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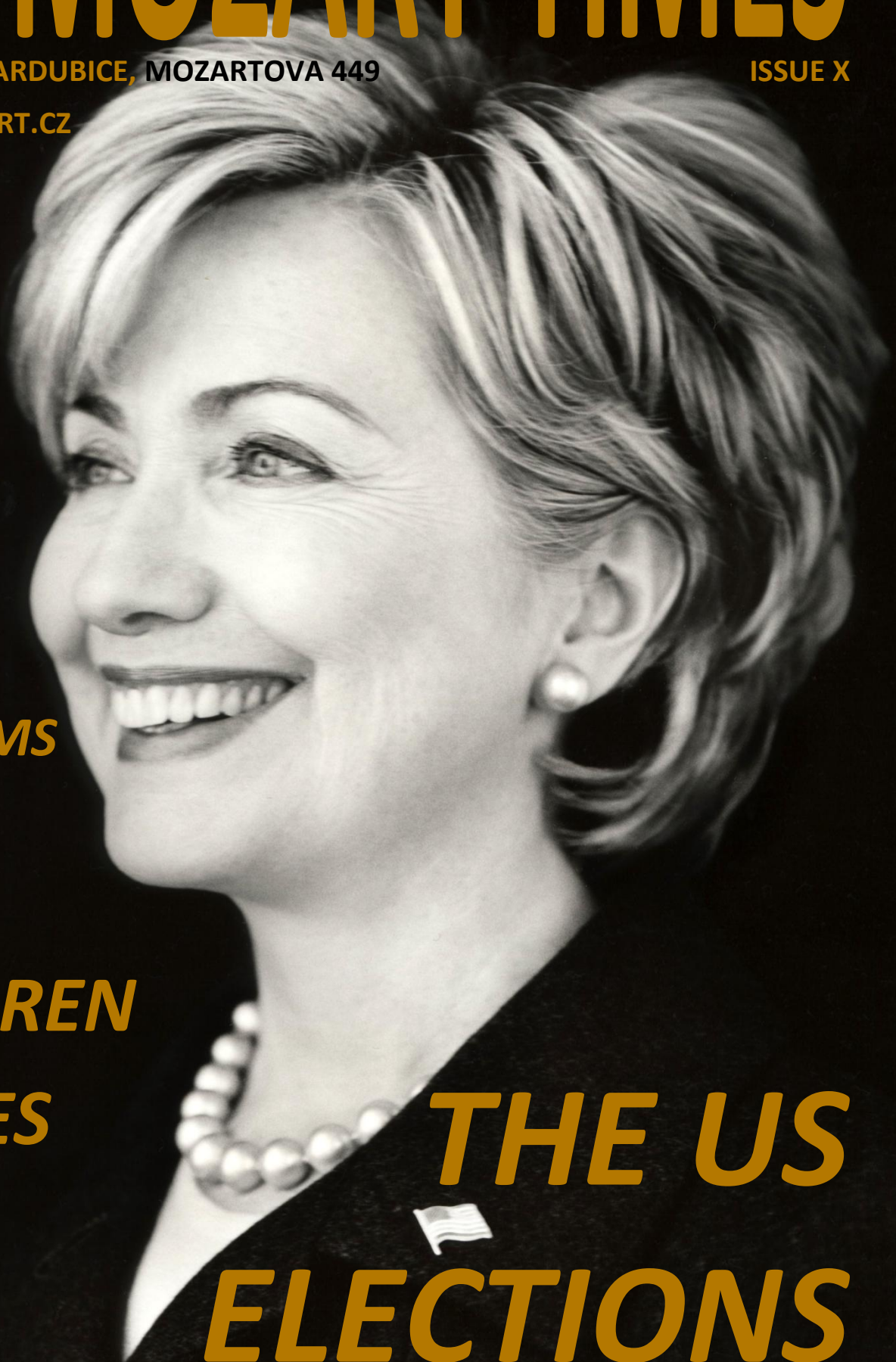
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Interview:
**GLOBAL
PROBLEMS**

