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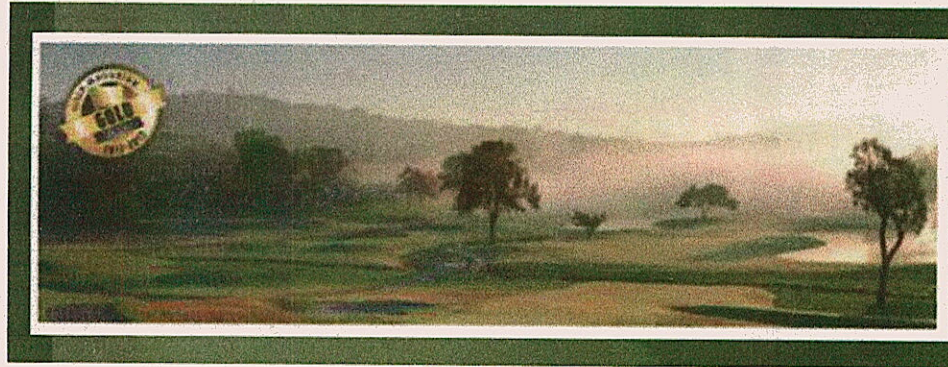
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LODGE #89
SNF MIDWINTER
GOLF TOURNAMENT,
SAN DIEGO, CA

SAN DIEGO IS READY

For the 45th time the SNF Midwinter Tournament is about to begin. This year it will take place in sunny San Diego where forecasters predict 72° and clear skies.

In a recent letter to registered golfers, friends, and prospective guests, Zeljko Jack Mikasinovich wrote, "As the date approaches I wanted to per-

sonally say 'Thank you.' We are looking forward to great weather and golf at the La Costa resort and spa. We have also received some great prizes and also some great gifts for the silent auction." One of those is a week's stay at a beautiful three bedroom, two bath beachfront house in San Diego. Imagine waking up to step outside onto the Pacific shore.

Jack also wants to assure those who

enjoy a little Serbian tradition that the bar is fully stocked with the latest Pivo and Slijivo from Srbija and Crna Gora. He even looked up cheap airfare from Chicago to entice everyone to make the trek to southern California, "If not for golf, then come for my cevapi!" You can even get a dose of Aussie hospitality in the USA when you meet Jack who is a native Australian.

The promotion for the tournament

has been incredible, and we appreciate all the information that has been distributed online, through the SNF website and the *American Srbobran*. Thanks to the entire committee in San Diego even before it all begins. There is no doubt they are ready to welcome everyone with open arms for the February 13 – 16 Midwinter Golf Tournament.

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BIRTH OF THE PAPER IN NEW FORMAT

For the second time in as many decades, the *American Srbobran* has changed its format. The last change was from broadsheet to the so-called tabloid format, making the paper a bit more modern and a lot easier to handle.

As with all change, there are naysayers who long for the status quo. The broadsheet to tabloid change was no different. We received some complaints and correspondence urging us to return to the "old *Srbobran*." Not wanting to ignore the wishes of our readers, we ran a survey for several issues to find out how the majority felt about the change. The final tally was overwhelmingly in favor of the new tabloid size.

Now, as we move on with our continuing efforts to improve the paper, beginning with this issue we are bringing you a newer and brighter paper. Here's what has changed:

- We have added color to several pages in every issue.
- The paper stock is a better grade that will brighten and clarify text and photos.
- The sheet size has changed.
- For the English section, we have gone from 32 pages to 16.

The reduction in pages is not as huge as it may sound. To navigate the change, we had to rethink content of the paper to make up for the lesser space. Over the next several issues, we will be experimenting with creative ways to get as much news (if not more) into fewer pages. Sorry, puzzle lovers, but space-grabbing inserts such as the crossword and Sudoku are history. : (

All of these changes have gone a long



View of the printing press from the lobby of 899 Water Street

way to bring you a better paper for less cost. We appreciate the cost-saving efforts of the SNF Board and the General Manager because we always want there to be an *American Srbobran*. And we hope you feel the same way, too.

Remember this - your opinions and ideas mean a lot. As the "new" *American Srbobran* arrives in your mailbox over the next several months, I would love it if you would write to let me know what you think - because without you, there is no paper.

Thanks for reading,

Sandi Radoja, Editor
English Section

PS - To understand more about the process of printing the paper, read the fol-



Family owners of Indiana Printing & Publishing Company

lowing account of General Manager Cissy Rebich's road trip to the printer. - str

Indiana, Pennsylvania.

It's a small town, but shares its name with a big state. It's the hometown of beloved film actor Jimmy Stewart and opera singer Renee Fleming. Its square mileage includes the campus of a state university and the publisher of its hometown afternoon daily, the *Indiana Gazette*. Indiana, Pennsylvania, population 14,620, is also home to Indiana Printing and Publishing, the company that is responsible for the printing, publishing, and mailing of the *American Srbobran*.

Just across the street from the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania at 899 Water Street are the main offices of Indiana Printing and Publishing Company, "IPP," a family-owned printing business that has been in existence since

1890, according to Joseph Geary, Vice President and General Manager. "The company prides itself on providing the kind of full service commercial printing that has grown and perpetuated its business as well as helped it to retain clients," Geary explained.

"The *Indiana Gazette* was established by the Robert Nelson Ray family in 1890," said Geary, "and his son, R. Hastie Ray, was its guiding light and inspiration," he continued. The Indiana Printing and Publishing Company came to the Donnelly family when Joe Donnelly, father of current president Michael J Donnelly, married into the Ray family. Joseph Donnelly wed Lucille Ray, daughter of the generation of Ray's that founded the then-titled, *Evening Gazette*. Joseph and Lucy had three children, Roberta, Stacie, and Michael. Currently, those three children run the paper together.

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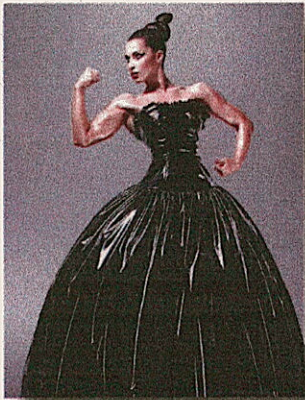


Joe Geary, VP of Indiana Printing & Publishing, with SNF Manager of Accounts, Cheryl Leydig

REFLECTIONS

SOUL FOOD – “Srbija – SoulFood Serbia (Najbolja reklama za Srbiju)” - I don't know if it's the cheese, the *prsut*, the *kajmak* or the *kupus*, but I guarantee you'll be hungry as I was after watching this video on YouTube. Over 22,000 have already viewed “Serbia, a place where food is prepared with soul.” It's an ad for tourism, that George Topich suggests you check out. Go to <http://youtube/02Eh1SZyoc>, or just put SoulFood Serbia in the YouTube search box.

BODY BY JELENA - It takes a Jelena to find a Jelena. Jelena Mulin of Clearwater, Florida, discovered on Yahoo a female body builder as a spokesmodel for a cosmetic company. She's named Jelena and is Serbian. “Woohoo for Jelenas” she added. Jelena Abbou is with MAC and will represent them in ads. Look for her.

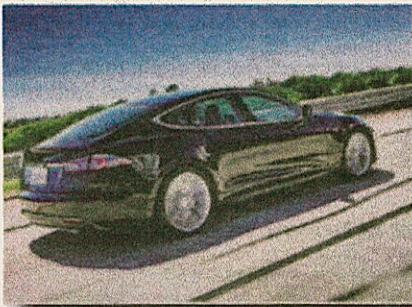


STATISTICALLY SPEAKING – Down in Galveston, Texas, SNF member Mimo Milosevich is keeping stats on things. He sent out an electronic thank you to all those who came out for Badnja Vece. He said of the attendees, “Two came from 200 miles away and many from 50-70 miles. My count was 235 people at the festivities (94 not under the Choir Loft, 47 under the Choir Loft, 25 in the Choir Loft, 32 outside, and 37 working hard in the Hall or staying warm, ‘cause we just ran out of room).” According to his report, nobody went home hungry because the food was simply outstanding. They are a small parish with a huge following. Very nice.

CHRISTMAS VISITS - While HRH Princess Katherine traditionally visits hospitals and children during Christmastime, this year she was accompanied by Lifeline Chicago Board President Kathy Fanslow and her daughter Tracy Armstrong. Among several visits on Christmas Day was one to the children in the orthopedic clinic Banjica, where they delivered presents generously provided by the many donors to the Lifeline Christmas appeal.



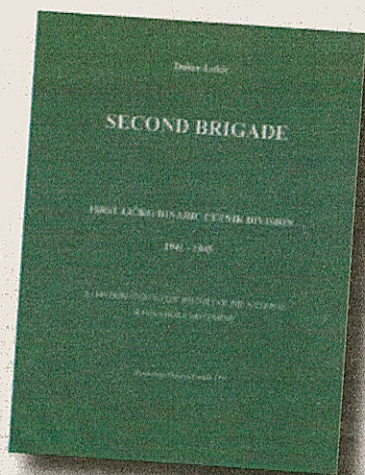
CAR OF THE YEAR – Tesla Model S is the world's first fully legitimate electric sedan, and it cleaned up on the Car of the Year awards. It's made in Silicon Valley and has been dubbed one of the most important cars in history as well as a triumph of American ingenuity of which we can all be proud. Wow. The car was aptly named. Now if all of us could only afford one...



KEEP IN TOUCH....
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BOOK ON TROMEDJA RE-RELEASED



MISSISSAUGUA, ON – In 1991, Dušan Lukich published a book describing the events in the Tromedja area of the former Yugoslavia during WWII.

It was a massive project for him, but one he felt compelled to complete. As he states in the book, the truth about events in the Tromedja area of the former Yugoslavia during WWII needed to be told. Equally important, his son Jovan told us that he wanted to ensure that the names of those who suffered, fought and died during that time, in that part of the country, would be remembered for their sacrifice. “Therefore, the book is not a story about him as much as it is an historical reference document and his contribution to the history of the Ravna Gora movement,” said Jovan.

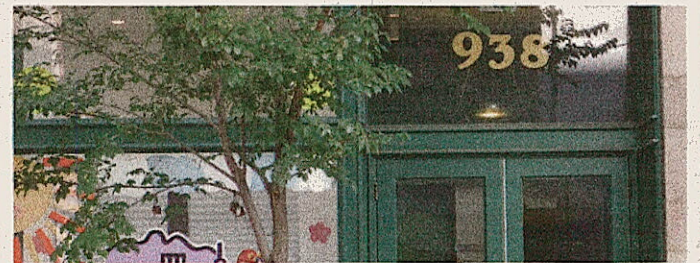
The book was originally written using a Cyrillic typewriter for each of its 335 pages. “I translated this book and did not attempt to update it in anyway (other than adding a map at the end of the book),” Jovan advised. *Druga Brigada* is now available in English. The original book is long out of print and only a very few original copies are left. Jovan took on this project with the hopes that his father's work can now reach a larger audience than it could in 1991. With today's technology and the translation, interest will expand greatly.

“I thank my late father Dušan (January 3, 1917 – November 27, 2006) for writing this book and I hope that those of you who read it will further appreciate the sacrifices of the Serbian people who lived through the horrors of the Ustasha and Communists. As well, I hope that you will have even greater respect for the Chetnik fighters of Draza Mihailovic - who bravely fought against all odds not for territorial gain or power, but rather so that the Serbian people – their nation, religion and customs - would not be wiped off the map in the Tromedja area of Lika and elsewhere.” A fitting reason to tackle such a massive project.

The English version of the book is now available as an eBook on amazon.com, kobobooks.com, itunes.apple.com and more, and is also available as a printed bound book (see the Classified Ad in this issue).

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JOY AND RENEWAL



The annual river blessing of the Monongahela River took place in Fairmont, West Virginia, on Saturday, January 19, the Feast of Theophany in the Holy Orthodox Church. The river blessing was conducted under the auspices of the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church of Fairmont. Many thanks to Sonia Janson for creating the lovely ice cross for the service. Father Rodney Torbic and the faithful from this Mission parish gather at the river each year for this service of Christian joy and renewal.

LODGE NEWS

NOTICE

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LETTERS

WE WERE SURPRISED

Thank you for the article about our St. Pete (St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, St. Petersburg, Florida) Choir. Members were surprised as they expected a sentence in your column. I have received the *Srbobran* for a long time - and must say it has improved one hundred percent. Your changes have updated the content and style. Keep up the good work.

Sophia Millich, St. Petersburg, Florida

Thank you, Sophia! Thanks to people such as you who send in articles on happenings in their area, we can keep the paper full of interesting reading for Serbs across the USA and Canada. I encourage you and everyone to keep sending in news. It's your paper! - str.

YOUTUBE HIT

Thank you for promoting my song 'The Twelve Days of Bozic' in the Bozic edition of the *Srbobran*. That was quite a wonderful surprise! The YouTube video has amassed almost 3500 views in total thus far - far exceeding what I thought would happen (note that I had to re-upload the video so the original version had 3300 plus views and the current version has over 150). My website johnlukich.com had more visits in December than any other month in 2012.

