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Chapter 1

2012

1.1 December

your-best-shot-2012 (2012-12-02 13:21)

Because I'm trying to combine the wordpress and the flickr activities: Let me introduce the latest flickr idea: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/yourbestshot2012/> - do you know your own "best shot" of 2012? For sure difficult to decide! I'll begin with my bicycle photo - though I know, there are soooo much better shots in the web - for example compare my article <http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2011-08/02/bicycles-around-the-world/> !



photo by frizztext, click on the picture to enter my galleries on flickr

If you have time to search for other contributions to the project "yourbestshot2012", explore

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/yourbestshot2012/> - or put a link to your own version in the comment boxes below ...

P.S.:

I'll continue to introduce some "bestshot2012" - using photos, which are sent to my group

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/blog-it/>

compare also:

<http://www.spiegel.de/fotostrecke/the-best-pictures-of-the-year-foto-strecke-91440.html>

[blogs.reuters.com: best-photos-of-the-year-2012](http://blogs.reuters.com/best-photos-of-the-year-2012)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/12/2012-the-year-in-photos-part-1-of-3/100418/>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/12/2012-the-year-in-photos-part-2-of-3/100419/>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/12/2012-the-year-in-photos-part-3-of-3/100420/>

<http://blog.newscom.com/?p=16178>

<http://graphics.wsj.com/Photos-of-the-Year/2012/#o=0&q=&x=&y=&p=6>

<http://lightbox.time.com/2012/12/11/times-best-photojournalism-of-2012/#1>

<http://gettyimages.tumblr.com/tagged/Year+in+Focus/page/1/#37791419185>

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2012/12/2012_year_in_pictures_part_i.html

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/12/30/sunday-review/2012-year-in-pictures.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20121229#/slide=0

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2012/12/best_nature_pictures_of_2012.html

Story Challenge: Letter "W" (2012-12-04 01:55)

Hi Bloggers! Do you have to share a story or a short reflection tagged with the letter "W"? For example I've written about "WATER MEMORIES" (read below) or wildlife, about wind and worries, wine and wolves, Wuppertal or Washington, about witch craft trials and wingless airplanes, about whale rescue and writers, world and word, Wim Wenders and Werner von Braun, Whitney Houston and Amy Winehouse, worms and wonders, windows and waiting, wood and waltz, winters and wars etc. - I'm sure you'll find an own story or a short reflection tagged with "W"! Feel free to add in the comments the link to your personal interpretation of the letter "W"!!!

WATER MEMORIES

Each of us has experience with WATER. From baptism to (perhaps) the dispersion of his ashes in the sea. In addition to rain, ice and snow TO SWIM has always touched me deeply emotionally. Snorkel and dive in the warm waters of the Adriatic Sea from Dubrovnik. Rivers crossing as the Rhine, the Ruhr, the river Saale. In lakes and reservoirs I swam at night, or during the day – but sometimes dangerous with black, threatening thunderstorms over my head.



title="Tailing the unique Irrawaddy dolphins" by Ben Visbeek, click on the picture to enter his galleries on Flickr

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There have been frightening situations, particularly in my teenager time. I brought into dangerous situations even my girlfriend (and now wife), because I made to difficult goals – for example crossing a lake, three kilometers distance at night, water too cold (we nearly drowned). One can not master everything, although I was challenged by this. But sometimes me (and us) maybe a God graciously helped us to survive. 13 different times I myself have saved children in mortal danger from the base, 3-4 feet deep, of swimming pools, sometimes wedged together, moved them up, fetched them back in the saving air.

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There have been also comfortable moments with water: to teach our own daughters diving – in the bathtub. To enjoy together with our large bobtail named Sarah, the North Sea of Holland. To watch my mother in the waters of the Baltic Sea at the coastal line of their beloved island of Ruegen. Water can be very comforting ...

related:

"W" Photo Archive + "W" Challenge + "W" Galleries + ABC visualized: W! + Water Memories

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P.S.:

I was surprised, as I found the lake, where my wife and me nearly drowned, in the blog of Chris Breebart at <http://chrisbreebaart.wordpress.com/2012/12/02/weekly-photo-challenge-reflections-2/> - it's the Möhnesee / Heve-Becken:



click on the picture to read the blog article of Chris Breebart
related:

<http://framework.latimes.com/2012/08/02/underwater-photos-at-the-london-2012-olympic-games/> #/14

Weekly Photo Challenge: Changing Seasons (2012-12-07 16:16)

changing seasons = the same boat in winter and in summer, shot at the castle Vischering, Germany



another before / after version:



me, looking out of my window in Berlin, during December and during a rain shower in June, the same boardwalk ...

