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Dear readers,

Voltaire High School is happy to announce the issue of the first number of our English magazine, called *Voltaire's Voice*. This is a very special moment for us, as we all worked hard and with a lot of enthusiasm.

The main sections of the magazine are: Creative writing, Film, Music, Sports, Gaming, Lifestyle, Travel, Culture and Civilization, and the Laughter Zone. We also have a special section dedicated to the students who have won prizes in various English competitions.

All the articles are meant to keep you informed with what is going on inside and outside of our school. The magazine is intended to give the students in our school the chance to express their most creative ideas in Shakespeare's language.

The magazine is created exclusively by the students and teachers of Voltaire High School. Please enjoy their writing and do not forget to *learn*, *dream* and *smile*!

Corina Mitrulescu English Teacher

ABOUT US

Voltaire High School was founded by the University of Craiova, in 2015, having as its main aim to develop students' harmonious personality and to promote specific abilities necessary for a European citizenship.

The students in our high school started the courses on September 14th 2015, in the classrooms provided by the Faculty of Law, a building with a modern architecture and spacious facilities. Starting from the second semester, the high school moved to another building, which is part of the historic building that is headquarters to the Faculty of Mechanics.

The students benefit from the laboratories and sports facilities offered by the University campus. They have also been involved in various activities initiated by the University of Craiova.

Voltaire High School offers an afterschool programme as well as various extracurricular activities such as: drama, Spanish language, business, sports, life abilities etc. The students can have lunch at the campus cafeteria which offers freshly-cooked dishes.

Our high school offers the students the opportunity to become part of the francophone family, allowing them to express their creative ideas and to acquire in-depth knowledge and gain new experiences related to French culture and civilization.



OUR WINNERS

STUDENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ENGLISH COMPETITIONS

Andrei Recăreanu- 1st prize *Get Your Grammar Right!*Vlad Spiridon- 2nd prize *Get Your Grammar Right!*Guarino Pagarin- honourable mention *Get Your Grammar Right!*Eva Tomescu and Dorin Neacșu- honourable mention *My Universe*Anca Pîslaru and Andreea Lică- honourable mention *Public Speaking*, local heat Students that have qualified for the county heat of the English Olympiad:
Eva Tomescu

Andreea Lică Alexandru Novac Cristiana Alexandrescu Anca Pîslaru Karina Păun Răzvan Siminică

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

In October 2016, The English Speaking Union Romania announced the theme for the Public Speaking competition this year: *Integrity has no need of rules*.

The local and county heat of the competition took place at Henri Coanda High School, in Craiova. Participants wrote and delivered the speech, the title and the content of which were connected with the theme of the competition. They interpreted the theme in any way the wished. Participants delivered a three-minute prepared speech. The speech was immediately followed by a session of questions.

Our school was represented by 5 students at the local heat: Andrei Recăreanu, Karina Păun, Andreea Lică, Anca Pîslaru, Alexandru Novac.

Anca Pîslaru and Andreea Lică won a honourable mention and qualified for the county heat. Here are their speeches.

INTEGRITY HAS NO NEED OF RULES

by Andreea Lică

In my opinion, the given statement: "Integrity has no need of rules" doesn't represent the reality because integrity is one of the greatest qualities a human being can possess: it is the essence of a human's existence. Even the word itself, which evolved from the Latin "integer" means whole or complete, something a person becomes if he/she/one possesses this quality. Of course, you can't just wake up one morning and become this admirable person. Integrity is also a feature you have to work really hard for, and that can only be achieved in time, by following some rules, which, as I believe, should not be considered rules, but something natural and ordinary:

First of all, one needs to be honest, with others but mainly, with himself. This person should not be able to lie without feeling at least some kind of guilt. If you lie to yourself, it is similar to denying your whole life, you just live in vain, completely absorbed by that lie. You need to remember or find out who you really are, so you can go to sleep with yourself and be happy.

Second, one needs to not be influenced by someone else's opinion or actions. That doesn't mean he should not be open to hearing what the other person has to say. As my father usually says, we should keep our mouths shut until the other person runs out of arguments, we need to take a moment of silence and calculate every little thing that was said, and only then we shall speak loudly. I gave this example because I consider my father being one of the most upright persons I have ever met. When I asked him about integrity, he also told me that it comes gradually, and it's not made for everyone. For example, people with reduced knowledge will never rise above.

