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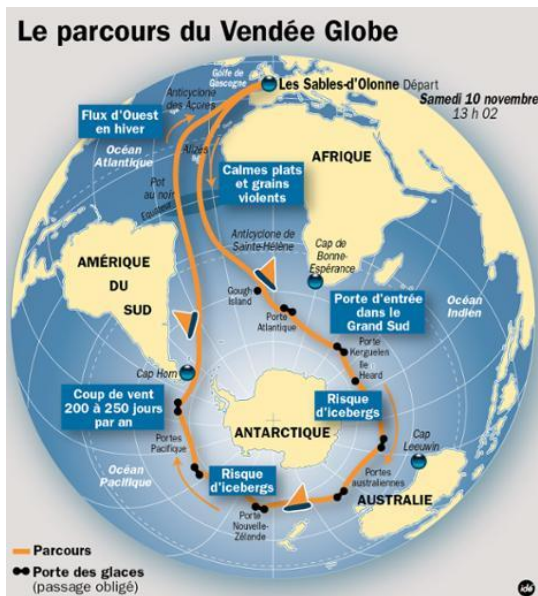
VENDEE GLOBE

A Great Race!

By **Loïs BOBAN** and **Mathias BOISSON**

It is a SAILING SOLO RACE that goes around the world. The distance to be travelled is 40,075 kilometres. The race will last at least 3 months.

The last race was won by the French sailor FRANÇOIS GABART in 78 days, 2 hours, 16 minutes and 40 seconds.



The departure took place on November 6th 2016, at Les Sables-d'Olonne in Vendée.

The favourites are ALEX THOMSON, a British sailor, and the French Armel CLEACH. Both are ahead in the race.

The Vendée Globe was created by Philippe Jeantot and Philippe de Villiers. The first race took place in 1989. Two persons have already died during this running: the American Nigel Burgess and the Canadian Gerry Roufs.



This running is organized every 4 years. The departure is in November for better meteorological conditions.

There have already been several books and one film on the Vendée Globe.



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THE AVIAN FLU

A bird disease

By **Baptiste CHANOIR** and **Victor PITTON**

Characteristics of the disease:

It only harms birds. It's a respiratory disease.
The disease contamination is done by contact and bird droppings.



Location

In France, the disease has contaminated all the regions of the South -West:-Dordogne -Haute Garonne -Landes -Hautes Pyrénées -Gers -Lot

Security measures

- Hunting has been forbidden in Dordogne.
- Producers can't sell their products.
- Contaminated birds have been exterminated
- Medical observation of birds



HARRY IS BACK !

By **Claire ARNAUD** and **Catherine MAITRE**

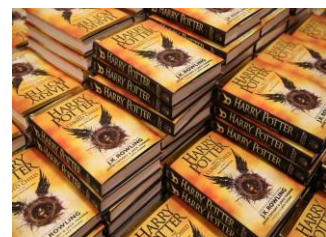
On July 31st, the sequel (19 years after the last one in fictional time) of Harry Potter came out! It's a play which is called « *The cursed child* » and then they adapted it in a book. It was inspired by J. K ROWLING's story and the play was written by Jack THORNE. It's possible to see the play at the Palace Theatre of London.

So, 19 years after Lord Voldemort' death, Harry became an employee at the magic government, he gets married to Ginny and they had 3 children: James Sirius, Albus Severus and Lily Luna. Ron and Hermione also get married and had 2 children: Rose and Hugo. However, Malefoy had a child too! He's called Scorpius and her mother died during the summer.

Albus Severus, Rose and Scorpius are all going to Hogwart!!! The strangest thing is that Albus and Scorpius will be friends and both are in Slytherin...

No more spoiling, just read it and be like thousand people who get dressed as wizard to read the book. Another book or another play will probably be published in a few times, and who knows, maybe a movie!!

While you are waiting for the sequel you can watch « *Fantastic beasts* » which came out on November 8th (also written by J.K ROWLING).



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THE TRAGEDY OF THE TITANIC

The History of an unsinkable boat

By **Gabin MARION** and **Antonin MAITRE**

The Titanic was built at Belfast (Northern Ireland) between 1909 and 1912.

It was a white cruise ship whose construction was undertaken by Thomas ANDROUWS who was the architect.



Weight =5,200 tons

Cost = 7, 5 million American Dollars

Length =269 meters

Bridges = 10

He was launched in the water on 31st May 1911 and was brought in a great basin. It was finished in March 1912

The inaugural trip

On 10th April 1912, the Titanic was launched to the sea in Southampton to go to New-York.

There were 2300 passengers with some famous people: commanding Officer John Smith, John Jacob Astor 4, Benjamin Guggenheim, Margaret Brown, Isidore Straws ...

The trip should have lasted five days with two ports of call.

The passengers were distributed into 3 classes:

- the first class was luxurious with the swimming pool and a great living room.
- the second class for the middle class.
- the third poor class (for the immigrants)

How the impossible arrived...

On the nights of 14 April 1912 at 11:40 in the North Atlantic, 2 officers were surprised by the presence of an iceberg. A few minutes later, the Titanic bumped into the iceberg. Shortly afterwards, the commanding officer ordered women and children to go up the rescue boats but there were not enough for 2300 passengers.

Number of survivors = 732

Number of dead persons=1,500



This tragic event remains today the biggest maritime shipwreck of all time.

Source : book about the Titanic

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Boats, boats and boats !

By **Germain BERGER** and **Arthus PICAULT**

The Vendée Globe 2016-2017 is the eighth edition of this race. The start was given on 6 November 2016 in the bay of *Les Sables-d'Olonne* at 1h20 pm. This major event of the IMOCA circuit consists in a solo race on board of 60 feet monohulls. In total, the race is 24 394 miles long.

The boats allowed to participate are monohull sailboats with a length between 59 and 60 feet, about 18 meters. These boats must meet the latest rules of the 60 feet IMOCA class.

The main novelty of this edition is the appearance of foils on these last generation boats. The two supporting appendages are intended to relieve the structure, reduce the drag, and thus increase the speed.



Each competitor has the right to embark nine sails.

The Vendée Globe is a solo, unassisted, and non-stop race.

A competitor is deemed to have completed his qualifying course if he has performed:

- 2008-2009 or Vendée Globe;
- the 2010-2011 or 2014-2015 Barcelona World Race;
- a theoretical 2,500 miles (minimum) solo or double transatlantic race, in IMOCA, after 1 January 2009.

No woman participates in this edition. Vincent Riou is the only former winner to take part in.