4 photos taken by frizztext; for more: click on the pictures, to visit his photo galleries on flickr ...

related: Weekly Photo Challenge: Changing Seasons

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I'm part of **Post A Day 2012**

Snow (2012-12-09 01:40)

I like a certain dose of snow - it works psychologically like a reset button for my hectic soul. Reason to slow down everything for a while, to retreat to the stove at home. Often I ask myself, which tricks for example Valery Titievsky may have to resist those long snowy weeks in his hometown Novosibirsk - enter his flickr galleries with a click on the picture below:



related:

Winter:

<http://photo.tutsplus.com/articles/inspiration/winter-snow-photography-tips/>
Moscow

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldnews/9711789/Heavy-snow-in-Moscow-and-the-first-snowfall-of-the-season-in-Europe.html?frame=2413652>

U.K.:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/uknews/9724905/UK-winter-weather-a-light-sprinkling-of-snow-causes-transport-chaos.html?frame=2419239>

Duesseldorf etc.:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldnews/9730423/The-Beast-from-the-East-dumps-snow-on-Europe-and-is-heading-for-Britain.html>

Xmas:

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2012/12/christmas_approaches_1.html

nomadic Nenets of northern Siberia:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/artanddesign/gallery/2012/dec/07/photography-sebastiao-salgado-genesis/#/?picture=400572218&index=0>

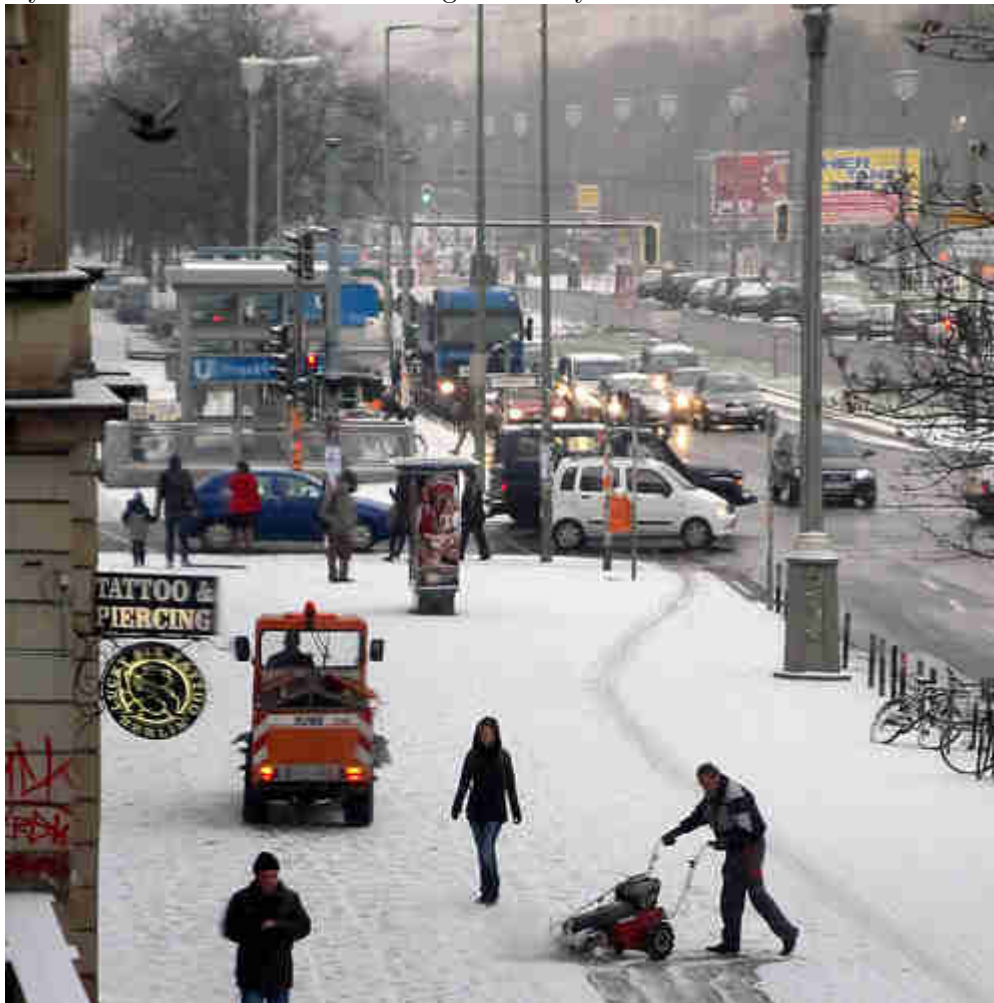
boston pictures:

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2012/12/let_it_snow_1.html

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after all those links to snow in Russia, Britain, U.S.A. etc.:

my own actual winter shot: looking out of my window in Berlin:



Story Challenge: Letter "X" (2012-12-11 01:37)

Hi Bloggers! Do you have to share a story or a short reflection tagged with the letter "X"? For example I've written about an "Xmas Tree" (read below) or clothes sized XXL, written about X-ray or X-design,

about the Xe Khong river in Laos, X-rated or the "Xmas State Of Mind" etc. - I'm sure you'll find an own story or a short reflection tagged with "X"! Feel free to add in the comments the link to your personal interpretation of the letter "X"!!!