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These two rules are the most important ones because they signify a person's character and individuality. Of course, besides them, a person should also be courageous, fearless, strong, ambitious, and kind because in such a wicked world, these are exactly what we need to succeed in life and to survive knowing we did the best we could have done and live in happiness.

Returning to the subject, integrity, as you've seen, has a lot of components and some rules, but in the end, when your life is flashing before your eyes, you will thank yourself and it will all be worth it.

IT EXISTS

by Cristiana Alexandrescu

CHAPTER I

Since I was little I've had a very powerful attraction for the supernatural. I was fascinated by the shadows and what they were hiding. Until one day when my best friend Thomas died while he was helping me search for a beast in the woods. People were so afraid to talk about it, and I wanted to see for myself if it was real; but because of my curiosity Thomas was now dead.

We were supposed to go into the woods together to look for the beast, but I had a problem and I got there late, and he was gone. I called his phone, thinking that he got bored waiting for me. But he wasn't at home. I couldn't find him the next day either.

His parents reported him missing. One day, the police were searching in the woods when they found a body that a few hours later turned out to be Thomas's.

I was devastated. I felt like my whole world was tearing apart. His parents said that Thomas was dead because of me, and they were right. If it wasn't for my stupid curiosity he wouldn't have ended up dead.

So here I am, awake and scared at 3 AM. I can't sleep. I keep blaming myself for what happened to Thomas. My parents are worried for me and so are my friends. But I have to find out who or what killed Thomas. I owe this to him.

- Hayley come down for breakfast, sweetie!
- In five minutes mom!

That morning I decided that after school I would take my stuff and go to the woods.

But that didn't turned out how I wanted.... Lidia, Kim and Jason figured out what I was up to and wanted to go with me.

- No! I can't risk putting your lives in danger!
- Oh! Come on! Hayley our life it's already in danger just by being friends with you. Right guys?, said Lidia showing up her perfect smile.

Jason came closer and put his hand on my shoulder. He looked me in the eyes and said:

- Hey, Thomas was our friend too, and there's no way that we'll let you go there alone. It was useless to argue over their decision, so I agreed.
- Okay! We're doing this for Thomas. We have to find out what's hiding in the woods.
- Fine but not today, it's already dark and there's no way that I'm going into the woods at night. There are two more days until the weekend. I say that we go there on Saturday, early in the morning, said Kim.

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- Alright! But by then let's gather what we need, flashlights, ropes, you know that kind of stuff.



The weekend arrived, and here we were; standing in front of the woods waiting for Lidia. I was looking at the forest, and every inch of my body knew that this was so wrong but I kept ignoring that voice inside my head that kept telling me to go back....

- Sorry guys! I had to get rid of my mom. She can be very annoying sometimes.
- We're all set. Are you ready?

Yet again the voice inside my head started to mumble but ignored it.

- Yeah.... let's go find that thing!

To be continued...

THE DRY LAKE

by Eva Tomescu

A long time ago, in the middle of the 19th century, in a small village called "Little Carolina", there lived a 31 years old rich man. His name was John Hamilton.

It was Christmas time and John was going back home from the Cambridge University. He was riding a horse. As it was snowing very hard and the road was long, he decided to stay through the night at a nearby hotel.

People were dancing and singing in the hotel. Everyone seemed very happy. John was a little upset, because he was all alone on Christmas Eve. He was thinking about his family and his friends.



In the lobby, Mr Hamilton saw a girl, who was writing some documents. Her name was Anna Brunner. She was very young, and the way she was dressed indicated to a more attentive eye that she wasn't very rich. Bad people were laughing at her behind her back. She always worked hard and she didn't deserve to be treated like that.

When he saw her, John decided to invite her to dance. Everyone saw how happy the poor girl was to have someone dancing with. Her face lit up with a smile.

After the dance, they spent the night together, talking, getting to know each other better. It seemed that they had already fallen in love. The next day, the young man had to return home, promising her that he will come back to see her very soon.

John finally arrived home. His parents were very glad to see him, but they felt that something was wrong with him. He didn't act as usual, he wasn't even talking too much. Yes, something was wrong with him. He was in love with Anna and she was the only thing he could think about: her beautiful green

eyes, her soft and white skin, her mysterious look, her long and shiny hair. It was like she had invaded his mind.

But John didn't want to tell his parents about her, because she was poor and they wouldn't have accepted her. He only told his brother, Nathan, about her. He was very wise and he always had strange premonitions about the future. He advised John to marry her, because he said that no money will make him happy in the future, but she will.

