

WEIRD NEWS

Truth is stranger than fiction. Aside from politics and business, what have Vienna and the rest of the world been up to?

VIENNA'S POLICE LIVE-TWEET AN ENTIRE WEEKEND'S WORK

For the last three years, the Vienna Police Department has been improving citizen-officer relations on Twitter. On the weekend of September 23-24, they treated their eager audience to a live-tweet marathon of all police operations in the city. We picked some of the best tweets and translated them for you.



In #Favoriten weird things are afoot. First, water drips through the ceiling and then our colleagues find Marijuana. #toughluck #24h133



Sunday morning in #Meidling: Julius5 rushes to a revolt in retirement home. #senileinsomnia? #24h133



Last minute hairstyling for a party? Hardly. Ulrich 3 and 4 are on their way to a burglary in a hair salon #Floridsdorf #24h133



WAITERS ON THE RUN, CATCH THEM IF YOU CAN

Speeding through the 1st district wearing an apron and balancing a tray in one hand must be a real challenge. To prove Vienna is not only the coffee capital, but also takes physical fitness seriously, coffeehouse owners organized the Second Wiener Ober Run (Vienna Waiters' Run). The race on September 26 led the agile garçons on a two-kilometer course from Café Landtmann to Café Prückel. The glorious winner was Martin Nigisch of Café Hummel, who won the title of the fastest waiter in the city with a time of 11 minutes and 50 seconds. Now, if only our *Melange* also came that quickly the next time around...

TWEETING COPS

FLAT RATE WALLETS



FIRST FLAT RATE SUPERMARKET WORLDWIDE OPENS IN VIENNA

Flat rates are every millennial's dream come true. Unlimited data, unlimited music and unlimited films have become as much a part of their lives as avocado on toast. Now, flat rates have reached the local grocer. The Weekend Supermarket in the 6th district offers a flat rate of 20 items per

month to members for a monthly fee of €9.90.

Launched by publishing house Weekend Verlag, the purpose is market research. Participating companies will receive detailed profiles of the 1,000 currently registered members, compiled by documenting every item they choose. The only thing more millennial than flat rates is being exploited for data.



CZECH DIVERS FIND OLD IMPERIAL U-BOAT IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

Austrians often lament that their fair country has no direct access to the sea anymore – not like in the good old days, when the coast around Trieste was dubbed the “Austrian Riviera” (judging from the droves of suntanning tourists to be found there every summer, it hasn't changed much). But on September 29, Czech divers found a remnant of maritime Austria in the Adriatic Sea off the coast of Albania – the wreck of k.u.k. (Royal & Imperial) submarine U-16.

The U-boat was one of 27 that the Austro-Hungarian navy commissioned in the years leading up to and during World War I. They operated only in the Mediterranean and mainly fought against the French and Italian navies. The rediscovered U-16 is 28 meters long, displaced 141 tons submerged, could travel at a speed of 12 km/h and dive up to 50 meters.

Built in 1915, it sank presumably on October 17, 1916 after engaging the Italian destroyer *Nembo*, whose wreck might possibly lie next to the submarine. When it sank, the U-16 was crewed by eleven sailors under the command of Linien-schiffsleutnant Orest Ritter von Zopa.

BLACK-YELLOW SUBMARINE

RUN, WAITER, RUN!