John Jovan Lukich, Mississauga, ON

LETTERS POLICY

The *American Srbobran* welcomes letters of up to 250 words. We reserve the right to reject letters or edit for clarity, brevity, good taste and accuracy, to prevent libel. Writers should limit their letters to one every three months, include a phone number, and make certain the letter is signed. Send letters by:

- * Email to sandi.radoja@comcast.net
- * Mail to We Get Letters, c/o 1255 Blue Bell Trail, Schererville, IN 46375

NOTICE OF BIDS

Bids are now being accepted for the following SNF events:
2014 Midwinter Golf Deadline to submit bid is April 1, 2013
2014 Basketball Deadline to submit bid is May 31, 2013
2014 Summer Golf Deadline to submit bid is July 1, 2013
2014 Bowling Deadline to submit bid is October 1, 2013

To be considered, all bids must be in written form and signed by an authorized representative of the SNF Lodge and local church community interested in sponsoring the event. The written request should include as much detail as possible concerning potential event dates, facilities and any other relevant information that will be useful in selecting the successful bidder. All written bids must be received at the office of the Serb National Federation, 938 Penn Avenue - 4th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 no later than 5:00 PM Eastern on the deadline date for the specific event.

Read the SNF Blog at www.snflife.org

The next issue of the *American Srbobran* is February 20th.

Deadline for articles is February 8th.

The SNF offers FIXED Annuity products only. Below is a comparison, for your benefit, of current interest rates in the financial market. We continue to strive to offer products that our members find beneficial when compared to the market.

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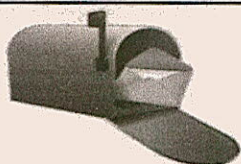
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SNF 6 year fixed annuity - current credited rate	3.25%
5 year Treasury bond ¹	0.77%
5 year Bank CD (Third Federal Bank; minimum \$500) ²	1.40%
SNF 2 year fixed annuity - current credited rate	2.00%
2 year Treasury note ¹	0.26%
2 year Bank CD (ALLY Bank; minimum \$0) ²	1.12%

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¹ As reported on the U.S. Treasury site (1/18/2013) - <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/interest-rates/Pages/TextView.aspx?data=yield>

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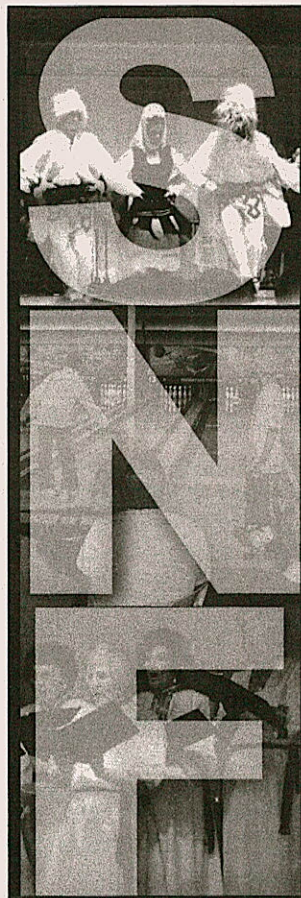


CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

The Home Office tells us a lot of mail has been returned due to people relocating and not informing the SNF of their new address. If you have moved since last year, please fill out this form and return to the Home Office to be certain they have your correct contact information.

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State	Zip
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Signature	



SNF National Sports Tournaments

Local Lodge Affairs

Church Functions

Serbian Singing Federation

Serbian Orthodox Choral Association

A complimentary service of the Serb National Federation and the American Srbobran

** denotes the first time an event is listed*

► 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

**VALENTINES
DAY DANCE**
Monroeville,
Pennsylvania
February 16

*** EXTEND A LIFELINE WITH MUSIC**
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
March 9

*** MARDI GRAS BALL "FAT FRIDAY"**
Lansing, Illinois
March 15

SSF 72ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Lansing, Illinois
May 24 - 26

List your event. Send information to sandi.radoja@comcast.net or mail to Sandi Radoja, 1255 Blue Bell Trail, Schererville, IN 46375

HM King Peter II Returns Home after 72 Years

BELGRADE – HRH Crown Prince Alexander announced on January 18th how proud he and his family are that his father King Peter II of Yugoslavia is finally returning home. It has been 72 years since he left Serbia.

The Crown Prince also said that this is a very moving event of great historical importance for the people of Serbia. King Peter will finally join his ancestors in the Royal Family Mausoleum in Oplenac. In the interim His Majesty will lay in peace in the Royal Chapel of the Royal Palace in Dedinje Belgrade.

His Royal Highness wishes to warmly thank H.E. President Tomislav Nikolic of Serbia, the Government of Serbia and the Commission for Reburial of the Royal Family for all their wonderful support and advice. The final date for the internment in Oplenac will be decided later this year dependent on coordination with the Serbian Orthodox Church, H.E. President Tomislav Nikolic of Serbia, the Government of the Republic of Serbia and Royal Houses.

King Peter II of Yugoslavia was the firstborn son of King Alexander I and Queen Maria of Yugoslavia. King Peter II was born in Belgrade on September 6, 1923. His Godparents were King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (later the Queen Mother of Great Britain). His education commenced at The Royal Palace in Belgrade after which he went to Sandroyd School in England, which he left after his father's assassination in Marseille in 1934.

Since King Peter II was only 11 years old and underage at the time of his father's assassination, a regency was formed consisting of three regents including his great uncle Prince Paul of Yugoslavia.

In 1939 at the beginning of the Second World War, the Kingdom of Yugoslavia found itself surrounded by countries that had joined the Axis as allies of Nazi Germany. Prince Paul's decision in 1941 to sign a non-aggression pact with Nazi Germany resulted in severe protests in the country and this led to a government crisis and a coup d'état by Yugoslav officers on 27 March 1941. As a result of the coup, King Peter II was proclaimed of age.

The Yugoslav Army was unprepared to resist the ensuing invasion by Nazi Germany and Yugoslavia was occupied within eleven days. King Peter II was forced to leave the country along with the Yugoslav Government - initially to Greece, Palestine and then to Egypt. King Peter II joined other monarchs and leaders of Nazi occupied Europe in London in June 1941.

Despite the collapse of the Yugoslav army two rival resistance entities were formed. The first resistance entity was the loyalist one led by Yugoslav Army Colonel Dragoljub Mihailovic who was later promoted to General and made the Minister of Defense of the Yugoslav government in exile. The other resistance entity was that of the Partisans led by Josip Broz - later known to the world as Tito. A bitter civil war followed during the

Nazi occupation.

The Allies, having initially supported General Mihailovic later threw their support behind Tito.

The Partisans entered Belgrade in 1944 in the wake of Soviet tank brigades and established a Government. In November 1945, the monarchy was illegally abolished without a referendum and Yugoslavia remained a totalitarian single party state under the League of Communists for more than four decades.

King Peter II never abdicated. Initially King Peter II lived in exile in London with his wife (he married the Princess Alexandra of Greece and Denmark in 1944, she was the daughter of King Alexander of the Hellenes and Aspasia Manos). His son Crown Prince Alexander was born in 1945.

King Peter II spent the last years of his life in America. After a long and grave illness, King Peter II died November 3, 1970 in Denver Hospital in Colorado. He was buried at the St. Sava Monastery Church in Libertyville, Illinois.

He was the only King buried in the United States.

Source: royalfamily.org

see letter on page 16

WINOVICH ENJOYS SUPER YEAR

JEFFERSON HILLS, PA - Chase Winovich, a 6'4" 205-lb. junior had an excellent year in football at Thomas Jefferson High School. He was moved from his safety position, that he played during his sophomore year, to inside linebacker. And apparently, the Jaguars coaching staff made the right move. They entered the WPIAL Class AAA playoffs with a bang, shellacking Hollidaysburg in the first round.

Chase led the team in tackles with a total of 69, all but nine of them were solo. He also had 4 fumble recoveries and 9 sacks for the season.

In the South Hills Record, TJHS Coach Bill Cherpak was quoted: "We've found a spot for him, that's for sure. He's been getting better and better every week."

He is categorized as a very aggressive

player who puts a lot of pressure on the opponents. Cherpak also said of him, "He likes to create havoc in the backfield."

Chase is a member of SNF Lodge #6. Many SNF members know him from basketball tournaments, but we predict a lot more people will know him from the gridiron very soon. -str.

READ MORE ABOUT CHASE ON PAGE 8

HAPPY WISHES

Send your message (including the special event date) to "Happy Wishes" c/o Radoja, 1255 Blue Bell Trail, Schererville, IN 46375 with a check made payable to the SNF for only \$5!

Include a photo if you want for no extra charge. (If photos are to be returned, you must include self-addressed stamped envelope).

MEMBERS ONLY

Take a picture or send us one you already have. To submit, email to sandi.radoja@comcast.net or snail mail to Member Photos, Sandi Radoja, 1255 Blue Bell Trail, Schererville, IN 46375.

We also need a description of who is in the photo and who is submitting it. Tell us a little about when or where it was taken. Photos do not have to be taken at SNF events, but we want photos of SNF members only and we'd like the lodge number of the members, too. Original photos will only be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included. Email photos are preferred in JPG format.

▶ RECIPE

Masna Torta

Simple and delicious recipe anytime, great on a Lenten menu

2 cups all purpose flour
 2 cups sugar
 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
 Lemon Zest from freshly grated lemon
 1/4 cup of your favorite ground nuts
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup chopped nuts for topping

Blend the first six ingredients thoroughly. Pour into well-oiled 9x13x2" pan.

Sprinkle the half cup of chopped nuts on top.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Contributed by Marija Vukceвич, who said, "This is nice to serve our Priest when he visits to bless the home, with a good cup of coffee or tea during these wintry days in Western New York, and even nicer to make a small package to take back home."



CHRISTMAS DAY AT ST GEORGE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CARMICHAELS, PA



EXTEND A LIFELINE WITH MUSIC

PITTSBURGH, PA – On March 9th, the American Serbian Club on Pittsburgh's South Side will present "Extend a Lifeline With Music," a benefit for orphans and needy in Serbia through Lifeline Chicago.

Details will be announced in the next issue of the American Srbobran.

Lifeline Chicago is an arm of Lifeline Humanitarian Organization, the charitable foundation of HRH Princess Katherine of Serbia. Kathy Fanslow, president of Lifeline Chicago, as well as several Board Members will be in attendance to offer more information about the work they have accomplished and that which needs to be done.

Lifeline Chicago is also sponsoring two Mission Trips to Serbia in May and June this year. Anyone interested in details on the Mission Trips is welcome to contact the Lifeline Chicago office at 312-228-0600 or write to office@lifelinechicago.org.

▶ ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLICATION POLICY

Adopted by the SNF Board of Directors - Effective May 1, 2007

BIRTH

Birth announcements are published at no cost to Serb National Federation members when verifiable lodge membership information for one or both parents is provided at time of request for publication, and shall not exceed 100 words. Birth announcements for non-members are not considered.

ENGAGEMENT

Engagement announcements are published at no cost to Serb National Federation members when verifiable lodge membership information for one or both parents

is provided at time of request for publication, and shall not exceed 200 words.

Engagement announcements for non-members are published at the rate of \$50.00 and are strictly limited to 100 words or less.

WEDDING

Wedding announcements/articles are published at no cost to Serb National Federation members when verifiable lodge membership information for one or both persons is provided at time of request for publication, and shall not exceed 300 words.

Wedding announcements for non-members are published at the rate of \$100.00 and are strictly limited to 150 words or less.

DEATH/OBITUARY

Obituaries under 350 words are published at no cost to Serb National Federation members when verifiable lodge membership information is provided at time of request for publication. Obituaries over 350 - 500 words will be published at a cost of \$30.00 for SNF members when verifiable lodge membership information is provided at time of request for publication. Requests to publish obituaries exceeding 500 words will be considered only if paid in advance

at the regular rate for advertising at the time of publication (i.e. 500 words is approximately 1/4 page in space. \$100.00 for SNF members).

Obituaries under 350 words for non-members are published at the rate of \$50.00. Obituaries are 350 - 500 words for non-members are published at the rate of \$100.00. Requests to publish obituaries are non-members exceeding 500 words will be considered only if paid in advance at double the regular rate for advertising at the time of publication (i.e. 500 words is approximately 1/4 page in space, \$200.00 for non-SNF members).

Anew In Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17-Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is anew creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Beginning anew in Christ is possible as long as a person has breath in the body and faculty of mind to make decisions. Holy Baptism is the normal beginning of the life in Christ.

Holy Baptism is preceded by a belief in Christ sufficient to enter into the baptism fount and take up the life in Christ. Parents often make the initial decision for infant children. At some point the child grows to the point to decide for the self.

Individuals baptized as infants generally reach a point when the mind is sufficiently mature and the Christian identity is personalized. Parental upbringing goes a long way in fostering this personalization of the Christian identity.

Individuals entering the baptismal fount, enter with the best of intentions.

Taking on the Christian identity is a time of great joy. When the individual exits the baptismal fount, personal decisions to follow Christ must continue.

