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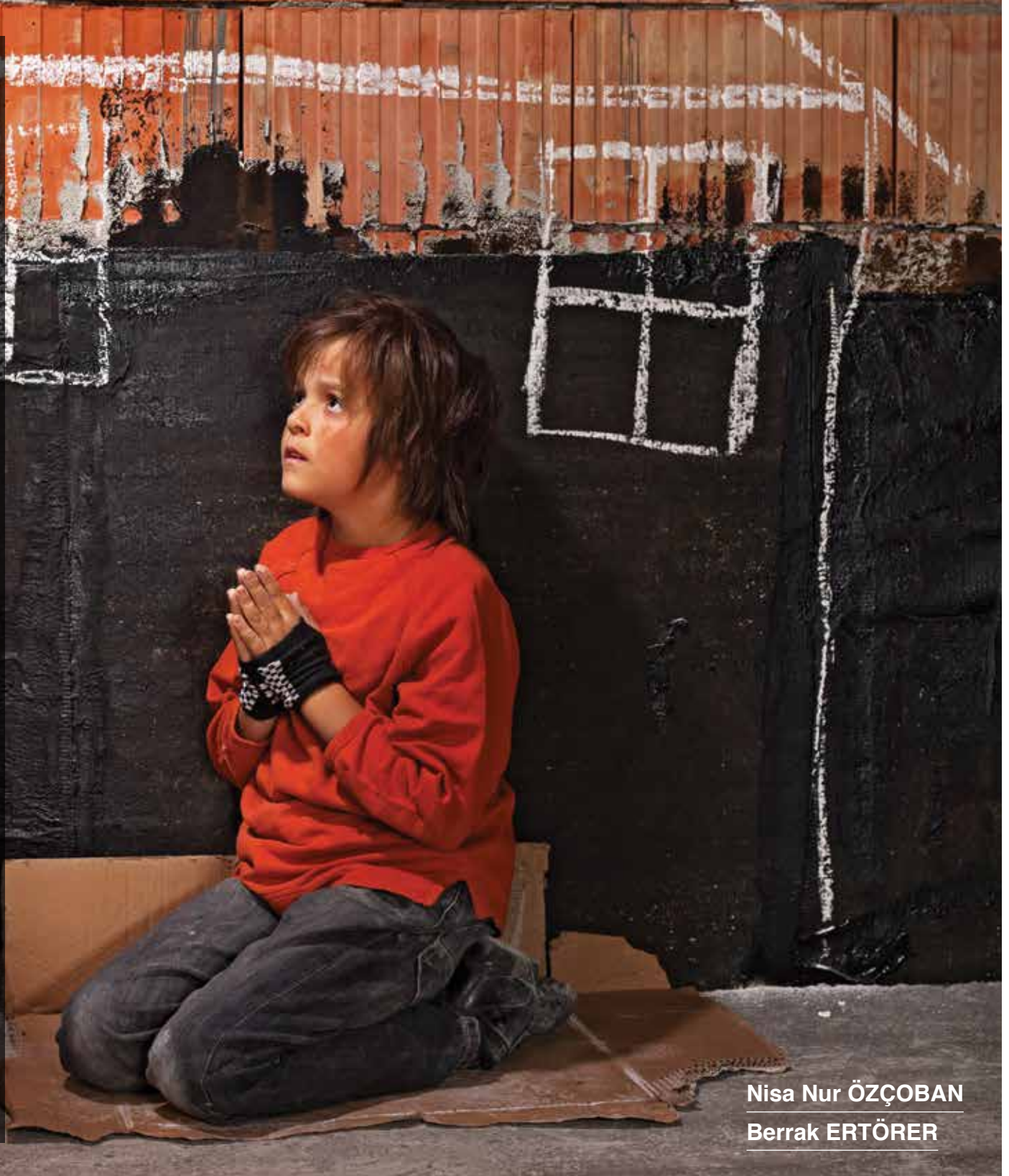
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PEARLS IN RAGS

We always consider children as the joy of our lives. They make us happy, laugh, enjoy every minute. What does a child do? A child plays games, smiles all the time and doesn't worry about the things that adults do. Have you seen a child who doesn't do such things? Your answer is probably no. I'm afraid that's the wrong answer. Every single day while we are walking, shopping, taking the bus, we see them. I'm talking about children who beg for money on the streets. I'm talking about children who wear ragged clothes, with no shoes on. They look at you and beg for money. You feel guilty. Sometimes you give them some money because you feel sorry; sometimes you don't because you are not sure if it is real. This is the situation in today's world. Whose fault is that? Who is responsible for this?

What we really need to think is the reason why those children are on streets. There are several reasons which have made them beg on the corners. First of all is poverty and hardship. You may think that they could try to find a job to earn money but because of the education which they couldn't have, they are not accepted by most of the companies. In that case, we need to understand the definition of a real job. What is a real job? Do we need to be working in a big company to be seen as an employee? I believe we don't. In my opinion, a job means giving effort to meet your and your family's expenses and even if it is not enough, you need to give it a start. But the question of whether it is possible for children has not been answered in our society yet. I guess you, the readers, will decide whether they should be searching for a job or not.

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PEARLS IN RAGS

The second reason why little children who are supposed to be having fun with their friends at school are begging for food or money is the bad intentions and restrictions of other people. Of course, it is impossible to understand the circumstances entirely without being in it but as far as I see some people are forcing children to beg for money and give them back at the end of the day. This is a fact we all know even though we don't actually see it. Just like in old movies. Imagine that you don't have thick coats to wear in winter. Imagine that you don't even have shoes. Some people can't even walk with their socks in their warm home but those children have no choice but walking. In that situation, wouldn't you believe a person who offers you money and food?

You may think that this is the situation only in our country. In fact, when we look at it, the picture is always the same all over the world. Whatever country we live in, whatever language that we speak, whatever the position that we are in doesn't change the fact that we are human beings. For instance, Syrian people have had to immigrate to our country... They had no other choice. They had to survive. Maybe some of them were richer than most of us but they want help after that devastating war. Most of the kids on the streets are Syrian these days. We really can't tell why those people are doing this. They might have difficulty finding a job because they are foreigner or they might be in such a bad condition it prevents them from working. Whatever the situation is, do you think this is what should happen to those kids? This can be the outcome of our behaviour and children shouldn't be punished for this. We are responsible for this spreading everywhere and we are the ones who should change this and keep the children as innocent as they should be.

The world and everything in it belongs to us including the street children. Hence, we are the ones responsible to change our world in a better way. No matter what happens or no matter what the reason is, we have to help them. They are only kids and they don't even know what they are doing. The worst part of it is that they will get used to it in time and it will be too late to change some things by then. We can't see them as outsiders because this is also their city, their lives. Right now, while you are reading this, a child is crying; the other one is begging for help and the one on the other street is wandering about barefooted. Aren't you going to do something? It is time to change and, believe me, a small change for you can be the biggest one for someone else.

FACTS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION

Dilek KURT

I donated all of my organs two years ago. I did this in order to make people become aware of organ donation which is vital to give the chance of life to others. In our country, the percentage of organ donors, which is only 24%, is too low when compared to that of Europe, which is %74. In our country the percentage of organ donation is strikingly less than in Europe. There are two reasons for this. First of all, some people think that they will lose their organs in the life after death. It means they think they will be without the organs they donated. But they don't know Allah has the power to create new organs for them. Because, if Allah has created those organs from nothing, he is able to create them again (Holly Qur'an , 77. 78. 79.nd verse of the surah Yasin) The second reason is that they think they are going to donate their organs before death or they are going to feel the pain of the surgical operation. Because most think that one feels pain after death.

Organ donation means donating some of the organs or all of the organs after the death of the brain to people who are in need of them. The donation process takes place on condition that the donor donates

his/her organs with his/her own will.

According to law 2238, anyone over the age of 18 who is in a good state of mind can donate his/her organs. It is a very extraordinary condition for the ones who are over 70 years old to donate their organs. This donation has to be in front of two witnesses and by written contract. They can apply to the Ministry of Health, hospitals, and clinics. After applying, they will get a donation card which certifies this action.

Almost all healthy organs can be donated. These organs in our country are heart, lung, pancreas, liver, skin, kidney, eyes, bone, bone marrow, muscle marrow, intestine.

Two years ago you had to carry your organ donation card with you. But according to the new system you don't have to. Because, in the new system, your ID number allows people in charge to access your donation card. For example, when you have an accident and die, the authorities only look up your ID card number and they can take your organs. Another thing has changed . The donation had to be by parent's permission two years ago. But today there is no need for the parent's permission after the brain death. They take

the organs by seeing your national ID card number.(From Health Officer, 2012)

Islam advocates organ donation according to the 32.nd verse in the Surah of Maide: "Whosoever saves the life of one person it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind".(Holy Qur'an 32.nd verse of Maide)

Prophet Muhammed's saying: "Whosoever helps another will be granted help from Allah".(Buhari, Prophet Muhammet Sayings Book)

Religious authorities say: "If Muhammed lived, he would donate all of his organs " (Prof.Dr. Mustafa Cagrci, The Authority of Religious, Lecture, 2005)

Human life is very precious in Islam because it is a huge charity to give life to someone.