Xmas Tree



X? I've written about X-ray (a tooth is in the lungs of my wife, thrown in by a silly dentist; it's too dangerous to pull the tooth out), I've written about clothes in XXL-large size - and I've written often about X-mas. Yearly. We had our most wonderful christmas time in Venice some years ago. Our daughter married there her Italian architect. We stood on a balcony to watch the boats down on the canale grande. We strolled through the medieval city centrum - no cars anywhere. Walking like mankind did for many centuries (before automobiles were invented). But nevertheless there was much traffic: tourists from USA, Japan, Arabia: they rented gondolas with singing Italians. Amore mio! On the great St. Marcus piazza a casino had installed a gift: a large Xmas tree - made of glass! Never I will forget the rich Arabian ladies with bodyguards (equipped with automatic weapons), taking a jewelry for their own; nearby I saw a seagull, who killed a pigeon; and what made me smile? Watching my daughter, disappearing with her fresh husband in a nice hotel...

related:

"X" Photo Archive + "X" Challenge + "X" Galleries + ABC visualized: X! + Celebration

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Last week we had our fun in Berlin with a sledge in the evening: threesome we changed correctly the positions: my grandson (aged 4), the other grandpa (Italian, 74) and me (67): it was not easy to pull me (heavy like an elephant) - and the tiny Meerkat figure of the grandpa didn't notice, that his grandson didn't support him by pushing bravely from behind. No, he simply hung on and let himself pull through the snow - lying on his stomach. The passengers stopped to enjoy our grandson's laughing... When I pulled the two in the same way, the other grandpa muttered: "If this was in Italy, they would put us into a hospital!" In Berlin everything is possible. They have failed with other projects much more in this city! [thanks to <http://translate.google.com> - this little diary-fragment of course at first was in my native language: German]

below: "Children on sledges pulled by a car" by Nationaal Archief, The Netherlands, click on the picture to enter the Dutch archive's flickr galleries

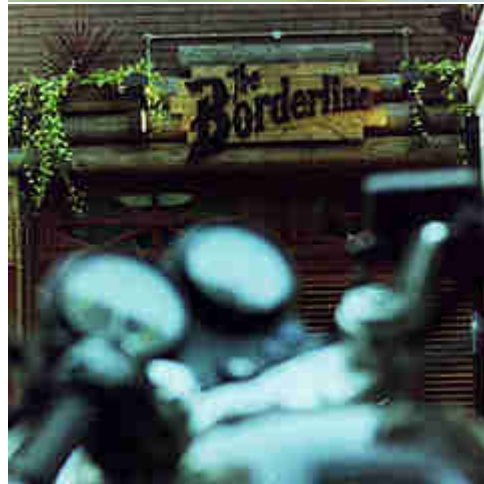


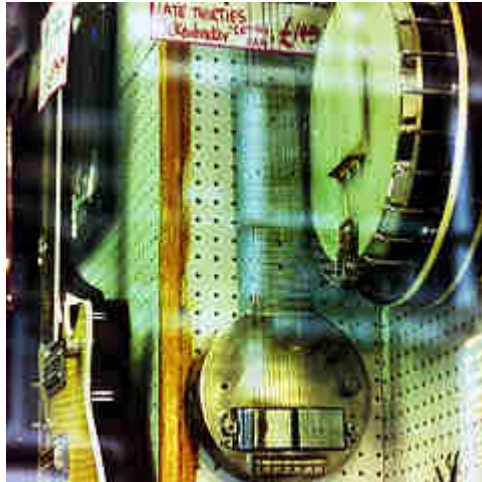
Sleeënde kinderen voortgetrokken door auto Originally uploaded by Nationaal Archief - looking back, we can discover, that they knew, how to have FUN with automobiles: The survivors before us knew quite well how to obtain pleasure in dealing with automobiles. A custom that is forgotten today: a silly gang can be drawn in a pack through the snow.

London (2012-12-13 10:57)

Sex and crime, social gap and fashion, working class and upper class, clash of civilizations and multi cultural harmony - I was an alien, visiting London a decade ago; actually I bought a cheap dia and negative scanner and explored an old shoe box from 1997 - maybe one of my 18 photos below can make you smile - tell me: what would be your favorite?







photos by frizztext, click on the pictures to enter the galleries on flickr

1 Underground — 2 Telephone: red & blonde
3 Gold Taxi — 4 Christine Keeler Advertising
5 Royal Guard — 6 Colored Taxis
7 Taxi, blocked — 8 Mirrored
9 Opera Cats — 10 Borderline
11 Underground Music — 12 Clash Of Fashions
13 Prayer — 14 Rickenbacker
15 Royal Me — 16 Pizza Bakers
17 High Society — 18 Small Talk

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related: <http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/07/25/london/> +
<http://designtaxi.com/news/354967/The-Hilarious-Problems-Of-The-Pain-fully-Polite-British-People/> +
<http://www.photographyblogger.net/christmas-in-london-time-lapse/>

Fox Lesson (2012-12-14 08:05)

This fox is happy. He caught not a goose but a red cigarette box. Happy like the human beings in the December shopping season. Bringing home something. In Germany they say a fox is "listig" = cunning, crafty, sly, astute. He doesn't feel guilty while acting. They say he doesn't regret anything. Like the character of Odysseus, described by Homer? I'm amused by his strategy, comparing the strategy of my cat or dog or look at the strategies of snakes, tigers, sharks, eagles - some are open, others hidden. Much to consider. Little lesson by a tiny fox, strolling through an urban jungle.



title="fox and cigarettes" (part 2) @ urban nature Leipzig 2012 - photo by Jan Rillich, click on the picture to enter his galleries on Flickr

P.S.:

I don't have my focus on animals but on politics. I read Thoreau's "duty of civil disobedience". Recently I studied China's dissident Ai Weiwei. In his latest movie trailer he talks about his 40 cats. Only one of them is able to open the door to escape daily. I would like to become such a character too, who is able to walk his own line. Not in China. Too difficult.

related:

1 - young foxes in snow:
<http://thefabweb.com/68367/snow-fox-must-see>
2 - Ai Weiwei's cat that can open doors

<http://aiweiweineversorry.com/>

3 - me about Ai Weiwei 20 months ago:

http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2011/04/09/censorship-ai_weiwei/

4 - Thoreau, On Civil Disobedience:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_Disobedience_\(Thoreau\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_Disobedience_(Thoreau))

5 - twitpic:



Weekly Photo Challenge: Delicate (2012-12-14 16:14)

Delicate = "We are what we eat!" - yes and: show me your breakfast - and I will tell you the country where you are ...



photo taken by frizztext; for more click on the picture to visit his photo galleries on flickr ...
related: Weekly Photo Challenge: Delicate

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School Shooting (2012-12-15 10:04)

Sometimes certain individuals think, the only solution to get satisfaction should be done by a gun. But I still believe, that permanent communication is the only way to avoid, that every three years somewhere a hidden, blocked aggression runs a surreal climax to a show down of an absurd outburst. Sorry for Newtown, Connecticut, that all the school massacres before didn't change the gun law in the U.S.



photo by frizztext, click on the picture to read some discussions about gun law related:

<http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2011/04/08/school-massacres/>

Related articles

- 27 killed in U.S. school shooting - reports (rappler.com)
- Twenty-Six Dead In Elementary School Shooting (lezgetreal.com)

- Expert: Conn. Gun Laws Need Background Checks, Limit On Guns Purchased At Once Following School Shooting (connecticut.cbslocal.com)
- Elementary school shooting leaves scores dead in Newtown, Connecticut (news.nationalpost.com)
- Connecticut School Shooting (socyberty.com)
- 20 kids, 6 adults massacred in US school (newsinfo.inquirer.net)
- How Will NRA Explain Away Gun Shooting At Elementary School In Newtown, Connecticut? (dekerivers.wordpress.com)
- National Rifle Association stats (willeke73.wordpress.com)
- Congress Calls Connecticut Shooting 'Massacre,' 'Senseless Tragedy' (usnews.com)

we don't need no more trouble (2012-12-16 14:22)

We don't need no more trouble - there are enough problems daily sent to us via all those media news - so sometimes I like to retreat, eyes closed, only listening to my guitar, leaving the world behind ...



photo: me, playing on my resonator guitar (Dobro)
 next page: the song "we don't need no more trouble..."

<https://vimeo.com/4396617>

P.S.:

I like the project PLAYING FOR CHANGE - you can enjoy many of their music videos via VIMEO:

<https://vimeo.com/playingforchange>

most clicks there: a version of STAND BY ME - but actually my personal favorite is ONE LOVE:
<https://vimeo.com/4533013>

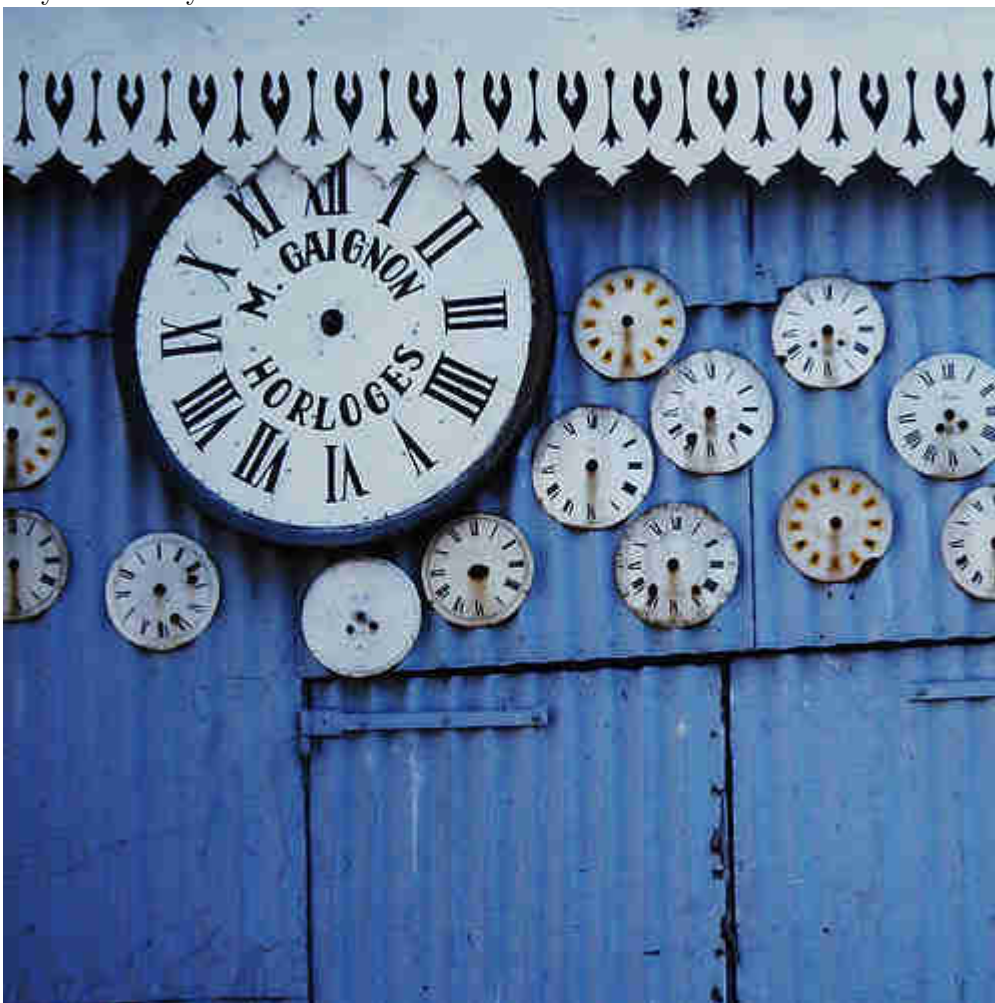
I'm fascinated by the Italian Dobro player Roberto Luti - he often joined the teams; single appearances at "teach your children well":
<https://vimeo.com/50316138>