At every moment of time, a person either decides to remain united with Christ or makes decisions that cause a separation in the relationship. Sin takes place. Repentance and confession are necessary to restore unity with Christ.

Forgiveness and Holy Communion bring the desired unity with Christ. Believers always have the opportunity to begin anew. Beginning anew in Christ is required throughout life as individuals continue to sin throughout life.

The battle against sin is constant. Firmness of faith and love for Christ keeps the believer motivated to press forward and begin anew. The mercy and forgiveness of Christ offers hope for believers acknowledging personal sinfulness.

Courage and self-awareness are necessary to acknowledge personal sin. Faith and the desire for

restored unity with Christ are essential for repentance to occur. The sinful believer must reach out to Christ for forgiveness and acceptance.

The Psalmist is definitive about the mercy of God. The Psalmist said: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy."(Ps.102/103:8) No person willing to repent is beyond the reach of God's forgiveness.

No person with faculty of mind for decision-making should relinquish hope for a better life in Christ. No person need give up on life and live in despair. Christ is ever-present for the person desiring to begin anew.

The Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples; "I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."(Mt.28:20) The person seeking to repent of sins and begin anew in Christ can turn to Christ at any moment of time.

The Psalmist acknowledged the ever-presence of God when he said: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there."(Ps.138/139:7-8)

Believers loving Christ rejoice in His constant presence.

Ephesians 4:13-Till we all come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Believers are expected to grow in Christ. As a person matures in chronological age, the person is expected to mature in Christ. This maturity is to be commensurate with his or her talents and abilities.

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."(Lk.12:48)

Each person decides what to do with personal time, talents and resources. The time of life and resources given by God are precious

gifts not to be wasted in frivolous pursuits.

In a prison in a well-known city, the walls of the staff dining room are very artistically painted with images. The painting was done by a talented prisoner. If the prisoner chose iconography and not crime, his life would be different.

The choices that individuals make have long term consequences. Two prisoners hung beside Christ on the Cross. Their lives were coming to an end.

One prisoner blasphemed Christ. The other prisoner appealed to Christ.

The choices the two prisoners made while Christ hung on the Cross had a lasting impact. Jesus told the prisoner that appealed to Him: "Today you will be with Me in Paradise."(Lk.23: 39-42) The other prisoner did not hear these words.

Believers do not know the moment the heart will stop beating. Believers do not know the moment the body will cease to breathe. Every moment is a moment to begin anew in Christ. Every moment is a moment to cling to Christ.

The Jesus Prayer is associated with the heart and with breathing. The desired goal is to pray without ceasing when the person is asleep as well as awake. The Jesus Prayer is a way to remain united with Christ.

Unity with Christ requires concentration and effort. Unity with Christ requires interest in being united with Christ. Unity with Christ includes repelling the ways of sin and casting off sinful practices.

Growth in Christ entails patience and perseverance. Growth in Christ involves vigilance. Growth in Christ is preceded and accompanied by discipline.

The soul must be nurtured, fed and constantly protected.

The Cross is inseparable from the life in Christ. Each person must deal with personal crosses in ways pleasing to Christ. Jesus spoke of denying the self and of taking up

the cross to follow Him.(Mt.16:24)

Believers must be willing to deny the self of sin in order to follow Christ. A person must forgo sinful practices to be united with Christ. Just as gardens need to be weeded for plants to grow, Christians must cut away sinful weeds in their lives.

Ephesians 4:24-And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Individuals choose the goals they will pursue. They choose their daily demeanor. They choose the way they will relate with God and with the people in their daily lives.

Individuals choose daily the degree they will engage in prayer and seek the Kingdom of God. Individuals make decisions at every moment of every day as to whether they actually believe in God and desire to serve God.

The Holy Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians about putting on the "new man". The Holy Apostle Paul spoke about righteousness and holiness. When the daily news is broadcast, righteousness and holiness seem to be constantly absent.

The monks of Mt. Athos and monastics throughout the world send forth beacons of light in a world that has plenty of darkness characterized by violence, greed and plenty of sinful activities.

Parish churches serve as beacons of light in their communities. Parish churches proclaim the Holy Gospel and stand as witnesses for Christ in the midst of communities desperately in need of God.

Individuals do well to constantly assess the values of personal life held dear in the heart, the mind and the soul. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."(Mt.6:21)

Parents do well to cultivate virtues in their children. Parents do best to set examples of a virtuous life for their children. Honesty and integrity are best learned in the home. Fidelity and love are best learned in the home.

Love of God is best learned in the family home. Love of the Church is best learned in the family home. The family home is the best school. Parents have the responsibility to be the best teachers. Parental responsibility is not for outsourcing.

Holiness and righteousness are measured according to the Holy Gospel. Holiness and righteousness are measured according to the standards set by God. Holiness and righteous are acquired through love of God and living the Godly life.

Individuals reflect in daily life the image and values of the self that are cherished in the heart, the mind and the soul. If Christ is cherished in the heart, the mind and the soul, Christ will shine forth in the person each day.

The battle against sin is a long and difficult battle. It is a battle only won when Christ is the victor. Only Christ and the Cross can trample down the death that comes through sin.

The battle against sin is a brutal battle. The battle is connected with shedding of the Blood of Christ. The battle continues to involve the shedding of blood as individuals are martyred for Christ through the centuries.

Holiness and righteousness prevail only when the person is rooted in Christ.

Colossians 3:10-And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Individuals awaken each day with an attitude regarding learning. Some individuals have closed minds and care very little about learning something new.

Other individuals are life-long learners, seeking always to be renewed.

Christ is the inexhaustible source of learning. Christ provides for immeasurable growth. Learning from the Holy Scriptures can never be complete as each time a person reads them, newness can be experienced.

The hunger of the soul presses indi-

viduals into action. Individuals turning to God for nourishment experience the authenticity necessary. Individuals seeking nourishment for the soul elsewhere fail to experience the same satisfaction.

Daily life provides a range of choices for each person. Each person needs to choose between the alternatives of being fully united with Christ or living a life in varying degrees separated from Christ. Some individuals actively oppose Christ.

Individuals reading Genesis 1:26 find the words: "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." These are words for individuals to ponder throughout life when establishing personal values and goals.

The Holy Apostle Paul reminded the Corinthians: "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?(1 Cor.6:19)

Care of the body needs to include care of the soul. As the body needs to be fed in a way that it remains healthy, the soul needs to be nourished in a way that it remains pure. The need for good hygiene applies to the soul and to the body.

Individuals seeking to grow in Christ will seek to know more about Christ and to know Christ more. Prayer will characterize the person choosing to remain united with Christ and seeking to grow in Christ.

Prayer provides unity with Christ. Holy Communion provides unity with Christ. Worship provides unity with Christ. Acts of mercy and charity provide unity with Christ.

Growth in Christ results in changes to a person. Growth in Christ is limited only to the degree the person limits his or her relationship with Christ. A person's daily choices influence the degree to which a person grows in Christ.

Attaining full unity with Christ occurs when Christ permeates the life of the person and sin is firmly and fully eschewed. Turning to the Holy Apostle Paul for instruction relating to unity

with Christ always has benefits.

The Holy Apostle Paul said: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."(Gal.2:20)

Christ shines through the centuries in the life of the Holy Apostle Paul.

Philippians 3:14-I press toward the goal for the prize of upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Lord Jesus Christ said: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."(Jn.10:27). Christians have a responsibility to listen carefully for the voice of Christ.

The voice of Christ is heard in the Holy Gospel read at each Divine Liturgy. The voice of Christ is heard when a person prays attentively. The voice of Christ is heard when a person is still and listens carefully.

The voice of Christ is heard when the Holy Scriptures are read with great interest and in search for instruction from Christ. The voice of Christ is heard when a person is observant for Christ at work in daily life.

The Holy Apostle Paul told the Philippians that he was pressing on for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.(Phil.3:14). The Holy Apostle was not content with his level of growth in Christ. He wanted to experience more.

Individuals entering the baptismal font are totally dedicated to Christ. Baptism is a most joyful experience. Individuals remaining faithful to Christ continue to experience joy in Christ throughout their lives.

Joy is experienced when a person repents of sins and experiences the love of Christ demonstrated in the forgiveness of sins. Joy is experienced in the celebration of Pascha when Christ's Resurrection is alive in the heart of the believer.

Joy is experienced in the marriage service, at ordinations and at each Divine Liturgy. Joy occurs with the

partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Joy occurs when a sinner returns to the Church after a long period of absence.

At the Feast of Transfiguration, believers focus their thoughts and hearts on Christ transfigured on Mt. Tabor. The Feast of Transfiguration lifts serious believers to a new level of consideration with each ensuing year.

The life in Christ offers unequalled fulfillment. The life in Christ offers unequalled joy. The life in Christ lifts the believer to experiential heights beyond imagination.

The life in Christ is ever the same and ever changing. The life in Christ is complex yet abundant in simplicity. The life in Christ is open to each person.

The path is narrow but always greater than the alternatives.(Mt.7:13-14)

Followers of Christ are expected to exert themselves. The mind must be exercised in choosing alternatives pleasing to Christ and enabling unity with Christ.

The body must be disciplined to refrain from activities perilous to the soul.

The body must be disciplined to remain attentive in prayer and focused on the Kingdom of God.

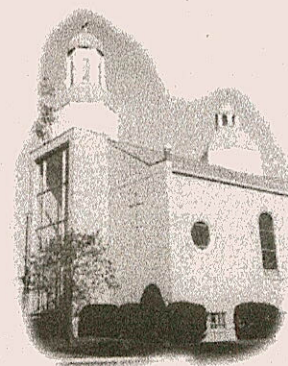
Continuing gratefulness to God with love of God and love of neighbor serve as the firm guidelines for every effort directed toward following Christ.

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— Father Rodney Torbic

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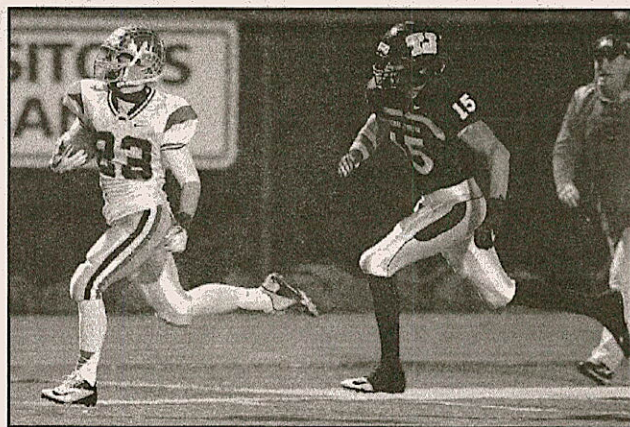
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More on Chase Winovich



On Saturday, January 19, the Pittsburgh Trib website blasted a "Prospect Watch" concerning Chase Winovich.

The Thomas Jefferson High School junior is a middle linebacker who is attracting attention from colleges around the country. His Coach Bill Cherpak said he expects Chase to get a "ton of offers."

According to reports, Chase received his first scholarship offer from Pitt already, but other schools such as Penn State, West Virginia, Michigan State, Northwestern and Virginia are also reportedly showing interest.

As for Chase, he remains calm and cool, and continues to give credit to his teammates. "I definitely couldn't have accomplished what I did without them." Chase is a member of SNF Lodge #6.

You can read more about Chase Winovich at:
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Meet Serbian mosaic artist

Žaklina Antanasijević:

Žaklina shows an icon of Sveta Petka she created in mosaic full story on page 12

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ST. GEORGE - SAN DIEGO

There's more to do in San Diego in addition to golfing at the SNF Midwinter next week. Take time out to see the interior of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church. The altar and dome are in mosaic. - str.



PRIBANIC CHOOSES PENN STATE

Jake Pribanic, a member SNF Lodge 7, is now officially a Penn State Nittany Lion.

Pribanic, a senior and starter on Norwin's highly successful baseball teams over the past two seasons, formalized his verbal commitment of more than a year ago by signing his National Letter of Intent on November 18th to join Penn State's baseball team for the 2013-14 school year.

Pribanic has been deeply committed to his Orthodox faith and his Serbian heritage his entire life. He and his family have been extremely active in St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Monroeville, where Jake has been active as an altar boy, tutor, and a member of the St. Nicholas Tamburitians for 12 years. "My St. Nicholas family means the world to me. My parents, my brother, my kumovi and my family have supported me all these years in baseball. I love them and am very grateful for the unending support they have all given me." "My dad (Tim Pribanic) loves baseball, and that passion now lives with me. He has told me great stories about the Serbian Church Baseball program when he was young, and I love hearing those stories about all the different churches having teams."

While other schools continued to pursue and show interest in Pribanic, who was recruited primarily as an outfielder or first baseman, he said his decision to head to State College never wavered.



"It feels great to (officially sign). I love Penn State; it is a great fit for me with the coaches and the program. It was the perfect fit: for me (and my family). I feel very grateful for this opportunity" Pribanic said.