Organ donation has very big social effects. Firstly, it is a very nice example of social cooperation and helping each other. It binds individuals to each other. Secondly, it has economic benefits to a country because it decreases the expenses of the country. For example, when a patient waits for organ donation, the government provides him/her with medical services. If there is a donation, there won't be such things.



WATER ISSUE IN ISTANBUL!

Ismail CILIZ

Forestry and Water Affairs Minister Veysel Eroglu said "They said there would be water cuts in Istanbul and show a lot of photos of dams in Istanbul. I just laughed at them, because Istanbul has got enough water until 2071. Water means civilization that's why it is very important to us!"

The water problem of Istanbul continues from past to present. This issue existed in the times of Constantin and the Ottoman Empire, too. Firstly, the

geography we live in doesn't have many water supplies. Our country is in a semi-arid climate zone. According to a survey; in winter the amount of rainfall hasn't changed; however, the number of rainy days has decreased. After some time there will be more rain but the amount of rain will decrease considerably. In the same research, it was stated that the amount of snow and the number of days with snowfall might change in the future. However, due to global warming,

a portion of snow evaporates, so global climate changes have negative effects on water supplies. Since lots of people live in Istanbul, this issue should be taken seriously.

There are some reasons why this problem has got bigger quickly. The number of luxury houses with large pools and ponds has increased recently. At first glance, they might seem unimportant, but considering the amount of water they keep, this is an important reason for the

water problem in Istanbul. Local government needs to find an urgent solution for this. In addition, Istanbul's population corresponds to about 25% of the country's population. On the other hand, to avoid a worse water problem, Istanbul's forest areas should be protected and there should be more catchment areas. Finally, in Istanbul water leakage is around 30%. This water leak should be minimized otherwise water issues will continue in Istanbul.



LAW AND JUSTICE

In a word, the meaning of the law is the constitution of rights. Law is divided into two basic parts, namely public law and private law. The subject field of interpersonal relationships of law is Private Law. On the contrary, the subject area that deals with the relationships between people and the state and also relationships between the institutions that make up the state is Public Law.

The purpose of law is to build a society living in peace and security with the equality of states. Justice means the observance of rights and their fulfillment. Distinguishing between fair and unfair is provided by justice. Judges, Public Prosecutors and lawyers implement laws to protect the social order.

Academics try to understand and analyze the function of the legal system and indicate the direction of change and also try to teach the current legal system.

The principles of law are: honest living, not to harm anyone and to preserve the rights of everyone.

Constitutional amendments and laws are done by TBMM in Turkey. Legislative decrees and laws are prepared by The Councils of Ministers. Regulations are put into force by the Prime Minister and Ministers.

Elements for justice are to act equal, to give rights to the rightful person, to punish the guilty and to ensure security and orderliness in society.

QUOTES FROM DISTINGUISHED FIGURES

"A nation who does not have independent justice power cannot be considered as an existence of state." (Atatürk, 1920)

Famous Philosophers' opinions about justice are as follows. According to ancient Greek philosopher Plato: "Justice is one of the supreme virtues, basic behaviour rules of human and state." And according to Aristotle: "Equal acting of everyone is not enough for justice. A legal system can bring fairness to the states to protect weak people."



Nergis GÜNDOĞAN

NO ABUSE OF FEMALES NO VIOLENCE GAINST WOMEN

HER ONLY FAULT WAS BEING A WOMAN

Şevval AYKAN

Özgecan Aslan was just 20 years old and what she went through made everybody in Turkey feel deplored. Citizens turned out on each side of the country for women murderers' latest victim, Özgecan.

Özgecan, who was a university student, was going home with her friend in a minibus driven by a beast called Suphi A. When her friend got off the minibus, Özgecan was the only passenger left on the bus. Seeing that she was alone, the driver (Suphi A.) changed the route. Once she noticed the change of the route, she started to argue with him. He was off the road and drove her away to a desolated place. Özgecan tried to spray pepper gas in the man's face. While struggling, she scratched her nails into his face but it didn't stop him. The man brutally stabbed her many times, cut off her hands while she was still alive and finally murdered her with an iron bar. Then he burned her with the help

of his friend and his father, who advised him to do so. Later they threw the corpse in the river.

Any woman could feel the same in the case of being taken to a desolated place when the driver locks the doors and accelerates the bus. When girls are alone outside, they do not have security. All over the country, everybody wants capital punishment for these murderers. We want justice. We want the judge to sentence these murderers to the death penalty. As a matter of fact, the punishment system for these sorts of crimes in our country is too insufficient. We hope that the government will take the necessary precautions to prevent violence to women or murders. Otherwise the killers will live comfortably in prisons which financially subsist on our taxes and then they will be released.

Özgecan was innocent. Her only fault was being a woman.

May her soul rest in peace! May God help her family stay strong!



ALİ SAMİ YEN

Damla ÇETİN

Ali Sami Yen was born in Kandilli. His first name was Ali Sami, then he took the surname Yen, which means "win" in Turkish. He is the son of Şemsettin Sami who is one of the most famous Albanian writers, philosophers and playwrights.

Ali Sami Yen was best known as the founder of Galatasaray. He was a student at Galatasaray Highschool. In October 1905, he decided, with some of his friends, to create a football club. According to him, his goal was to play together like Englishmen, to have a colour and a name to beat non-Turkish teams. Ali Sami Yen found the colours of Galatasaray. He imagined the brightness of

yellow – red fire and thought it would carry us from one achievement to another. Also, he founded the Galatasaray Museum, which was the first museum in Turkey. Sami Yen was the first president of Galatasaray for 13 years between 1905 and 1918. He contributed not only to Galatasaray but also to Turkish sports. He was the president of Turkish National Olympic Committee and he coached the Turkish National Team in its first international match against Romania.

Ali Sami Yen died in 1951. As the founder and the first president of Galatasaray FC, Ali Sami Yen's name was given to Galatasaray's stadium.

SOICHIRO HONDA

A TENACITY STORY

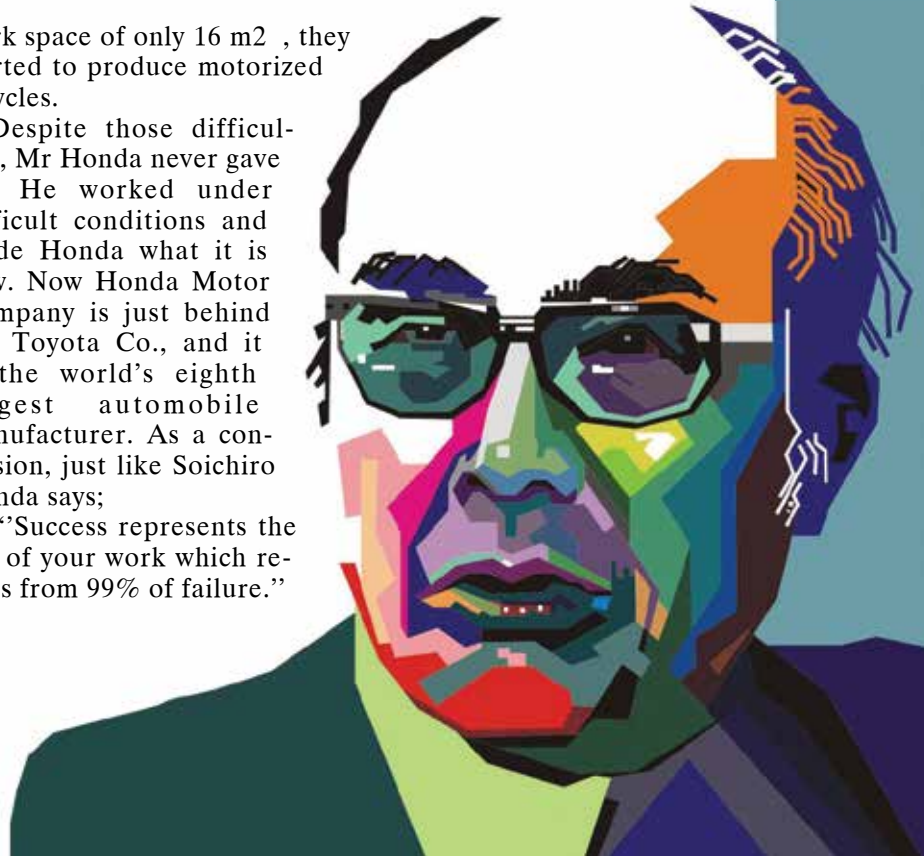
Orçun ÇAKIR

Soichiro Honda was born on 17 November 1906 in Hamamatsu, Japan. His father was a bicycle repairman. Soichiro helped his father in the workshop when he was free. After he finished school he wanted to get a job in Toyota as an engineer. It was his dream. During his school years, he studied piston rings. When he completed his piston ring work, he sent it to Toyota but Toyota turned his work down. Did he give up? Of course not! In 1937, Honda founded TDKai Seiki to produce piston rings for Toyota. During World War II, a US bomber attack destroyed TDKai Seiki's Yamashita plant in 1944 and the Itawa plant collapsed in the 1945 Earthquake. After the war, Honda sold the salvageable remains of the company to Toyota for ¥450,000 and used the proceeds to found the Honda Technical Research Institute in October 1946. With a staff of 12 men working in a

work space of only 16 m², they started to produce motorized bicycles.