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After one week, John came back to the hotel to see Anna. She was incredibly happy; she jumped in his arms. After she finished her work, they went for a little walk in the forest. Even though it was dangerous, they could only think about each other. They talked and laughed a lot. It was the best night for Anna.

After this tiring walk, they finally returned to the hotel and went to sleep. John was holding her hand with love. It was the best feeling for Anna. She really loved him, but she knew that their relationship was not a real one and she became very sad.

The next morning, John had to return. When he arrived home, his parents introduced him to a very confident rich woman, the same age as he was, named Natalia. She had graduated from an important university. Their parents wanted him to marry her. Seeing this situation, Nathan became very angry, because he didn't want his brother to marry Natalia. She didn't have any good qualities as Anna did. She only had money and an attractive appearance. Nathan could feel if a person was good or not and he didn't have a good feeling about her.

While John was talking to her, Nathan came straight to her and told her to get out of their house, because they didn't need people like her to build a life with. Natalia became very nervous hearing this and she started to shout and insult Nathan. John told both of them to calm down, especially to Nathan. John, why can't you see how bad this woman really is? Besides, how is Anna going to feel when she's going to hear about this?, said Nathan.

Hearing about Anna, Natalia left the Hamiltons' residence, saying that she won't compete with a naïve girl for a man who is as naïve as she was.

John was very angry. He even started to fight with Nathan, until their parents separated them. John was thinking only about money and about what he had just lost. He hated Anna and he didn't want to see her anymore. As he was angry and tired he went to sleep. In the middle of the night, Nathan came desperately to John's room.

"John, you need to get to the hotel right now and tell Anna you love her, or else you won't see her again. I feel that something bad is going to happen and you can't let things end like this. Do something!", said Nathan.

"That's exactly what I want. Get out right now and let me go back to sleep", said John angrily.

"But John you don't understand! You have to..."

"Nathan! Get out now!", John yelled at his brother. Nathan returned to his room very sad and confused.

The next morning, their parents noticed that he was looking sad and he was very pale and scared. He said that he was alright. John didn't seem to care. He took his horse and went to the hotel to tell Anna about Natalia.

To be continued....

BOOK THIEF

by Lorena Răducu



My all time favourite movie is called "Book thief". I've watched it with my classmates and it remained imprinted in my heart. The topic that the movie is dealing with is history and war. Even if I am not keen on this type of films, this one has something special.

The action takes place in a small town in Germany, where a little girl named Liesel was taken away from her real mother and given to another family. At first, it was really hard for her and she wanted to run away, but as the time passed, she began to love her new family and even fall in love with the blond boy next door, Rudy.



Liesel's passion was reading. She loved it, even if she learned to read later then the other kids. Hans, her step-father, taught her how to read. But Liesel was not an ordinary girl. She was an extraordinary kid. Reading made her unique. She began to steal books or "borrow" like she said to Rudy: "I do not steal them, I borrow them" she said.

But I think you are wondering where the history part is in this movie. Well, it was that time when there was a war between the Jews and the Germans. And guess what? Liesel got in between. Her entire town was attacked by the Russians.

The end of the movie is a little bit tragic, but it has some good parts too.



Do you really think that I'm going to tell you how it ends? Well, if you are curious about the end, you have to watch the movie. Believe me you are not going to regret!

THE RETURN OF A LEGEND

by Andrei Recăreanu

Guns N' Roses fans have been begging for a reunion for the last 15 years. After thousands of tweets and messages to the former band members the day had finally come!

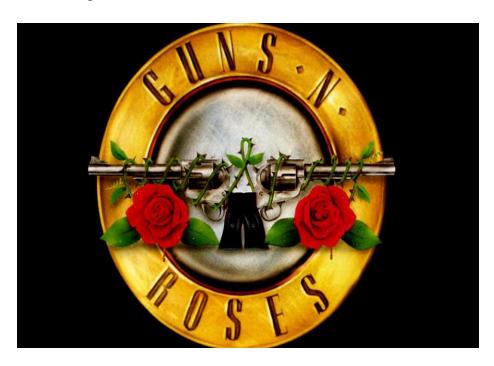
According to *GuitarWorld* magazine co-former guitarist Slash and bassist Duff McKaran decided to return to the band, which is interesting because Slash hadn't spoke to the other band members since 1997 (when he left the band because of Axl's absence at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame). After hearing about this, Axl joined them.

Nobody knows if Izzy Stadlin (rhythmic guitarist) is going to rejoin the band, Izzy remaining silent about this subject.