"I visited Maryland and go: contacted by William & Mary and Virginia Commonwealth, but Penn State is where I wanted to go."

Pribanic will play under head coach Robbie Wine. Pribanic said he hopes to help continue to contribute to Penn State's wins, and with hard work and success on the field, thinks he could have a shot to contribute earlier, rather than later. "They lost a fair amount of seniors last year and this year, and said once I get there, I have a good chance to start," Pribanic said. "Mainly for my hitting, I'll have a chance to play all four years."

Jake has played elite travel ball since he was nine years old, and caught the eye of college coaches while traveling with the elite EvoShield Mid-Atlantic Canes and the Renegades of Johnstown's All-American Amateur Baseball Association. With those teams, Pribanic competed against some of the top players his age, and in Johnstown, against current college players during the high school off-season.

"There is significant talent when you play at those tournaments (with the Canes). Most of those kids are kids going to be playing at Division I schools," Pribanic said. "There are kids that are going to be playing at Ole Miss, South Carolina, Virginia, Virginia Tech — a lot of top Division I schools — and that environment really prepares you for college baseball."

Now that his commitment is official, Pribanic can settle in for the rest of his senior year at Norwin, which will include the Knights' baseball season this spring. With the college search behind him, Pribanic will have one less thing to worry about on the diamond.

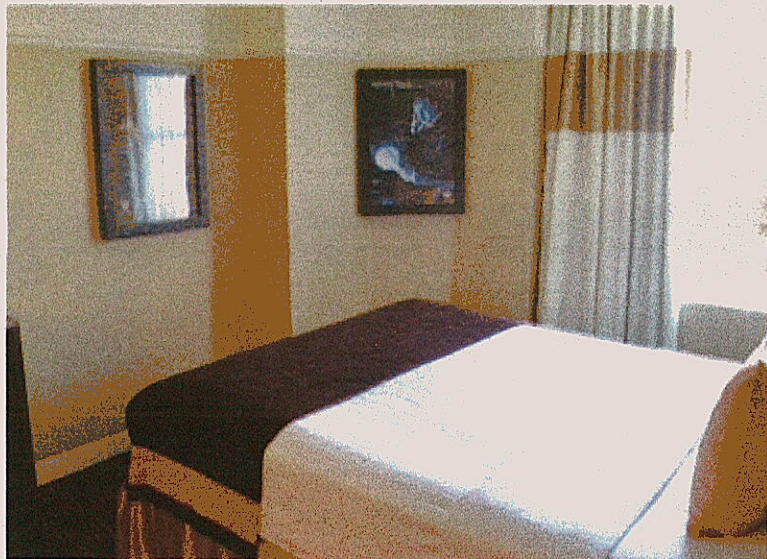
"(Signing) takes off a lot of pressure," he said. "I look forward to my Spring season with Norwin, and am very excited to be a Nittany Lion."

FROM SNF GENERAL MANAGER

Cissy M. Rebich



Brass plaque on the door of Room 3327, New Yorker Hotel, Manhattan



Room 3328, New Yorker Hotel, Manhattan



View from Room 3328, New Yorker Hotel

Greetings from Pittsburgh:

We hope that your Sveti Sava celebrations were joyful and that they left you with renewed appreciation for our American Serbian children's skills in learning and performing "deklamacija." We hope, also, that you are enjoying the new color format of the *American Srbobran*. Let us know what you think about our somewhat smaller, but "in-color" Srbo-jet.

Marking the 70th anniversary of the passing of Nikola Tesla, who died on Christmas Day, 1943, the Tesla Science Foundation, Nikola Lonchar, President, sponsored a Tesla Memorial Conference at the New Yorker Hotel in New York City, January 5-7, 2013. According to its promotional announcement, the world's brightest minds, scientists, engineers, alternative energy entrepreneurs, innovation experts, artists, and a myriad of Tesla enthusiasts gathered for the three-day extravaganza to honor Tesla's legacy. The forum included a diverse collection of Tesla-related lectures, presentations, discussions, and documented evidence of growing interest and recognition of Tesla's contribution to the 20th and the 21st Centuries. The weekend was focused on the promotion of the message, "Why Tesla Matters."

Since, of course, this particular weekend involved Badnji dan and Bozic, it wasn't possible for me to take the time to travel to New York City to cover this important event for the *American Srbobran*, but we found a willing volunteer reporter: our SNF Administrative Assistant, Milos Rastovic. Here is Milos' review of the weekend's seminars and festivities:

"WHY TESLA MATTERS"

How interesting a choice for the Tesla Science Foundation to assemble the conference here at the New Yorker Hotel, one of the City's most famous landmark buildings, rich in history and nostalgia and located on the corner of Eighth Avenue and 34th Street. Nikola Tesla actually spent the last 10 years of his life here (1933-1943) and he died in Room 3327, which was part of his suite of rooms and is marked today with a brass plaque on the door.

At check-in, after signing my name on the New Yorker Hotel's registration, I was given a card key to Room 3328. I wheeled my bag over to the elevator, got out on the 33rd floor, walked down the hallway, and was dumbfounded to see that this



Nikola Lonchar, Tesla Science Foundation



Entertainment by Grachanitsa Folklore Group, Boston

room was also a part of Tesla's living quarters, which at the time consisted of a bedroom and a study room.

So, how did I feel waking up in the very room where Nikola Tesla exercised his scientific and spiritual genius? Elated, privileged, and inspired, just to name a few in the mixture of emotions I experienced.

From the beginning of the conference, I learned that the Tesla Science Foundation's goal is to promote the life and legacy of Tesla by raising awareness of his many contributions, giving opportunity to current and future inventors to work together through educational programs, meetings, and public events. Executive Director Marina Schwabic pointed out that today we cannot imagine life without Tesla, who gave us more than 300 inventions and theories. His legacy includes many mysteries, controversies, and questions, for which we continue to search for answers, she said.

David Vuicn, Honorary Chairman of the event, welcomed the participants by saying, "Tesla



Proto Djokan Majstorovic, parish priest of Saint Sava Cathedral, Manhattan

roamed these very halls for many years, and his spirit may be among us as we speak." The Tesla Science Foundation is committed to seeing the momentum continue in order to honor Tesla for his many contributions to society, and to promote his legacy, he said.

Vuk Jeremic, President, United Nations General Assembly, said

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that Tesla embodies one of the most positive features of the Serbian national identity, which will help the Serbian people find their place in the world today.

There was a variety of invited guests and presenters, many of whom said how privileged they were to participate in the conference. Filmmakers Milan Knezevic and Joseph Sikorski spoke about Tesla and film, young Tesla enthusiast Kyle Driebeek played a musical instrument using electric waves, and Marko Popovic discussed Tesla and robotics. Some of the people and organizations recognized as recipients of Tesla Spirit Awards included the following:

1. Tesla Historical Shrine Award, the New Yorker Hotel.
2. Ingenious Fundraising Award, Matt Inman, Oatmeal.com, who raised enough money to purchase Tesla's laboratory in Long Island, New York for the future home of the Tesla Science Museum.
3. Institutional Heritage Award, Tesla Museum in Belgrade
4. Tesla Lifetime Award, Dr. Ljubo Vujovic

At the closing of the conference, Proto Djokan Majstorovic, (SNF member and supporter) parish

priest of Saint Sava Cathedral (another New York landmark building) invited all conference participants and guests to attend Badnji Vece festivities, Liturgy, and a parastos dedicated to the memory of Nikola Tesla. It was as appropriate ending to the weekend as all those in attendance sang "Vjecnaja pamjat" to the life and legacy of Nikola Tesla, one of our great Serbian treasures.

Milos Rastovic

Hope to hear from you!
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Kyle Driebeek plays a musical instrument by using electric waves



Badnji Vece at Saint Sava Cathedral, Manhattan



Preparing Saint Sava Cathedral for parastos



Nikola Lonchar, Vladimir Jelenkovic, Dr. Ljubo Vujovic, Milos Rastovic, Milan Knezevic

MARS NA DRINU ROCKS UN

On January 14, new year's day on the Julian Calendar, a concert was performed at the United Nations by the Viva Vox choir. It was a celebration of the opening of the 67th session of the U N General Assembly over which Vuk Jeremic of Serbia presides.

The singing of Mars na Drinu or the Drina March sparked an unexpected reaction by those identifying themselves as victims who suffered an insult with the performance. In response to the outrage, Jeremic defended the choice and made it clear that such criticism was deeply offensive to the Serbian people. He released this official statement a few days following the event.

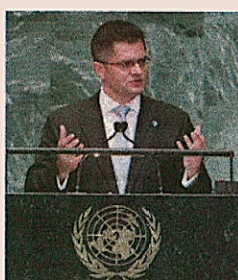
On Monday, January 14th, 2013, the first day of the traditional Orthodox New Year, a memorable concert was held in the Plenary Hall of the UN General Assembly, in celebration of our 67th session.

In its wake, some outrageous

claims have been put forward. With solemn respect for all the victims of the wars in former Yugoslavia, these malicious misinterpretations of the song performed as an encore - "Marš na Drinu" ["Drina March"] - focus on its alleged misuses during the tragic conflicts. They represent regrettable attempts at twisting the meaning of our musical gift offered to the world last Monday, and are deeply offensive to the Serbian people.

Written around a century ago, "Marš na Drinu" is a song that takes a central place in our memory of defending our freedom from aggressors in World War I, during which Serbia lost around 1/3 of its male population in the many battles fought on the side of the allies.

We are very proud of "Marš na Drinu", which has been performed countless times over many decades not only in the Balkans, but also worldwide, by prominent musicians such as Cliff Richards



and Chet Atkins. Its positive effect on the distinguished international audience this past Monday is yet another testament of its artistic greatness.

We decided to share this song with the world, with a clearly stated accompanying message of reconciliation for present and future generations.

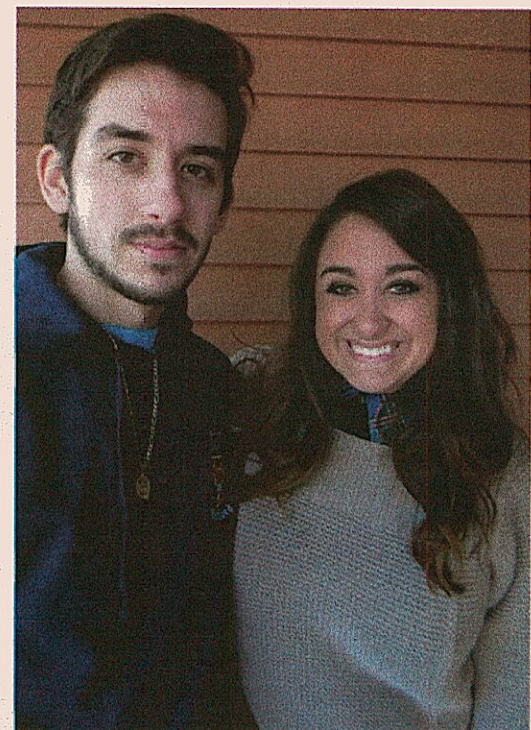
In Europe, there is a tradition of finishing New Year's concerts with popular marches, transformed into a message of peace. It is the case with the Radetsky March at the end of Vienna concerts, and so was it in New York with the "Marš na Drinu" last Monday.

Despite this unfounded attack, we will continue with our heartfelt efforts to promote reconciliation in the Balkans and throughout the world.

-Vuk Jeremic, President United Nations General Assembly

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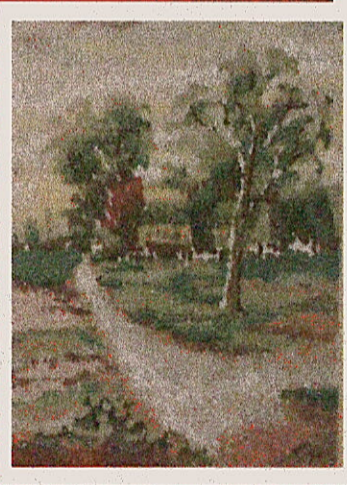
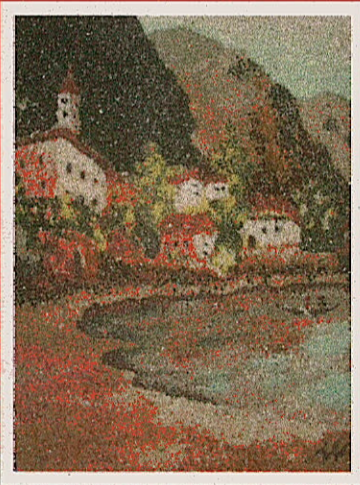
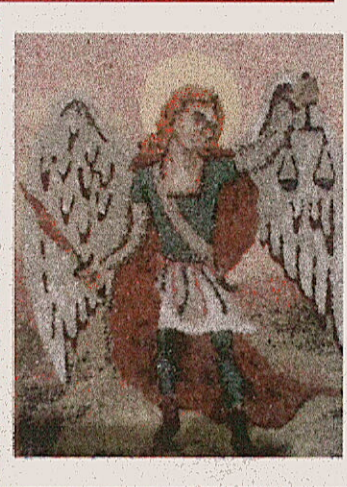
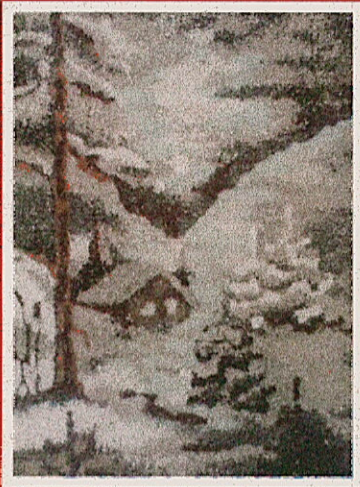
SNF Lodge 170 members Elena Falloon and Danny Falloon, both SNF Scholarship recipients in the past, are currently studying in the United Kingdom. Darny, a sophomore at William and Mary College in Virginia is attending Hertford College, Oxford for governmental studies. Elena, is in the Masters Program in International Diplomacy, Oxford Department of International Development, Queens College, Oxford. Elena and Danny are the daughter and son of Juliana (Stamenkovich) and William Falloon. Congratulations to the entire Falloon family and keep us updated on all your progress.