Despite those difficulties, Mr Honda never gave up. He worked under difficult conditions and made Honda what it is now. Now Honda Motor Company is just behind the Toyota Co., and it is the world's eighth largest automobile manufacturer. As a conclusion, just like Soichiro Honda says;

-"Success represents the 1% of your work which results from 99% of failure."



**ALEXANDER GRAHAM
"FELL"**

14th February always reminds people of Valentine's Day but some people don't know that one of the greatest inventions was invented on that day. Even if they knew what was invented, they probably wouldn't know who the inventor was, because it is a big lie! Everybody thinks the phone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell; however, Antonio Menucci, an Italian inventor, invented the phone. This may look like judging a person who is respected and considered as one of the most respected inventors of all times but the truth was revealed in the USA in 2002. Antonio Menucci immigrated to the USA in 1850. In 1860, he invented a device considered as the first operated phone. Its name was "teletrofono". Also he was earning his keep by working as a laborer in a steamboat. One day the steamboat exploded and as a result he had to stay in a hospital for a long time. With that shock his wife got paralyzed and she sold everything in the house. Therefore his works went to a junk dealer. The Teletrofono was among those works. Antonio Menucci applied to the patent institute to register the device just in case. On 28th December 1871, he got a temporal patent for 2 years by presenting the operating phone sample. In 1874, Menucci couldn't renew his patent because of his financial problems. When he wanted his phone back they said the phone got lost and he returned to his home without the device. It just so happened that Graham Bell was working at the same institution when the Teletrofono coincidentally disappeared. And again, the very same phone appeared in 1876, this time as an invention of Graham Bell. He applied for his seventeen-year patent. Menucci filed a lawsuit but this took years and Menucci died before the court came to a decision. Nobody knew his name till 2002. In 2002, The House of Representatives revealed that it was not Alexander Graham Bell but Antonio Menucci who invented the phone. Today, nobody knows the name of the inventor who helped us communicate with anyone even when we are in the restroom. I don't want to call Graham Bell a "thief"; however, I don't know what else I can say as he is one of the world's greatest plagiarists.

THE EPIPHANY MOMENT IN My Life

Abdulrahman Al FAHİM

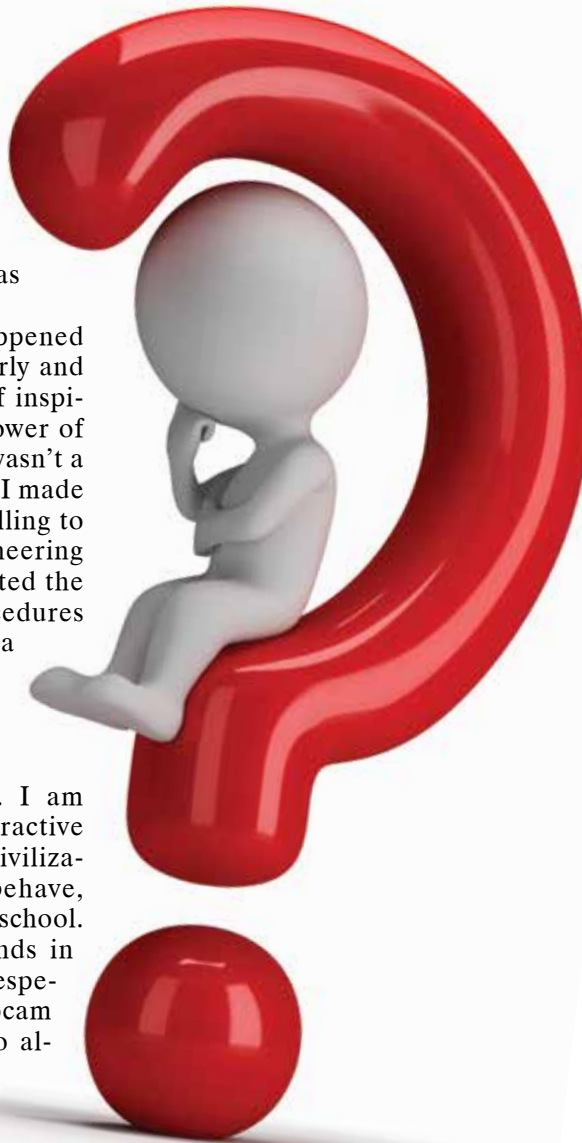
I am an international student at Istanbul Aydin University. I come from Yemen. It has been two months since I arrived in Turkey. I graduated from AL-Kuwait school in 2013 with a great destination, so I managed to be eligible to choose any field to continue my education of my choice. On 12 June 2014, Sana'a university which is the only public university in Yemen, started the registration process for the Faculty of Medicine. But it was difficult to register for that university especially the Faculty of Medicine because there were more than 10,000 students applying for this faculty. So then I decided to register for the Dentistry Faculty and I took four different types of method in the entrance examination, which was extremely hard. After that, I was accepted to that faculty as a dentist candidate. I think I was so lucky because everyone dreams of entering that college. On 12 July 2014 someone called me and asked for my high school certificate. He said "There is a scholarship to study at Istanbul Aydin University in Turkey at the Faculty of Engineering". At that time, I was completely distracted because I was in a kind of dilemma; becoming a dentist or studying in an overseas country to become an

engineer. It was a knotty choice for me. I took some consultation from my family and my friends. During that time I was completely confused and I kept thinking for a fortnight because it was my future.

An epiphany moment happened to me, I saw everything clearly and vividly. It was like a flash of inspiration and it gave me the power of dreams. At that moment, it wasn't a thing I had felt before. Then I made my decision which was travelling to Turkey to study as an engineering student. After that I completed the rest of the scholarship procedures. Then I booked tickets for a flight with a Jordanian airline. On the 16 October, I came to Istanbul and finished the final registration.

It was the right choice. I am deeply impressed by the attractive places and history of this civilization and the way people behave, especially in my preparatory school.

I thank a lot to my friends in 109 class and my teachers, especially my advisor Hande hocam and two other teachers who always motivate me; Gayane hocam and Sema hocam.





TEN SITUATIONS YOU'LL EXPERIENCE ONCE YOU GRADUATE

1. While you are on your way back to your home city with your diploma, you keep thinking about the fact that your education life which started at the age of 7 has just finished.

2. Your family is relaxed because they are proud of you and also they don't have to send an allowance to you anymore.

3. Relatives and neighbours, especially family, will start to ask you questions about what you will do or when you will get married.

4. When the friends you have hung out with at university go to other cities, you will have to communicate with them by phone or on Facebook.

5. You have to make many critical decisions about where you will live and which job you will have.

6. If you are not lucky enough to be appointed, you will try to find a job in the private sector or you will wait several months for an interview.

7. You will realize that the profession you do is not the one you dreamed of as a child.

8. You don't have the chance of not going to work just because you think there won't be any work for the first week. When you are sleepy, you cannot say "I don't want to go, I want to use my absenteeism right."

9. Although you used to enjoy them, you start to be uninterested in sharing posts about mid-term or final exams on social media anymore.

10. When you see university students' complaints during their mid-term or final exam periods, you enjoy being relaxed. Then you realize that you have far more responsibilities than they do.

Mert OĞUZ

What did you do today for **YOURSELF**?

I wonder if you have ever asked yourself this question. In your daily lives, you usually wake up early in the morning, wash your face, have your breakfast, wear your clothes then you are ready to go to school for your classes or go to the office to start your work or look after your children. In the afternoon you eat lunch and then you probably do the same things until about 6-7 pm. Next, you go back home and have dinner with your family or some friends and then you watch TV and drink some coffee. Finally, you

brush your teeth and go to sleep. And the same thing goes on every day; same work or school, same friends... Sometimes you feel sad, sometimes you feel happy.

Now, I'm asking you if you have done anything special for yourself. I think you haven't. We always fight for life, try to earn some money, work for our career or something like that. In fact they are usual things in our lives; all of them are a part of our daily routine. The important thing here is, did you add something different to your day?

Actually, everything is in your hands; what we want, what we want to do or what we want to think about. We just need to be aware of them, and then everything will be easy.

I hope we can discuss this more in my next article. For now I just want to remind you to ask a few questions to yourselves. Well, right now, what would you like to ask me?

Today do you want to do something special for yourself?

Selim SARICA



FOCUS ON MARIA SHARAPOVA

Maria Sharapova was born on April 19, 1987 in Russia. She started playing tennis at an early age and became professional at the age of fourteen. She enrolled at a tennis Academy in Florida.

PERSONAL LIFE

Off the court, Sharapova's beauty and popularity have led to major commercial deals with companies including Nike and Tiffany. Sharapova started a relationship with Slovenian professional basketball player Sasha Vujacic in 2009. After a year, the couple decided to get engaged. However, in 2012 their relationship ended.

