federal budget that will see the deficit wiped out within three years and a vastly reduced national debt paid off much earlier than forecast, while still funding tax cuts and \$7.3 billion in health measures. Phillip Coorey, *Sydney Morning Herald*.

HERALD SUN



VOTERS have been offered a triple tax-cut deal and a 24-hour hotline to help find a doctor as the Rudd Government seeks to win back voter trust.

Treasurer Wayne Swan set the scene for an election fought on economic credibility as he handed down a tight Budget with few sweeteners pitched to families. "It's a Budget that gets the basics right for the future," Mr Swan said. In a three-pronged tax focus, income tax cuts will be delivered from July 1, an optional \$1000 standard deduction will be phased in from 2012 and next year a 50 per cent tax discount will be given for interest earned on savings. The 24-hour medical hotline, to be dubbed Medicare Locals, will help sick people get medical advice and help them find a doctor after hours who can treat them.

AGE

GOOD resolutions make for boring budgets. The big

story in this budget is not what it does, but what it doesn't. It doesn't have tax cuts. It doesn't have much new spending. It doesn't even have much in spending cuts.

In Treasurer Wayne Swan's words, the budget "produces an economic and fiscal position the envy of the developed world". This budget doesn't give and it doesn't take. More than any other budget I've seen, it leaves things as they are. And that's the reason it is able to forecast a return to surplus by 2012-13, three years earlier than previously forecast.

Leaving things as they are delivers two benefits to the bottom line. First, it means stimulus spending programs are allowed to run out without being replaced. That's the main reason Canberra's spending as a share of GDP is forecast to shrink from 26.2 per cent of GDP now to 23.8 per cent in 2012-13.

Second, leaving things alone means there are no tax cuts - and so bracket creep brings home the bacon. Taxes will rise from 20.2 per cent of GDP to 22.5 per cent in the same three years, primarily because incomes will rise but income tax thresholds will not. Without any formal tax increase, Australians will pay a higher share of their income in tax. - Tim Colebatch

CANBERRA TIMES

Wayne Swan's third budget introduces simplified tax returns and a long-awaited discount for interest earned on savings.

From July 2012, taxpayers can opt for a standard deduction of \$500, which will reduce tax paid by most people by almost \$200. The Treasurer said this was an important step towards a future system of "tick and flick" pre-filled tax returns.

The 50 per cent tax discount on interest from savings and shares will apply to the first \$1000 earned. Mr Swan told Parliament the budget would return to surplus in three years, three years ahead of schedule, but all new spending would be fully paid for.

The budget delivers the final cuts in personal income tax of the current round and introduces personally controlled electronic health records. The growth in the federal bureaucracy has been reined in but the public service has avoided cuts.

The Budget delivers items already announced, including \$2.2 billion for the health system. Ross Peake

THE AUSTRALIAN

WAYNE Swan has given Rudd Labor its re-election manifesto - the early death of the budget deficit, the quick revival of Australia's economy and the fiscal proof of Labor's economic credentials.

This budget is the stunning story of Australian Exceptionalism in action. As Britain staggers and the US struggles, Australia will surge back into a budget surplus in three years, and three years faster than predicted - setting up the Rudd government's re-election on its economic record.

The narrative of this budget is how Australia has defied the woes of the rich world. It happened in denying any recession and now it is happening in recovery.

Treasurer Swan's third budget shows a return to strong growth, a surge in tax revenues, a re-emerging private sector and plenty of new jobs. Only a government of epic incompetence could lose an election from here. Rarely in its history have the lucky country's accounts looked better. It is topped off with a downwards revision in the peak of Australia's net debt to a remarkably small 6.1 per cent of gross domestic product, reducing to zero by 2017-18. - Paul Kelly.

WEST AUSTRALIAN

At last - a budget that allows millions of Australians to toss their shoeboxes full of dog-eared tax receipts into the rubbish bin.

That's how many of Kevin Rudd's working families will remember the 2010 Budget. They might also mark it down as that rarest of species - an election budget that offers no lurid bribes, but instead plays to the government's perceived strengths as a sober, responsible economic manager.

