

SKYLINE

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Welcome back

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October has been quite a crazy month for us, our children are back and a lot of new students are joining the adventure of learning English. Our students are getting more and more interested in passing the Cambridge exams because of the difficulty they find when trying to get a job nowadays and we are happy to help them.

In this issue you will have the first writing of our new teacher, Aleksandra, who introduces us to her home town, Windsor. Also, some of our students decided to take part in the magazine writing about some interesting things. As Halloween is getting closer, we decided to include a selection of some of the haunted places in the USA, if you like spooky stories you can't miss it. We offer as well a funny recipe in case you are planning a Halloween party.

As in every issue, you will have some events that you can enjoy in our city as well as the review of a film we recommend.

Remember that we will hold our SKYLINE FOOD RACE from November 5th and you can bring all the food you want to help those in need.

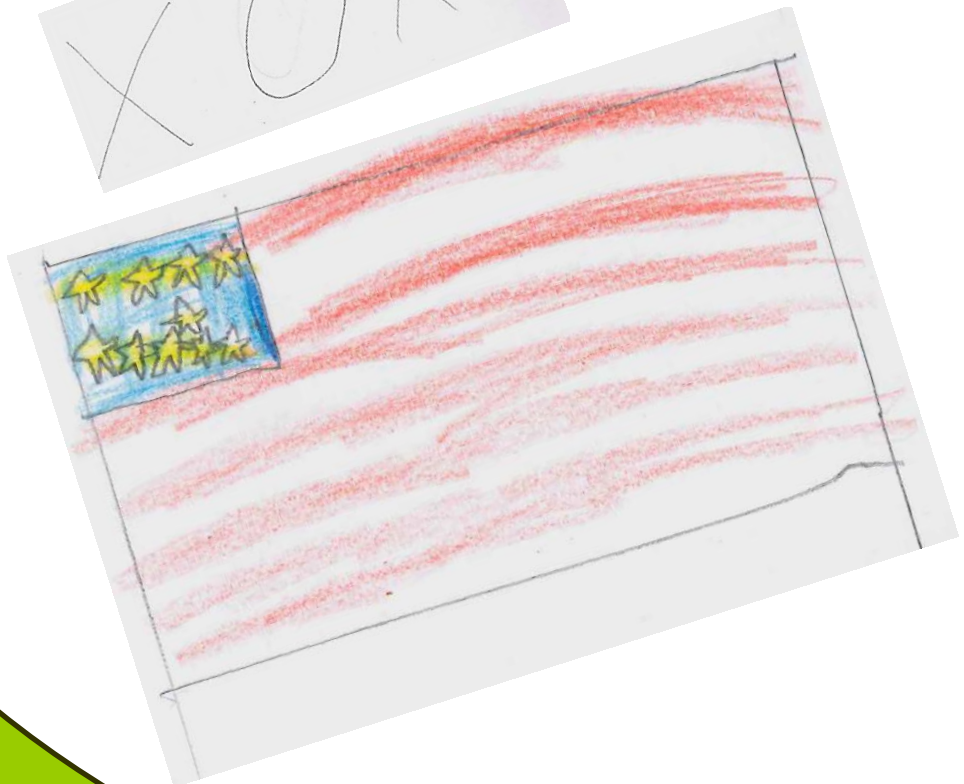
I hope you enjoy the reading and remember that teaching you is our priority, you inspire us every day.

Learn well

Maria Menéndez
Skyline English Centre

Dear Leïan James, My name is Pablo,
I'm 8 years old, and I'm from Valladolid.
You play basketball very well.
I play basketball and football. How old are
you?

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MY SCHOOL

My name's Sandra. I go to Skyline English Centre.

Look at this picture of my English Centre.

Our classroom is downstairs. It's very small and bright. I'm in the class of United Kingdom.

There are 2 girls and 2 boys in my class.

Our teacher is Maria. There are lots of posters and a painting on the wall. We sit at tables.

I sit with my friend Julia. And the wall is green.

The teacher is generous. In my class there is one

heater. In the class there is one whiteboard. I love my English Centre.



Routine.

I'm get up at eight o'clock, later I have breakfast. At nine o'clock I start school. I have lunch at ten past two. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays I do gymnastics and on Tuesdays and on Thursday I go to English school. Every day I do my homework of my class. When I finish my homework I play with my friends. Later I go to home. My mum and my dad prepare dinner while my sister and me see the table I have dinner at half past nine. My sister and me open a bed in order to watch a TV. My sister and me go to bed. Because tomorrow it is next good day.