CAREER

Sharapova beat Serena Williams in Wimbledon in 2004 and this victory made

her rise to fame. She continued her success by being the winner in the US Open and Australian Open in 2012, and she also won the French Open which made her only the 10th woman to complete a career Grand Slam. At the 2012 Olympic Games, she won a silver medal in women's singles while the gold medal went to Serena Williams.

2014

Russian tennis player Maria Sharapova earned much more money than other players.

According to Forbes magazine's research, Maria Sharapova made 24.4 million dollars and she was the first one on the magazine's list. She also completed the year as World Number Two, behind Serena Williams.

2015

Sharapova's most recent tournament was the 2015 Australian Open, in which she again competed in the final against Serena Williams but lost.

Dilara SAYGILI



Kubilay ÖZÇELİK

Haydarpaşa Railway Station

There are many great railway stations in the world. They are historical, beautiful and full of memories. They are not only places that people go for transportation; they are also wonderful tourist attractions. Some are even Unesco World Heritage Sites. We can count Grand Central Station in New York, Gare Du Nord in Paris, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in Mumbai and Leipzig Hauptbahnhof in Saxony as examples of these great railway stations.

We do have a few railway stations like this in Turkey too. Haydarpaşa Railway Station is a great example of this. It is a historical and beautiful station. It was built as the starting point for the Istanbul - Bagdad journey. The station was built during Sultan

Abdulhamid II's Period between 1906-1908. There was a competition for projects and many famous architects from all over the world attended. After very detailed and careful eliminations, the project of two German architects was chosen as the winner (Otto Ritter and Helmuth Conu). A German company called Anatolia Bagdad took responsibility for the Project and brought over 100 skilled building people from Germany and Italy. The Project started on 30 May 1906 and finished on 19 August 1908.

During the First World War in 1917, the station was sabotaged and badly damaged. It was restored after that and served as a railway station for many years. Then in 1979 a tanker called Independenta and a

ship crashed nearby the station and because of the explosion it was damaged again. After the restorations it was back in life and happily used until a fire in 2010. It has been closed since then.

The Municipality of Istanbul planned a restoration project in 2012 but the local municipality (Kadikoy) did not give approval to it. They said the project wasn't anything like the original and they cannot approve it. Many things have been said and many cases have been going on in the courts ever since. Hopefully the authorities will come to an agreement soon and the historical railway station will serve its purpose again, for Istanbul and for the world.



LOSING

We can describe losing as the disappearance of an object or entity from our lives after an interaction. People can lose an object, a part of their body, a position, somebody they love or a pet. Losing is inevitable in one's life, and it can happen anytime. When somebody loses something, he gets shocked for a while. Then he begins to get used to the situation.

When people lose an object of their own, they might attempt to regain them and these attempts might result positively. For example, a woman has a car accident and loses her car. She feels the lack of her car. However, this loss can be compensated for by buying a new car.

On the other hand, when someone loses a part of his or her body, it is not that easy to compensate for it. Losing an organ might be an eternal loss because no matter how far technology has improved, it is not developed enough to replace a real organ. For instance; a prosthesis leg can be useful, but it cannot replace the real one. It is the same for other organs too. However, it is possible to transplant organs with today's technology. When people lose an organ, they can replace it after surgery. In order not to lose an organ, we need to be careful and do our best to protect ourselves.

It shouldn't be forgotten that even a little lack of attention may result in a huge loss. Lastly, there is also an inevitable end for us all; death. If someone loses his/her relative or friend, it can be very difficult for him/her to forget him because he/she carries lots of memories of their loss.

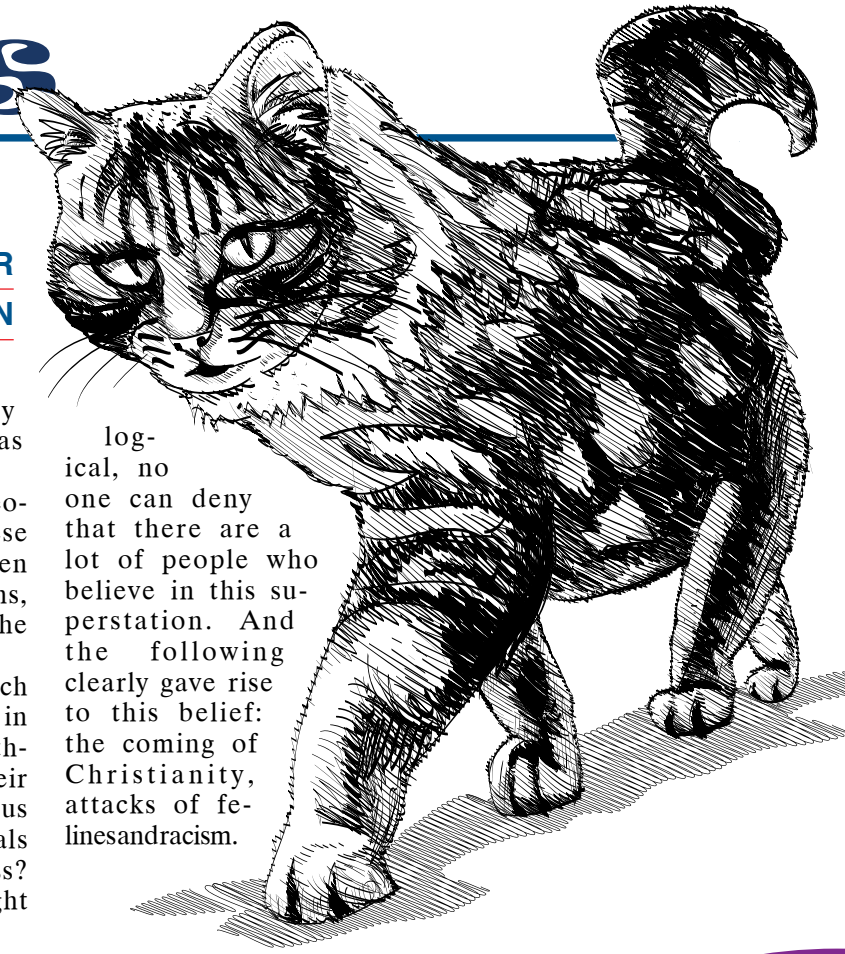
To sum up; while some losses can be compensated for, others might be impossible to do so. No matter what happens, we should be able to adapt to the situations we have been going through and never give up!

Garbi DOĞAN



Black Cats

Burak SEZER
Batuhan GÜNERHAN



It is a common belief that, a black cat brings bad luck if it passes in front of you. There are some reasons why people believe in that.

To begin with the first one, thousands of years ago in Egypt, cats were known as holy animals but with the rise of Christianity these holy cats turned into animals which brought bad luck. The other important thing is researchers think that attacks of felines on humans might have caused this belief in primitive ages. Also as we know that racism is an old problem among human beings, so the color 'black' can give people a reason to be afraid of black cats. As a result, although it is not real, people have some reasons to believe in this superstition.

Moreover, with the rise of Christianity, Christians wanted to invalidate this old Egyptian belief that 'Cats are holy'. Churches proclaimed that 'Cats are devilish animals and people who

feed cats in their houses would be burned by churchmen who described these people as witches.

To add up, in primitive ages, dozens of people were hunted by lions and tigers. And these attacks of felines gave rise to hostility between humans and felines. Owing to these reasons, nowadays so many people believe that it was the beginning of 'bad luck'.

In addition, the third reason is racism which can be defined as an old problematic situation in our lives. As we know, some people judge others, especially black people, just because of their skin color or their appearance, so that brings us to this question: why do people judge animals only because of their colors or their ugliness? Even this reason is enough for why people might believe that black cats bring bad luck.

To summarize, in spite of the fact that it is not

logical, no one can deny that there are a lot of people who believe in this superstition. And the following clearly gave rise to this belief: the coming of Christianity, attacks of felines and racism.

WISHING WELLS

Wishing wells is an old belief. Throwing a coin in a fountain to make a wish is a tradition, especially in Europe. These are some legends about the basis of wishing wells. Firstly, humans have always settled down around water sources because water is their number one need. They thought that water has been sent from the heaven and it is a gift from the God. They assumed that water was sacred, wells and fountains were holy places.

In addition, humans have always wanted to show their appreciation to God. They threw coins into wells to show their gratitude. When they wished for something they also threw coins. They believed that their wishes would come true if they paid a price.

The last theory about the basis of wishing wells is about the antibacterial effect of silver and copper. Today we know that both copper and silver have biocidal properties. Coins used to be made of these metals at that time. People may have discovered these properties of them. They might have had healthy and safe water to drink through cooper and silver coins. After they had realized this effect, they continued this activity and it turned into a tradition day by day.

In conclusion, there isn't any certain information about the basis of wishing wells. However, thousands of people still carry on believing this superstition.

Natali DANACIYAN, Bekir YILMAZ,
Büşra KUNDAK, Büşra ÖZTÜRK

WALKING UNDER A LADDER

Superstitions are illogical and absurd beliefs. "Walking under a ladder brings unhappiness." is just one of them. There are some urban legends about this superstition to explain how it originated. We will start with being crucified like Jesus Christ and try to find out what the relation is between the ladder and the event. After that, we will go on with the oldest reason it came from in ancient Egypt. We will basically refer to the triangle; geometry of pyramids thanks to the same ladder. Finally, we will have the most reasonable story: a painter example. In conclusion, discovered facts bring us happiness.