Some rumours say that this reunion is just for "repairing the friendship, not the band" and that Axl is going to quit in a couple of months and Slash would continue to play with Myles Kennedy after the Gn'R tour. Hopefully that isn't the case.

On the other hand this reunion was possible because of Aerosmith' Steven Tyler (in the name of all the Guns N' Roses fans all across the world, thank you Steven!) who convinced Axl and Slash that they can't let the people down.

The tour will start on April 2016 in Los Angeles Coachella and all the tickets have already been sold out. Hopefully we will live to see the top- hatted guitarist along with the high pitch vocalist in a European tour.



SIMONA HALEP - THE SYMBOL OF ROMANIAN TENNIS



by Alexandra Budică

Simona Halep (born 27 September 1991) is a Romanian professional tennis player who is currently ranked as No. 2 WTA. Halep first broke into the world's top 50 at the end of 2012, the top 20 in August 2013, and then the top 10 in January 2014 (after reaching the Australian Open quarterfinal). She won her first 6 WTA titles in 2013 (a

feat that was previously achieved by Steffi Graf in 1986 when she won her first 7), being named the WTA's Most Improved Player at its end, as well as being named ESPN Center Court's 2013 Most Improved Player.

Halep reached the 2014 French Open final, her first Grand Slam final, where she played against Maria Sharapova, losing in three sets. She also reached the final of the WTA Finals the same year, losing to Serena Williams in straight sets after having defeated her earlier in the tournament. Halep has been the most clicked player on *WTATennis.com* for two consecutive years (2014–2015), when she was awarded the WTA Most Popular Player of the Year prize.

Simona Halep was born in the Dobrujan city of Constanța, to Stere and Tania Halep, a family of Aromanian descent. Her father, a former football player, owns a dairy products factory.

Halep started playing tennis at the age of four. At age 6, she was practicing daily. At age 16, she relocated to Bucharest to further her tennis career. She named Justine Henin and Andrei Pavel as two of her idols when she was younger.

Simona Halep has self-described her playing style as being "an aggressive baseliner" and "she models her game on Justine Henin". Henin herself said of Halep, "She has an intelligent game. There is a little something that reminds me of myself... it is offensive and aggressive."

She is one of the most important tennis players in the world and we are proud of her.

GAMING

by Guarino Pagarin and Adrian Mecu

Playing games is just like reading a book with only one catch: you control the protagonists' actions.

Hardcore Gamers



A hardcore gamer is a person who spends his whole time playing video games on a console or computer. He dedicates most of his time to achieve hard things such as:

- getting a legendary weapon (for mmorpg players)
- ranking up or increasing MMR (moba or competitive fps games
- getting a hard achievement (The Arena Master in World Of Warcraft)
- farming rare stuff

As a hardcore gamer you can earn money by playing competitive games like: World of Warcraft, Counter Strike: Global Offensive, Dota 2, League of Legends, Hearthstone etc.

By playing these games professionally they are sponsored by big companies and participate in big tournaments.

They compete as part of slickly-operated teams, which turn compete in regional leagues. They might train for 14 hours a day. They study different strategies and techniques. They demonstrate remarkable reflexes and mental agility.

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They deal with enormous pressure, experience euphoric highs and shattering lows. They also spend their money on gaming equipment.

The hardcore gamers' full time job is, as you have probably expected, gaming. As stated



above, they earn money by playing competitive games. That doesn't mean that they don't have real life friends or a social life. It is their passion.

Casual Gamers

Casual gamers are people who play games for fun. They play games like Call of Duty, Star Wars: Battlefront, The Forest.

They don't spend as much money as hardcore gamers as they don't care about graphics or running at 1080p resolution at 60 frames per second.

They play games because they have some time to kill before a scheduled event or want to discover new experiences.

They are not "tryhards" that get annoyed if someone is playing badly. They just accept that the person might be playing the game for the first time.

They don't jump into a game on the launch day, they might never even buy it. Some of them prefer older games like Jazz Jackrabbit, Need for Speed, Tomb Raider etc.

They spend somewhere between 2-5 hours playing their games and they are the most fun to play with (and we say this from our personal experiences).

Casual gamers have curiosity about games (i.e how scenery is rendered, how animations work, exploits etc.)

I, myself, am a casual/old school gamer. I love playing old games. For me, they have a lot more depth and attention to detail than newer games. I remember the first time I played Spiderman 3. I was mind blown about the graphics and animations at the time. Everything was detailed, from the city to the interiors and the subway.