Treasurer Wayne Swan's third budget is likely to be quietly cheered every June 30 by all workers who would rather have their teeth pulled than fill out their tax returns. From July 2012 they can opt for a standard deduction of \$500 for work-related expenses, rising to \$1000 a year later. The government expects 6.4 million Australians, mainly low and middle income earners, to be better off doing that, by an average of \$192.

CANBERRA TIMES: WINNERS AND LOSERS

Economy

- GDP growth to accelerate to 4% in 2011-12
- Return to surplus in 2012-13, three years ahead of schedule
- Unemployment projects to fall to 4.75% next financial year - about half of what was outlined in last year's budget
- Inflation projected to be contained at 2.5 per cent, within the RBA's rates-watch range

Your money

- Lower tax on savings, with the first \$1000 in interest discounted at a rate of 50%
- The low-income tax offset will be raised to \$1500, effectively providing a tax-free threshold of \$16,000 for those with incomes under \$30,000
- Planned simplification of the tax system, with instant \$500 work-related deductions claimable, which leads to a decrease in tax of \$192 for someone on the average income
- That amount will double to \$1000 by July 2013
- Increased tax on cigarettes, raising the price of a pack of 30 by about \$2
- Reform of First Home Saver Accounts, which have struggled for wider acceptance: If a home is bought before the end of the four-year qualifying period, the balance of the account will eventually be paid into the mortgage, instead of the account holder's super fund as at present

Company tax

- Top company tax rate to fall from 30% to 28% by 2014
- A 40% Resources Super Profits tax to be imposed on miners from 2012

- Initiative to be brought forward by two years for small business
- Instant write-off for small business for assets to the value of \$5000

Superannuation

- Increase in the superannuation guarantee from today's 9% to 12% by 2019
- A \$500 annual government top-up for people earning \$37,000 or less
- Higher concessional contributions for people aged 50-plus who do not have large super balances

Health

- Additional \$2.2 billion for the health system, taking total investment over the next five years to \$7.3 billion
- \$355 million will go towards new GP superclinics and upgrades at existing facilities
- \$417 million for an after-hours health services, including Medicare Locals
- \$523 million to train nurses
- The roll-out of a new \$467 million e-health records system
- Doctors will each receive a \$25,000 allowance to go towards a nurse's salary
- Reforms to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme expected to deliver \$2.5 billion in savings over the next five years
- The tax offset threshold for health-related expenses will be raised \$500 to \$2000, a move that will save the government about \$350 million.

Infrastructure

- A new fund to develop infrastructure, especially in resource-rich states, starting with \$700 million
- Additional cash to be pumped into fund over the next decade, taking total to \$5.6 billion
- \$1 billion investment in railroads across country

National Broadband Network

- Bonds to fund \$300 million of investment in NBN in 2010/11
- \$15 million over four years to 2013/14 for implementation of NBN
- \$24 million over five years for ACCC to manage regulatory arrangements for NBN

Education and Training

- 70,000 new training places and 22,500 new apprenticeships over the next four years for that strategy
- Guaranteed training places for people aged 25 and under
- A \$79 million apprenticeship bonus scheme that targets small and medium-sized businesses
- A \$200 million Critical Skills Investment Fund to bankroll training
- Big firms will be able to claim half the cost of training, small businesses 90%
- The establishment of a centre for International Finance and Regulation
- \$119 million for language, literacy and numeracy programs

Migration

- Overall size of migration program to remain at 168,700 places
- This includes a total of 113,850 in skills stream, and family program of 54,550
- Extra 9150 places for employer sponsored skilled migration
- Number of general skilled migration places to fall by 3600
- A reduction in level of family migration of 5750 places

Green initiatives

- Renewable Energy Future Fund, starting with a \$652 million investment to secure 20 per cent renewable energy by 2020
- The fund will be part of a \$5.1 billion clean energy initiative
- Cash from the fund will be used to help households and businesses reduce their energy consumption
- No scheme to replace the shelved emissions trading system

Border security and Defence

- \$4.3 billion to enhance national security
- \$199 million for aviation security over the next five years

- \$101 million for an upgraded passport system
- \$1.1 billion to protect soldiers overseas
- \$1.5 billion for overseas military efforts