First of all, while Jesus Christ was crucified, the probability of using the ladder to do that made people upset. In this unforgettable stage, this historical event created a relationship between death and the ladder. Moreover, this relationship has had such a powerful effect that convicts are walked under a ladder before execution. That even continues today.

Secondly, the oldest reason is about the pyramids which are mystic and mysterious, because the unknown is as dangerous as the pyramid "Sagopa" whose puzzle couldn't be solved for long years. As all of us know pyramids were made of triangles and the triangle shows up again when the ladder is supported by the wall.

Thirdly, trying to find out these urban legends is useless. Let's have a renewal. We have a painter who paints a high wall thanks to the ladder. And he is not an octopus as he has just two arms. He needs to put the bucket somewhere at the same height as himself. That painting bucket might cause some accidents if someone else goes under the ladder who wants to be painted pink.

In conclusion, since the primitive ages people of every society generally have beliefs in the supernatural which are unrealistic due to antiquities, inevitabilities, and fears. Those beliefs are called superstitions, like the ladder example. Most of

us believe deeply because of psychological reasons which have negative effects. But superstitions are just there to teach something with fear. They are not true, at least not in the case of the ladder one.

Mehmet Akif YALÇIN

Metin TUĞRUL

Sinan Emre KAHRAMAN

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SUPERSTITIONS

Human beings believed in superstitions from the ancient era. Some people think that many kinds of things have happened in many generations. They continued to believe in superstitions for thousands of years.



Sema İLBAYI, Gizemsu ALTUN, Türkan YILDIRIM

KNOCKING ON WOOD

Knocking on a piece of wood for faith to get rid of bad things that could happen to us is based on very old civilizations. First Native Americans in 2000 BC, second in the Aegean civilizations and then in Helen, it started independently. It also appeared in the Christian World in the Middle Ages in Europe and then spread to the whole world.

In those times people believed that the oak tree was very sacred and had some power due to its highly dense

structure. In addition, people in both civilizations interpreted lightning striking an oak tree as a stroke of God upon the earth. They also believed that contacting God protected them from dangers and misfortune that could happen to them in the future. According to another opinion, people believed that the Gods lived in trees and therefore ancient civilizations worshipped the trees.

This superstition was spread to the whole world with small differences. While it was oak trees for

Native Americans and fig trees for Egyptians, it was sacred ashes for Germans. The Netherlands did not give importance to the types of trees. They were careful not to polish or paint the tree trunks.

In conclusion, believing in superstitions which protect us from bad things still continues now as a habit unintentionally. And this occurs by means of knocking on any piece of wood.

The Four leaf clover

Four-leaf clovers are uncommon. It is estimated that the chance of finding a four-leaf clover is one in 10.000 clovers and it's one of the reasons why people believe it brings luck.

Firstly, everyone believes that each leaf represents something. One of them represents faith, the other one hope, the third one is love and of course the last one represents luck.

Secondly, there are many different types of clovers. Some may have more than four leaves. The most leaves ever found on a single clover stem is 56 which was discovered by Shigeo Obara in Japan on 10 May 2009. Some people in Ireland regard the five-leaf clover as a prize.

Lastly, people tend to associate rare things with or as good things. Because the four leaf clovers are very rare in nature, people believe finding a four leaf clover accidentally will bring you very good luck. Also it is believed that Eve took a four-leaf clover with her to remind her of the lushness of paradise. Since then it has become a symbol of good luck and good fortune.

To sum up, it is believed that four leaf clovers bring good luck.

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Murat YALÇINKAYA, Yunus AVER

UNLUCKY

Furkan ADIGÜZEL, Merve YAYIŞ, Yunus Emre GEDİK



Researchers estimate that at least 10 percent of the USA population has a fear of the number 13, which results in financial losses in excess of 800 million dollars annually. What's so unlucky about the number 13 and how did this number superstition come up?

Firstly, in the history of number 13, the Code of Hammurabi, which is one of the world's oldest legal documents, gives us some tips. They never list the 13th law rule. Also mathematicians and scientists say that the number 12 is a perfect number for

the world. Most calendars have 12 months, a single day is comprised of two 12 hour half days. Secondly, some historical situations show us that 13 is unlucky. There were 13 people at the Last Supper. As you know, Jesus Christ passed away after the Last Supper. Similarly, in a Norwegian legend, 12 Gods are sitting down to a banquet when the 13th (uninvited) God shows up. This Uninvited God starts natural disasters and brings death. Also, Apollo 13 is the only unsuccessful moon mission. Thirdly, Friday 13th of October was a bad day in the history of aviation. That's the day when the Uruguayan Air Force crashed in the Andes and 29 people died. On the same day, 174 people were killed when a Soviet Aeroflot crashed in a lake. The conclusion of the research is that the number 13 brings bad luck. These situations affect our lives. In some countries, people never give number 13 to their apartment doors. Also, in some planes you don't see the 13th seat row because they never use this number. And in elevators, people change the 13th floor number to 12A.

TITIONS

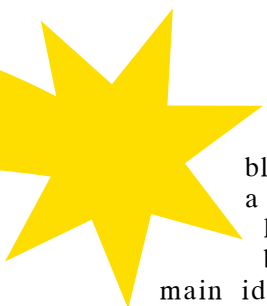
have always superstitions since as. Although think that these s are absurd, ations have believe these or thousands ears.

COMETS

People make a wish when they see a comet. First of all we need to mention something about comets. When you try to search this topic on Google, you cannot find anything about it. Because comets are known as falling stars or shooting stars. But in fact, they are just meteoroids. How can a wish come true? It comes true when you really believe it. You should think of all the good things that you want to wish for. You must wait until you see a falling star. When you see it in the sky and hear the twinkle sound of it, you will have 15 seconds to make a wish. Let the magic take you in! It is a trick. There

are too many real examples on the internet. "A woman was looking for love and she found it in 2 weeks after wishing on a shooting star", "a mother whose family was in a financial trouble and it seemingly worked out well after she wished on it", "a man who was looking for a good job found it in 4 days after wishing on a falling star"... These are just some examples! In short, people make a wish when they see a comet and it triggers them to make a way of living their dreams in the real world.

It comes true when you really believe it. You do not have to find a comet. You can do it with a bright star. Also, you can make your wish and toss a penny into the water too. You must close your eyes and listen to the sound of our planet while you are making your wish. It makes you



more comfortable about making a wish and believing the idea behind it. The main idea is that you MUST believe it. Otherwise, there is no chance for your dreams to come true.

It comes true when you think of all the good things that you want to wish for. You must be positive about it and you must think for positive wishes. Never make a wish that will harm anyone else, ever! You should make a wish about things which are possible to happen or possible to have. You do not have to be a pessimistic or optimistic person. You just need to think of things which are good for you and which are not bad for anyone else. Good thinking brings good things.

Let the magic take you in! You must let it happen. It is like falling in love. You must not escape from the mo-

ment, then you can feel like you are in heaven. Our planet, stars in the sky and our universe look like heaven. You should not care about anything for a while and you must focus on the main idea. The natural sound of the universe, the sound of our planet, the unbelievable view of the sky can easily take you all into themselves. It triggers your dreams for a while and it makes a way to live or have your dreams into the real world.

Therefore, making a wish when we see a comet is a magical thing to make the way of living or having our dreams in the real world. Also, chasing our dreams makes a way to good thinking which makes another way to have our dreams in the real world. Just let it happen, let the magic take you into itself!

Meltem CANDEMİR,

Yusuf Emre DURMUŞ, Esra YILMAZER

★ WAR THUNDER ★

War thunder is an online free to play game. War thunder was launched for Windows in 2012 and in the following years it was also launched for the Mac Os, Linux and the Playstation 4.

GAME MODES

You have three game modes which are arcade, realistic and simulator battle modes.

ARCADE BATTLES

Arcade battles are the easiest way to gain some experience since they are very easy and you have a couple of re-spawn chances. Also you have a target reticle which helps you with firing at your opponent and you can make amazing turns in arcade battles but only in arcade battles.

REALISTIC BATTLES

Realistic battles, also known as historical battles, are very close to real conditions. You have only one re-spawn chance in this mode but if you are playing in ground forces mode, you can get more than one re-spawn chance. This time you cannot make tight turns like you do in arcade battles and also this mode of game removes the target reticle so you have to deflect your shots both in tank battles and air battles.

SIMULATOR BATTLES

Simulator battle mode is one of the most realistic experiences that you can get in an online game. Simulator battle requires a lot of experience and if you combine your experience with a joystick and a TrackIR, the outcome is great for you. This time tight turns are almost impossible. You have to be very careful with the controls. Not only is the trim of the aircraft, but also rudder control highly important. Another point is that there are no external view options in this mode of the game. You have to fly in the cockpit and if you are playing in a tank game, your position is where a real tank commander stands. Also badges of the enemy tanks and planes are removed so you have to identify your target very carefully in order to prevent a blue on blue situation.