related / overview - more than 70 uploads of the playingforchange project:
<https://vimeo.com/search?q=playingforchange>

lyrics, playing for change:
<http://www.cifraclub.com.br/playing-for-change/>

Eternity (2012-12-17 09:40)

Eternity: that's what we want. Maybe artists, writers, musicians (thanks to youtube) have a chance. Also photographers, even bloggers? To deconstruct some clocks, robbing the hands for minutes and hours: maybe not very effective.



Handless Clocks - photo by frizztext, taken in Paris 1987, just converted from negative-film to a digital jpg.file, kind of re-birthing by a new dia-positive-scanner ...
related: tracks + time & dignity + time philosophy

Story Challenge: Letter “Y” (2012-12-18 01:43)

Hi Bloggers! Do you have to share a story or a short reflection tagged with the letter “Y”? For example I’ve written about “YESTERYEARS” (read below) or YOGA, about yaks or yellow, about Yorkshire or the Yellowstone Park, about Yamaha and Yahoo, Yin and Yang, yogurt and yards, about Yucatan, Yosemite and Yendouma Ato, Yemen and yachting, yummm and yippieh, about Yi-Ching Lin or the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, about yawning or “yesterday, when your troubles seemed so far away ...” etc. – I’m sure you’ll find an own story or a short reflection tagged with “Y”! Feel free to add in the comments the link to your personal interpretation of the letter “Y”!!!

YESTERYEARS

I will never forget the GREEN of my very first car, 1965, a Volkswagen / beagle – he and me, we had some challenges: once we had an emergency landing in a little lake of a forest nearby – where I tried to be a good teacher for my mom, she wanted to get a driver’s licence. I warned her much too anxious not to enter a little wooden bridge with our Volkswagen in that green, green forest – and so she drove our brave car into the pool with lot of protesting frogs. When a green dressed forester and his friends pulled the car out of the water, the automobile was covered with green mud. Green water ran out of the doors. My very green day.



yesteryears cars - photo by barbara fritze (me on top of my very first car, a Volkswagen), click on the picture to enter his galleries on Flickr

P.S.:

I was a minute UNDER the water inside the car, anxious to get drowned, the car lay on his side, door was not to open, dear mom above me behind the driver’s wheel – don’t ask me, how I got out! My mother was in panic and ran in panic barefooted 10 kilometers back home. When the forester came, he asked me: what have you done? Why driving so silly? I replied: my mother sat behind the wheel. The forester and

his friends laughed loudly – they did not believe me and answered: never heard a teenager giving such an untruth! More at [http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/11/16/weekly-photo-challeng e-green/](http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/11/16/weekly-photo-challeng-e-green/)

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related:

"Y" Photo Archive + "Y" Challenge + "Y" Galleries + ABC visualized: Y! + Yemen + "Yesteryears": travelsandtrifles.wordpress.com

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music with Y? Yakety Yak:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK7T4LHjln4>

P.S.:

a contribution, title YOGA, sent by Steven Ford to me:



Sports (2012-12-19 01:05)

Surprising, that all those things, which we have to tolerate in our jobs, are creeping completely in our private refuge too: competitions, speed, the risk to fail, even to destroy our health: nevertheless, it is fascinating on the other hand, maybe more fascinating than sitting in an armchair reading a book quietly...



Roller Derby - photo originally uploaded by shirlaine - Shirlaine Forrest is a Manchester based freelance photographer specializing in music, fashion and portrait photography.