Games are an art. They are made by talented people who really take their time to craft an original story, characters that make you be emotionally attached to them, and visuals that are VERY close to real life.

Playing games helps you get over a stressful day and I highly recommend it!

Nowadays, though the games don't have the same depth and attention to detail, they are filled with DLC (downloadable content) and lack a good single player story. They come with lots of bugs and get very repetitive. For me, these types of games are called "cashgrabs" as they charge you 60 \$ for an incomplete game. And that is why I don't recommend buying games at launch day. Just wait for at least 3-4 months before purchasing them.

Playing a game is just like playing sports. You have to rest, otherwise you will experience severe back pain and eye fatigue .Get up off your chair and do some exercises. Walk in the room. Alternatively, concentrate on things from afar. Also, don't forget to blink! It might sound strange but when you are focused on the game you don't blink. As blinking is a reflex, you are not paying attention to it. This will cause your eyes to get red and you will start to tear and you can experience blurry vision.

PHOTOGRAPHY IS A PASSION

by Ariana Hashemi

"What is your passion?" I hear this question all the time and I am sure all of us do. I wasn't so sure what mine was, but one day I figured it out: photography. This is a hobby and a way to relax, to express myself and to do what I love most. Photos tell many stories. A single picture can sum up an important event, or portray the sense of a place, it can even keep you forever young.

Every photographer is unique and has his own way of showing and sending a certain message to the viewer. Even a single image can show much, but what about a group of images? Yes, they can show much more.

You don't need to take courses to name yourself a "photographer", but you must love what you are doing and practice with every chance you get.

How did I figure out I loved taking photos and decided to buy a camera? It all started with an

obsession for eyes. Every time I saw someone with beautiful eyes, I would get my phone and ask if I could take a photo. But I wasn't happy with the clarity of it, so I thought I should try and buy a camera.

After a while, I became passionate with nature and portraits so I started to think about my passion as a serious thing and I said to myself that I need to practice more and more. And every time my photos got better and better, so I was really proud of what I was doing.

Everyone can be what they want to be, if they do it with love, motivation and a purpose, so if you haven't discovered what your passion is until now, try again and again,



FASHION TRENDS 2016

by Alexandra Opincaru and Lavinia Ivan

We will start with the most fashionable print this year: the stripes

1. Vertical stripes make you look thinner and elongate your body.

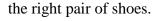
The vertical stripes can be worn by people with different body shapes. By contrast, horizontal stripes can be worn only by thin people.

2. When it comes to dresses, this year we can wear different lengths, bare shoulders or dresses with certain decorative elements on the upper part.

3. We can wear prints on any type of material: leather, silk, etc.

Sequins are also a must this year.

But it is important when we choose a piece of clothing, to accessorize it with



The shoes mustn't have very high heels.

Bear in mind that the white shoes are back in trend again.

4. Stripes on trousers are very casual.



When it comes to choosing accessories, many people do not know what to choose in order to highlight the good parts.

Choose accessories that will improve your image. Pay attention to colour, texture and

materials, and choose clothes and accessories to match. Choose simple accessories to match as many outfits as you can. This way you save money and time.







A BRIEF HISTORY OF SCOTLAND

by David Montois and Alexandru Răduț

Ancient Scotland

From about 8,000 BC the first people came to Scotland from Europe. These were the hunter-gatherers. Around 4,000 BC a great change took place in the lifestyle of Scotland's early peoples. They settled down in fertile river valleys, and started to farm the land, clearing the forests to plant crops and tend animals like cattle and sheep.

Around 700 BC metal workers figured out how to melt iron, heralding the start of the Iron Age. Stronger and more abundant than bronze, iron was far superior for making weapons and armour - further accelerating social change.

Two thousand years ago Scotland was covered with a patchwork of

Medieval Scotland

The Normans conquered England in 1066, after which many Anglo-Saxons from England settled in the Lowlands of



different tribes that spoke languages akin to Gaelic and Welsh. It wasn't a dark forested land inhabited by savages but a complex and sophisticated civilisation that had successfully shaped its environment in order to survive. In AD 79 the Scots faced their greatest challenge, a Roman invasion.

The Romans invaded Britain in the 1st century AD, during which time they added southern Britain to their empire as the province Britannia. They were, however, unable to subdue the fierce tribes in the north. A massive wall was built across the island from sea to sea on demand by the Emperor Hadrian to keep these tribes from invading Britannia. Parts of this Hadrian's Wall still stand on the Scottish border today. Scotland. This is when the Scots gradually adopted the English ways. Feudalism was established the chiefs of and the clans became nobles. Scottish towns began to grow, trade was increased and Scotland thrived.