ÖMER DİKBAŞ

Melih ERDOĞMUŞ

GETTING BACK TO THE UNION?

As we all keep hearing, serious conflicts between Russia and Ukraine have taken the incompatibilities to a brand new level: war. Many nations in the world are informed about the main reason but what about the detailed points of that? How does that scene seem to anyone living in both countries, Russia and Ukraine? Did the people vote on which side to be? Well, the answer is obvious - people of these countries have just been made to choose to obey what international profits say. We have seen lots of people from Ukraine telling the world that the election for The Republic of Crimea was an illegal election held by Russia and its president Vladimir Putin. Due to that movement, one and only one question has come up to every expert's mind related to politics. People living in the time of the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) still remember the conditions under Joseph Stalin and his regime. Despite the fact that lots of people died during the time of the cold war between the USSR and the USA, only a few countries' presidents in Europe are very keen on getting back to the union under the leadership of Vladimir Putin.

Let's dig out the reasons lying behind all these intentions. Firstly and the most obvious one by far is the military power Russia has nowadays. That makes the situation even more vital if we consider the conflicts occurring in the Middle East. Many experts predict that Putin's support for Bashar Al Assad is a number one priority for the US to create a new unofficial formation against Russia and its allies. China, the most powerful ally of Russia, restrains itself from contributing anything to Russia's movement through the world for economic reasons. As the world is aware of the procession of American branded companies in China, now it makes sense why China has a reason to keep producing the goods to keep the cost of those companies down. Like we mentioned at the very beginning, in this case international profits will determine how China will shape its stance.

Thus, the situation shows us Russia has determined where to start from; Ukraine. A country seeming like a European one is a perfect choice to invade considering its location. A huge movement like this one needed a serious time period to be created

carefully. Politics, leading people to the way of being a part of Russia is an essential quality to have, and are like the rumors all the time, but the truth is beyond all those. Russians, assuming a war against Europe, always look for a way to have safe docks to harbour in. Rebellious groups living in Ukraine keep handling the dirty job instead of Russia to clear the path they are on. Their first action was to shoot down an airliner belonging to Malaysia Airlines. This act was not only a result of conflicts, but also a similar way to intimidate all of Europe just like Iran did the US in the 80s. Fearing military investments Russia has been paying for are on a top secret level. The nations against Russia are involved in discussion about the future of countries especially the ones close to Russia mentally. Whether we consider it or not, Russians will try to achieve what they have wanted for ages. No matter what the entire world says, the shape the world creates in some parts of its own evolution is having a change right here, right now, right around our territories and our first duty is to increase our endurance to stay focused in aspects of military, politics and traditions.



FREQUENCY

attention day by day. This time, I want to take you to the near past. Frequency was released in 2000 and directed by Gregory Hoblit who has really good movies in his filmography such as Primal Fear (1996), Fallen (1998), Fracture (2007), and Untraceable (2008). Frequency is one of those sci-fi movies but it's a bit different, which is why I want to mention it. There is a man named John Sullivan (Jim Caviezel) who works as a policeman instead of a firefighter as it is the family tradition. He lives alone in their family house. One day he finds a radio which belonged to his dead father.

John's father Frank (Dennis Quaid) was a fire-fighter and he died while he was trying to save a life in a warehouse fire. While John was trying to activate the radio, he came across someone who was using the same kind of radio which is considered strange and old-fashioned in today's world. They started to talk regularly and spend time to-

gether. After a while John realised that the man he was talking to on the radio was his father from the past. As you can tell, firstly they thought this was such a bad joke. After John's struggle to make Frank believe him, he finally achieved his goal thanks to baseball scores that he had told to Frank before the matches started. Because of the Northern Lights in the sky, which was a rare situation, John had a chance to talk to his father who had died 30 years ago. The Northern Lights opened some sort of way between the past and present for a while. Moreover, the day in the past was the day when his father, Frank, passed away. Thus, along with John's attempt to save his father's life, the chain of events start.

This is such a distinctive movie. Even though the explanations for the extraordinary situations are not satisfying, you don't pay attention to it during the movie. Strangely enough, Hoblit shows us that a sci-fi movie doesn't need to be all about extraordinary events or saving the world or war between good and bad. In this movie we see all of them in a good harmony and also such drama that you can't really see in sci-fi movies. The actors' performances are good enough and Hoblit's style mixed with an original scenario makes the movie impressive. I recommend you to see this intriguing and almost forgotten movie. It's time to bring it to light.

Nisa Nur ÖZÇOBAN

The cinema world has loved sci-fi since forever. As human beings, we are all curious about what we don't know. It could be the future, it could be space or it could be aliens... There are tons of movies about these topics and it's getting harder to find new subjects to shoot a movie and draw viewers'

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A STORY REVIEW

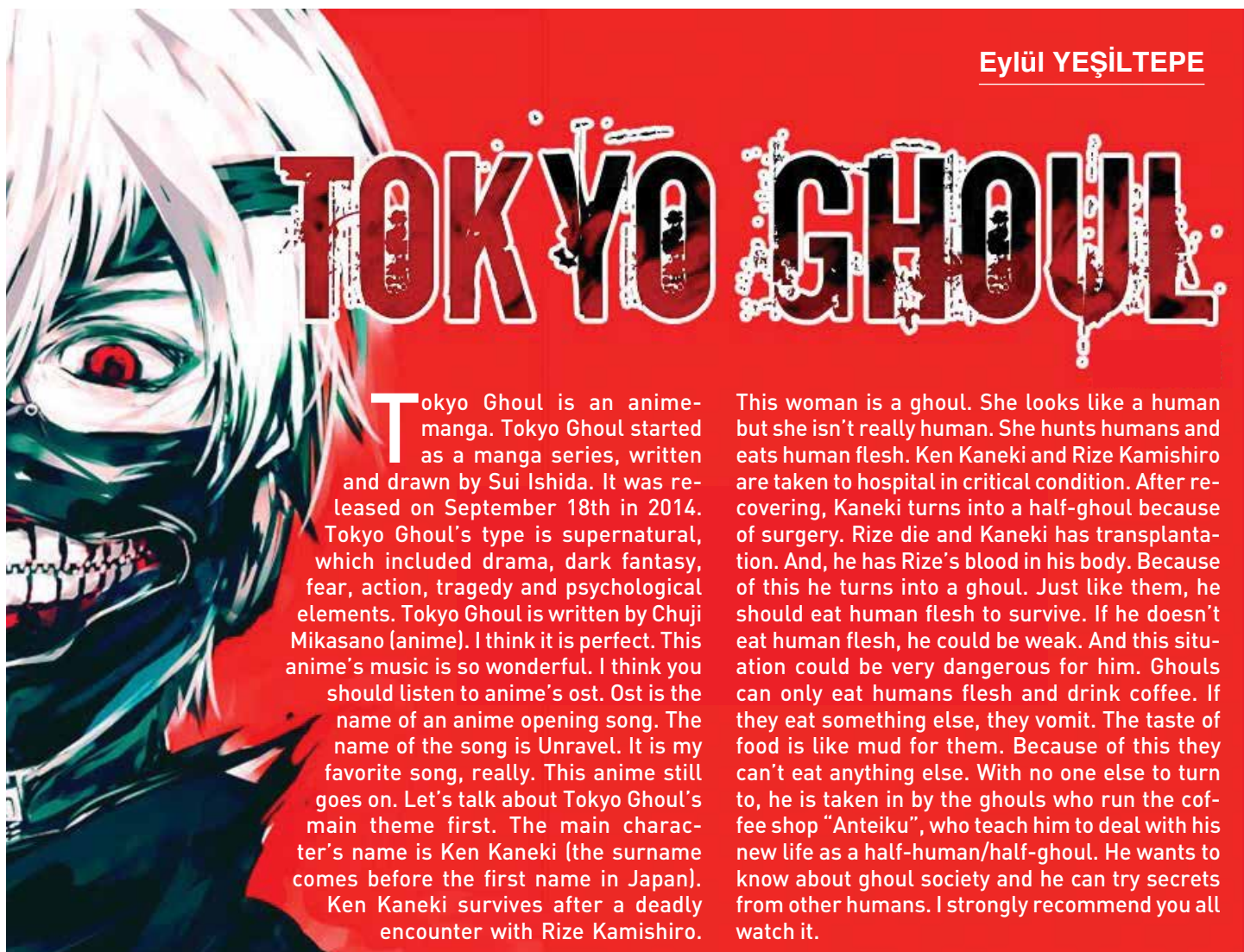
SHORT' and
AMAZING

What do you know about short stories? Have you ever read a short story?

Short stories are a really important part of American and English literature. The first short story emerged in a magazine during blitzkrieg in the 19th-century and of course there are many classic short stories in literature such as; Signs and Symbols by Vladimir Nabakov, A Hunger Artist by Franz Kafka, The Body by Stephen King and The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe.