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Meet Serbian mosaic artist Žaklina Antanasijevic:

Žaklina Antanasijevic



Medium-tall, slender, and with masses of blond curls, she was waiting at the appointed time wearing a bright red windbreaker at the popular Belgrade restaurant "Snezana," located at the intersection of Kralja Petra and Knez Mihajlova. In a combination of English and Serbian language, she introduced herself, her husband, Jovan, their son, Žarko, and her sister, Marina Stanojkovic. They helped Žaklina unwrap and display a sample of her work for sale, which included framed mosaics of dozens of country landscapes, icons, and still life. Whether inspecting the tiny fragments of stones up close or standing back to view the total piece, the words "unusual" and "distinctive" come to mind. Hearing Žaklina describe her artistic process made her works all the more special, from gathering the materials, to composing the layout of the stones, to finishing each piece.

Part of her life in Vranjska Banja, a town in southern Serbia, includes regular trips to the riverbeds of the Južna Morava to collect her materials, which are made of natural stone; there are no fancy art supply stores in the region of Serbia where she lives. She gathers large chunks of natural rock and breaks them into tiny slivers in order to create her works of art. Once her materials are ready, it takes her several weeks to compose one piece. The finished works represent interesting scenes from nature, likenesses of saints and other religious figures, as well as still life objects.

The municipality in which she lives has a population of about 5,000 and the physical surroundings present an abundance of creative inspiration for Žaklina. Vranjska Banja is a spa resort, surrounded by green forests and rolling hills, in which visitors have access to the hottest geothermal springs in Serbia, providing relief from a variety of illnesses and medical conditions.

At the age of 40, Žaklina lives with her husband, Jovan, and their son, Žarko, who is 18. Because of the financial crisis in Serbia, Jovan is the only one with regular employment and he supports the family.

Finding venues in which to promote and sell her artistic creations is not easy for Žaklina, partly because of Serbia and Europe's weakened economy and partly because she has no contacts in the European art world. Largely self-taught, she uses an unconventional technique. Her stones are from a natural medium, taken from the natural rivers, with the exception of the colors blue and yellow, which have to be purchased from a dealer or business. Once she has composed the scene or portrait from the stones, she applies lacquer to affix the pieces to framed, cut wooden boards in order to complete the works.

In her collection, Žaklina offers portraits of Sveta Petka, Archangel Michael, and Bogorodica sa Isusom, among others. Her landscapes include bridges, river scenes, monasteries, seasonal scenes, and country homesteads. All of her works are available for sale and begin at approximately 200 Euros. For more information and to contact Žaklina, send her an email: zaklina.antanasijevic@gmail.com.

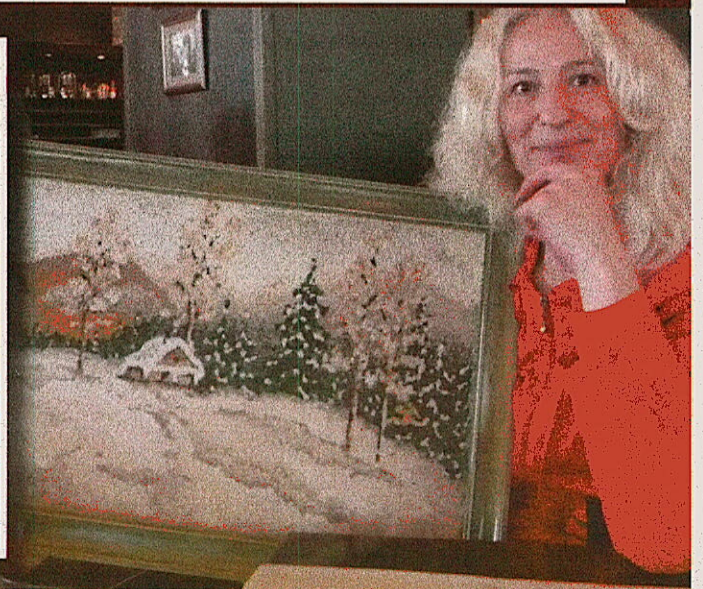
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photos starting with top left: A Cabin on the Mountainside in Winter, A Mosaic Icon of St. Archangel Michael, Autumn Colors in the Forest, A Winter Scene, A Monastery Landscape, Signs of Spring, Mother of God with Jesus

Mosaic artist Zaklina Antanasijevic with her son, Zarko

Jovan and Zaklina Antanasijevic in Vranjska Banja, Serbia

Mosaic artist Zaklina Antanasijevic displays a sample of her winter landscape scenes



BIRTH OF THE PAPER IN NEW FORMAT

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Today, IPP also publishes a weekly shopping guide, a travel newspaper, and a weekly newspaper serving the State College area. Recently, it added an on-line digital and professional photography division. But to our readers, the most interesting publication that is printed by IPP would probably be the *American Srbobran*. During the time that the SNF considered making the recent changes to the color and format of the paper, watching our *American Srbobran* being printed was an exciting idea to the SNF General Manager and the SNF Manager of Accounts, Cheryl Leydig, so they decided to drive to Indiana, Pennsylvania to see a demonstration on a Tuesday morning several months ago.

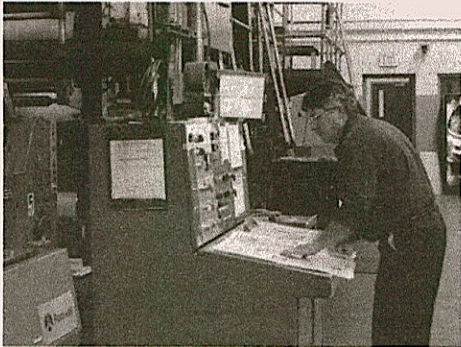
Upon arrival in the lobby of 899 Water Street, two things are immediately noticed: the sculptured busts and portraits of the Donnelly family, and the glass windows showing an impressive view of the enormous printing press on the floor below. As you walk down the stairs to the printing press, the great roar of the machinery increases with each step.

What is included in the process as our paper makes the journey from our computers to printing, to post office, and to your home two times each month?

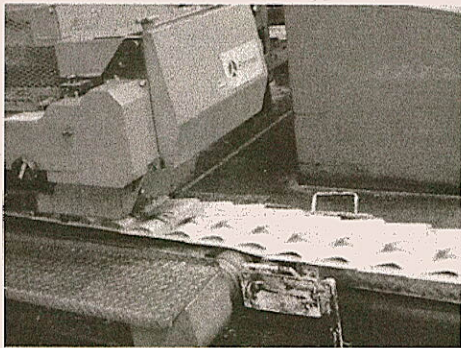
Once our editors and our General Manager have reviewed the content and layout of each issue, a digital file is sent electronically to IPP for each issue. The printing, publication, and mailing of the *American Srbobran* is a multi-step process, said Geary. "We have two printing presses, one at 899 Water Street next to the courthouse and the other in an industrial section across from the Holiday Inn on Route 119." The machinery at 899



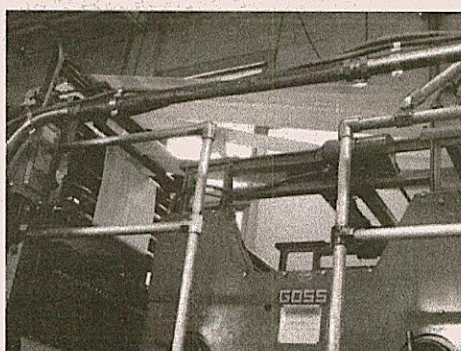
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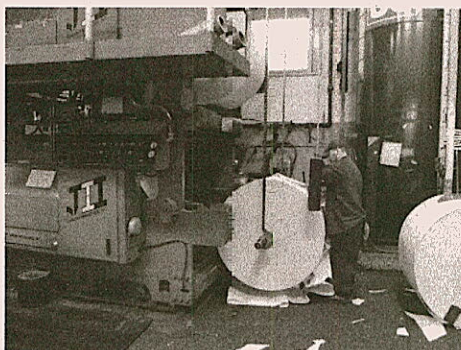
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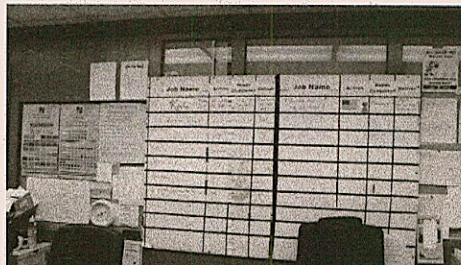
Printing of the Srbobran



Rolls of newsprint travel around the press machine



Rolls of newsprint and black ink cylinder



Job board at Indiana Printing & Publishing

Water Street is large and loud, where bulky rolls of paper are loaded onto each end of the press. The black ink is contained in a huge royal blue cylinder on the right end of the press. (The ink cylinder arrives by tanker, explained Geary)

The color and ink is pressed onto the paper from the digital file sent electronically for each issue. The head pressman is in charge of the color adjustment and he continuously monitors the color while the press is in motion. They discard approximately 1000 pages before the color is set correctly and there needs to be exact, uniform pressure on the rolls as they pass along the machine's route or the paper will break.

Because there were occasional problems with the name and address labels that were formerly "stuck" onto the corner of the front page, last year the SNF worked with IPP to institute ink-jetting the names and addresses onto the paper, eliminating the problems with labels not adhering to each copy.

The *American Srbobran* is then folded by the machinery and is sent along a belt that moves the papers to an area where they are organized, bundled, and shipped to the local post office in Indiana, Pennsylvania. There they are inspected and mailed to regional local post offices, and subsequently, to our readers. The papers are not mailed from the Home Office in Pittsburgh.

Future plans for the *American Srbobran* include a choice of online digital or mailed editions and increased posting of additional, daily news and SNF information in the SNF blog on the SNF Home Page: www.snflife.org

OBITUARIES

William "Skipper" Stepan, 63, of Naples, FL, was called to our Lord and Savior on January 8, 2013. He was surrounded at home by his loving family.

Born May 10, 1949, in Chicago, IL, son of the late William Stepan and Dorothy Stepan. Skipper graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1967 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University where he was a proud member of the TKE fraternity. He married Laura Sarovich in 1974 and had two sons, Matthew and Nicholas Stepan.

Skipper worked as vice president of several international companies traveling the world until he relocated to Naples, FL to be close to his family. He established Stepan Property Management Services in 2005 which will continue to flourish under his son, Nicholas Stepan.

Skipper loved his Lord and cherished his family. He was known for his endless good nature, positive attitude and price-less humor which made such a differ-



ence in the lives of all who knew him.

He is survived by two children, Matthew (Elvia) and Nicholas Stepan. He has two grandchildren, Luke and Natalia Stepan; sister, Joann (Milan) Simich; brother, the late Peter "Buddy" Stepan; nephew, Christopher (Tricia) Simich; niece, Katie (Kerry) Jantzen as well as numerous Kumovi, extended family and many, many friends. As a former collegiate athlete, Skipper embraced the ideals of teamwork, communication, service and dedication to achieving goals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: The First Baptist Academy Athletic Program, 3000 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples, FL 34109. A memorial tribute to honor Skipper's wonderful life took place on Tuesday, January 15th in Naples.

Skipper was a member of SNF Lodge #212. Memory eternal.

LITERARY CORNER

Slobodan Rakitić (1940, Vlasovo, Serbia) is a poet, essayist, and literary critic. He studied medicine, graduated from the University of Belgrade, School of Philology, and has published ten books. He lives in Belgrade.

All I need

All I need I find in me
 All I don't need I also find in me;
 The ploughed uncultivated earth and the pasture
 Ant the arrow-like bird in the high I find in me;
 The spring, summer, autumn, and winter,
 The rivers flowing upstream
 And the sea doubled I find in me;
 You still stubborn
 I find in me;
 The day of birth and the doomsday;
 All my days I am finding in me
 But I am not finding myself,
 Myself I nowhere see.

1982.