**CHILDREN
HOMES**

**THE US
ELECTIONS**



Dear readers,

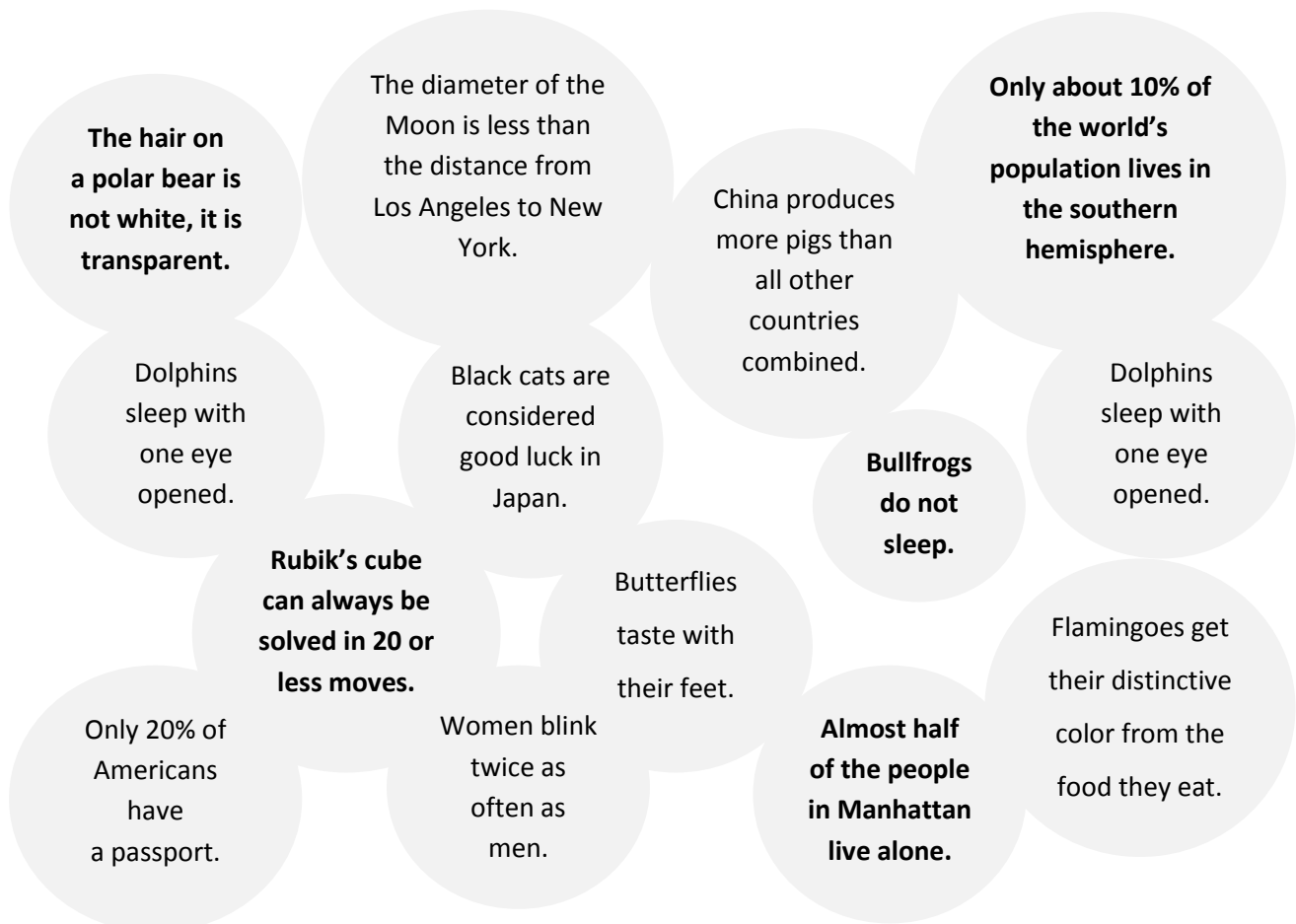
It is a no brainer that when Socrates said “I know that I know nothing” he was absolutely correct. We truly do need to educate ourselves every minute we can and for that very reason, we bring the source of information right underneath your nose.