The Tell-Tale Heart is one of the most famous and the most symbolic stories. The story is about a nameless man who kills an old man because of his vulture-eye. If you read a story without analytical viewpoints, you can't really understand it. Because the most sensitive spot of the story is symbols. The vulture eye symbolises the nameless man's madness. He sees himself in the vulture-eye. And he kills the old man to get rid of his madness. And then when the policemen arrive, he can't fight with them and he admits the truth. Because of that, the name of the story is 'Tell-Tale Heart'. I feel honoured for reading The Tell-Tale Heart and I recommend it to you all. Its an amazing story and the author deserves loud applause.

Berfin Esra ÇATAN



Eylül YEŞİLTEPE

Tokyo Ghoul is an anime-manga. Tokyo Ghoul started as a manga series, written and drawn by Sui Ishida. It was released on September 18th in 2014. Tokyo Ghoul's type is supernatural, which included drama, dark fantasy, fear, action, tragedy and psychological elements. Tokyo Ghoul is written by Chuji Mikasano (anime). I think it is perfect. This anime's music is so wonderful. I think you should listen to anime's ost. Ost is the name of an anime opening song. The name of the song is Unravel. It is my favorite song, really. This anime still goes on. Let's talk about Tokyo Ghoul's main theme first. The main character's name is Ken Kaneki (the surname comes before the first name in Japan). Ken Kaneki survives after a deadly encounter with Rize Kamishiro.

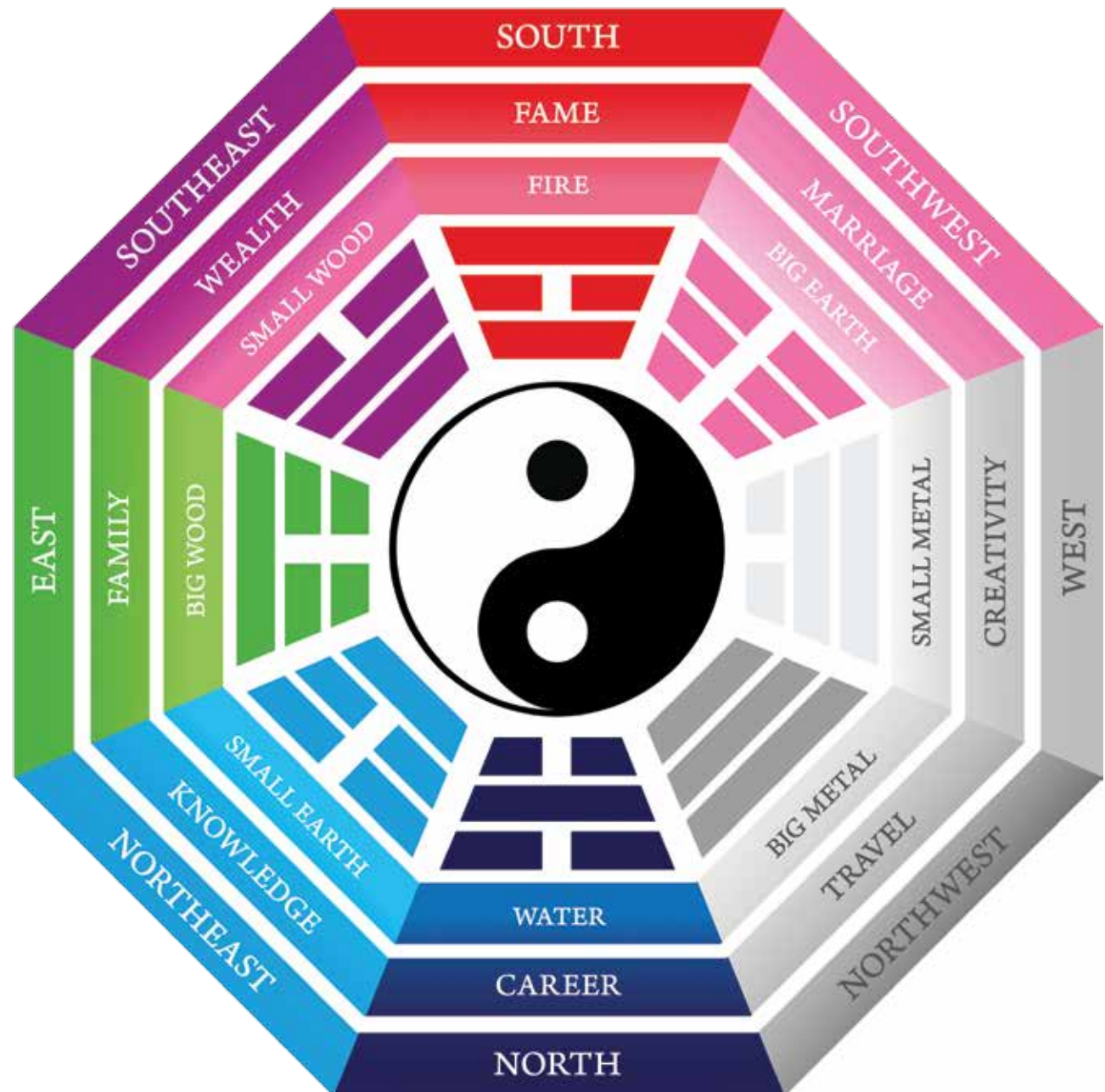
This woman is a ghoul. She looks like a human but she isn't really human. She hunts humans and eats human flesh. Ken Kaneki and Rize Kamishiro are taken to hospital in critical condition. After recovering, Kaneki turns into a half-ghoul because of surgery. Rize die and Kaneki has transplantation. And, he has Rize's blood in his body. Because of this he turns into a ghoul. Just like them, he should eat human flesh to survive. If he doesn't eat human flesh, he could be weak. And this situation could be very dangerous for him. Ghouls can only eat humans flesh and drink coffee. If they eat something else, they vomit. The taste of food is like mud for them. Because of this they can't eat anything else. With no one else to turn to, he is taken in by the ghouls who run the coffee shop "Anteiku", who teach him to deal with his new life as a half-human/half-ghoul. He wants to know about ghoul society and he can try secrets from other humans. I strongly recommend you all watch it.

Mind-Blowing Facts About Animals

- Ants don't sleep.
- Bees have to collect essence from more than 2 million plants in order to make honey.
- Butterflies taste by their foot.
- Crocodiles are colour blind so they can't define colours with their eyes.
- Snails have four noses.
- Dolphins sleep with their eyes open.
- Horses can stand up for a month.
- Cats have 32 muscles for each ear.
- Snakes don't have the ability to ear.
- Kangaroos can't walk back wards.
- Cows produce nearly 200.000 glasses of milk throughout their lives.
- Balaenoptera (Blue Whale) musculus' size is almost the same as an airplane's size and both of them also weigh 200 tons.
- Blue colour is seen only by owls among all the birds.
- Elephants are the only mammals who can't jump.
- Giraffes' tongues are black and 35 cm long.
- Lobsters have blue blood.



Sinita UĞUR
Kübra GÜR



Feng Your Life Shui

Maybe many of us have heard about Feng Shui, but most people ignore it and continue their own way, so a little bit of information about it would be better. After reading about Feng Shui, you may change your life because it's all about lifestyle and how to make it better. First, let's see what Feng Shui means. In Chinese Feng means wind and Shui means water. It's an ancient art and science which was developed by Chinese people about 3000 – 6000 years ago, the exact time is still unknown. In Chinese culture, wind and water bring good luck and health to people, we can say it is good Feng Shui, but there is also bad Feng Shui, which brings misfortune.

Ancient Chinese people developed Feng Shui in order to make use of the blessings of earth and to observe the ways of heaven. It's a Taoist vision and used for understanding nature and the earth. In some beliefs earth is alive and filled with energy, Chi. People used chi to cure themselves and improve the energy in their lives, be well protected and gain more by using Bagua, which is like an energy map and shows which part of their house or garden is associated with

their lives. Harmonizing the energy of your house and your energy is also one of the goals of Feng Shui.

Feng Shui consists of five elements; Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water. These five elements represent occurrences in the universe like moon phases, day and night, seasonal changes and also life and death. Generally, these five elements work to enhance each other, however they are also destructive. It is all up to people, whether they have chosen the right element for them or not. There are also element forms used for classifying the objects in Feng Shui.

Anything that produces real fire, pointy shaped or red is considered a fire form. Anything that is made of earth, square shaped and yellow, beige or brown is considered an earth form. Anything which is made of metal, round or dome shaped and silver, white or gold colored is considered a metal form. Any object that consists of water or is wavy shaped and blue or black colored is considered a water form. Anything that is long, rectangle shaped, made of wood or green colored is classified as a wood form.

Feng Shui decorating is simply de-

scribed as a decoration of creating a vibrant feeling of joy and harmony. The decorating steps of Feng Shui are slightly different from normal decorating. It does not mean creating a Zen-type house, but creating a house that has the best energy to support your life. For example, a Feng Shui decorated aquarium may bring prosperity.

There are many ways to decorate your house. Specifying the best color or best household contents like clocks can count as a beginning. It is all about how you maintain your environment and let the energy flow freely through your house.

Not only in the house, but also you can use Feng Shui decoration in your garden. Recently in Britain some tomato growers have counted on the assistance of some Feng Shui experts in terms of calculating energy flow in greenhouses and applying Feng Shui decoration. Later on, 5% more production was seen, and it was the first time that Feng Shui was used in a greenhouse to improve fertility.