THE END Maria, 11 years old.



Tweets of the month



Iyanla Vanzant @IyanlaVanzant

4 Oct

Life must begin within. Stress will not go away until you decide it no longer has a place in your life.



Kat Graham @KatGraham

9 Oct

"Never look back unless you're planning to go that way."

Expand



Emily Osment @EmilyOsment

20 Oct

Always keep a part of your heart at home base. So when you're lost you can always find it. And give him a call.



Paul Walker @RealPaulWalker

21 Oct

"Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion." — Muhammad Ali

Expand



Will @WillyFerrell

23 Oct

I don't trust anyone who smiles before 9 AM.

Expand



Gary Loper @GaryLoper

28 Oct

It's not what you've got, it's what you use that makes a difference
~ Zig Ziglar

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Also on 

News

What to do

✓ Haute Couture designer Jose Manuel Alonso will lecture for the fourth time in our city on how to get the best out of you. This *Fashion Stylish Course* will take place on November 11th in Vincci Hotel. If you want to register, you can do so in info@alonsize.com



✓ If you are interested in the Indian culture, you can't miss this. You can celebrate Diwali enjoying a Bollywood dance performance and trying some typical Indian food. Don't forget to pick up your ticket from November 12th and experience it on November 16th at *Casa de la India*.

✓ Until November 4th you can visit a photography exposition at Casa Revilla: *Marilyn. Getty Images Gallery*. A collection of imagery and memorabilia to commemorate 50 years since the untimely death of Marilyn Monroe. An opportunity to see the actress' life like never before. Free entrance.



RIO SHOPPING

GOOD OR BAD? FRIEND OR FOE?

Rio Shopping is a mall that opened on the 20th of September, 2012; it has 135 shops and 17 restaurants.

The mall has a lot of advantages and disadvantages for the economy of our city. On the one hand, some people think that this shopping centre is good but, on the other hand, there are people who have a different opinion about the mall.

There are a lot of people who think that Rio Shopping has more positive points than negative points, the main positive point is that a lot of shops will need employees to work, also the consumers will have different options because they can find more products in the town.

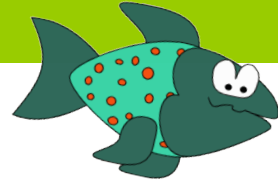
Other point of view is less optimistic because they argue that in the city centre many people will lose their jobs, and many stores will close because the consumers will buy more in Rio Shopping than in the stores in the city centre.

Finally, we can say that the main direct beneficiaries are the consumers also we can say that they will say if the mall is good or bad, friend or foe?



FISHING

A SPORT



When you go fishing as a hobby it is called sport fishing. In this type of fishing you don't fish to eat, so you don't have to kill the fish you get. Also, for sport fishing it is very important to release the fish you catch in order to preserve the fish in the future, otherwise, our sport will disappear.

There are different types of sport fishing and it depends on the fishing material you use, the fishing area where you go and the type of fish you are looking for. For example there are some like carp fishing, spinning, jigging, casting, coup, etc.

Carp fishing

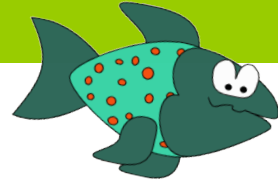
Carp fishing and spinning are the type of fishing that I practice. You are doing carp fishing when you are looking for some fish called carps. Normally, this type of fishing is practiced in summer, without moving from a place, and using bigger rods and reels to pull the fish out of the water.

In that picture you can see the world record in carp fishing.