In this issue you may learn about what global problems mean to one of our teachers who had been interviewed on page 3, closely followed by an article concerning the US Elections as one of our students and I view it on pages 4 and 5. Next you may catch up on cinematography by reading a movie review of Spielberg’s Bridge of Spies on page 6. If you are rather interested in children’s care in the Czech Republic you may read a piece on Czech homes on page 7. To lighten it up a tiny bit there is a selection of seasonal fashion essentials that every girl should have in her closet on page 8.

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To kick it off here is few interesting facts you may have not known:



TEACHER'S OPINION ON: GLOBAL PROBLEMS

For this interview I decided to ask my English teacher Soňa Chalupová about her point of view on our recent global problem situation. We were talking about food as a global problem. It is very interesting to see different opinions of this problem from different people.

Why do you think so?

Well, the reality that people cut the rainforests is very dangerous for the endangered animals living there and for humans as well since the rain forests are the main source of oxygen on our planet and they also keep water.

What is the major global problem according to you?

Rainforests.

What first comes to your mind when we talk about food as a global problem?

(long time thinking)
Nutella.

Can people do something about it?

These days, some people realize that eating processed food is not very good for their health so some of them might stop buying processed products. If we consider the amount of meat which we, humans, eat, I do not think that we should stop eating meat or reducing it so much. In my opinion, it is more important to use packaging which is greener and easier to recycle. Everything is wrapped up in plastic these days.

Do you think this is ever going to stop?

I am rather realistic here. I do not think anybody can stop it now. People have gone too far.

Do you think it's dangerous? Why?

Corporations these days produce processed food which doesn't contain only palm oil, which is one of the reasons why the rainforests are being cut, but also other rubbish and people consume while it is obviously not very good for our health.

People are totally free to pick what they will and will not eat. Why do you think they still go to the fast food restaurants and buy unhealthy food?

In my opinion, it is mainly all about the money. You know it is always much easier to buy some junk for less, than spend more money on a healthy option.



Nikola
Eisová, 2. A

WHAT WE THINK ABOUT THE US ELECTIONS?

The following article was written before any of this madness actually became true, long before Donald Trump was even elected. Seems to me the author probably was not very pleased with the final results...

Kryštof Šimek, 3. B, says:

This year, Americans are electing a new president of the USA. One of the presidential candidates is a business magnate, politician and writer Donald Trump. He became more known several months ago because of his surprising statements.

How is it possible that this person is so popular? How is it possible he has so many voters in the USA? I thought that nobody likes him! I guessed everyone likes Hillary Clinton. I do not understand it!

I am so surprised. His grandparents came to the USA from Germany (as immigrants) and now he does not want to give a chance to people from Mexico and people from Syria, etc. Why does he want to build a "great wall" between the USA and Mexico?

I suppose he is just worried about his own money. He should be! He belongs to 1000 richest people in the world! Ok, he owns many buildings in America and in other states on Earth.

Why does he not like war heroes?

He was only spending his dad's money, when others were fighting in Vietnam. Yes, I am referring to his statement about American senator John McCain who

felt the pain of the war in Vietnam and spent 6 years as a prisoner of war there. Mr. Trump? Are you joking about senator McCain? You cannot be serious. Everyone, who was, is and will be in war, must be called HERO! And if you think that people like McCain did not do anything for the USA, you must be a fool!

I could speak about my dissatisfaction for many hours but I think he will never listen to me. I reckon, he should listen to other senators and other politicians in his country. And I do not understand why would people actually vote for him!

In conclusion, I have to say the USA reached the Czech Republic! If

Donald Trump wins, him and our president might as well run their own television show!



"God bless Donald Trump!"

OMG what?!

Written below is an article concerning the campaigns of our two candidates, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, as well as a personal opinion on what the US election has treated us with...

Andrea Malá, 4. B, says:

A couple of days ago the ultimate nightmare of many became reality as a Republican Donald Trump was elected, on November 8th, the next American president. Receiving the support of 290 electors from the total of 50 states, not only proved him to be an absolute mastermind when manipulating with everyone through his campaign proclamations but it also showed how incredibly reckless and foolish the people of the United States apparently are.