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related:

Top Sports Pictures Of 2012 via totallycoolpix.com:

<http://totallycoolpix.com/2012/12/top-sports-pictures-of-2012/>

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/pictures-of-the-year/9761826/Photographers-discuss-their-favourite-photos-of-the-London-2012-Olympic-Games.html?frame=2434880>

Underwater (2012-12-20 01:22)

Some of us buy a ticket for an underwater aquarium, others are the lucky human who managed to explore the marine wildlife diving in the real underwater world. So enjoy the photo of John / "Heaven's Gate" or my little video in the Zoo of Berlin - or click through the stunning sardine run galleries of Alexander Safonov ("related links" below)



title="Penguin paradise" - photo by Heaven's Gate (John), click on the picture to enter his galleries on Flickr

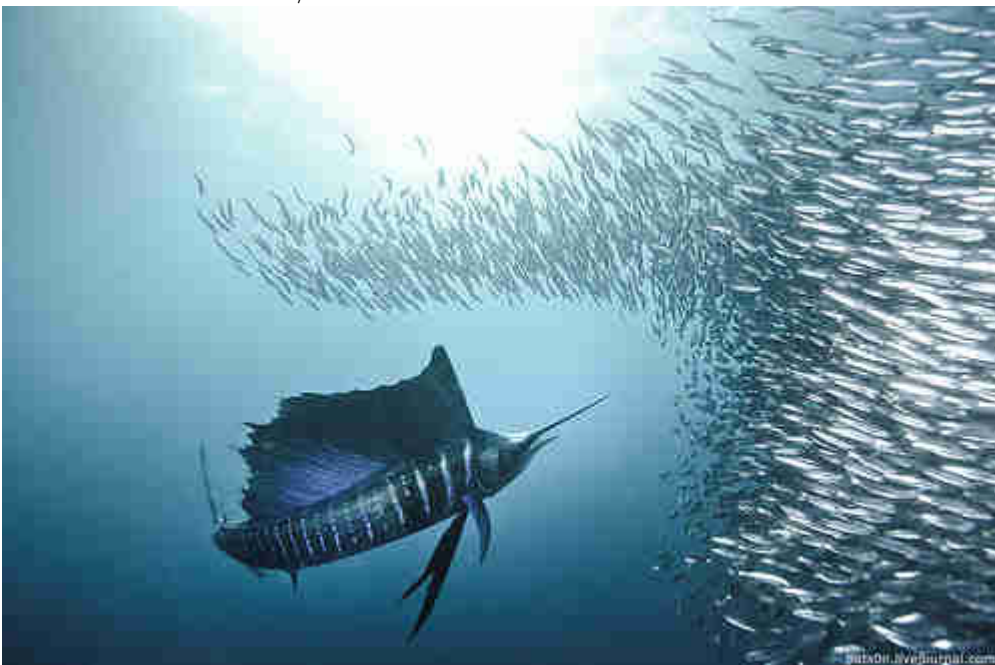
[flickr video=5106464885 secret=f94b03b939 w=400 h=300]

video by frizztext, shot in the ZOO "Tiergarten" in Berlin

related:

Alexander Safonov introduced by designtaxi.com

<http://designtaxi.com/news/354825/Photographer-Captures-Stunning-Images-Of-Marine-Wildlife-In-The-Underwater-World/>



title="the sardine run #42" by pats0n = Alexander Safonov, on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/pats0n/>

Medical Development (2012-12-21 01:41)

A mouth guarding veil like this would have been not wrong in the centuries of the pestilence. Actually I have seen the four-part TV-series by Ken Follett "World Without End" (2007): In those medieval times they mostly tried to make a therapy by cutting out clever Bible Verses, mashing and then eating them. Surprise: Usually they didn't have any success with this method, to stop the pestilence.



title="veil in the west" by wolfgangfoto, click on the portrait to enter his galleries on Flickr related:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Without_End_\(Follett_novel\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Without_End_(Follett_novel))

P.S.:

Actually the Taliban in Pakistan are blocking the trials of the WHO to fight vs. polio.

Weekly Photo Challenge: Surprise (2012-12-21 15:26)

Surprise = once I shot in Venice, Italy, a backyard with a cat. After some days my Italian friend Prof. Luigi Frappi surprised me with a photoshop version featuring some more cats as before ...



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related: Weekly Photo Challenge: Surprise



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P.S.:

once Prof. Luigi Frappi surprised me with a video - very Italian I suppose, isn't it?

[flickr video=3077964030 secret=16c9367f6d w=400 h=300]

Safe Christmas 2 U! (2012-12-25 01:06)

During Christmas season those who have families try to focus on an inner circle longing for to feel safe for the while of a certain weapons' break. Safe Christmas to all of my readers...



title="Castle Blutenburg" - photo by "Aerial Photography" / Klaus Leidorf, click on the picture to enter his galleries on Flickr

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Frohe Festtage! Buone vacanze! Joyeuses Fêtes! ハッピーバカンス!
节日快乐! أعياد سعيدة! С праздником! С Рождеством Христовым! !تعلات مبار ! ¡Felices Fiestas!
גליקלעך האַ לידיי_ס ! Boas festas!