Translated from Serbian from *Antologija srpskog pesništva – Anthology of Serbian Poetry* (Beograd Toronto, Canadian Eparchy of the Serbian Orthodox Church, 2010) Mirjana N. Matarić, 2012.

ROYAL MEDICAL BOARD PROMOTES CONFERENCE

CHICAGO - Under the patronage of HRH Princess Katherine and her Foundation, Lifeline-Chicago has announced the formation of the Royal Medical Board for the USA. The role of the board is to organize the participation of American physicians in the Fourth Medical Diaspora Conference scheduled for May 16-18 in Belgrade.

Co-Chairs are Dr. Ana Stankovic, and Dr. Nada Milosavljevic of Boston, and Dr. Dragana Cupic of Chicago. Other Board members are Dr. Ljuba Stojilkovic, Dr. Zika Pavlovic, and Dr. Ervin Kocjancic of Chicago, and Dr. Dejan Budimirovic of Baltimore.

The Royal Medical Board will work in cooperation with other Royal Medical Boards from Canada, Australia and Europe as well as with the Princess' Foundation, the Serbian Ministry of Health, the Belgrade University School of Medicine and the World Health Organization.

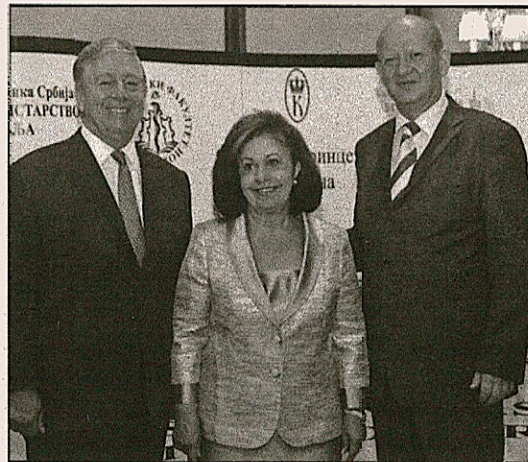
They are currently seeking interested medical practitioners to expand participation. All in-

quiries related to the conference may be directed to the secretary of the Serbian American Medical Board Kate Hentschel at kathryn.hentschel@gmail.com, copy to sdmc@pkfond.rs.

The main idea behind the Conference is to establish a network between the medical staff of Serbia and the Diaspora.

"After a very successful Conference that took place in last June in Belgrade, we would once again like to invite medical practitioners to come and share their academic and professional experience with our medical doctors in Serbia," said Dusan Babac in an outreach. "With your support the medical doctors in Serbia will have the opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with their colleagues, which will benefit the people of Serbia."

Registration may be completed directly through the conference website at www.serbiandiasporamedical.rs.



TRH Crown Prince Alexander and Princess Katherine with Prof. Dr Zoran Stankovic, Minister of Health, Republic of Serbia



Prof. Dr Pierre Marc Bouloux giving a lecture



Guests at the welcoming reception at a previous conference

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Notice of Procedure change: Billing through SNF lodges

In December 2012, the SNF Board of Directors approved an important change to the insurance premium billing procedure currently used by our SNF lodges to collect and send payments to the Home Office on behalf of lodge members.

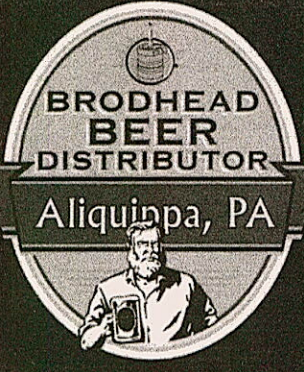
Effective March 31, 2013, all SNF members making payments to their local lodges will convert to a direct billing system with the Home Office. After that date, lodge officers will no longer be responsible for collecting insurance premiums and forwarding them to the Home Office. All SNF members will be responsible for sending their insurance payments directly to the Home Office.

A letter was recently sent to notify all SNF lodge officers who currently collect insurance payments that they need to collect all premiums due up to March 1, 2013. After that, each SNF member will send premium payments directly to the Home Office.

The Board of Directors and SNF staff truly appreciate all the work lodge officers have done to collect payments. If you have any questions on the conversion to direct billing, please contact the Home Office at 412-642-7372.

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www.serbiancathedral.org	Holy Resurrection SOC, Chicago, IL
www.serbiatouristguide.com	Guide to tourism in Serbia
www.spc.rs	Eparchial Diocese in Belgrade
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Have an interesting link? Send it to sandi.radoja@comcast.net



Statement of HRH Crown Prince Aleksandar to Serbs in America

This is to thank the three generations of Serb descendants in America who have for the past forty three years respected, honored and protected the tomb of my father, King Peter II, at the Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Libertyville Illinois. Many of you I know personally having lived in Chicago as a young family man and from my many visits these past sixty years. In some cases I also knew your parents and even grandparents just as my father knew many of them.

My father's resting place these past four decades has been among his friends, soldiers and fellow refugees from World War II at our cemetery in Libertyville. Whatever tragic consequences my father, King Peter II, suffered as a result of World War II, they were no greater than those suffered and endured by your own parents and grandparents who, like him, were wrenched from their beloved country and thrown out into a strange and sometimes hostile world. These blessed souls, your families, my father's friends, arrived and lived with him in the United States after World War II as refugees and "displaced person" sometime pejoratively called "DPs".

My father was born a King and fulfilled his duties faithfully as best as he could under the circumstances. During World War II your parents and grandparents chose whether to be Royalists. They were the military professionals of the Royal Army who became prisoners of war in 1941, or they chose to join the Chetniks and other members of the Royal Yugoslav Army of the Homeland under General Dragoljub Draza Mihailovich rather than join the Partisans. For the choice your parents and grandparents made I know my father was grateful just as I am grateful today for that exercise of free will and display of loyalty.

To bring my father home required some difficult decisions in the face of possibly long and unsettling proceedings. The circumstances of my father's death and funeral in 1970 are best left to history. Thus, a quiet and dignified transfer was arranged. I know all who respect the monarchy and my father's memory understand that his return was necessary and long overdue. King Peter's final resting place at the Royal Mausoleum at Oplenac nearby his father King Alexander I in the now free and democratic Serbia will be open to you at all times to come and pay the respect you were unable to demonstrate last week. Thank you again for you past and continued loyalty.

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Notices & Announcements

ATTENTION LODGE OFFICERS

Reminder to SNF Lodge Officers to File Form 990-N (e-Postcard) by the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of your tax year. If your tax year ends December 31, you need to file your e-Postcard by May 15.

Failure to file your e-Postcard will result in loss of your tax exempt status. Loss of tax exemption will require you to file annual Federal tax returns. Information needed to file Form 990 electronically:

- Employer identification number (EIN) also known as Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). This number can be found on your lodge banking statement.
- Name of Lodge, Lodge #, and Lodge mailing address.
- Name and address of a principal officer
- Confirmation that the Lodge's gross receipts are normally less than \$50,000 annually.

Once you have the above information, go to e-Postcard website address: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

Enter your login information OR register as a new user. After registering as a new user, you select the following link: "STEP 2: Create and submit your Form 990-N (e-Postcard)"

ATTENTION LODGE MEMBERS

We continue to work on the group application for the SNF Lodges that THANK YOU SO MUCH to the following SNF Lodges for completing financial information and returning IRS Form 1024 to the Home Office in order to restore tax-exempt status:

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2. Monroeville/ Lodge 7
3. Universal, IN/ Lodge 20
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24. Midland, PA/ Lodge 72
25. Merrillville, IN/ Lodge 170
26. Freedom, PA/ Lodge 252
27. Galveston, TX/ Lodge 158
28. Akron, OH/ Lodge 125

We have sent your completed forms to the IRS and we are waiting notice of approval.

We have not received completed forms from the following lodges and we hope that the officers will contact the Home Office in the next two weeks in order to complete their IRS forms by the deadline.

Park Ridge, IL/ Lodge 86

To the remaining lodges who have lost their tax exemption, you will be contacted in the New Year by our President, Michael Marjanovic, regarding merging or reorganizing your lodges.

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APR 19	MAY 1
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MAY 17	JUN 5
JUN 7	JUN 19
JUN 21	JUL 3
JUL 5	JUL 17
JUL 19	AUG 7
AUG 9	AUG 21
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Земни остаци краља Петра Другог стигли у Београд. The remains of King Peter II in Belgrade
Авион са посмртним остацима бившег југословенског краља Петра Другог Карађорђевића слетео је у Београд. Посмртне остатке Петра ИИ (1923-1970) на београдском аеродрому "Никола Тесла" дочекали су уз државне почасте чланови породице, премијер Србије Ивица Дачић и званичници Војске Србије. Након пута из САД, тело краља Петра ИИ биће предати на чување Жандармерији и пренети у капелу Светог Андреја Првозваног на Дедињу, где ће бити до сахране која би требало да се одржи на Опленцу на пролеће. Српски патријарх Иринеј служио литургију у Цркви Светог Андреја Првозваног. Тело краља Петра Другог биће у капели краљевског двора на Дедињу, све до сахране на Опленцу.

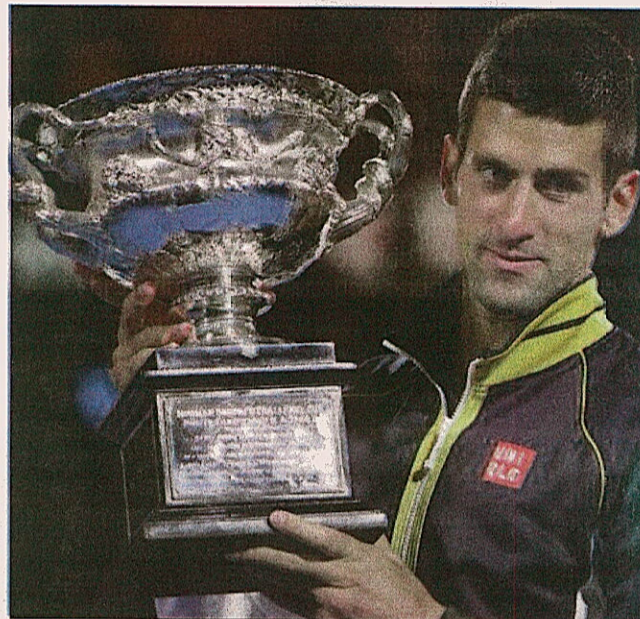
У слици и речи

Славна филмска италијанска глумица Моника Белучи, коју сматрају за једну од најлепших жена света, боравила је у Дрвенграду у пратњи домаћина филмског фестивала Кустендорф редитеља Емира Кустурице, а дочекао ју је велики број новинара, учесника и гостију фестивала. Моника Белучи открила је да учи српски језик за потребе



Моника Белучи учи српски The famous actress Monica Belucci learns Serbian language (Kusturica left, Monica middle)

филма, радног наслова "Љубав и рат", чије снимање почиње у мају. Наиме, прослављена глумица играће Српкињу у новом филму Емира Кустурице. "Тачно је, Емир и ја смо се договорили. Постаћу Српкиња у ратном филму чија се радња дешава на овим просторима. Радни наслов филма је "Љубав и рат". Паралелно са ратном, дешава се и љубавна прича. Знаш да ће бити пуно насиља али и поетике и чистих емоција".



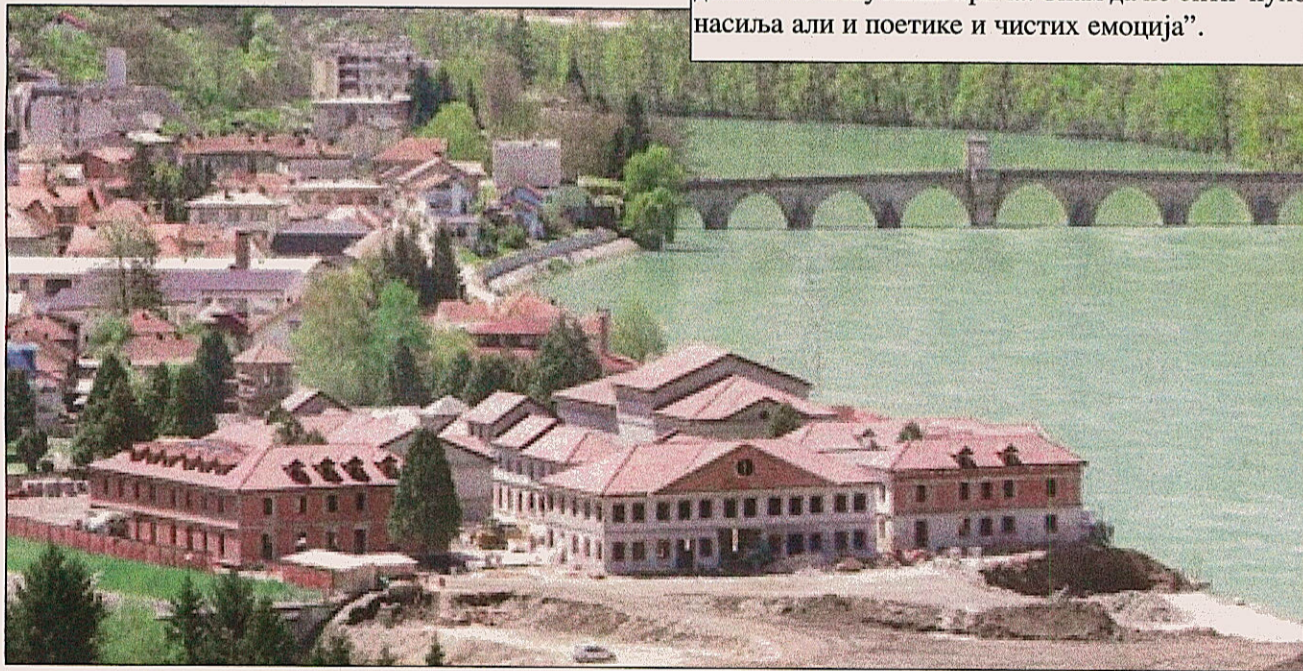
Новак Ђоковић краљ Аустралије Djoković King of Australia

Новак Ђоковић освојио је четврти пут велики "слем" турнир Australia open и постао трећи тенисер у професионалној тениској ери којем је то успело. А први је у историји овог доба који је победник три пута заредом. Тако је некадашња колонија британске круне добила новог краља.