During his campaign, Donald Trump openly shared many of his plans for the years to come. He mentioned building a massive wall to separate the United States from Mexico with the silly idea that Mexico would kindly support this thought financially. He talked about banning abortions or deporting immigrants from the US. He said he would do anything in his power to **make America great again**; meanwhile he was planning to ban the law allowing gay marriage which was passed on June 26th 2015. It is no surprise that mostly white males voted for this person. What brings a big relieve is the fact that once Trump reached his goal, many of his radical ideas disappeared from his rhetoric. Obviously he was plotting schemes on his supporters just to get the votes he needed.

On the other hand, Hillary Clinton mainly fought for **equal rights for women**, she stood up against discrimination of minorities and fully supported the LGBTQ+ groups. However, Hillary did not seem an ideal candidate, no matter how many hugs and support she received from

Obama. With the leak of information that Hillary had used her personal email for official business, she became much less trustworthy as people were concerned she might have violated the law. This, in my eyes, ruined her well-thought out campaign. And even though she won California, the most crucial state with the highest number of electors, it was not enough as Trump won all the other important battles. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia or Wisconsin all voted Republican.

The choice must have been very difficult. Nevertheless, I myself would never vote for such an evil macho, I would always choose the lesser evil. Let's just pray Trump won't follow the brilliant example of one of the fellow presidents and won't even dare to loosen his tie, let alone take his shirt off in the oval office.

*„Orlando
shooting - Clinton
suggests broader
terrorist watch list!”*



MOVIE REVIEW: BRIDGE OF SPIES

DIRECTOR: *Steven Spielberg*

WRITERS: *Matt Charman, Ethan and Joel Coen*

STARS: *Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Austin Stowell, Will Rogers, Alan Alda and many more*

The movie tells the real story about heroism of an American lawyer who believed that everyone deserves a defense. And saved live of an American soldier, an economy student and Soviet spy.

During the Cold War, an American lawyer James Donovan (Tom Hanks) is asked to defend an arrested Soviet spy Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance) in court. He accepts the offer because he believes that everyone deserves an honest trial. From the beginning he is not very successful, for the whole America is wishing Abel's death. But he manages to save Abel's live when he persuades the judge that Soviet spy could be useful in an exchange with an arrested American soldier.

Donovan is selected to arrange the exchange in the East Germany. His assignment is to bring an American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers (Austin Stowell) home, before he gives away secret information about his task. But James

Donovan is determined to save not just Powers but also an American student of

economy Frederic Pryor (Will Rogers) who was arrested in the East Germany for espionage.

After watching this movie I realized that there



is nothing to highlight here. Everything came together so perfectly that all you can say when the movie ends is: 'This was outstanding'. The actors were amazing, especially Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, who won an Oscar for his role of Rudolf Abel. Spielberg's directing is flawless as always and the script by Coen brothers and

Matt Charman is thrilling from the beginning to the end.

For me this was one of the best movies of the

„It was OUTSTANDING experience“

year and I would recommend it to everyone

who can appreciate good cinematography.

Adéla Horáková, 4. B

STORY TIME: CHILDREN FROM HOMES

Recently I got in touch with children whose original home either does not even exist anymore or is filled with unspecified worries, potential threat of violence and a lot of unknown. Now those children have been placed in a different home which is supposed to fulfill the idea of a real family as authentically as possible. And the home is unwillingly failing in aspects of suitable care, enough of provided education, attention and most importantly – love.

Do not be fooled, I am aware of the fact that the staff working there is doing their best. They are teaching the kids to be kind, acquire self-respect, keep their word or deal with issues rather than ignore them. They are doing a wonderful job, one I could never possibly do myself. What I am trying to say is that the established system is simply not quite functional and can never really replace one's own family.

However, what worries me the most is that once the word of their background story spreads, the children are never to be looked at in the same way as before. They are considered less educated and even slow. Therefore, their chance of being accepted to a decent school, whether high school or as a matter of fact an elementary school, is fairly slim. And what is life without proper education? Everything that follows strongly depends on what sort of education we receive, what books we read, what destinations we visit or what kind of people we get in touch with.

Being in their presence initially puts you in a position where you feel sorry. Later something inside you changes and you are grateful for the



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chance to meet every single one of these kids, to take away at least the slightest bit of their burden by becoming their friend. Because at the end of the day, with what one has to offer, that is the most you can do. Be their friend, allow them to feel ordinary, accept them as equals, treat them well and never ever look down on them again. The only difference between them and you is that you had an actual family growing up, maybe a brother or a sister you could have relied on. All they have are their aunts who must take care of dozens of kids at once and barely find any time to actually listen to them. And having a friend in this world is always nice.