FISHING

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Spinning

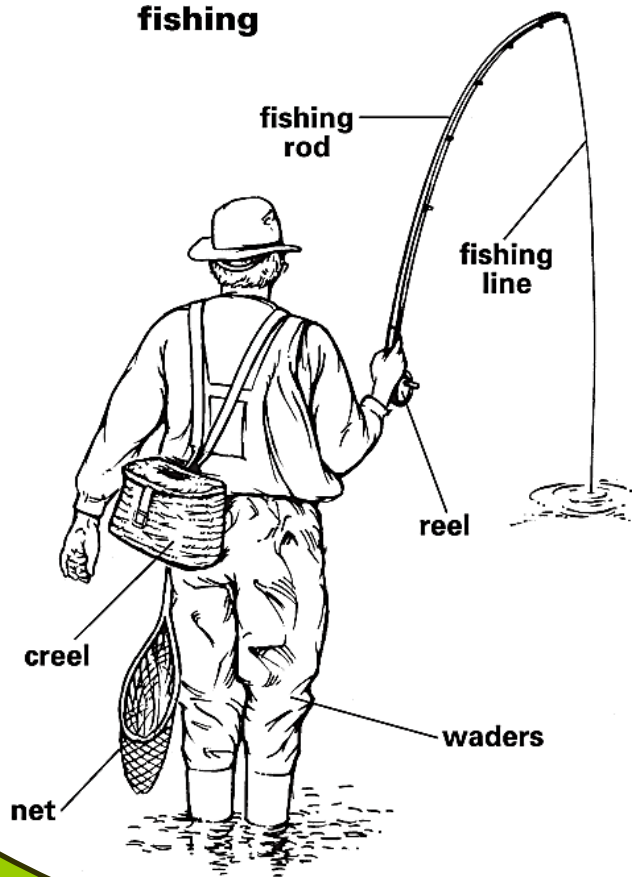
Instead of carp fishing we can practice spinning when you are looking for some fish called pike and black bass. Normally this type of fishing is practiced in autumn and winter, walking throughout the river looking for the fish, and using smaller rods and reels than carp fishing.

In that picture you can see the biggest pike captured in Spain. It comes from Orellana Lake.



Finally, I would like to say that for me the aim of fishing is to enjoy nature and friends while I'm practicing the sport I like.

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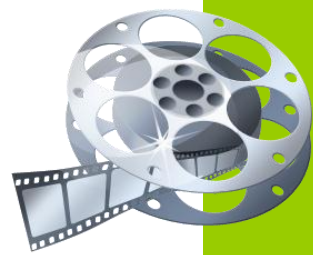




Movie of the month

The Impossible

Back in 2004, Juan Antonio Bayona heard about a Spanish family who had survived the tsunami and it got his attention. As he was engaged to other project, it was not until 2008 that he started what would become a highly praised film about the horrible experience of that family. *The Impossible* is considered by some critics as one of the most emotional realistic disaster movies in recent memory. The key factors of this film are, undoubtedly, the impressive directing work and the edge-of-seat performances. The film had a budget of 30 million Euros, with an entire Spanish production, and shares the crew with Bayona's previous film, *The Orphanage*. The first script was in Spanish but the vast majority of the dialogues were in English since it was the communication tool in Thailand, hence, it was finally decided to have the script in English. In addition, international actors were sought in order to attract more "investors". The director is being compared to Steven Spielberg and he openly admits to have been influenced by the film-maker when approaching the story. We get a melodrama of the most elemental kind in this film and, at the same time, we are taken to the experimental verge of drowning and back. The film intends to offer the audience the possibility of living the experience of the survivors, of reevaluating our priorities watching an average family receiving a slap of reality and fighting for their own lives. For this purpose, Bayona brings the topic of empathy emerging far more naturally than in most Hollywood scripts.



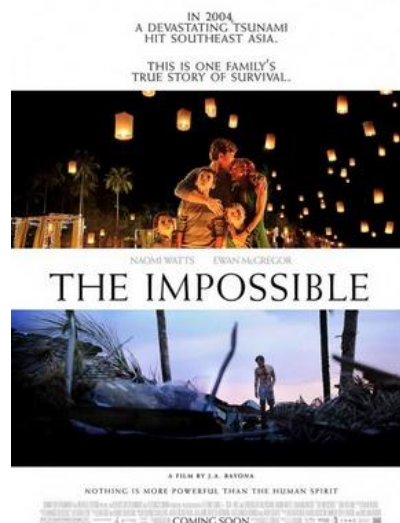


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The Impossible

The acting communicates everything that is supposed to, in particular Naomi Watts, the mother, and Tom Holland, one of the sons. The former shows an immense physical commitment to her character while the latter is astonishingly good as the terrified but courageous Lucas. Ewan McGregor is being also praised for his performance which is seen by some critics as one the best he had been involved in lately.

The film was shot in Alicante two years ago coping with all sorts of difficulties, especially because of the movement of the water. They had to create a flood, 15 metres wide and 60 metres long, realism was the most important thing. The creation of the wave combined high-tech work with a powerful use of sound, the crew mixed different layers of water to recreate the feeling of the ocean, and all the details were laid thoroughly



The only two things that cannot be considered particularly outstanding are the script, which lacks strength, and the music, which in some moments may be unnecessary. Even though, *The Impossible* has made history because it is already a box office hit. During the first four days of release it got more than 10 million Euros. This is the highest-grossing opening weekend ever for a film in Spain. Let's hope this movie is noisy enough to get to the Oscars!