Sport

- \$71 million for coaching and training facilities and community initiatives
- Elite athletes will receive an additional \$237 million over the next four years
- Paralympians will receive almost \$16 million Indigenous Australians
- \$38.5 million to tackle petrol sniffing
- \$15.2 million for national indigenous television
- \$6.9 million for the essential maintenance of Aboriginal hostels

Aussie News Briefs

28 May - **AUSTRALIA is launching legal action to stop Japanese whaling in Antarctic waters.** The Federal Government promised to do this before the last election, but had recently deferred action until November 2010 at the earliest. But today, Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said the Government would lodge a formal application in the International Court of Justice in The Hague next week. (Mercury)

27 May - **POLICE yesterday warned all teenagers to remove their profile pictures from Facebook** and the names of the schools they attend. The heartbroken family of slain teenager Nona Belomesoff, 18, who was allegedly murdered by a stranger she met on Facebook, joined the plea. (Daily Telegraph)

24 May - **AUSTRALIA will follow Britain's lead and expel a senior Israeli diplomat** after a wide-ranging probe found the Jewish state was involved in the fraudulent use of Australian passports. Foreign Minister Stephen Smith told parliament Israel's act was not what Australia would expect from a friend. "This is not what we expect from a nation with whom we have had such a close, friendly and supportive relationship," he told parliament. Mr Smith said the passport fraud was intolerable. (AAP)

22 May - **NEARLY half a million Australians in urgent need of dental care are on waiting lists longer than two years.** And almost half the population say they cannot afford the high cost of private dental treatment, according to an investigation by Fairfax's The Sun-Herald. The newspaper reports that the oral health status of Australia's adults ranks second-worst in the OECD group of wealthy nations. (AAP)

21 May - **TERRITORY football fans will not be able to watch the World Cup with a beer in the pub** after the Licensing Commission rejected an application for an extended licence from four Darwin bars. The KO Sports Bar, Globies, Monsoons and Shenannigans applied to open and serve alcohol until 5.30am and 6am

for up to 25 of the scheduled live games. But Licensing Commission chairman Richard O'Sullivan said granting the extended licences could create a precedent for other sporting events, and encourage patrons to stay late to drink grog instead of watch sport. (NT News)

19 May - **THE federal government has turned to churches for help in accommodating asylum seekers** as Australia's detention facilities are stretched by the recent surge in arrivals. Immigration officials have been phoning churches and asking them about convents, monasteries and boarding houses where at least 100 people - mainly families and unaccompanied children now on Christmas Island - could be put up. With the Christmas Island detention centre close to overflowing, the government has already begun moving people without visas to detention in Darwin and Port Augusta. (Age)

17 May - **MARK Webber leapt into serious contention for this year's drivers' world championship** when he drove to an imperious victory ahead of his precocious young teammate Sebastian Vettel in the Monaco Grand Prix. The 33-year-old Australian led from start to finish and made light of four interruptions for the introduction of the safety car on his way to a second comprehensive win in succession, having won equally impressively in Spain last weekend. It was Webber's fourth win of his career, his second this year and he became the first Australian victor on the famous Mediterranean street circuit since Jack Brabham won in 1959 on his way to the world title. (Australian)



Jessica Watson sails into Sydney Heads.

16 May - **SYDNEY turned out for Australia's "newest hero" yesterday**, with hundreds of boats on the harbour and thousands of fans lining the foreshore to pay tribute to the homecoming queen. Three days shy of her 17th birthday, Jessica Watson ended a 23,000 nautical mile journey and 210 days of non-stop solo navigation to become the youngest person to ever sail around the globe. Harbour master Steve Young sounded the horn as Ella's Pink Lady crossed the finishing line. Her tearful mother Julie said: "She's home. She said she would sail around the world and she has. Home is the sailor, home from the sea." (Sydney Morning Herald)

2 May - **LOW-INCOME workers, people coming up to retirement and small business are the main winners in the federal government's first wave of tax reform.** The Henry tax review finally saw the light of day on Sunday after four months of consideration by Treasurer Wayne Swan. There weren't the sweeping changes that had widely been speculated, but superannuation, corporate tax and small business all received a positive shake-up. These proposals, however, hinge on resource companies and the states agreeing to a new way of taxing miners - a 40 per cent Resource Super Profits Tax. (AAP)