Eren KARAHAN

SCHOOL NEWS



December 30th–A New Year Party was organized by the students in collaboration with their instructors. The party included attractions such as music, live performance by students and beverages. Our New Year tree which was creatively made out of books collected from the school library had been set up by our students a week before the party. With excellent decorations, our school lobby lighted up with sparkles which induced a spirit of the season in everyone.



In order to create awareness on the importance of learning English, IAU Prep School Young Entrepreneurs Club organized two Professional Awareness Panels for which they invited professionals who are successful in their fields. In the first panel dated December 12 2015, the guests were three successful young lawyers - Taha Polat GEÇMEZ, Gökhan ALPERTUNGA and Mustafa Kemal BALTA, who enlightened our students on the Role of English in Modern Law. The second event was a conference which was delivered by Mehmet Tayfur DOĞAN- the manager of Ground Operations Standards and Documentation. He emphasized that learning English is inevitable in the field of Civil Aviation.



Zift Project Club : Some of our students went to Europe for European Youth Exchange projects. They were also active in projects carried out in Turkey. Thanks to the European Union, students had some grants to be able to attend and participate in these projects. They went to the following places listed below.

- A live Museum (11th October, 2014)
- Taksim, Galata, Eminönü (16th November, 2014)
- Atatürk Arboretum (07th December, 2014)



A Book Donation Campaign, spear-headed by one of our teachers, is being organized by our students at the English Prep School. Publishing houses such as Pearson and Oxford, have also indicated their willingness to support by providing printed materials including books.



IAU Prep School Photography Club is still very much active and the trips and tours, together with taking pictures is continuing this year, too. Their photographs will be exhibited in our school premises on a later date.



Our School Magazine "Aydın Young PENS" has made a great success with its first issue. All students are improving their English while writing&reading articles whereas Young PENS making interviews and dealing with the other issues of the School Magazine. İnshallahh you are enjoying this paper as well. The third issue is also coming at you, soon!

She Is Like Istanbul

Kubilay Özgelik

I met a young lady recently,
She is stunning, she is brave and very proud.
The light in her eyes gives me joy.
The confident in her behave,
Makes me shake like a leaf.
She is like Istanbul;
Gives me taste of many continents.
Her look makes me melt
Like cultures are melting into each other.
When she moves her wavy hair,
I feel the cool breeze of the Bosphorus.
When she smiles, I discover
The treasures of the Seven Hills.
She is like Istanbul;
She makes me love,
She makes me long,
She makes me addicted.
Istanbul has been home for life time.
But, I still feel like a tourist
When I wander around.
I feel the same way for her,
Can't have enough of her in a life time.



Wish I would be a song
Sang by you
Falling from your lips
And roads
on which
I will be walking
You
By my side
Words in my ears with your whisper
With the wind blowing my hair
Wish I would be a song
Written by you
Word by word
Letter by letter
In the summer time
A me sang for me

Berrak Ertörer



Eyyup Kabogan

IS IT A DREAM?

When you rest your head softly on the pillow
 in the dark night
 trying to fall asleep
 and you're thinking of me... remembering me
 that means I am in your mind, in your heart
 and that's great place to be
 if these feelings give you
 a reason to be happy
 when you are surrendering yourself
 without fears, without worries into this world of fantasy
 and you have the sweetest of all dreams
 that would mean
 I am in the best part of your mind
 your soul
 your heart
 And if in this dream
 you see me clearly
 reach out and touch my flesh
 feel my breath, hold my hand, don't let go
 because... I am for real.

DEEP INSIDE

Berrak Ertörer

Nights
 Full of nothing
 And sky is made from a rock
 I am falling down
 Through the mountains
 Believe me, it does
 Not
 Hurt
 At all



AYDIN *Young* PENS



TYPEWRITER

Imagine a high-tech device which has changed our world in a good way. You are probably thinking about machines such as computers, ipads or flatscreen televisions. However, I wasn't talking about them. What I want you to imagine is typewriters! It may sound a bit old-fashioned or you may ask how they changed our world. Well, they changed it by making our writing quicker. Before typewriters, every author had been writing their pieces by hand. After the invention of the first typewriter –well, it was called typographer then - everyone started using them year by year. It wasn't a quick change but the more typewriters got improved, the more people got used to them. The First typewriter which William Austin Burst invented in 1829 was not very successful because it was slower than handwriting. Since it was a quicker writing ability that inventors were looking for, he couldn't

achieve his goal. What Burst left us as a legacy was the opportunity to improve the idea. Of course, there were lots of inventions in those times about typewriters because it was not only something different but also beneficial. Unfortunately, most of them failed but one opened a way to us to use today's typewriters because it was a successful one. I am talking about the Sholes & Glidden Typewriter. American inventor Christopher Latham Sholes and mechanic Carlos S. Glidden started working on it in 1867 and it was on the market in July 1874. It was named Remington 1 because it was the name of the company which produced it. The Remington 1 was a big success for those times.

However, users could only write with capital letters and that was a big disadvantage. After a while, they released the Remington 2 and that problem was fixed.

Even though some people, who love vintage, are still using them –one of them is me- most of them lost their fame. The reason why this happened is obvious. Especially in 21th century, we all replaced typewriters with computers and after that with laptops. Continually improving technology forced us to adapt the features of it. Thus, we became addicted to the ease of doing things and forgot the past together with the importance of giving effort to achieve our goals. There are lots of beautiful and useful things we should pay attention to from the past. Otherwise, they will be like a language only known by an 89 year old man and end in extinction.

Berrak Ertörer



HOROSCOPES



ARIES

Element: Fire
Ruling Planet: Mars
Gemstones: Amethyst, Diamond and Ruby
Colors: Ever shade of red
Most compatible signs: Leo and Sagittarius
Tarot Card: Emperor **Animal:** Lamb
Number: 1,9

GEMINI



Element: Air
Ruling planet: Mercury
Gemstones: Opal, beryl and garnet
Colors: Yellow, light green
Most compatible signs: Libra, Aquarius, Aries and Leo
Tarot Card: Lovers
Animal: Shining birds, butterflies **Number:** 5,9



CANCER

Element: Water
Ruling planet: Moon
Gemstones: Opal, emerald, jade and pearl
Colors: Silver, white, light gray
Most compatible signs: Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus and Virgo
Tarot Card: moon **Animal:** shells **Number:** 3,7

LEO



Element: Fire
Ruling planet: Sun
Gemstones: Ruby and diamond
Colors: Orange and golden
Most compatible signs: Aries, Sagittarius, Gemini and Libra
Tarot Card: Wheel of Fortune
Animal: Lion, cat **Number:** 1,4



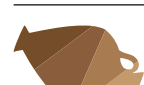
SAGITTARIUS

Element: Fire
Ruling planet: Jupiter
Gemstones: Topaz, Azurite and Carbuncle
Colors: Purple, blue, green and white
Most compatible signs: Aries, Leo, Libra and Aquarius
Tarot Card: Balance **Animal:** Horse **Number:** 5,7

CAPRICORN



Element: Earth
Ruling planet: Saturn
Gemstones: Amethyst, Turquoise, Jet Stone
Colors: Brown, black, blue and dark brown
Most compatible signs: Taurus, Virgo, Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces
Tarot Card: Devil **Animal:** Goat **Number:** 2,8



AQUARIUS

Element: Air
Ruling planet: Uranium
Gemstones: Aquamarine, Sapphire and black pearl
Colors: blue, green, sky blue, maroon and gray

Most compatible signs: Aries, Gemini, Taurus and Libra.
Tarot Card: Star **Animal:** Big birds **Number:** 4,8

PISCES



Element: Water
Ruling planet: Neptune
Gemstones: Moonstone, sapphire and aquamarine
Colors: Green, blue and violet
Most compatible signs: Cancer, Scorpio, Capricorn and Taurus
Tarot Card: Moon **Animal:** Fishes **Number:** 2,6



TAURUS

Element: Earth
Ruling planet: Venus
Gemstones: Emerald, agate, coral and pink quartz
Colors: Light green, pink and turquoise
Most compatible signs: Virgo, Capricorn,

Cancer and Pisces
Tarot Card: The empress **Color:** Blue, lilac
Animal: Bull **Number:** 6,4

VIRGO



Element: Earth
Ruling planet: Mercury
Gemstones: Sardonio, Onyx, Tourmaline, Jasper and Silex
Colors: Orange rust, white, violet and gray
Most compatible signs: Scorpio, Cancer and Libra
Tarot Card: a mystic **Animal:** household animals **Number:** 6



LIBRA

Element: Air
Ruling planet: Venus
Gemstones: Sapphire, diamond and jade
Colors: Blue, pink and light green
Most compatible signs: Gemini, Aquarius, Leo and Sagittarius
Tarot Card: Lovers **Animal:** Snake **Number:** 9,6

SCORPIO



Element: Water
Ruling planet: Pluto
Gemstones: Opal, ruby, topaz and carnelian
Colors: Green, black and red
Most compatible signs: Cancer, Virgo, Pisces and Capricorn
Tarot Card: death
Animal: scorpion
Number: 2,4



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