

Appalling statistics

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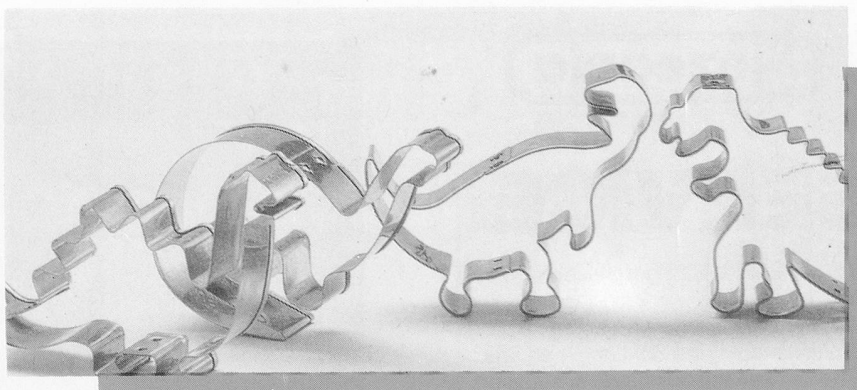
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DILEMMA IN FRIBOURG

The "one arm bandit" gambling machines will remain in operations in Fribourg with the amounts that can be gambled unchanged: maximum input 2 SFR at a time, maximum win 50 SFR. The Fribourg authorities were under pressure to dampen the gambling fever by reducing the maximum input to 1 SFR and the maximum win to 20 SFR. What made the authorities decided to stay put? Simply: money. This type of gambling provides the Fribourg authorities with more than 1.5 million SFR of taxes per year, an easy source of income that the authorities just could not or would not like to see being reduced. So "big" gambling will go on in Fribourg.

NEW ELNA

Finished with the fiddling around trying to thread the sewing machine needle. The new Elna sewing machine does it automatically for you. Added bonuses are that the new Elna only weighs 6 kgs and that it has no protruding parts anymore to get caught on. A great new Swiss invention.



NO END TO THE DINOSAUR BUSINESS

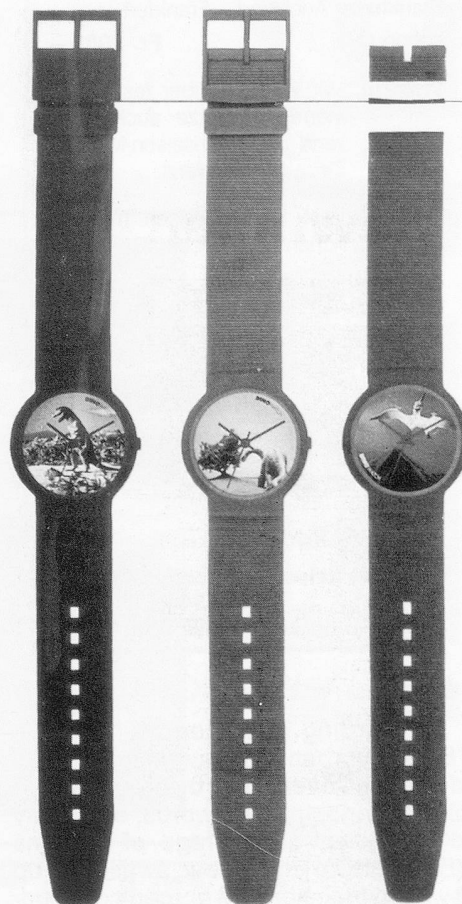
Switzerland is besotted with the dinosaurs. Latest craze: Dino Watches.

And how about these Dino biscuit forms? They are the rage with the Swiss kids.

And if you think this will surely be the end, you are quite wrong. Still to come: Pictures of dinosaurs on the lids of cream containers, the "Dino-Kaffee-rahmdeckeli". What next? Any suggestions?

MORE PUPILS IN CLASSES

Switzerland claims to have a problem. More children than expected are entering schools and so the average number of children per class in primary schools has risen to 19.4 and in secondary schools to 18.4. Apart from the worry as to what a 0.4 child could look like, Switzerland is concerned about nothing. No doubt many of you, together with your Editor, can surely remember sitting in classes with 25-30 children and we still had a somewhat better education than many youngsters are getting today.



APPALLING STATISTICS

Forty-five percent of all prison inmates in Switzerland are foreigners. However, one reason for this seemingly disproportion comes from the fact that Swiss citizens usually have a better chance to get bail, whilst foreigners do not, for fear of them jumping bail and fleeing the country.

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