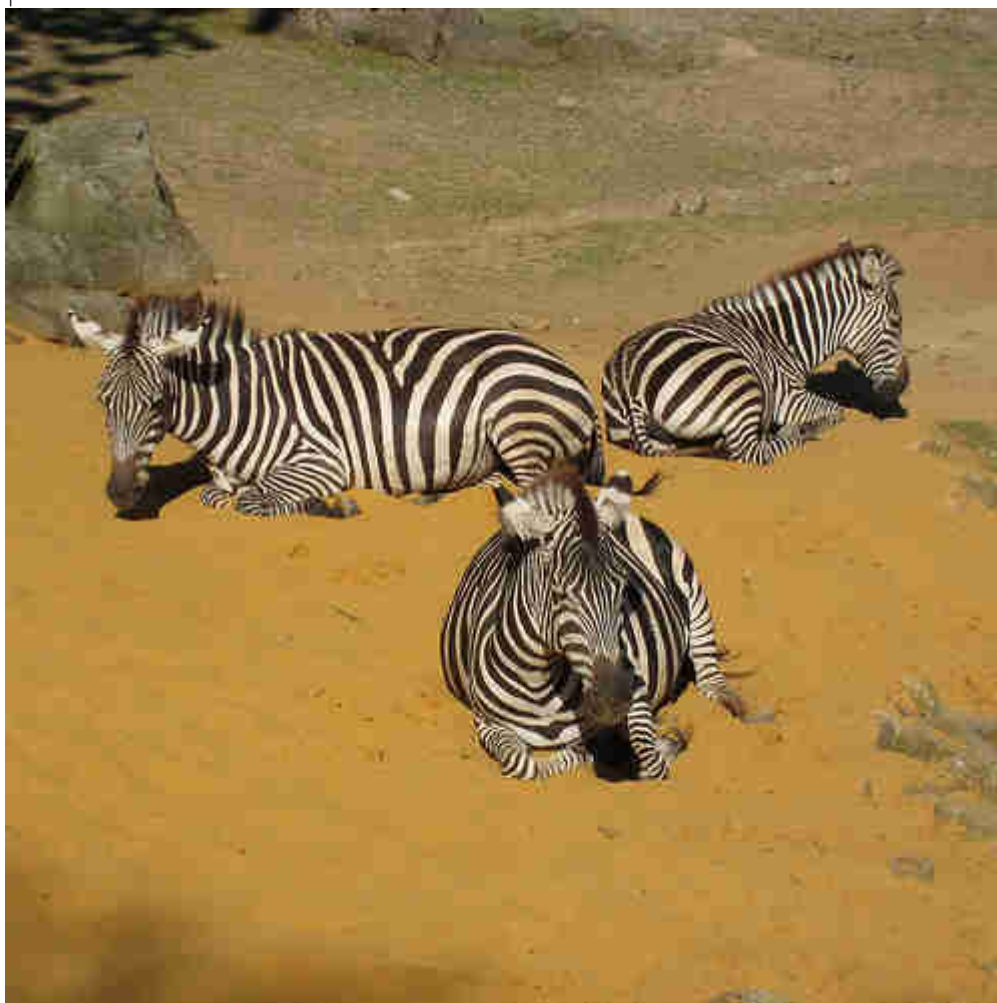
Story Challenge: Letter “Z” (2012-12-26 01:36)

Hi Bloggers! Do you have to share a story or a short reflection tagged with the letter “Z”? For example I’ve written about “ZEBRA strategies” (read below) or Zeus, about Zeppelins and Zombies, a zoo and a zoom, zero and Zeno, about Zurich or the Zuccotti Park in Manhattan with the “Occupy Wall St.” movement there etc. – I’m sure you’ll find an own story or a short reflection tagged with “Z”! Feel free to add in the comments the link to your personal interpretation of the letter “Z”!!!

ZEBRA strategies

I love the way the zebra are lying in a “wheel” shape...must be so they can be watching all angles...
(comment by “sued51” = Susan Desrocher, August 25, 2012)

reply by frizztext: yes, they are looking into three different directions – so the group is safe – a security standard: that is even our cat’s behaviour and goal, if we make a “tea for two”: she joins the group building that kind of triangle (“wheel shape” as you say) - quotation found via Elizabeth Obih-Frank: “Every morning in Africa, a Gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a Lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest Gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn’t matter whether you are a Lion or a Gazelle: When the sun comes up, you’d better be running.” [Anon] more at <http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/04/22/african-wisdom/>



above: ZEBRA's security position, photo by my daughter; remember the lyrics by Salomon, 1939: "In the jungle, the mighty jungle - The lion sleeps tonight - In the jungle, the mighty jungle - The lion sleeps tonight..."

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related:

"Z" Photo Archive + "Z" Challenge + "Z" Galleries + ABC visualized: Z! + the-lion-sleeps-tonight

P.S.:

Solomon Linda's Original Evening Birds -
Mbube (ORIGINAL VERSION OF WIMOWEH)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tZvke0G7eo>

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compare Elizabeth Obih-Frank <http://eof737.wordpress.com/2012/07/23/memories-the-lion-sleeps-tonight/>

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ZZZZ... explore my cat nap video ...