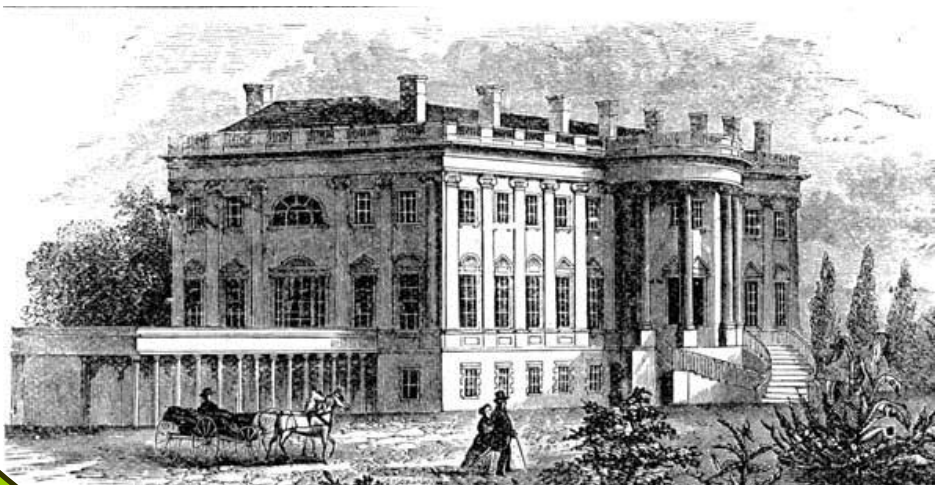


Haunted America

Who hasn't heard of a spooky story about a house where doors open themselves and lights go on and off randomly, places where people claim to have seen a ghost or simply sites where something mysterious took place in the past and still today has no explanation? USA is a breeding ground for that kind of legends. All around the country we can find "officially" haunted places, you can even go on road trip to see them! Let's check some of them.

The White House

President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) lost his son at the early age of eleven in the Green Room of the White House. Since then, he became a really "spiritual" person as he and his wife tried to contact the deceased kid. He also said to have received visits from spirits and his wife invited mediums to contact the president after he had passed away. It has been almost 150 years and during all this time a lot of people swear to have seen the ghost of former president Abraham Lincoln coming back and forth the White House, specially on the second floor.



Haunted America

St. Augustine Lighthouse

Located in Anastasia Island, Florida, it was built on 1874. Hezekiah Pettee and his family, his wife and five children took up residence on the property but, unluckily, there was an accident and the two older daughters of the family, Mary and Eliza passed away. There have been multiple sightings as well as objects moving and faces of girls in the steamy windows. The manifestations have been so vivid that the lighthouse was closed in 2002 and became a museum where you can take a ghost tour. Even, the television show *Ghost Hunters* investigated the case and got some scary footage.



Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel

The hotel opened in 1927 right in the centre of Hollywood, very famous from the beginning due to the fact that the first Academy Awards ceremony was held in its ballroom. The target clients of the hotel were and have always been Hollywood stars, and those are, apparently, who cannot leave the hotel even after life. One of the best known sightings is that of Marilyn Monroe, who was living in a hotel for two years, her ghost appeared in the mirror that was in her room, later in the manager's office and finally in the lobby so that everyone can experience it. Others such as Montgomery Clift or Betty Grable have been felt in the hotel. All this, surprisingly, did not start until after the restoration of the hotel in 1983.

Haunted America

Hotel del Coronado

A beautiful hotel in Coronado Island, San Diego, which became famous when Marilyn Monroe appeared on the cover of People Magazine and the hotel on the background. However, today, it is famous for very different reasons. On November 29, 1982, Kate Morgan was found dead in her room five days after she checked in the hotel. Although the case was stated as suicide, there were a lot of doubts about it since the bullet in her head did not match with her own gun. Since then she has been known as the ghost of this hotel owing to the numerous times she has been seen. A lot of books have been published on the matter although the official book, *The Beautiful Stranger: The Ghost of Kate Morgan and The Hotel del Coronado*, can only be found in the gift shop in the hotel.