Andrea Malá, 4. B

POP OF FASHION SEASONAL ESSENTIALS

As fall and winter season takes over, we tend to indulge ourselves with new statement pieces to fill our wardrobe. We shop for new coats and sweaters and sparkly things to wear to those Christmas parties. Now let me tell you what I think are the essentials for this time of the year...

WOOL COAT

1.

Feel no regret when treating yourself to a high street winter coat as it is something you will get a lot of use out of. When walking outside it is the coat everyone sees, not the top you are wearing underneath so it is important you get yourself a staple piece to make your outfit pop out!

Misguided seems to offer the best coats this year

This one is available at **Topshop**



STATEMENT CLUTCH BAG

3.

Speaking of winter parties, wearing a basic black dress every girl has in her wardrobe and pairing it with a snazzy metallic or a velvet clutch bag, it already makes up your whole outfit.

BLACK ANKLE BOOTS

An absolute essential as it is so versatile. It can be worn with a pair of skinny jeans or dressed up with a skirt and tights or worn with a nice dress and it instantly elevates the whole look. Especially if you are more on the shorter side, it adds exactly the height you need without being too uncomfortable for it is still a closed up bootie.

4.



TURTLENECKS 2.

They are such an effortless way of making your outfit stand out even when pairing it with a simple pair of skinny jeans. There is something very elegant about wearing a turtleneck, mock neck or a high neck yet it is so incredibly easy!

These are from **ASOS own brand** and they stood out to me because of the embroidery detail as it adds a tad of a Gucci vibe

Andrea Malá, 4. B

FATAL MISTAKE

STORY ABOUT BEING KIDNAPED

I clench my fists and wait until another fist hits me. I imagine how the pain from my jaw rises to my head and resonates in my whole body. My body is shaking, I can't breathe and although I know that I should run away I can't, my legs had been

congealed. Meanwhile, I repeat in my mind one mantra all over again. *I will survive and come back home. I will survive and come back home. I will survive and...* Simultaneously, I realize that there is no pain. I raise my head confusingly but I should not have done. The hand of my tormentor hits me with such an unexpected acuteness that I lose my balance and fall down on the dirty floor of my cell. Little drops of my blood fall

on the orange garb which they forced me to put on. I can hear my heart beating and from a big distance sounds of muffled laugh are coming. I want to scream, but with a gag in my mouth I can't say anything. Tears pour down on my cheek, handcuffs notch heartlessly into my hands and unstoppable shivers permeate my whole body. The tormentor, the man with a veiled face whose name is Abdul, jerks me hard and pulls me to make me stand up. I can hardly stand on my feet when he drags me through a dark corridor up to direct sunshine. For the first time of my staying here I feel a breath of wind. My thoughts are whirling in my mind. *What do they want to do with me? Are these the last moments of my life?* But the thoughts are cut off by the blinding glare of the sun. When I get accustomed to daylight, I can see just an inhospitable desert. "Sit down", says Abdul and pushes me down on my knees. I yelp with pain and collapse to the ground.



There comes a man in a dark robe with a veiled face. My eyes move towards his hand where the edge of a big knife glares in sunlight. Everything dawns on me and my thoughts are approved by Abdul who is standing in front of me with

a camera in his hand. They want to execute me on live broadcast, just like they did it to so many people before. I saw those snapshots many times. At that moment my whole life is projected in my mind like in a speed-up movie. *I cannot say goodbye to my family and friends. I will never get married. I will never have my own children. I will never get old. And why?*

I wanted to help other people and now it is me who needs help but nobody can help me anymore. I'm almost dead. I guess I must faint any second, my arms just hang down helplessly. I can't help thinking about these four words: *I'm almost dead.* I see peripherally a man dressed in the dark robe coming from behind. He catches my chin and I feel cold steel on my neck. Abdul laughs at me, switches on the camera and nods to the man behind me. I close my eyes and expire for the last time.

Kludie Břeňová, 3. A