[flickr video=3638244950 secret=13f6ed722c w=400 h=225]

ZYDECO SHUFFLE by Sonny Landreth:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rcHvxPccRQ>

Winter Land - Some Galleries (2012-12-28 12:40)

I like a certain dose of snow – it works psychologically like a reset button for my hectic soul. Reason to slow down everything for a while, to retreat to the stove at home. Often I ask myself, which tricks for example Valery Titievsky may have to resist those long snowy weeks in his hometown Novosibirsk, Siberia – enter his flickr galleries with a click on the picture below:



title="Street life" by Valery Titievsky

below: some links to great winter galleries:

1 - tutsplus

<http://photo.tutsplus.com/articles/inspiration/winter-snow-photography-tips/>

2 - telegraph part 1

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldnews/9711789/Heavy-snow-in-Moscow-and-the-first-snowfall-of-the-season-in-Europe.html?frame=2413652>

3 - boston bigpicture

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5 - guardian

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6 - flickrcomments

<http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/12/09/snow/>

7 - winter blues by Valerie Jardin

<http://valeriejardin.wordpress.com/2012/12/30/getting-lost-on-purpose-escaping-the-winter-blues/>

Weekly Photo Challenge: My-2012-in-pictures (2012-12-28 16:30)

My year 2012 in pictures [wordpress slideshow]

[gallery type="slideshow" ids="17961,17962,17963,17964,17965,17966,17967,17968,17969,17970,17971,17972"]

path for composing a wordpress slideshow: edit - add media - insert media - upload files - select files - open - create a new gallery - insert gallery - type: slideshow - insert into post - more instructions via <http://en.support.wordpress.com/images/gallery/#adding-a-gallery-or-slideshow>

My year 2012 in pictures [wordpress gallery: squares]

[gallery type="square" columns="6" ids="17961,17962,17963,17964,17965,17966,17967,17968,17969,17970,17971,17972"]

click on the pictures for a carousel ride > > > > :

[gallery columns="1" link="file" ids="17987,17988,17989,17990,17991,17992,17993,17994,17995,17996,17997,17998"]

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My year 2012 in pictures (click on the photos to enter my galleries on Flickr.com):

Jan + Feb



Mar + Apr



May + Jun



Jul + Aug



Sep + Oct



Nov + Dec



related: Weekly Photo Challenge: My-2012-in-pictures

P.S.:

what would YOU prefer, a slideshow or a square gallery or a carousel?

compare my article "your best shot 2012":

<http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/12/02/your-best-shot-2012/>

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I'm part of **Post A Day 2012**

if you have a flickr account (it's free)

you can comment there:



click on the picture!

About The Soul Of Animals (2012-12-30 11:36)

Before breakfast I found a wonderful animal gallery, collected by the British Telegraph: Animal-pictures-of-the-year-2012-part-one - discovered a big fat cat there and an ice-bear baby on the head of the swimming mother, saw two kissing leopards and a gang of penguins analyzing a photographer's equipment - and then I remembered all the great shots sent by the photo-grapher Eric Lafforgue to my group BLOG IT: for example the portrait below, featuring a man, carrying a new born camel



title="Somali nomad carrying camel new born" - Somaliland - photo by Eric Lafforgue, click on the picture to enter his galleries on Flickr

related:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/pictures-of-the-year/9767631/Animal-pictures-of-the-year-2012-part-one.html>

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<http://121clicks.com/showcases/beautiful-wildlife-photography-by-simon-roy>

more of Eric Lafforgue:

<http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2011/07/23/eric-lafforgue-photography/>

2012 in review (2012-12-31 01:23)

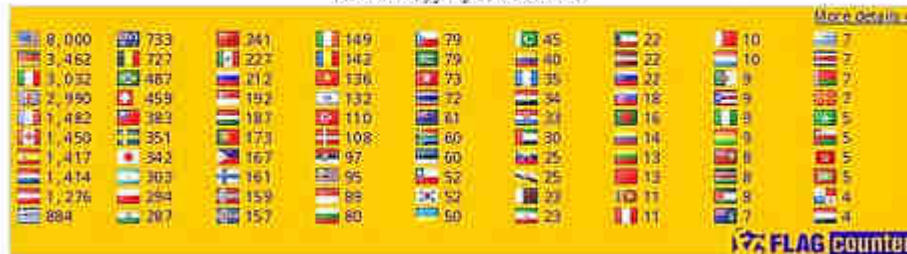
As I read in the annual stats report of wordpress at <http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2012/annual-report/> (2012) [old 2011: <http://flickrcomments.wordpress.com/2011/annual-report/#>] I had 58,338 visitors in 2011, now in 2012 the counter shows 96,120 - well, thank you, dear readers, I hope it was interesting enough for you! I hope I can upload some more entertainment 2013 ...

CONCEPT: I am combining the Flickr photo-pool idea with the blogger idea of writing a DAILY post



"A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life."

Johann Wolfgang von GOETHE



my photo pool: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/friztext/> - my mail: friztext@aol.com

Flickr groups, founded by friztext: [BLOG IT!](#) + [ABC-visualized](#) + [500x500](#) etc.

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December visits

2010 - 252

2011 - 6,549

2012 - 5,357

year's visitors

2011 - 58,338

2012 - 96,120

daily average

2010 - 28

2011 - 160

2012 - 263

The WordPress.com stats helper monkeys prepared a 2012 annual report for this blog.



Here's an excerpt:

19,000 people fit into the new Barclays Center to see Jay-Z perform. This blog was viewed about 96,000 times in 2012. If it were a concert at the Barclays Center, it would take about 5 sold-out performances for that many people to see it.

reader's clicks 2012:

USA - 34,726

U.K.- 5,915

Can - 3,254

148 countries at all - mouse over the world map

[Click here to see the complete report with world map.](#)

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