"Вива вокс" у Њујорку Serbian choir "Viva vox" in New York

"Догађај који је у први мах изгледао као ефектна промоција Србије и њене културе – концерт хора "Вива вокс" у Генералној скупштини УН – изродио се у нову контроверзу и покушај да се Србија поново представи у ласшем светлу. Америчка новинска агенција Асошијетед прес и дневник "Њујорк тајмс" објавили су да се портпарол генералног секретара УН у четвртак по подне „извинио“ због што тога што је Бан Ки Мун, стојећи уз председника Генералне скупштине Вука Јеремића, организатора ове приредбе, аплаудирао извођачима и мелодији (изведеној без текста) "Марш на Дрину" (М. Мишић, "Политика"). Наиме, Друштво исељеника из БиХ у САД, као и Удружење Сребреничке мајке, у протестном писму Бан Ки Муну су навели да је "концерт био скандалозно понижавање жртава геноцида у БиХ, јер је оркестар свирао озлоглашену и насилничку српску националистичку песму "Марш на Дрину". Бан Ки Мун је "изразио искрено жаљење што су неки људи увређени том песмом", рекао је портпарол генералног секретара УН Мартин Несирки, додајући да "очигледно није знао о чему је та песма нити о њеној употреби у прошлости". А у прошлости, у Првом светском рату, био је то марш победничке, ослободилачке и савезничке Србије. Толико! (В. страну 4)



Андрићград расте The Andrić Town - Andrićgrad - growing

Прича о Андрићграду улази у своју другу фазу, иако су у првој "неверне Томе" климале главом и претпостављале "да до тога на крају неће доћи", рекао је чувени српски редитељ Емир Кустурица, идејни творац града. "Моја замисао је била да у историјски град, у којем је у школу ишао Иво Андрић, творац једног од највећих романа у историји Балкана, а можда и света, извучем нешто из тих сегмената литературе што би и њему годило када би се пробудио и прошетао овуда. Такође, желео сам да овај град заокружи времена која су се ту слагала, да добије оно што заслужује, а то је архитектонска здања која представљају различите царевине и периоде", истакао је Кустурица. Познати редитељ је најавио да ће већ средином наредне године бити завршен хотел, зграда хидроцентралне и плато који спаја тај троугао. Ипак, врхунац целе приче биће црква, реплика Високих Дечана која би почетком наредне године требало да буде у камену.

Не може, изгледа, да прође нити један месец, ни једна недља, па ни дан, а да Албанци на Косову и Метохији, а и у Албанији, па чак и на југу Србе, у тзв. Прешевској долини, не направе неку провокацију.

Тако споменик подигнут погинулим албанским терористима у Прешеву готово месецима подиже политичку температуру и служи као повод за антисрпску кампању и захтеве за прекрајање граница Србије. Српска влада и њен премијер Дачић тачно су оценили да је све у вези са нелегалним спомеником, као црвеном марамицом баченом у лице српског народа, "унутрашња ствар Србије" и да ће га уклонити "милом или силом". Страни амбасадори у Србији су позвали, наравно, на компромис, као да би тражили компромис да је неком терористи у њиховим семљама био подигнут такав

Компромиси и последице

ник који је у новембру прошле године код села Лучане, поред Бујановца, подигнут припадницима војске и полиције – уклони.

Председник Националног покрета Албанаца (НПА) Орхан Реџеџи изјавио је да је уклањање споменика припадницима такозване ОВПМБ у Прешеву показало да је исправна тежња Албанаца Прешевске долине да што пре постану део Косова. "Мислим да треба да захвалим држави Србији, што је ове младе момке, пале борце, данас прогласила херојима. То значи да Прешевска долина коначно, уз печат државе Србије, иде у добром



Демонстрације Албанаца у Прешеву и споменик терористима на сликама лево, а порушена српска гробља на слици десно.
Albanian demonstrations and the monument in Preševo (pictures left); destroyed Serbian tombstones in Kosovo (picture right)



споменик. Тек, пошто није могло милом, нити се ико од Албанаца у Србији усудио да га уклони, због могућних трагичних последица по њих и њихове породице од стране њихових сународника. жандармерија га је, после дужег оклевања и истеклих рокова, раном зором сама уклонила.

Уследиле су албански "мирни протести у Прешеву", чврстина става званичног Београда изражена кроз изјаве двојице највиших представника Владе Србије премијера Ивице Дачића и првог потпредседника Александра Вучића, жучне осуде из Приштине и Тиране, као и - зачудо - одмерено држање представника међународне заједнице.

С протеста у Прешеву поручено је да Србија спроводи терор над Албанцима са југа, што је показала акцијом уклањања споменика. У Политичкој декларацији, која је прочитана на албанском, како преноси Фонет, затражено је од Приштине да својим ауторитетом утиче на спречавање кршења права Албанаца са југа Србије, као и поштовање права реципроцитета – да Албанци са југа Србије имају иста права као Срби са Косова и да буду обухваћени дијалогом Београда и Приштине.

Затражено је и да се припадници Жандармерије повуку са југа Србије, а да се споме-

правцу, да што пре буде саставни део Косова, односно Албаније", рекао је Реџеџи, кометаришући акцију припадника Жандармерије на уклањању споменика. Реџеџи је током оружаног сукоба 2001. године на југу Србије био је један од команданата јужног сектора ОВПМБ, а у прошлом мандату био је заменик председника Општине Прешево. Ето, то је податак о "компромису" и последицама компромиса. Терористима је опроштена војна побуна у Србији, враћени су у јавност и политику, па сада бескомпромисно дижу глас и праве споменике, траже припајање "независном Косову" и позивају међународну јавност да интервенише.

Одазвао се и премијер Албаније Саљи Бериша. Он је поручио да је чин уклањања споменика "јунацима из прешевске долине" – доказ "албанофобије који представља званичну политику Београда према Албанцима".

Коментаришући захтеве да се југ Србије припоји Косову Вучић је рекао да они нису ништа ново али је запитао како је могуће да појединци у свету и неки у Београду имају симпатије према таквим захтевима.

А Европска комисија жали што две стране нису постигле компромис око споменика погинулим припадницима ОВПМБ у Прешеву, али остаје при ставу да је то унутрашње питање Србије. Изгледа да Европска комисија мање жали скрнављење српских гробља на Косову, па и у Хрватској, мада их наравно не одобрава.

Историчар др Чедомир Антић, председник Напредног клуба у Београду, под насловом "Споменик" објавио је разуман коментар у "Политици".

"Албанске вође у Прешеву и Бујановцу су



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већ дванаест година камен у туђој руци. Уверен сам да живот Албанаца у Србији није увек био добар, да су им права била кршена и да им је било тешко. Ипак, они никада, ни у време рата из 1998. и 1999. године, нису доживели прогон какав су Срби искусили после окупације НАТО-а и успоставе косовске албанске државе. Чак ни пре стотину година, Албанцима из Прешева и Бујановца права нису систематски укинута као што је то случај са хиљадама албанских Срба – при том не мислим само на време Зогуове монархије, фашистичке Велике Албаније или Хоџиног стаљинистичког острва, већ и на садашњост када малобројни неасимиловани Срби у Републици Албанији немају ни део оних права која уживају Албанци у јужној Србији.

Колико год да је током трајања Милошевићевог режима Албанцима Прешева и Бујановца могло бити тешко, чињеница је да су се они на устанак већих размера подigli тек 2000. године. Како је могуће да им је била тежа власт Зорана Ђинђића и Војислава Коштунице него Слободана Милошевића и Војислава Шешеља? Ту појаву је тешко објаснити, осим наравно ако нисте амерички или немачки политичар или из тих и савезничких држава финансирани припадник (не)зависног и (не)владиног сектора у Београду.

Можда су, међутим, исправна она тумачења према којима је побуна терористичке и криминалне формације такозване ОВПМБ, своју политичку позадину имала у жељи албанског националног покрета да демократизација Србије не угрози пројекат стварања "етнички чисто" независног Косова,

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Резолуција Народне скупштине РС о Косову
Објављен је текст "Резолуција Народне скупштине Републике Србије" о основним принципима за политичке разговоре са привременим институцијама самоуправе на Косову и Метохији, заједно са Платформом са које је скинут "печат" тајног документа. Ево неколико најважнијих тачака: "а) Република Србија у складу са међународним правом, Уставом и вољом грађана, не признаје и никада неће признати једнострано проглашену независност Косова; б) Циљ разговора је стварање предуслова да српска заједница и друге националне заједнице на целокупном подручју Косова и Метохије буду у могућности да јачају, расту и живе у миру и сигурности; в) Влада Републике Србије се овлашћује да настави са имплементацијом већ постигнутих договора и споразума са представницима ПИС у Приштини. Представници Републике Србије обавезују се да у наставку дијалога о решавању техничких и политичких питања са представницима ПИС у Приштини и представницима међународне заједнице будуће споразуме постижу у складу са ставовима и основним циљевима ове резолуције, настојећи да се са представницима ПИС у Приштини постигне свеукупни договор; г) Разговори са представницима ПИС у Приштини и сваки договор који буде постигнут треба да дају допринос европским интеграцијама Републике Србије; д) Сви евентуални договори са представницима ПИС у Приштини треба да буду постигнути уз константан дијалог са представницима Срба са Косова и Метохије". У вези са мењаном и дотериваном Резолуцијом политички аналитичар Ђорђе Вукадиновић се упитао да ли нам је таква резолуција уопште била потребна. "Не знам за вас друге који сте гледали ТВ пренос скупштинске дебате о предлогу последње косовске резолуције, али ја се осећам прилично тужно, поражено и понижено. А при томе нисам имао никаквих нарочитих очекивања, познајем главне актере и схватам логику страначких борби и политичких процеса. Осећај је помало сличан оном од 9. септембра 2010. након тадашњег повлачења српског предлога резолуције о Косову у Генералној скупштини УН, односно замене сопственог предлога оном усаглашеним са ЕУ", тачније, прихваћеним после драматичног притиска из Брисела, Берлина, Лондона и Вашингтона (уз асистенцију медија и обилно саслужење тада главне опозиционе странке), чиме је отворен пут техничким преговорима Стефановић-Тахири и актуелном убрзању процеса имплементације косовске независности. С том разликом што је оно у Њујорку био блам планетарних, а ово ипак само локалних и регионалних размера".

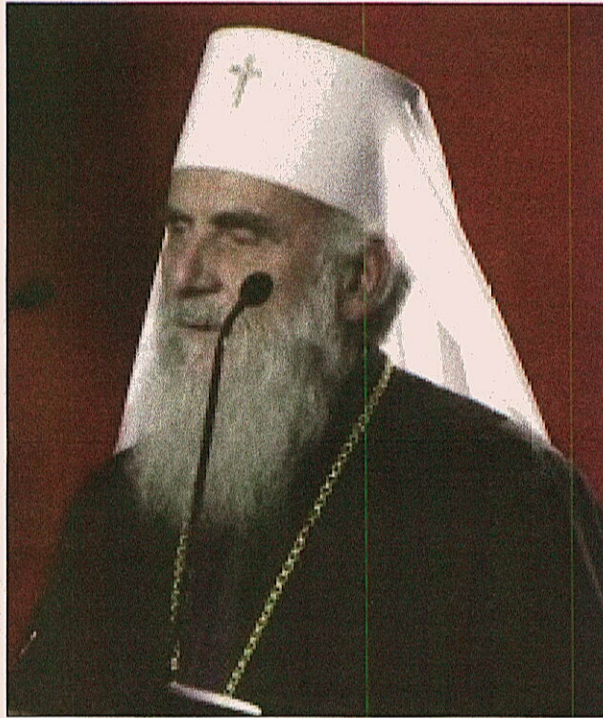
Батине на Косову и - ником ништа!