2 May - **AUSTRALIANS will receive billions of dollars in extra retirement savings** through an overhaul of superannuation. Under the plan, super contributions paid by employers will increase from 9 per cent of an employee's salary, to 12 per cent. A new 40 per cent Resource Super Profits Tax plan was also announced in response to the Henry Tax Review released in Canberra today. The overhaul is the biggest reform to superannuation since the introduction of compulsory super in 1992. (Age)

Kids Are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

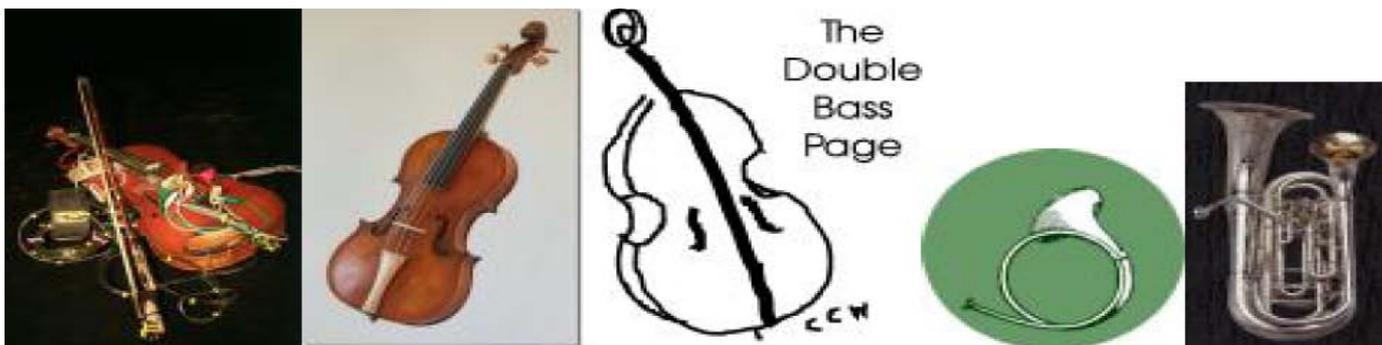
WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand...

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to. My Mum is a good cook.



Performances with Australian Artists and other events

From the Australian Events Calendar, Australian Embassy Vienna

<p>3 May - 2 June</p>	<p>Exhibition – Natascha Stellmach</p>	<p>Fotogalerie Wien Währinger Straße 59/WUK 1090 Vienna For more information, please refer to following websites www.bookofback.com or www.fotogalerie-wien.at</p>	<p>Australian artist Natascha Stellmach presents new and selected photographs, video and mixed media work from her book <i>The Book of Back</i>, a dark family story set between Germany and Australia, informed somewhat by the artist's own biography.</p>
<p>12 May - 13 Sept</p>	<p>James Cook and the Discovery of the Pacific</p>	<p>Museum für Völkerkunde, Opening hours 10-18, except Tuesday (closed) Heldenplatz 1010 Vienna For more information, please refer to www.ethnomuseum.ac.at</p>	<p>From 12 May, the Austrian Museum of Ethnology will be exhibiting one of the largest exhibitions on English explorer James Cook, navigator and cartographer. This exhibition is one of the most spectacular Cook voyage exhibitions of all times.</p>
<p>1 June, 7:30 pm - Musikverein 22 June, 7:30 pm - Wiener Konzerthaus</p>	<p>Steve Davislim in Concert</p>	<p>Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde in Wien Boesendorferstrasse 12 1010 Vienna</p> <p>Wiener Konzerthaus - Mozartsaal Lothringerstraße 20 1030 Vienna Ph: 1 24 200-110 Email: ticket@konzerthaus.at</p> <p>For more information and tickets please refer to www.musikverein.at and www.konzerthaus.at</p>	<p>On 1 June, internationally acclaimed Australian tenor Steve Davislim will be performing works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig van Beethoven at the Golden Hall of the Wiener Musikverein. And on 22 June, Steve Davislim will be performing together with Austrian pianist Georg Huber Die schöne Müllerin by Franz Schubert at the Wiener Konzerthaus.</p>

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