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Carla Juri



It's the 77th minute. The distant, stoic but also extremely human memory engineer Ana Stelline is standing behind a window in a sterile laboratory. She recalls memories which for a moment become visible and real thanks to a device hanging around her neck. These memories of past occurrences from everyday life are to be implanted in replicants – artificial people – to enable them to call upon as many real memories as possible, such as birthday celebrations and walks in the forest.

This poignant scene featuring Carla Juri is from the science fiction movie “Blade Runner 2049”. The Ticino-born actress appears in the film for less than a quarter of an hour, but this moment sticks in the mind. And the 150-million-dollar “Blade Runner 2049” is not a run-of-the-mill Hollywood movie. It is the highly acclaimed and equally successful continuation of the cult 1982 film of the same name with Harrison Ford in the lead role. A stand-out performance in a film like this can lead to the big time.

Swiss actors have frequently appeared in Hollywood movies. However, the nation has been waiting for a Swiss actress to become a genuine movie star since the days of Ursula Andress. All the more reason why all eyes are on Carla Juri at the moment. The 32-year-old has received rave reviews all over the world for her role in this futuristic blockbuster. It would come as no surprise if her big break in Hollywood came soon. This name and face are worth noting.

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Irregularities in Moutier?

At a referendum in the summer Moutier decided to switch canton from Berne to Jura with 51.7 % of voters in favour. However, the matter is not over yet. There were allegedly voting irregularities on 18 June despite the tight monitoring. Some ballot papers may have contained the names of people who are deceased. The Federal Chancellery has recorded 12 complaints. They concern the balance of the campaign, but also the checking of identity cards and possible falsification of ballot papers. The investigations of the office of the Bernese public prosecutor into the suspected irregularities may be a lengthy process. It is nevertheless unlikely that the outcome will result in another referendum.

New leader for the Green Liberals

The Swiss Green Liberal Party (GLP) has appointed a new president. The Bernese National Councillor and businessman Jürg Grossen was elected as Martin Bäumle's successor by a clear margin at the party's delegates' conference. Bäumle announced his retirement in May. The 48-year-old Grossen, who takes over from the charismatic Bäumle, has never really pushed himself into the limelight before and is regarded as a rather reserved figure. Grossen has been a National Councillor since 2011 and Vice-President of the GLP since 2016. He has also been Vice-President of the GLP parliamentary group at the Federal Assembly since 2015. He has a strong interest in the issues of energy and transport policy.

New stars for Swiss restaurants

Switzerland has the most restaurant stars per capita in Europe. In the latest edition of the restaurant and hotel guide, the “Michelin Guide to Switzerland 2018”, 118 restaurants have one or more stars. Two new two-star and 14 new one-star restaurants have been added since the last edition, one of them in Liechtenstein. The restaurants “B. Violier – Restaurant de l'Hôtel de Ville” in Crissier (Vaud), “Schauenstein” in Fürstenu (Grisons) and “Cheval Blanc by Peter Knogl” in Basel have retained their three-star rating. Two restaurants in eastern Switzerland have been elevated to the two-star league – the “Einstein Gourmet” in St. Gallen and the “Taverne zum Schäfli” in Wigoltingen (Thurgau).