Joshua Ward House

Located in Salem, it was home of Sheriff George Corwin, one of the most evil witch hunters of all time. He died of a sudden heart attack and his body was “stored” for years in the cellar because the ground was too frozen to dig. He is believed to lurk the place along some of the 19 women he tortured and killed accusing them of witchcraft.



Windsor, Ontario

Windsor is the southernmost city in Canada, and borders the United States. Windsor and Detroit, Michigan are separated by the Detroit River. The border has two main access points, the Ambassador Bridge, and the Canadian-American Tunnel. Windsor is known as the City of Roses, and is located in the province of Ontario, the most populated region in Canada. It is 380 km away from Toronto, and 495 km away from the Canadian capital, Ottawa.

Prior to European settlement, Windsor's main inhabitants were Native Americans. French and British colonies came to Windsor in 1749. Although the official language in Ontario is English, French heritage is still evident in many of the street names in Windsor, such as Lauzon, Pelletier, Ouelette, and La Salle.

Windsor has the warmest climate in Canada, mainly due to the hot and humid summers. The coldest month in Windsor is January, and the hottest month is July. Some record temperatures recorded during these months are -29.9 degrees celsius in January, and 41.2 celsius in the month of July.

Windsor's economy is primarily based on education, manufacturing, tourism, and government services. Windsor has a well-established tourism industry. Caesars Windsor is one of the largest casinos in Canada, ranks as one of the largest local employers.



Windsor, Ontario

Windsor is the headquarters of Hiram Walker & Sons Limited, a historic whisky distillery.

Windsor is one of Canada's major automobile manufacturing centres. Windsor is home to the headquarters of Chrysler Canada. Automotive facilities, and two Ford engine plants.

Windsor has a low violent crime rate and one of the lowest murder rates in Canada; this contrasts with the high violent crime rate in neighbouring Detroit. Windsor is one of the 5 safest communities in Canada.

The University of Windsor is the main university in the city, and has an acclaimed Law program. It has a student population of approximately 15,000 full-time and part-time undergraduate students and over 1000 graduate students. International students make up approximately 10% of the student population; about 1500 students from more than 70 countries. The University of Windsor Stadium plays host to a variety of sports including football, men and women's, soccer and outdoor track and field.

Each summer, Windsor co-hosts the two-week-long International Freedom Festival, which finishes in a gigantic fireworks display that celebrates Canada Day and the U.S Independence Day. The fireworks display is among the world's largest and is held on the final Monday in June over the Detroit River between the two downtowns. Each year, the event attracts over a million spectators to both sides of the riverfront.



Brittle Bones

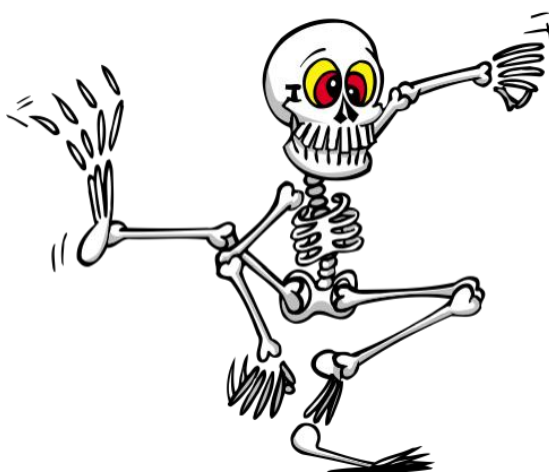


Ingredients

3 large egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/8 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup white sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla



Preheat oven to 200F. Line cookie sheet with brown paper bag or parchment. In a medium sized bowl at high speed, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt till fluffy. Gradually beat in sugar. Add vanilla. Place in pastry bag fitted with a medium plain piping tip. Pipe 3" bone shapes onto parchment or brown paper bag. Bake 1 hour until set. Turn off oven, dry in oven 1 hour. Be sure to store in airtight containers or they will become soggy. Makes 4 to 5 dozen small finger-sized bones.



LEARNING CORNER



IDIOMS

- ✓ **To spill the beans:** to reveal a secret or confess to something.
Everyone's trying to make me spill the beans about who will be our new boss.
- ✓ **To have a finger in every pie:** to be involved in a lot of things at the same time.
She does a great deal for the town; she has a finger in every pie.

PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Bring down:** to make unhappy.
This sad music is bringing me down.
- ✓ **Fall apart:** to break into pieces.
My new dress fell apart in the washing machine.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

➤ Movie of the month: FIN



➤ Culture: Christmas



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