Косовски специјалци из јединице РОСУ премлатили су девет Срба који су за Божић ухапшени у Грачаници. Један Србин је тешко повређен и пребачен у болницу у Митровици, а онда у болницу у Београд. Младићи су претучени у згради суда у Приштини где су на правди Бога били на саслушању. Дарко Власај, рекао је да су га припадници РОСУ брутално претукли у приштинском суду. "Оно што се мени десило и оно што смо ми доживели у Суду у Приштини је страшно. Тукли су нас без повода, а шта би се тек десило да смо којим случајем нешто погрешно урадили", рекао је Власај новинарима док су га лекари припремали за операцију. Власај (30) из Лепосавића каже да су га косовски полицајци тукли док је био у тоалету и да су му говорили да то раде како никада не би могао да има децу. "Ставили су ми лисице на руке, раширили ноге и немилосрдно ударали. Било их је двојица, терали су ме да се умивам како бих освежио лице и запретили да никоме не смем да кажем да су ме тукли",

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рекао је Власај. Још један од претучених Срба, Бранко Милојевић, рекао је да су их све тукли у згради полиције и суда, али и током транспорта. Тзв. међународна заједница је осудила пребијање уколико се оно докаже (!), а косовске власти све поричу. Сетимо се филма - "Коње убијају, зар не?". И Србе на Косову туку и убијају, пљачкају им имовину, пале куће и храмове, а још нико за све те злочине није осуђен. Може им се!

Почела прослава јубилеја Миланског едикта
Званично је започета прослава великог јубилеја хришћанства - 1700 година од доношења Миланског едикта. У Народном позоришту у Нишу одржан је концерт духовне музике хора Сретењског манастира из Русије, основаног пре шест векова. Домаћин манифестације био је руски амбасадор у Србији Александар Чепурин, а почетку обележавања јубилеја присуствовали су председник Србије Томислав Николић, патријарх српски Иринеј и



представници дипломатског кора у нашој земљи. Патријарх српски Иринеј прогласио је у Нишу 2013. годином Миланског едикта и поручио да је захваљујући цару Константину, његовим следбеницима и њиховим делима Србија била, али и данас јесте, органски део оне Европе која се поноси хришћанским наслеђем, слободом и високим културним достигнућима... Ово славље у Нишу али и у Београду и другим местима у току године, помоћи ће нам да се речи Миланског едикта и данас, након 1700 година, чују и зазвуче савремено, јер су нажалост, савремени и прогони и страдања широм света, у нашем суседству, па и код нас, а нарочито на Косову и Метохији", рекао је патријарх. Он је на свечаности поводом почетка обележавања године Миланског едикта указао да је свети цар Константин едиктом омогућио слободно исповедање хришћанства у мору паганског света. "Протекло време од 1.700 година је гаранција да нико данас не треба да се плаши наше свете Цркве, јер је она управо надахнута едиктом, истрајна у неутрожавању било чије слободе вере и савести", навео је поглавар СПЦ. Истакавши да је пред нама велики догађај, патријарх је рекао да је то и прилика да се после много векова упитамо: "Шта је тај акт значао за Цркву Христову, после три века прогона хришћана у Римској империји због тога што су проповедали благу вест Светог Јеванђеља и сведочили Христа Васкрслога и што се нису уклапали у слику и поредак обоготворених императора." Стога су хришћани били стављени ван закона као људи који

проповедају "недозвољену веру", рекао је патријарх и подсетио на многе мученике тог времена чијем се, како је додао, храбром сведочењу истине дивимо. "Заслугом светог цара Константина хришћани су постали слободни, постали су део друштва са правима која су имали и људи других религија, са имовином и слободом рада и деловања", указао је поглавар СПЦ. Он је подсетио да је тим едиктом Цркви гарантована слобода, по речима царским: "Да дозволимо и хришћанима и свима другима слободу избора и да следују вери коју би желели, као и било којој божанској или небеској ствари, да би могли и ми и сви који су под нашом влашћу добар и миран живот водити". С балкона нишког Народог позоришта глумац Танасије Узуновић, рођени Нишлија, прочитао је текст Миланског едикта, после чега је патријарх српски господин Иринеј 2013. годину прогласио годином Миланског едикта. Присутнима су се обратили и бискуп Реформатске хришћанске цркве Иштван Чете-Семеш и апостолски нунције у Београду надбискуп Орландо Антонини, после којих је говорио и председник Србије Томислав Николић, који је копредседник Одбора за обележавање 1.700 годишњице од Миланског едикта. Он је прогласио је 2013. годином Миланског едикта у Србији и поручио да Србија и данас живи по принципима тог документа. Цитирајући делове Миланског едикта, председник Николић је рекао да су поруке цара Константина актуелне и свремене и да их ми промовишемо као опште вредности чија принципијелност и хуманост, на понос човечанства, остају кроз векове - као путокази и као луч."Србији је част што се ова година светкује у нашој земљи. Србија и данас живи по принципима Миланског едикта... Њени грађани имају загарантовану слободу вероисповести или право да следе и верују без узнемиривања", поручио је Николић.

Захтев за оставкама

Председник ДСС Војислав Коштуница каже да премијер Ивица Дачић треба да поднесе оставку због "штетних одлука које Србију гурају у све већу кризу". Он сматра да српски званичници не треба да се састају са онима који су прогласили независности КиМ. "Нас ништа не би коштало замрзавање косовског питања, осим што би се зауставиле европске интеграције. То заустављање је из многих разлога у најдубљем интересу Србије јер су евроинтеграције друго име за уцењивање и притиске на Србију", каже Коштуница. "Будућност Србије је у политичкој неутралности", нагласио је он у интервјуу за "Данас". Председник ДСС је рекао и да председник Уставног суда Србије Драгиша Слијепчевић треба да поднесе оставку. Разлог је то што је он прекршио закон одлучивши да, по налогу Министарства правде, застане са оценом уставности уредби Владе.

Немац био нејасан!

Немачки амбасадор у Београду Хајнц Вилхелм изјавио је "Вечерњим новостима" да Немачка, као и цела ЕУ, очекује нормализацију односа Београда и Приштине пре наредног корака на путу европских интеграција и да је и чланство Косова у УН једно од питања које треба да се нађу "на столу" у Бриселу. На питање да ли ће се тај пристанак Србије тражити већ за додељивање датума, Вилхелм је одговорио да је то у овом тренутку тешко рећи и да ће све зависити од договора 27 чланица у оквиру Европског савета. Шеф Делегације ЕУ Венсан Дежер изјавио је да се у оквиру ЕУ досад није разговарало о идеји Немачке да се од Србије затражи да омогући чланство Косова у УН. Амбасадор Вилхелм је затим изјавио да су га погрешно разумели!

(Коришћени материјали агенција у броју)

У тексту под називом "Заводљиви шарм Србије" новинарка Тамара Шиворд као прву од атракција хвали Гучу и Сабор трубача као "дивљи фестивал коме у свету нема премца".

За разлику од земаља из окружења попут Румуније, Хрватске или Мађарске, које се све више вежу за Европу, Србија овим фестивалом остаје чврсто везана за своју богату традицију, привлачећи сваке године и до пола милиона посетилаца, примећује новинарка.

Осим провода у Гучи, похваљене су журке у Београду који "има толико кафића да нису сви могли стати на копну". Због тога је провод спуштен на реке у необичне сплавове на којима забава не престаје.

Међу местима које не треба заобићи нашла се и чувена Ђавоља варош, коју осим познатих легенди, БиБиСи описује као предео из психоде-

БиБиСи - "Заводљиви шарм Србије"

личних вестерн филмова. Уз слику чувене маскоте Гочка, део лепих речи одвојен је и за Врњачку Бању, познату по својим лековитим благодетима, али и по највећем опанку на свету, тешком 222 килограма.

Мокра Суботица је описана као јединствено место у Србији, бисер архитектуре који је на мети најразличитијих утицаја, док је Мокра гора описана као српски Аспен, омиљено место глумаца и музичара са бројним необичним викендицама, а хвале вредан је и Дрвенград Емира Кустурице.

Турски утицај на Србију уочљив је кроз језик, са више од осам хиљада турцизама, кроз кухињу преплетену укусним месом и баклавама, али се тај утицај најјасније види у Новом Пазару

који је описан као „али Истанбул са муслиманским џамијама и српским светињама, Црквом Светог Петра и манастиром Споћани.

Копаник је представљен као скијашка тајна вредна пажње, чак три пута јефтинија од француских скијалишта, док је национални парк Фрушка Гора описан као рајски врт са зеленим брдима, виноградима и бројним манастирима.

Уз овај "драгуљ Србије" поменути су и Сремски Карловци као идеално место за бег у културне и кулинарске ужитке, као и фестивал надалеко чувени фестивал "Егзит".

У последњем одељку везаним за српску гостољубивост и домаћинство наводи се: "Срби су постали лоши момци Холивуда, али сваки посетилац који је из земље изашао са 5 килограма вишка (уз херојско преживљавање мамурлука) зна да није тако."

Уредник и издавач вашингтонског часописа "Одбрана и инострани послови" Грегори Копли оценио је срамном изјаву портпарола генералног секретара Уједињених нација Бан Ки Муна, који је изразио жаљење уколико су се неки људи нашли погођени због извођења песме "Марш на Дрину" на концерту у УН.

Угледни политички аналитичар из Вашингтона у писму генералном секретару УН рекао је да је портпарол Мартин Несирки, прихватањем захтева екстремистичких противника да се изађе са саопштењем због песме, учинио уступак притиску екстремиста. "Скоро свако национално изражавање у УН могло би да повреди бар неку групу, али до сада никада није изражено жаљење, као што је овог пута учињено. Наводи да песма 'Марш на Дрину' није била у званичном програму и

Срамна изјава о „Маршу на Дрину“

прећутно прихватање привидне тврдње да су марш певале 'српске снаге током масакра осам хиљада муслимана у Сребреници', лажнису и апсолутно нетачни", наводи се у писму Коплија у које је Танјуг имао увид.

Копли оцењује да све ово представља очигледно приклањање екстремистичким и расистичким елементима који су подигли протест против песме. "Песма слави легитимну и херојску одбрану нације током Првог светског рата", указао је угледни политички аналитичар из Вашингтона.

Портпарол генералног секретара УН Бан Ки Муна Несирки поновио је у суботу да је први

човек УН само "изразио жаљење уколико су се неки људи нашли погођени" због песме "Марш на Дрину", не поменувши извињење, како су раније неки медији пренели његову изјаву. "Сврха концерта била је порука мира и помирења, а свесни смо велике осетљивости која прати ову тему, као и различитих гледишта", рекао је Несирски на прес брифингу у седишту УН.

На питање дописника Танјуга у САД да се прецизира да ли се генерални секретар извинио због извођења песме на новогодишњем концерту у Генералној скупштини, Банов портпарол је рекао да само може да понови своју изјаву дату дан раније. "Једноставно ћу рећи оно што сам већ рекао, да је он изразио жаљење уколико су се неки људи нашли погођени због песме", нагласио је Банов портпарол.

а криминалну у чињеници да је променама у Београду започет процес укидања демилитаризоване зоне уз Косово која је више штитила шверцере дроге и разбојнике него тамошњи народ.

Србија је прихватила да 2001. године решава ту терористичку и криминалну побуну мирно, уз посредовање држава заштитница албанског сепаратизма на Косову. Вероватно није било избора, али је тај тужни и понижавајући процес донео аболуцију и апологију разним непријатељима, како Србије, тако и закона и правде. Прешево и Бујановац су неформално добили посебан статус и наравно велика издвајања из буџета. Када албански косовски дописник из Београда говори о лошем економском положају Албанаца у Прешеву и Бујановцу он не спомиње да је годишње за ове крајеве заједно издвано прво 60 милиона, а касније око 40 милиона евра више него у суседне, подједнако сиромашне општине. Пошто се до скоро дизала бука око 380 милиона евра које Србија улаже у макар формално петоструко бројније српско становништво са Косова, чуди да нико није приметио да је Србија повластила и Албанце или макар оне који о њима одлучују. При том су Албанци, иако их на југу Србије можда има једва око 60.000, међу мањинама којима је повлашћени праг изборног цензуса донео посланичко место у Народној скупштини Републике Србије.

Да ли је Србија икада за узврат добила коректан однос? Није. Из Прешева и Бујановца непрекидно добијамо сигнале да је политички статус овог краја отворен. Тамошње албанске вође су

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непрекидно у служби националистичких планова својих сународника са Косова и из Албаније. Некоректност је толика да је својевремени долазак албанског министра спољних послова у Прешево претворен у јавну увреду српске владе и Србије.

Тако се у Прешеву и Бујановцу смењују инциденти. Рецимо, нелегалне и провокативне прославе дана заставе. За разлику од Албаније или албанских делова Косова, Србија се не противи истицању страних застава, али Албанци у Србији никада нису на законит начин регистровали своју народну заставу. Подсетимо да ни застава међународно признатог ентитета Републике Српске није истоветна застави државе Србије. Застава Србије на згради општине Прешево је при том намерно

оскрнављена и изложена ради форме и као ругло.

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