Through the Medieval period,
Scotland's four peoples - Gaels, Picts,
Angles, and Britons - forged ties of

friendship and cultural exchange through their lengthy and fiercely contested efforts to hold off the Vikings.

Scotland suffered changes which served to unite the eastern and southern portions of medieval Scotland. By contrast, they served to further alienate the west, which continued to use the Gaelic language and clung to the Celtic Christianity of their ancestors.

By 1296 the Highland line was clearly established culturally as well as geographically. In the 400 years from Kenneth MacAlpin to Alexander III, Scotland travelled from the land of legend and myth into the realm of history. The Picts, Britons and Angles merged into one people with a common law, language and religion. The highland clan system had also developed during these years, with the great clans growing stronger.



Medieval castle in Scotland

In the late Middle Ages the Scottish kings still had little power and the barons sometimes acted virtually as independent rulers. Accordingly Scotland suffered from lawlessness. On the other hand the burghs thrived and Scotland's first university, St Andrews, was founded in 1413.

Meanwhile during the late 14th and 15th centuries intermittent warfare between the Scots and the English continued.

After the death of Queen Elizabeth I, Scotland and England were united under one single king, however, Scotland remained a separate state with its own parliament and government.

Modern Scotland

The age-old rivalry between Scotland and England ended formally in 1707 when the parliaments of both nations agreed to the Act of Union. This act merged the parliaments of the two nations and established the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Eventually a new Scottish parliament was established in Edinburgh to oversee the territory of Scotland.

In the late 18th century the industrial revolution began to transform Scotland. The linen industry and the cotton industry boomed. The iron industry also grew rapidly.

Meanwhile art, learning and architecture flourished in Scotland and

Edinburgh was called the Athens of the north.

Edinburgh



In the 19th century the history of Scotland merged into the history of Britain. In the early 19th century many Highlanders were forced to emigrate. Further south Scotland's industries boomed. Coal and iron industries flourished. So did ship building. Scottish continued to grow rapidly. However housing conditions in the new industrial towns were often appalling. Disease and overcrowding were common. Still in the late 19th century conditions improved and living standards rose. Furthermore at the end of the 19th century Scottish workers began to form powerful trade unions.

Scotland suffered very high unemployment during the 1920s and 1930s. Traditional industries such as shipbuilding, mining, iron and steel were badly affected by depression. The Second

World War brought a return to full employment and the 1950s and 1960s were years of prosperity. However recession returned in the early 1980s and early 1990s.

Nevertheless new hi-tech and service industries grew up in Scotland in the late 20th century to replace the old manufacturing ones and in 1990 Glasgow was made the Cultural Capital of Europe.

During the 20th century there was a growing nationalist movement in Scotland. The National Party of Scotland was formed in 1928. Finally in 1999 Scotland gained its own parliament.

21st Century Scotland

Then in 2011 the Scottish Nationalist Party won a majority in the Scottish Parliament. However in a referendum in 2014 a majority of Scots voted against independence. Today the population of Scotland is 5.3 million.

THE FUNNIEST JOKES

by Bianca Mişu

Doctor: I'm sorry but you are suffering from a terminal illness and you have only 10 to live."

Patient: What do you mean by 10? 10 what? Months? Weeks?!

Doctor: Nine.



A: Just look at that young person with short hair and blue jeans. Is it a girl or a boy?

B: It's a girl! She is my daughter!

A: Oh, I'm sorry, sir! I didn't know that you were her father.

B: I'm her mother!

Student: But I don't think I deserve an absolute zero.

Teacher: Neither do I, but it is the lowest mark that I am allowed to give you!

Q: Why can't a blonde dial 911?

A: She can't find the eleven.

A lawyer was just waking up from anesthesia after surgery, and his wife was sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said: "You are beautiful!" and then he fell asleep again. His wife had never heard him say that so she stayed by his side. A couple of minutes later, his eyes fluttered open and he said: "You are cute!" Well, the wife was disappointed because instead of "beautiful", it was "cute". She asked: "What happened to 'beautiful'?",his reply was "The drugs are wearing off!"

When asked how he would like to die, this man told: "I would like to die just like my grandfather did, peacefully in his sleep, not screaming or yelling like the passengers in the car he was driving".

